

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

TWO important school district elections will be held in Klamath Falls tomorrow, concerning the budgets of school districts No. 1 (the city elementary) and No. 2 (Klamath Union high school).



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District No. 1

THERE will be two ballots for district No. 1 (Fremont voting). One ballot is for adoption or rejection of the current budget of \$510,924.77. A vote is necessary because the budget exceeds the 6 per cent limitation.

District No. 2

VOTERS of district No. 2 (high school) will be presented with an overall budget totaling \$389,171, an increase of \$142,652 over last year's budget.

Rising Costs

THE budget figures cited above show heavy increases over the previous year. It is costing large sums to maintain the educational program in Klamath Falls, yet the increases are commensurate with the rising costs of operating any large-scale activity.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 22 — Revolution in France and civil war in Spain (opening guns in a new world conflict) are suggested more emphatically now in private reports from Europe, brought back by authorities of utmost responsibility (unofficial) following the Paris conference collapse.

STATIC

Curtain Time, coming to you over KFLW at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening, will star Harry Elders and Nannette Sargent in the leading roles of "One for the Old Man," a baseball diamond romance.

July's atom bomb tests in the Pacific will be well covered by ABC correspondents, what with Fred Opper, Cleve Roberts, Raymond Swing and Larry Tighe already laying plans to take off for the scene.

the network who served in both European and Pacific scenes of battle, leaves San Francisco in June to join the fleet, and Larry Tighe will pull out of Tokyo in the near future to arrive at Kwajalein by June 17.

"Are Church Creeds Essential to a Religious Life?" will be the question before the house when America's Town Meeting comes over KFLW tomorrow night at 8:30. Discussing the problem will be representatives of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths, and Paul Weaver, head of the department of philosophy at Stephens college, where the broadcast will originate.

Friday night's Gillette fight will be a 10-round heavyweight bout between Lee Oma of Detroit and Joe Walcott of Camden.

tion in Moscow, had a plan of action known to army circles, which was supposed to run something like this:

First, a revolt by the French army heads, Paris police and union chiefs, on some pretext in France, to be followed immediately by a civil war outbreak in Spain, promoted by communist agents to overthrow Franco. The Russian government would then ask the United States and Britain for authority to send the Russian armies across our occupied zones in Austria and Germany, to restore the peace in France and Spain, our forces being inadequate to the task.

Movements toward this general end are reported now to have received some acceleration since defeat of the communists in the recent French constitutional referendum. Bulk of the red army was moved some weeks ago, upon and south of the Danube river, nearer Spain, and British intelligence claims a command post has been set up by the red army near Vienna "whose mission it is to prepare plans for possible Russian intervention in Spain."

French Army Anti-British

AT the top of the French army is an anti-British clique to which such a venture might not be distasteful in any manner conceived. Also the French communist leaders, Thoraz and Duclos, can see their political power waning, although they managed to keep a strong minority of 47 per cent of the vote on their constitutional revision. Whether they will care or dare to bring the issue into revolutionary action now may hinge upon the completeness of preparations made for the event by the DeGaulleists and other French political interests against them.

The communists are trying to get a firm hold upon three cabinet portfolios, interior (secret police), propaganda and foreign affairs, and if they could wield these posts effectively, they might accomplish their objective by internal reorganization without an open break. But truly democratic French political movements have gained great ground in the past few months, particularly the PRL (Liberty), coalition of rightist deputies, the combination of the former Church-Baiter Herriot, and his radical socialists with the republicans, the conservative MRP, and so forth.

The entire French situation is plainly drawing taut and the well-advised people here are eagerly reading daily developments in the news against this background of concealed internal tension.

Civil war in Spain is being quite openly promoted. A fund drive has been started by American communists who have formed "The action committee to aid Spain now." The current issue of the socialist New Leader (May 18) interprets this as a movement by "Soviet agents to promote civil war in Spain," tying the drive for funds for the Spanish underground with the current anti-Spanish case worked up by Poland (Russia) in the UNO security council.

Surge In Latin America

SIMULTANEOUSLY, a surge has been noticed in communist activities in Latin America, among nations somewhat close to Spain in racial ties. The number of communists in Cuba now is reported authoritatively to have reached 300,000, and in Brazil (our best Latin friend), the communist party has extended its membership from 7000 to 75,000 within a few months. These developments at the very least betray new energy in the world communist movement, if not what strategists would call a drive to encircle the forces of democracy, meaning Britain and the United States.

Sound military authorities say Russia has enough military supplies for a minor campaign, but her economic condition is such that a major war could be continued only for a short time.

N. J. The heavyweight event will originate in Madison Square Garden.

A special 25-minute broadcast will be aired tonight in commemoration of the 13th anniversary of Harry Hopkins' entry into federal service. The program will originate in the Sylvan theatre on the grounds of the Washington monument.

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Celestial Phenomena Chill Ignorant With Panic Fears

By J. HUGH PRUETT

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Apprehension of impending disaster from the skies is abundantly evident in many ancient writings. Even today, we find those whose astronomical misinterpretations often cause them considerable unfounded fear.

One morning recently our radios told us that a certain community in Europe was in a panic. Word had spread that the splendid ring system of Saturn had been torn to bits. Hurling our way at enormous speed, these rocky fragments would surely bombard the earth before nightfall.

Total solar eclipses are still terrifying to some peoples. Many of us recall the eclipse broadcast from the highlands of Peru on June 8, 1937. We clearly heard the noisy din staged by some of the natives when old Sol was finally completely "blacked out."

Comets Strike Terror

Comets have ever been disseminators of fear. These "hairy swords," hanging in the heavens, are sometimes thought to presage war. (Strange, no conspicuous comet appeared to foretell the recent world conflict.) Even deaths from fright during the return of Halley's comet in 1910 were reported.

A blazing meteor, dashing across the heavens and brilliant-

ly lighting the underlying landscape, is to some a terrifying sight. The delicate white line left on the sky after the fireball's extinction and blown into fantastic curves by the upper air currents, is easily the source of disquieting rumors.

Even the beautiful northern lights are responsible for fears. The report at one time of an army seen marching across the night sky can doubtless be explained by the barred auroral arcs sometimes formed high in the heavens from horizon to horizon. Careful observation usually shows a slow westward motion of the short, parallel lines.

Orson Welles Tales Then there are the disturbing stories of huge stars suddenly exploding; of the earth's getting out of control and dashing into the flaming sun or out into the freezing depths of space; or even of the descent of hostile armies from Mars.

Some who are poorly informed on matters astronomical can very easily distort scientific reports on very common phenomena. A few persons actually seem to enjoy living in a state of "constant fright."

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All children who are five years of age and older are invited to attend. There will be no general class this year for those under five except for those who are children of the teachers helping.

The program will include Bible study, stories, music and craft work. Each day will begin with a fifteen minute worship service for the entire school, following which age groups will meet for their particular programs. A daily offering will be taken to defray expenses.

A missionary theme, with emphasis on postwar reconstruction, has been chosen.

Mrs. Donald Cran will be superintendent for the vacation school, with Mrs. James Pinniger assisting. Teachers and helpers include the following: Mrs. Henry Perkins, Mrs. Greer Drew,

bodies in their places, never look with fear into the face of the sky. They find there no hostility; only serenity and order and reassurance. Those whose astronomy consists of an acquaintance with only the principal stars and constellations are often the most appreciative of the title of an early book, "The Friendly Stars."

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