

WASHINGTON, April 1—Whenever the democrats get into great trouble, they call on Baruch, the financier. He was assigned the delicate task of keeping the atom bomb safe for democracies without offense to others, as chairman of the new commission. Again, he was rushed up to the house banking committee to save the OPA and war powers control bill, about which congress is plainly dubious in the face of business clamor to kick off government restraints. But in this last assignment, Baruch utterly destroyed the fictions of the administration inflation policy—said the price structure is out of gear, mistakes have been tragic, the Truman-Bowles bulge in the line against inflation was actually a break and a grave one—and laid down his own program to harness inflation and get production.

The program will not be adopted. While Baruch has long served as a fireman for the administration, and has been called in to put out blazes getting beyond control, and generally issues wise advice—the administration never follows the advice. At the outset of the war, this clear-thinking and unprejudiced mind openly told Mr. Roosevelt how to prevent inflation by a real wage-price control, but the president punctured his control setup so that it became a sieve with the resultant prices of today and the unending wage disputes. Again Baruch submitted a report on reconversion just before the war end, and only one of his points was adopted—reconversion being left in its current state.

Political Economics
 THE official fireman, thus, has been unable to get his own fire extinguisher adopted in the past simply because the administration wanted to play political economics—wanted to get the votes of pressure groups—rather than to accomplish its announced objectives.

The new Baruch plan is suffering from the same trouble. A ban on strikes for a year seems impossible to attain because of opposition of the unions. Establishment of a high court of commerce to plan an economy fair to all groups is difficult because the pressure groups would try to pack it, as they have packed similar economic tribunals or pressured them into ineffectiveness. To dissel the sham contention that wage increases will not bring price increases, would be contrary to what is considered a good political working formula by the administration in an election year.

Now the administration is already doing most of the other things Baruch recommended, but frequently in such a way as to defeat its own purposes. While it is doing his things, it is simultaneously doing other things at cross purposes which prevent it from getting results, or achieving announced goals. Its wage increase policy, for instance, at cross purposes with its inflation and price policies; and its price-holding policy is being daily violated by allowances of indirect price increases.

Patch-Work Program
 SO we seem to be inevitably embarked on a loose patch-work reconversion program from which we are not likely to escape. I judge, for instance, congress will enact a limited compromise renewal of the war powers and OPA, with amendments designed to correct the worst defects, but the correction of the defects will rest with the administrative branch. Congress cannot take hold and legislate a whole new program. Once the administration gets renewal of its powers, it no doubt, will continue its chosen, current way.

This way will not be unsatisfactory to business, but will fail to establish any permanent solution of the labor problem or confidence for the economic future. My guess is some private assurances have already been made that the Bowles' idea of limiting profits to pre-inflation levels, while inflating wages, will not be carried into effect. Indeed, price increases have been authorized daily for the past three weeks to get production, and I see the stock market is staggering to its feet after having been knocked flat by the first announcement of the new Truman-Bowles policy.

However, once we get production, most of our ills will evaporate, because competition can protect prices better than government, and if competition can be restored in the labor market, there will be fewer strikes.



“I don't think so much of scientists—they discovered the atom bomb, that's true, but why don't they invent some non-fattening sweets!”

Telling The Editor
 Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—Who's to say they've been thrown into a better jail than this?

It seems to me that for the progressive little town that our chamber of commerce and city fathers try to impress on the public, as being Klamath Falls, that they certainly should be proud to command a good portion of the front page of the only newspaper in town. And for what? To boast of a super-duper jail to house all the drunk-bums and what have you—when they should be boasting of some sort of “youth program” for the benefit of the hundreds of young boys and girls growing up in our little city. Some sort of system of playgrounds or entertainment whereby our future citizens might be enticed to spend their time in good, wholesome play.

Or should we continue to neglect them, and feel proud when they have reached the age of 18 and thereabouts and go wrong, that we will have a beautiful jailhouse to visit them in?

Remember the old saying, about an ounce of prevention? It seems to me that we're going “all out” for the pound of cure, if you will consider a \$150,000 jailhouse as the “cure.”

Why not invest this money in a municipal swimming pool, gymnasium, playgrounds or any one of many different methods which other constructive cities have adopted so that their youth might have a better start in life.

What about a nice, large municipal swimming pool, where the children could swim in the afternoon and evening, and could be, that some of us grown children might enjoy something like that, too.

Then rather than say, “Who's been in a better jail than this?” we could proudly say, “What city has a better program for developing their future citizens than we?”

For my part, I would say that the jailhouse should be “down behind the gas works,” and let's turn this beautiful new building into a youth center for Klamath Falls and vicinity.

B. J. Blair, Klamath Falls.

Vaccine Flown To Portland
 PORTLAND, April 1 (P)—Public health authorities throughout Oregon restocked smallpox vaccine today and in Portland special vaccination clinics reopened with new stocks flown to the city over the weekend. Hundreds were expected to

resume a rush that exhausted supplies of vaccine here Saturday morning, but health authorities reported enough on hand to treat 100,000 persons. Stocks were also rushed to upstate cities. There have been no smallpox cases reported in Oregon, but two new cases were diagnosed over the weekend at Seattle.

Noted British Leader Passes
 LONDON, April 1 (P)—Field Marshal Viscount Gort, 59, former chief of the British imperial staff and a distant cousin of King George VI, died yesterday in Guss hospital after a long illness.

Gort, who led the famed retreat from Dunkerque in 1940 as commander of the British expeditionary force, underwent a serious operation last November. He was reported to have recently suffered a serious relapse.

The noted British commander resigned as commander-in-chief and high commissioner for Palestine last fall because of failing health and came to London for treatment.

Fund Favored To Start McNary Dam
 SEATTLE, April 1 (P)—The senate appropriations committee has recommended early allocation of \$4,400,000 to start construction on the McNary dam, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said here Saturday.

The dam is planned for the junction of the Umatilla and Columbia rivers and will be anchored to Washington and Oregon shores.

Magnuson said the money would be sufficient for preparation of the site, involving the moving of railroads and highways, a project expected to take at least a year.

Verdict Pends In Cargo Tiff
 PORTLAND, April 1 (P)—An arbitration decision in the dispute between CIO cargo checkers and waterfront employers on the issue of hiring cargo checkers will be reached later this week, Dr. Blair Stewart said today.

The Reed college professor conducted hearings Saturday and Sunday with only employer representatives in session Sunday after union representatives walked out of the arbitration discussions the day before.

Agents of the CIO supercargo and checkers union left the meet-

Sacred Heart In Festival
 SOUTHERN OREGON LEGE, Ashland, April 1 (P)—Around 700 contestants are expected to take part in the Sacred Heart annual music festival, meeting from April 5, according to reports coming into the music department of the Southern Oregon college, sponsor of the event.

The entry of the Sacred School of Music, Klamath Falls, brings to 10 the number of participating schools.

Judges of the contest are John Stehn, University of Oregon department of music; Welke, University of Washington; Kenneth Hjeltnervik, supervisor of Aberdeen, Kenneth Schilling, Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash.

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Today's Roundup
 By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE navy has issued a bulletin designed to clarify the civilian flying regulation situation at the municipal airport, subject of previous discussion in this space.

Lt. Cmdr. S. A. Congdon, who is in command of the naval air station here, pointed out at the outset of his bulletin that the navy is still in sole control of the field, including the runways, taxiways and municipal hangar as well as all other property within boundaries of the station.

He said further that civilian flying is permitted on the airport only through surference on the part of the navy until other arrangements are made between the navy and the city.

Until responsibility is transferred from the navy to the city, he warned, strict observance of all CAA regulations will be required.

Then the punch line: “Any deviation from compliance with CAA regulations by any individual will result in denial of use of the field . . . to that individual.”



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Infractions
 THERE have been infractions of CAA regulations at the field by civilian fliers—a condition that has led the civilian aviation enthusiasts around here to urge early action toward establishment of a definite management plan for the airport.

These infractions, according to the navy, have included:

Carelessness in taxiing and takeoffs when military planes were in the landing circle.

Lack of sufficient altitude when entering landing circle and approach.

Take-offs and landings from taxiways.

After landings, planes turning around on runways and running off the surfaced portion onto the shoulders of the runways.

These are practices that are taboo under the navy's warning bulletin.

Stop-Gap
 THIS action by the navy, of course, is only a stop-gap, pending a definite determination of the future of the local field as to administration and jurisdiction.

The city is reluctant to take over the airport and all of the responsibilities pertaining to it.

This is due in part to a belief that certain deferred maintenance work should be done there by the navy before it is relieved of all responsibility.

There also persists a belief that some plan may still be worked out whereby the navy might remain on the field as a joint user with civilian fliers, relieving the city of a part of the maintenance and operations problems.

Recent indications are that the navy intends to get off the field entirely. Possibly, some further aggressive action could bring a reconsideration.

If and when the city airport commission concludes that there is absolutely no possibility of any kind of a navy operation on the field, it would seem the commission will have to make definite plans for administration. Under current indefinite status, the airport is certainly not functioning as had been hoped for it in the postwar era.

The World Today
 By DeWITT MacKENZIE
 AP World Traveler

The Nazi underground plot to revive Hitlerism in Germany disclosed during the weekend is grim warning to those who would relax military occupation that the allied task of reformation is far from finished.

It's highly significant that this revolt centered in the Hitler youth movement, for that remains the core of resistance to allied authority. During my recent tour of the occupied areas mentioned in this column more than once—and want to emphasize again—that the dangerous element of the German population lies for the most part with the age range of from 14 to 35. There you will find the majority of those whom Hitler was able to hypnotize with his poisonous doctrine.

Toughest Problem
 The youth movement fanatics represent the toughest of the human problems which the allies have in German rehabilitation. These young people—the most vital element in the reich—are so thoroughly Hitlerized that



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there appears to be small hope of persuading many of them to a change of heart. They can be kept in hand only by force, for force is their god.

But the thing cuts deeper than that. Since this age group is largely lost to the allies, the most effective educational reform must be made among the younger boys and girls—the sprouting generation. There our main hope lies, and that is where the allies are concentrating heavily.

Great Handicap
 However, the occupation authorities are up against a great handicap because, while the children are friendly enough and are receptive to the proper training in their schools, they have to be sent home to parents who belong to the Hitlerized group. Thus it's bound to come about that many children's minds will be contaminated by their fathers and mothers who will use every means to undo the allied teaching.

So much for this dangerous Hitler youth movement, but it would be a mistake to think that this is the sole source of support for the revival of nazism. The Prussian militarists, whose only interest in Hitlerism is that it fitted in with their schemes for expansion of the reich by conquest, will do their utmost to unhorse the allies.

Reich Whitewashed
 Apropos of this, when I was at the war crimes trials at Nuernberg a short time ago I reported to you that the defense of former Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and some other prominent figures was directed fully as much towards whitewashing the Hitler regime as towards securing acquittal for those in the dock. In fact, it strikes me that Goering

is quite resigned to conviction and is devoting his energy towards vindicating his government and thereby providing propaganda for a restoration.

The youth movement plot isn't surprising, of course, for it has been in the cards all along. And it isn't the last thing of its kind which we shall see, because it's natural for a beaten people to try to overthrow their conquerors. You can see the threat of this in the sullen and often bitter looks you get from many Germans.

Change Opposed In Flood Control Plan

OREGON CITY, April 1 (P)—Letters opposing a projected change in the Willamette valley flood control project from one of high dams to river channelization were being framed here today.

The Clackamas county court, Oregon City chamber of commerce and representatives of the Willamette river commission met Saturday night and decided that arguments against high dams on the grounds they would destroy the fishing industry, are not supported by evidence.

Federal and state officials will be advised of their views.

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Lumber and building material dealers and contractors can build all the homes America needs—if building materials are available. But unless production of materials is unblocked, no one can build homes. Whether a house is labeled “Public Housing” or “Prefabricated Housing” or a “Privately Built Home”—all are bidding for the same supply of materials.

Here are the materials that must be produced. These are the materials in short supply which are subject to distribution controls through priorities:

Lumber
 Concrete Block
 Clay Sewer Pipe
 Structural Clay Tile
 Cast Iron Soil Pipe
 Cast Iron Radiation

Common Brick
 Millwork
 Face Brick
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 Gypsum Lath
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What has happened that all these essential building materials are lacking? Have we exhausted raw material supply? Or plant production?

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In the case of Brick and Tile, for example, it took the OPA six months to grant a price adjustment that allowed 125 of 400 closed plants to reopen. This action resulted in a 35% increase in production within the following three months.

Similarly, OPA's unrealistic pricing policies blocked adequate production of Gypsum board and lath, cast iron soil pipe, and clay sewer pipe for months.

Although price adjustments have been granted in the above-mentioned fields, lumber production still remains under wartime pricing formulas.

It is still more profitable for the lumber mill to cut items for export to foreign countries, or to cut logs into sizes used by industry than it is to manufacture lumber for home consumption. Premium prices for industrial items have been granted in some instances during the war, but now that peace has come, price adjustments encouraging home construction lumber have not been made by OPA.

Price adjustments are needed to obtain maximum production of hardwood flooring, millwork, ceiling, siding, and plywood.

Recommendations have been made to the OPA repeatedly, but action is not forthcoming.

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