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Today's Roundup

HERE'S a message to Klamath Falls from Aguna, Guam, which we think is just about the most pleasing New Year's greeting we have seen:

Dear Editor: As I walk these jungles I often wonder about the town of Klamath Falls. I was one of the sailors stationed in that town and I miss it, along with all the other boys who are doing duty out in the Pacific with me.

On a number of occasions we have printed these statements from commissioned officers voicing their appreciation of the spirit of Klamath Falls after completing their duty here.

WE know, of course, that not all men who were stationed here felt that way. Any number of personal factors can enter into an individual attitude toward a post and a town;

But the records indicate that Klamath fared above average in this difficult role. Those who contributed, through organized and individual effort, to the success of the community's hospitality program, can take real satisfaction from expressions such as that of Mr. Gulick.

THE evacuee population of the Tulelake WRA center is 6217 now. At one time, it was just under 20,000. The figures are mentioned to indicate progress toward folding up the huge nearby installation as a WRA project, with February 1 still the goal as a closing date.

Those evacuees among the 6217 who are definitely cleared to leave and have no family connections or other technicalities to hold them back have already obtained their train schedules.

However, the rate of movement from the camp depends to a considerable extent on what comes out of current hearings for some 3100 evacuees who have renounced U. S. citizenship but want to stay in the country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—The 17.5 per cent pay rise figure for General Motors was worked out arithmetically by the Truman fact finding board. It calculated what production would be this year on a 40-hour week basis, and then figured how much less pay the workers would get from this production without a wage increase.

The standard it fixed for wage increases then was simply the original Truman proposition of maintaining war time earnings—not fully making up for the heavy overtime pay

which would be lost in peacetime production, but establishing a reasonable approximation of those wage-returns for the 40-hour week.

In doing this it discarded the union proposition for establishing wage rates by calculating profits. It pointed out that wages in each automobile manufacturing plant would vary under such a standard, because the profits of each were different, and General Motors profits were the highest.

The report also seemed to discard the cost-of-living theory for fixing wage rates, saying war earnings went up higher than war costs of living. This had been the basis of fixing wage rates through government policy during the war.

It was the standard furnished by the little steel formula. General Motors had offered in this case a 12 cents an hour increase based on the cost of living. This theory of government policy is thus now definitely abandoned.

Policy Makers THE fact finders, who really proved to be policy makers, concerned themselves with profits of the company only to the extent of establishing that the company could pay this higher wage without an increase in price—although it was not very definite about this and said the company might seek OPA approval for a price increase, or at least was not precluded by this report from doing so.

Thus the General Motors standard fixed by the fact finders does not seem to have the general application of establishing a national policy—at least its 17.5 per cent figure could not logically be applied to industry in general.

Other Increases OTHER increases for bus operators were being worked out by other fact finding commissions, creating other justifications for increases (the cross country bus drivers operating at slower speeds worked longer hours and got an increase for it during the war, but are now to get an increase pay to make up for what they would lose by doing their runs at higher speeds in fewer hours of work; and the maritime workers who got big bonuses for facing submarine dangers in the war, are getting increases to make up for much of this loss.)

By applying different reasons in each case, the only thing standardized by government policy is its desire to grant increases for loss of high war pay—for whatever reasons can be found.

Indeed, the economic complexities these tactics require have gotten the government into apparent contradictions all along while it opposes price increases for fear of further inflation for General Motors, it authorizes one for steel. Apparently Mr. Truman is hopeful only that of staving off a general increase of prices, but is not adverse to allowing increases specifically.

30-Day Cooling Period NOW if this policy was backed by a 30-day cooling period for major strikes (as Mr. Truman wants in his legislation) it might lead to stabilization of the labor situation in a few months time, depending upon whether labor and management accept the conclusions. It is true strikes are being called for a great variety of reasons, having nothing to do with wage increases. But on the other hand, the cooling bill, which will be enacted shortly, is likely to go much further than Mr. Truman would go, and greatly strengthen his hand for dealing with the unions and management.

But the unions clearly are not getting much out of their strike policy. Experts tell me the unions could have gotten 17.5 per cent out of General Motors without a strike. The bus drivers went out on strike for many weeks only to accept a fact finding commission, in the end, and they could have gotten one anytime. The steel workers cooled themselves and tried negotiations, even after the strike call was voted.

The possibilities for an end of this postwar strike campaign have thus become visible behind all these confusing events—if the people involved will accept them.

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SIDE GLANCES



"By the way, I haven't heard much about that big raise lately—you said you were going to tell the boss off just as soon as salaries were unfrozen!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

MADRID, Jan. 15—This is a crucial moment in the frequently turbulent history of Spain, for the signs are that the question of restoration of the monarchy is coming to a head.

Now, that's no light matter, since the country is sharply divided politically, as the world learned from the bloody Civil war of 1936-39. Things are quiet now, and have been for a considerable time, but so has Vesuvius.

This offers an ample explanation for the mystery which surrounds the reported negotiations between Don Juan, pretender to the throne, and Generalissimo Franco. Extreme caution is necessary.

As I pointed out yesterday, a fresh indication that the monarchists and Franco are maneuvering into position for a decision lies in the official admission that Don Juan and his wife are to meet her parents for a visit to neutral Portuguese soil. This could be just a family affair, but the consensus here is that Don Juan's father-in-law, Don Carlos, is to act as an intermediary between the pretender and the generalissimo.

Idea Strengthened It stands out like a sore thumb that the Spanish government should confirm this to the foreign press representatives in Madrid. This idea is strengthened by the fact that the Spanish ambassador to Lisbon, Nicholas Franco, the generalissimo's brother, also confirmed Don Juan's visit at a press conference in the Portuguese capital last Saturday, as became known today in Spain when newspapers reported the statement. This is the first time the subject has been mentioned in the Spanish press.

For my part—and I have no authoritative inspiration for the observation—it struck me as being highly significant that the question of this visit should be dealt with officially at the moment when America, Britain and France are to meet at the request of France to discuss allied relations with Spain. Talk of Don Juan's return to the throne might ease the position of the Spanish government, which hasn't been happy in its associations with Washington, London and Paris for a long time.

Monarchy Urged The 33-year-old pretender several times during World War II

urged the restoration of the monarchy and the joining of Spain with the allies. Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo is reported unofficially to have been negotiating between Don Juan and Franco.

Well-informed quarters in Madrid believe Don Juan takes the position that he already is king by right of succession. However, he said he would not return without a call. He advocates a constitutional monarchy with a free press.

Sgt. McNee Arrives Home Sgt. Wesley McNee, who served with military intelligence in Japan with the occupation of that country by United States forces, returned to Klamath Falls Tuesday and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McNee, 1923 Auburn.

Young McNee was in on the arrest of Tojo, took an active part in other history making activities of the military and was able to return to the States, arriving in Los Angeles January 5. McNee was given his honorable discharge from the army at Fort Lewis, Wash. His last post in Japan was at Ibiraji, 100 miles north of Tokyo.

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Court Upholds ICC Demurrage Rate Increase

A breath of hope came to Klamath potato shippers late yesterday when the Klamath basin rates bureau received a wire from Washington informing shippers that the interstate commerce commission order increasing demurrage rates on loaded refrigerator cars was upheld by a federal district court.

The order was suspended recently when a question of the legality of the ICC's action arose. It was the court's decision that the ICC was not overstepping its authority.

The purpose of the penalty demurrage rate was to put refrigerator cars into circulation more quickly because if shippers were forced to pay a higher demurrage rate on reefer cars while they were waiting to be unloaded the unloading process would be done more quickly and the cars put into use by other shippers.

The court's only modification on the ICC order was that December 23, 24, 25, 29, and January 1 and 6 be considered free days.

Rate Set The demurrage rate stands at \$11 for the first day, \$22 for the second, and \$44 for each succeeding day.

Contacting the ICC on January 10 the Klamath Potato Growers association inquired about the fact that Idaho potato shippers are being supplied with 275 cars daily. The association estimates that approximately 1100 cars of December crops cannot be moved and stated in its wire to the ICC that there is serious need for 50 additional cars daily in January, February and March.

The reply from the ICC stated that as conditions improve the supply of reefers will be increased.

Erlyn Wallace Reported Alive Erlyn Eugene Wallace is not dead. He is seriously injured but has a chance to recover.

That is the latest word concerning the fate of the Surprise Valley, Calif., youth who was reported last week as killed when an explosion occurred aboard an LST boat off Okinawa January 2.

His sister, Mrs. William Cogburn of Lakeview, received three messages. The first said Erlyn had been injured, the second reported him dead and the third corrected the death report to state he was injured and might recover.

Young Wallace is a graduate of Surprise Valley high school and is well known in Goose Lake and Surprise valleys.

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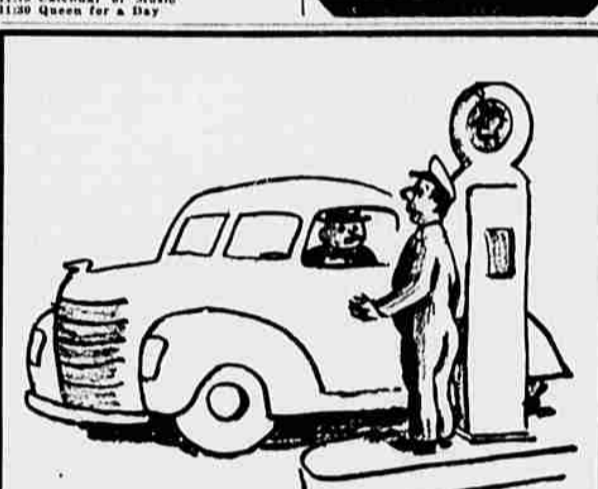
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