

By PAUL MALLON

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 7—I have concluded a five weeks trip touching closely half a dozen southeastern cities in which I talked with 300 business people and found everywhere the same story, to wit:

Business affairs are in a low, confusing maze, or as most men described them "a hell of a mess," (using the term not as an expletive but in its most accurate sense.)

Unanimously, these people blamed their troubles on government interferences. The rules and regulations of OPA and other government agencies, they said were the primary cause, and strikes and labor unrest, including slowdowns and disinclination of workers to produce, were secondary elements. But they attributed the labor condition to government mismanagement as well as the regulations, so they traced all their economic ills to the single source—government.

They seemed almost unanimous also in what they want done. Merchant, lawyer, builder, banker, broker and all the rest want the government to get out of the regulation business entirely, take the lid off, remove OPA restrictions, price controls, priorities, and let the forces in our economic system find their own free way.

Nation Needs Production

A REASONABLE argument for this course was presented. What the nation needs is production, they said. This, we are not getting. They tell stories of how price ceilings are holding back both the manufacture and circulation of goods and absolutely true tales of black markets earning fabulous figures beyond taxation in every city, town and at every cross roads. A representative number of these I have told in previous columns on my journeys. If the lid is removed we will get production swiftly they say. A flurry of prices upward could be expected but this would gradually ease down, they contend, as competition is restored by free productive activity.

Unquestionably a wide popular surge for this course has arisen and soon will be evident in congress—where it could be carried into effect despite the wishes and plans of the new Truman-Bowles management. All congress would be required to do is to kill the war powers acts which will expire June 30 unless renewed. (Some business people wanted the acts killed by an open early vote to allow a few months of continued operations under wartime regulations as a preparatory period in which adjustments could be planned; and others said that if congress does temporarily renew the war powers of the president an early expiration date should be fixed, say, perhaps in the fall for dropping the whole scheme.)

This I judge is practically the desire of the country, in complete contradiction of Washington plans and opinions.

I must confess I could not bring myself wholly to accept these conclusions. A more reasonable course would seem to me to be to work out a compromise between the government position and the yearnings of business—right now.

Total Action Not Needed

GENERALIZED, total action one way or another is not called for, in my opinion, because the condition is not alike in any two lines. In some industrial phases, where price ceilings are restraining production, the ceilings should be lifted to the point necessary to inspire production—but no further, until competition is restored, and then all price regulation should be entirely abandoned. If a great bulk of men's shorts are in storage and wholly absent from the retail trade because the price ceiling makes their sale unprofitable the ceiling should be lifted to the point necessary to get the goods out. If the lumber price in communities is so low, that the black markets in the big cities absorb the supply, the OPA should break the local price or the black market, or both, and meet the situation. In short, each situation needs just adjustment immediately and this could be done by administrative action now. (For another not unrelated example, there is absolutely no reason why newsprint production in this country should be allowed to decline, as it is declining in the face of desperate need and increased Canadian production.)

If Messrs. Truman and Bowles pitch into this maize or mess and, straighten it out, removing the destructive nature of the controls, the objections to them would diminish and competition could be restored. We could get production and distribution that way also. If they do not, they are running a chance of losing their whole management of economic affairs.

SIDE GLANCES



"It's an old machine, son, but we gauge our friends by it—those who have stuck with us as the car got old and rusty are the real ones!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

BERN, March 7—This snug little Switzerland, whose territory for the most part stands on edge and towers into the clouds in the form of the Alps, is one of the few countries of Europe having economic and financial stability in these hard postwar days.

That's an amazing circumstance, because Switzerland is in the center of the continental chaos produced by the Hitlerian conflict. Of course, this gives rise to the remark that the country's relative prosperity is the reward of neutrality, but while there's some truth in that observation it doesn't afford a full explanation. The war was a long way from being a period of sunshine and flowers for the Swiss, and maintenance of economic stability in the midst of the present disorganization is like juggling on a tightrope.

Neutrality has helped, but I think we find the roots of success running deeper than that. Thrift, honesty, a high moral code and national unity are what have kept the Swiss on their feet.

No Black Market

A good illustration of this is seen in the fact that there has been virtually no black market. The Swiss don't hold with making profit out of the distress of their fellows. They believe rather in a joint effort and mutual assistance, as witness the cooperation between capital and labor, and the active participation of the whole country in making the rationing system work.

So things are looking bright in this land where there are few rich and few really poor, but where yodeling on a mountain peak before breakfast is the prerogative of all classes. This well-being is a sort of Alice in Wonderland affair. Switzerland is comparatively wealthy and yet about its only natural resource is waterpower. The country is mainly dependent on imports, including part of its food.

Economic Hat Trick

The hard-working Swiss do the economic hat trick by the simple expedient of importing raw materials, fabricating them and exporting enough of the finished products to maintain favorable trade balances abroad under normal circumstances. Many of their exports are precision instruments like watches, for which they've long been famous.

Nature took most of the farmlands to build her mountains, but still the natives yodel and work all the available ground. Dairying is the main agricultural pursuit. Wine is a valuable product. Insurance business of all kinds is highly developed. So is banking, for Switzerland has money. Being thus blessed, she is granting credits abroad, despite the fact that some experts are pessimistic about the political and economic situations in surrounding countries. The Swiss bankers favor this because it gives them a chance to put their cash to work.

Alps Biggest Asset

However, the biggest single asset rests in those Alps. Switzerland long has been the winter playground of Europe, and it has equal attractions for summer vacationists. Before the war tourists gladly contributed \$100,000,000 annually to the country's coffers, and the Swiss now are making big plans not only to reclaim but to increase this lucrative business.

A lot of Uncle Sam's soldiers in this part of the world have had an opportunity to visit Switzerland. About 200,000 already have had a look at some of the globe's most magnificent scenery, and more than a few have engaged in winter sports.

Beachmaster Gets New Rank

SEATTLE, March 7 (AP)—The most famous beachmaster in the Pacific war, known from Attu to Okinawa, Capt. Carl E. "Squeaky" Anderson, yesterday was promoted to the flag rank of commodore.

He was nominated for the advancement by President Truman, confirmed by the senate and received his new rank after qualifying physically at 13th naval district headquarters. He is now officer in charge of demobilized shipping on the staff of Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, district commandant.

Throughout the long trail of island hopping across the Pacific, "Squeaky" as he is affectionately known to the hundreds of men with whom he served, acted as beachmaster, directing the landings of combat assault troops and supplies, on enemy beaches under fire.

The now Commodore Anderson was a naval reservist operating a cannery at Seldovia, Alaska, when war came.

Radio Programs KFJI Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc.

Thursday Eve., March 7

- 6:00 p. m. Gabriel Heatter, News
6:15 Around Town
6:30 Treasure Hour of Song
7:00 Millie Hertz Trio
7:15 Calendar of Music
7:30 Red Ryder
8:00 Klamath County Kapers
8:30 Regue's Gallery
9:00 Glenn Hardy, News
9:15 Jackie Flanders, News
9:30 In Concert, Wrestling Matches
10:30 Music As You Like It

Friday, March 8

- 6:30 a. m. Wake-Up Tunes and Victrolous Living
7:00 Frank Hemminger, News
7:15 Rise and Shine
7:30 Headline News
7:45 Best Buy
8:00 Island Melodies
8:15 Fashion Fables
8:30 Take It Easy Time
8:45 Victor H. Lindlahr, Health Aids
9:00 Lyle Van, News
9:15 Morton Downey
9:30 Morning Mailings
9:45 Owen Williams, Songs

- 10:00 Glenn Hardy, News
10:15 Jackie Flanders, News
10:30 Menhollow Mountainers
10:45 John J. Anthony
11:00 Ralph Ginsburgh Orchestra
11:15 Calendar of Music
11:30 Queen for a Day
12:00 Melodious Melodies
12:15 Headline News
12:30 Year Dance Tunes
12:45 Farm Front and Market Reports

- 1:00 p. m. Robert Hillard Concert
1:15 Johnson Family
1:30 Latin-American Music
1:45 Imperial Players
2:00 Zeke Mannere
2:15 Ricky Request
2:45 Local News and Town Topics
3:00 Dr. Louis T. Talbot
3:30 Tea Dance
3:45 Elia Maxwell
4:00 Fulton Lewis Jr., News
4:15 Rex Miller, News
4:30 Erlaine Johnson
4:45 Klamath Theatre Time

- 5:00 Western Ballads
5:15 Superman
5:30 Capt. Midnight
5:45 Tom Mix

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTION OF ALLEY IN BLOCK 5, SECOND HOT SPRINGS ADDITION TO KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1946, in the Council Chambers of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., at a regular meeting of the council of said city, an ordinance will be presented to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of Klamath Falls, Oregon, a petition praying for the vacation of a portion of the Alley in Block 5, Second Hot Springs Addition to the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, the boundaries of said proposed vacated area being described as follows:
Beginning at the intersection of the southeasterly line of the alley in Block 5, Second Hot Springs Addition to the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, with the southeasterly line of Spring Street in said Addition; thence N. 80 degrees 24 minutes W. along the southeasterly line of said alley, a distance of 85.78 feet; thence E. 88 degrees 56 minutes W. 43.31 feet to a point on the northwesterly line of said alley, a distance of 134.77 feet to the southeasterly line of said alley; thence S. 33 degrees 04 minutes E. along the southeasterly line of said alley, a distance of 22.02 feet to the point of beginning.
In order that said alley may remain open across said Block 5, an easement in writing will be tendered to the City.

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE democratic party, according to word we have just heard through Pat Ivory, has a candidate for governor of Oregon in the person of Carl Donough, former U. S. district attorney for Oregon.

Until Mr. Donough's decision, it looked as if the demos might have to let the governorship go by default. We think it is better for Oregon republicans that they have opposition.

Republicans in Oregon have been in the saddle for a long time. They have generally been doing a good job, and we believe the key republican office-holders will be returned in the general election.

But it sharpens party and individual responsibility to have opposition of respectable strength. It lessens the danger of complacency or arrogance. It is more convenient and less expensive, of course, to win by default; it proves mettle and public confidence to win over opposition.



EPLEY

Mahoney And Pierce

EARLIER in the week, while the democrats were still without a gubernatorial aspirant, wags Art Perry in the Medford Mail Tribune said that "fears are felt a certain party patriot will fly out from Washington, D. C., to save the day."

What Art was suggesting is that possibly Willis Mahoney might step into the breach. We would guess that Willis was tempted. The ex-Klamath mayor, who has run for something in most of the elections that have been held since he came to Oregon in the early 'thirties, is reportedly doing quite well in his specialized law business in Washington. But when voting in Oregon approaches, and especially when there is a democratic nomination that can be taken by default, Willis feels an urge to which he usually has yielded.

Walter Pierce was too smart to let such young blades as Dick Neuberger push him into the governorship situation. Mr. Pierce is 85. A former congressman from our own second district, he moved into western Oregon after his last defeat and has been having a happy time going around to grange meetings, etc., in the Willamette valley, making typical Pierce speeches and enjoying the warm good will and friendly respect of farmers and other folk over there.

But it was quite evident to Klamath people, who saw Mr. Pierce here when he was running for re-election against Lowell Stockman in 1940, that his age was becoming a serious handicap to him as an office-holder and a campaigner. The old gentleman has been having a grand time in his recent activities in the valley area, all of it with a lack of pressure which we would guess has helped prolong his life.

Invitation To Thievery

STEALING cars was both simple and routine to a couple of escapees from the Oregon boys' training school who were picked up here by local authorities and returned to the Woodburn institution.

They related a story of moving from town to town in Oregon and Washington, picking up a different car at each stop as easily as if an advance agent were making transportation arrangements for them.

Undoubtedly, most of these cars had been left standing with doors unlocked and with the keys conveniently inserted in the ignition switch. So many car owners do that that the man bent on car thievery has no reason to waste his time trying to break into a locked car or tamper with the wires in an ignition switch. It's so much simpler to take the car of the gent who has invited thievery by leaving everything in order for the thief.

From time to time, there have been public campaigns, through the insurance companies, the Junior chamber of commerce, and other agencies, to make drivers key-conscious when they leave their cars. But the account given by the youthful escapees indicates that people are getting pretty lax on this matter.

Farrell Files For 2nd Term

SALEM, March 7 (AP)—Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., filed for a second term today, being the first candidate to file for the office. The filing period ends at 5 p. m. tomorrow.

Other filings today: State Rep. Paul Hendricks, Salem republican, for re-election. Thomas J. Weyers, Hood River republican, for Hood River county district attorney.

Charles W. Swan, Vale republican, for Malheur county district attorney. Lester Sheeley, Portland democrat, for state senator from Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties.

J. D. M. Crockwell, Portland republican, for state representative from Multnomah county. W. E. Richardson, Portland republican, for state representative from Multnomah county. Jack C. Ofelt, Lake Grove

democrat, for state representative from Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Donald J. Welch, Grants Pass democrat, for state representative from Josephine county.

Ralph W. Peoples, Silverton democrat, for state labor commissioner.

PFC Charles Foulon Receives Discharge

PFC Charles F. Foulon has just been discharged from the Madigan convalescent hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., after completing physical and educational conditioning programs as well as prevocational work to better fit him for civilian occupation. He is the son of Mrs. Lila Grace Foulon, 1600 Johnson. A veteran of eight months in the European theater, he wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium. He plans to complete his schooling.

The true sardine is not a dwarf fish, but the young of the pilchard, a species of herring.

Jobless Pay Shows Boost

SALEM, March 7 (AP)—Unemployment compensation benefits in Oregon in the first two months of 1946 totaled \$6,024,810, more than the total for any preceding 12 months period, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

The largest year's total had been \$5,916,399 paid in 1938. February benefits totaled \$2,408,329, a gain of 29.4 per cent over January. About 60 per cent of the benefits are going to the Portland area, compared with 75 per cent immediately after the war ended.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Jess Turner's labor troubles

For four years Jess Turner ran his harness shop alone. But now his nephew's discharged from the Navy and is back to help him. Right away, it seems that nephew Delbert has some new ideas. He wants more money, shorter hours—and meanwhile Jess' expenses have been going up!

So what does Jess do? He invites Delbert to sit down over a friendly glass of beer and talk the situation over. Jess figures how he can give Delbert some extra dollars, and

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Advertisement for The Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, 'For 25 Years The Equitable Life'.

Advertisement for 'Klamath Falls? Okay!' featuring John H. Houston.