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Today's Roundup

THIS is the first anniversary of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. A year ago, Klamath people were shocked by the news of the sudden passing of the great man.



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AND so, we have had a year without Roosevelt, and a year of Truman. There is a lot of speculation as to just how things would be going now, domestically and internationally, if FDR were still at the helm.

The loyal disciples of Mr. Roosevelt have been doing all in their power to carry on his influence. Those who were opposed to his policies when he lived are still fighting them.

Franklin Roosevelt's powers of leadership performed a profound service to the nation and to humanity in time of great emergency. Those who lived then will never forget what they meant in the depths of the depression and in the difficult stages of the war.

Those qualities which served so tremendously in emergencies served less well at other times. Generally speaking, American public opinion is becoming more realistic without Roosevelt than it did, or could, with him.

That is because the late president developed such a positive political personality that millions of Americans blindly supported every scheme he advanced, while millions of other Americans, just as blindly were against anything with a Roosevelt label.

That was not realism. It was not good sense. It was dangerous. Roosevelt followers became psychopaths, and so did Roosevelt haters.

Truman On Spot

WHEN, a year ago, Mr. Roosevelt died, he was replaced by an ordinary guy, Harry Truman. Mr. Truman had not been elected to the office. He obviously did not want to be president.

He found himself immediately caught between the extreme viewpoints which had developed so sharply during the Roosevelt administration. He is still in that spot. One columnist, Thomas L. Stokes, after objectively reviewing the first Truman year, wishes him luck for the next year in the "toughest job in the world."

Mr. Stokes regards it as the toughest job because of this terrific struggle between extremists. While it is always the extremists who sound off loudest, there is a growing hope that the voice of moderation will grow stronger in the years ahead.

The vast majority of Americans are not reactionaries, and the vast majority of Americans are not wild-eyed radicals.

In the long run, those with their feet on the solid middle ground will make their strength felt, and through them the nation's interests will best be served.

Smudge-Potter Perry of Medford thinks our remarks on the weather here the other day were intended to both praise and damn. He's wrong. We intended them exclusively to damn, on that day of spring "snow showers."

STATIC

Tonight's Gillette fights will feature a welterweight match between Tony Martellano and Charlie Taylor. The scrap will originate from St. Nick's arena in New York.

Sunday's Theater Guild on the Air show will feature Walter Pidgeon in the play "Seven Keys to Baldpate." Pidgeon will play the part of Magee, the writer who goes to Baldpate on a bet that he can write a complete novel concerning the old inn in 24 hours.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for Friday P.M. April 12 and Saturday A.M. April 13, listing radio stations and program titles.

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, April 12 — A revolution in union labor organization is being frequently predicted—but it may be a long time coming true.

As an aftermath of the Reuther-Thomas contest for control among the auto workers, reports have sprung up that Walter Reuther (CIO) is hobnobbing with Dave Dubinsky (AFL) with a view to bringing the auto workers into the AFL.

The facts involved in the report are more apparent than real. Reuther is a socialist. It is true enough he won what might be superficial "control" of the UAW in the recent election—but it is a control so definitely limited he cannot exercise it much.

Caused Reuther's Election

THEIR obnoxious practices for Thomas at the convention, caused Reuther's election. Most UAW delegates did not care much about ousting Thomas, at least a plain majority did not, until the communists became so active in behalf of Thomas.

But Lewis, since his return to the AFL executive committee, has not been doing anything about this or other labor revolution matters. Indeed, he has made no move against Green, or to assert his bulk, or any move whatsoever. Lewis is NOT a socialist.

The inner lineup of union politics is such, therefore, that a split in CIO is likely, and half of it or more may eventually go to AFL, but certainly not the communist part, and possibly not the socialist wingers.

Split Runs Wider

ALSO NOT the Hillman part. Here the split runs wider and deeper. Sidney Hillman is a socialist, but of somewhat the French kind which is currently playing ball with the communists on political issues facing the nation and world.

Unquestionably the communists and friends are trying to get Murray as well as Reuther, and the mixed politics within CIO must inevitably become more mixed and bitter. Whatever comes out of the fray, Lewis is in a good position to handle it.

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Norman Cloutier, the master musician for Music of Manhattan, has been tied up with music in one way or another since he was in high school.

Spring put in a sure sign yesterday. Everyone who drove anywhere along the upper lake came into town with their windshield plastered with big yellow butterflies. That's spring. When the midges and no-see-ums get so



"I'm thrilled to pieces! George got jealous at the dance and had a fight, and on the way home he wrecked the car—what items for my diary!"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 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.

About Judge Qualifications

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Maybe Judge Vandenberg keeps Mr. Humble from winning cases in court, that I don't know, but I do know that Mr. Humble has been notified several times that gambling has been going on all over the country and slot machines are running wide open in almost every pool hall in the outskirts of town.

Mr. Humble promised when running for D. A. that he would be a fearless prosecutor.

Now gambling is forbidden in Oregon and here is one thing he closes his eyes to and if any of you folks who doubt this, just drive out and see for yourself.

Thanks, Pat O'Connor, Merrill road.

ABOUT JUDGE RACE

FORT KLAMATH, Ore. (To the Editor)—We read practically every day where Judge Vandenberg has dismissed some criminal case or thrown it out of court on nonsuit or something, where by the defendant is always turned loose, and at the same time from the circuit court bench he blasts and excommunicates the district attorney, Mr. Clarence Humble.

For some reason which the staff doesn't seem to understand, there have been no bushel baskets of requests for the KFLW players to continue with their drummer. Wonder why?

MIKE WILLIAMS, Fort Klamath, Ore.

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Employment Improved in Basin Area

The employment situation in Klamath basin has improved somewhat since the first of April, with a decrease shown in new claims for unemployment compensation, Jack Almeter manager of the local USES reported.

Many logging operations have been delayed due to continued bad weather. It is also reported that operations may be further held up by lack of skilled workers for particular mill jobs, keeping unskilled helpers from going to work.

An interesting phase of the unemployment figure showing 2603 unemployed in this area as of March 31, is that although the total figure is less than that of a month ago the number of unemployed females has increased by 93. This increase is probably due, it was estimated, to the general policy of re-placing them with returning servicemen and former Klamath Falls residents returning from war industries all over the country.

Railroad track laborers and other unskilled workers are still in demand and the 16 cents an hour increase in wages granted by the WLB is expected to attract men to these jobs. This increase makes the present wage scale for non-operative railroad jobs 78 cents per hour.

Some industrial expansion has been noted here during the past month and other developments in the area include the location of a new industry here when Klamath Moulding company completes construction of its plastic plant. Building construction seems to be going ahead by substituting hollow tile bricks for lumber.

The operation of the new railway station KFLW has employed 14 men, nine of whom are World War II veterans. One woman is also on the staff.

Spring agricultural work is expected to open up as soon as the weather clears and this will take care of the bulk of available workers.

The skeleton of the dome of the capitol at Washington is made of iron.

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'Acid Ointment' For Burns Described At Chemical Meeting

By FRANK CAREY ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 12 (AP)—Development of a new "acid ointment" for burns, which removes dead skin painlessly—without need of a surgeon's knife or brushing—was announced today to the American Chemical Society.

The ointment—for treatment of second degree burns—was described by Drs. Albert M. Matlocks and Wilbur A. Lazier of Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, Ala.

They told the chemists, who complete their 109th meeting today, that the ointment was basically a dry, stable, easily wettable powder "capable of producing on addition of water an acid ointment effective for the cleansing of burns."

When applied, it is a clear, jelly-like substance, the doctors said, adding its action was to remove the dead skin from the burn surface "without pain or the destruction of islands of living tissue."

Market Quotations

Table with columns for various commodities like American Can, Anaconda, and others, listing prices and market status.

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