

Today's Roundup

THE ruckus over the municipal airport situation directs attention to the need for employment, paid-for business management of municipal affairs. It illustrates a weakness in the present form of city government here, and has started a groundswell of discussion of the merits of the city manager or other forms of municipal government.



EPLEY

Here is one of many things which arise in municipal affairs which require persistent, day-by-day attention by a full-time executive.

It has been handled, thus far, by a voluntary committee of busy business men, and the mayor, who is paid \$175 a month and has no commitment to work full-time for the city.

One phase of this question has been the formal request to be made to the navy for certain facilities at the air station.

Both the city and the local reclamation service are interested in obtaining certain of these facilities, which presumably will be declared surplus and will be disposed elsewhere if these local public agencies do not get them.

The reclamation service, which has a paid, full-time superintendent whose business is to look diligently after its affairs, long ago perfected its request and is virtually assured of those things for which it has asked.

The city has tinkered along with this matter for a long time, and only recently has prepared a list of the facilities it wants. Last weekend it turned this list over to the Klamath county chamber of commerce manager to prepare the request. The request itself hasn't even yet been made.

That is an apt illustration of the situation that is causing thinking people to begin to wonder if the present form of city government is adequate to handle the expanding and increasingly complex municipal business.

No Personalities Involved THE possibility that the local public may decide there is a need for re-examination of the city's governmental system need not, and should not, be interpreted as critical of the mayor, councilmen, or any of the appointive or elective officials in the present government. It isn't a matter of personalities.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf probably gives more time to city affairs than would the average man in the mayor's office. He is a retired business man and has the time. He has worked hard and has given municipal matters a great deal of thought and effort. We have personal knowledge of this, for we have been associated with him in certain matters in which he has worked hard for the city's interests.

The fact there is a growing dissatisfaction with the present governmental form under a mayor who gives as much time as Ed Ostendorf does to the mayor's job, emphasizes the seriousness of the problem.

As Rankin Sees It TURNING back to the airport matter, a feature of the chamber of commerce directors meeting Wednesday was a vigorously-worded statement by Tex Rankin, noted Pacific coast flier, who happened to be at the meeting.

"I can't see how you can lose," said Mr. Rankin, in comment on the future of the airport and aviation here.

He pointed out that the Klamath field is on a direct line between Los Angeles and Portland and Seattle, and said that flying men are becoming increasingly interested in the field here for transient stops and for hunting and fishing visits.

Mr. Rankin remarked that he had been into the field here many times, and had seen it develop.

"I can now say that this is one of the finest fields in America," said the flier, who unquestionably knows his airports.

That's the field around which Klamath's aviation activity will develop.

Appreciation A FRIENDLY word of appreciation is in order for the Klamath troop entertainment committee, which has helped out materially in the baseball field situation by turning over some \$940 for use on improving Recreation park.

Early in the war period, this committee did there will be music by the Four Chicks and a Chuck.

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a great deal of fine work in providing hospital-ity for troops moving through here. Later in the war, this work was largely transferred to the Klamath military affairs committee, but the old troop entertainment committee maintained its interest and in its most recent act demonstrated its desire to provide adequate local facilities for the entertainment and pleasure of service men.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, April 18—The world statesmen were so polite in their Iran debate, the pure facts of the matter escaped popular attention. The newspapers published what went on, and when none of the parties to the debate went into the actual, provable, apparent true character of the issue—the accounts reflected that void.

Iran simply had come under Russian domination and therefore wished to withdraw her complaint pleading for her independence from Russia.

The cumbersome obvious steps leading up to this absorption were these: The communists started a revolution in northern Iran, kept out Iran's soldiers until revolutionists had annexed for her hegemony of "friendly states," the northern province. Then Moscow secured removal of a protesting Iranian premier, installed Ahmad Qavam, a "friendly" man, subsequently summoned him to Moscow, announced an agreement with him which his government (not all "friendly" to Moscow) publicly denied: Complaint was made to UNO by the Iran ambassador here; another "agreement" giving Russia oil concessions and all others demanded, was announced from Moscow, but Iran said it had not been informed even of such negotiations, until the Russian ambassador arrived with the list of concessions imposed by Moscow.

Finally the ambassador arrived, and Qavam gave every indication of having accepted them under duress; Russia announced the complaint to UNO would be withdrawn and later the Iran ambassador filed a notice that Qavam had come to have "every confidence" in the promise of Stalin to withdraw red troops May 6—a withdrawal which Stalin had previously promised, in writing, with us and the British, to make two months earlier.

Comedy Of Pretense

THIS was the comedy of diplomatic pretense as acted out practically in the full public gaze in daily dispatches.

Yet UNO avoided all these matters in the debate and concerned itself primarily with the Russian charge that the U. S. and British did not want world peace, were up to something unfair or diabolical. It was all very polite—and partly insane; certainly irrelevant.

We are living in an age in which we have been accustomed to insincerity, devoutly maintained by nations and men. But in this case of Iran, the world has witnessed the zenith of all pretense. The grim, unwitting comedy of the Russian position was indeed even more complete than the published facts, and can be seen in this following consideration:

Why would Russia so melodramatically press this question on April 15, when, in three weeks time, her troops are to come out anyway (she said), and she already had Qavam and the Iran government in camp? Why hurry the UNO into washing its hands of the matter now? Why not wait three weeks and win anyway?

The big news would be the answer to this question and others from it: Is Russia trying to scuttle the effectiveness of UNO with technical embarrassments? Is she facetious? Has her diplomacy become a farce? Is her technique becoming elephantine and less smart?

There are good international diplomatic sources of great authority which have an answer to these questions:

Spain Next On List

THIS move to get Iran out of UNO now was designed, I am informed, in preparation for the next Russian move which is Spain. Her plan was to get rid of her own embarrassment now in preparation for her attack through Poland and France, upon Spain. Otherwise we would have Iran hanging over her head, during consideration of Spain—and she is wholly without justification in Iran and subject to sound attack upon any phase of it. And incidentally, if she succeeded in making UNO drop the matter, it would be immaterial to all concerned whether she gets her troops out before May 6 as promised.

After Spain, in UNO consideration, may come China, where communist armies are fighting pitched battles with the government. Few authorities think real agreement possible there, because the communists wish to run that government, the same as they wish to run Iran. Elimination of Iran by UNO now would avoid comparisons embarrassing to Russia.

I would say events are exposing the futility of deception in communist diplomacy to all the world. Things known formerly by the well informed, are now plain to all the world. Moscow has become more tricky, but less smart. She has become apparent.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, I don't think men are as deceitful as women! Take my husband, for instance—I've caught him every time he tried to fool me!"

Market Quotations

Table with columns for various market items like NEW YORK, CHICAGO, and PORTLAND, listing prices for stocks, wheat, and potatoes.

LIVESTOCK

Table listing livestock prices for DENVER and PORTLAND, including cattle, sheep, and hogs.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Mat Fisher versus Ed's Big Toe. Mat Fisher's our local weather man... and planning for the picnic of our town Improvement Club.

rain like Jupiter Pluvius—and we hold it in Ma Hoskins' parlor, drinking beer and roasting hot dogs.

Of course, Ed razzes Mat no end. But nobody's sore. In fact, they like Mat just a little better, being an expert and being wrong. (And from where I sit, a stormy day indoors before a fire makes a hot dog and a glass of beer extra appetizing!)

Well, it's bright and sunny on the 8th—and 9th—and 10th. But come the day of the picnic, it pours

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Hans Frank Admits Guilt To Tribunal

By RICHARD KASISCHKE. NUERNBERG, April 18 (AP) Hans Frank, the Nazi governor of German-occupied Poland, told the international military tribunal today that "I feel terrible guilt within me" from the atrocities of the Nazi regime.

Claiming that some of these crimes only recently became known to him, Frank declared from the witness stand:

"Speaking from the depths of my emotion, after five months of this trial, I have gained an insight into what was committed in the way of terrible atrocities. I feel terrible guilt within me."

Speaking in a loud, clear voice, Frank held the court with the virtually third himself upon his candid admissions of guilt as its mercy.

Admits Crimes He freely admitted the Nazi crimes against the Jews and his share of the guilt in those crimes—a guilt which he said would "not be erased in thousands of years."

"Did you participate in the destruction of the Jews?" his attorney asked.

"I say yes!" Frank replied. "I cannot allow it before my conscience that responsibility for this should be handed to small people alone. I never installed concentration camps for Jews but if Adolf Hitler turned over that dreadful responsibility to people of his, it must be mine too."

Hedges He said he would "bear responsibility" for the events in Poland during his tenure as governor but hedged with a claim that his authority was "extremely limited" and that he had no control over the SS.

He acknowledged that he introduced ghettos in Poland and issued a decree for forced labor but claimed: "I was thinking of labor within the country to repair war damage."

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STATIC

Tomorrow's Alan Young Show has something new. From advance notices it looks as if a sinister note were due to creep into the whacked up romance of Alan Young and Betty Dittenfeffer when Dame May Whitty applies the combined influences of Dorothy Dix and Alfred Hitchcock during her guest appearance on the show. Along with the funny stuff from Young and Whitty,

there will be music by the Four Chicks and a Chuck.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for THURSDAY EVE., APRIL 18 and FRIDAY A. M., APRIL 19, listing radio programs and stations.

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