

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

ABOUT this time of year, it has become customary in this column to take a quick look back at the shipping season in Klamath's remarkable potato industry.



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Figures given elsewhere in a news story show that the basin shipped more than 12,000 carloads of potatoes to markets in the 1945-46 season.

There are in addition to some 2000 carloads which remain in the area for local consumption, or for seed.

The above-12,000 figure on carlot shipments is somewhat surprising, for the advance official estimates were for about 11,600 carloads.

About a year ago, when incessant rains had badly hampered planting and rotted a lot of planted seed, it seemed impossible that this year's shipments could be even close to 12,000.

But there are the figures, right off Ross Aubrey's little black book.

And up go the value estimates on the 1945-46 crop. When Charley Henderson put out his agricultural income tabulation for 1945 a few weeks ago, he set the potato crop value at \$9,929,672.

On the basis of what has happened late in the season, he has raised his sights. The new figure is \$10,250,000.

20 Years Growth

NOW, let's go back over 20 years of potato growing history in the Klamath basin.

The official figure for potato shipments in 1925-26 was 135 carloads. The value of the crop that year was \$181,666.

Klamath farmers planted spuds on 1142 acres in 1925, whereas, 20 years later, they planted 28,098 acres to this crop.

But it wasn't just acreage increases that brought potato production figures skyward in those two decades.

The government figure on per acre production in 1925 was 101.4 bushels.

The figure for the 1945 crop year was 340 bushels.

Stability

THE lumber industry of this area looks ahead to at least several months of stabilized labor conditions, as a result of negotiations with both unions in the past few weeks.

Wage increases of 5 cents an hour have been agreed upon for both CIO and AFL employees.

In the case of the AFL, the recommended agreement states the purpose is to set wages until Jan. 1, 1947, while the CIO set-up names April 1, 1947 in the same connection.

In a time of considerable industrial trouble and production blocks, it looks as if the Klamath industry is set to go right on sawing wood. That is good news for everybody.

Earl Warren's remarkable political feat in California will make him a marked man in consideration of the presidential possibilities for 1948. It seems inevitable his name will pop up in any discussion of that situation.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 6 — The European elections have projected a new political course for the western half of the continent.

The surprise in France was the growth of the popular republican movement which is best described as Christian democracy (parliamentarianism, freedom for all parties, individual liberty), and thus represents the same trend as the unexpected size of the vote for the monarchy in Italy and the successes of the Catholic centrists and Christian democrats in Holland a few weeks earlier.

In each instance, a similar new political force came rising up out of the European settlement."

He added that one of the greatest obstacles to peace is that Russian diplomats appear to believe that "the security of Russia can only be maintained when every country in the world adopts the Soviet system."

Churchill Rampant

Churchill, who has been riding the socialist hard under the last of his clever tongue, took the floor and declared in handsome terms that the government had made "an important contribution to world peace" by a "resolute denunciation of communism."

He praised Bevin as a representative of much that is wise and courageous in the British character.

This solidarity of viewpoint extremes is significant of their mounting concern over the continued communist thrust westward. It has taken the approach of the towering red tidal wave to bring the socialists and Tories together — but together they stand in this crisis.

By coincidence — or otherwise — the British debate on foreign policy came as France had just finished another general election and Italy was voting on the question of whether it should retain the monarchy or have a republic.

Both these countries are vital strategic theaters in the European set-up, and in both of them the real question at stake has been the extent of the communist strength, which has been developing under an intensive and systematic red drive.

France Moves to Right

In France the communists sustained a set-back and there was a moderate swing to the right. In Italy the people chose a republic and the king is leaving his native land.

The middle-of-the-road Christian democrats came out well on top, with the socialists second and the communists close behind.

However, the important point to remember is that communism retains great strength in both France and Italy. That's a fact of moment to western democracy, and especially to Britain which is standing in the path of that red tidal wave.

William II was England's only bachelor king.

electorate to challenge the grasp of the communists for controls. Earlier the socialists had been the most important challengers of communism.

Now the communists are trying to arouse anti-Catholic sentiment by calling this new challenge a religious movement, and attributing it largely to the Catholic church, but it is not religious in nature. The issues it raises are not religious in character and of no religious significance except in common resistance to statism as a religion, which has been atheistic in character.

Communist Tactics

THE only change in truth then is the growth of the power of Christian democracy in this bulk. The socialists had heretofore demonstrated the greatest political power against the communists, but they compromised their position by collaboration in France and elsewhere.

In this accurate consideration of the matter, it would then be a serious mistake for us to fall for the communist propaganda and misinterpret the precise nature of results which are going our way at long last, and give them a religious nature as the communists and their propagandists wish us, thus furnishing water on their wheel against our own best interests.

The communists are simply centering their attack upon the Catholics, in order to have their own resistance joined by other religious denominations such as Protestants and Jews not only in Europe but throughout the world. Behind the simultaneous report of the United Nations committee investigation on Spain lie the same discernible strings. The report peculiarly held that Spain's Franco was not a menace to world peace now but would be when the U.N. assembly meets in September (for reasons not stated), and he should be kicked out then.

Few authorities think Britain will join the UNO to rout Franco by the provided means (bombers, etc.) or others so soon and thus open another nation to Russia, which, if it came to power in Spain, would sit upon the biggest link in the British lifeline. A growth of a Christian democratic movement in Spain, which would assure some future moderation, is unquestionably what is needed first.

No Future in It

WHETHER this development had anything to do with the resignation of the immediate father of UNO, Edward Stettinius, as our man in its leadership, is subject to legitimate speculation because it developed immediately after the report. My personal opinion is that there are American and British diplomats who have found the promised incessant haggling with the Russians as hardly a desirable life prospect. Some may feel there is no future in it, in view of the stand of the Russians resisting compromises common to western civilization. I do not know what the life insurance rates on diplomats dealing with the Russians runs now, but I do know some men who have found it far from conducive to ease, health or happiness.

However, I have no personal knowledge beyond the announcement that Stettinius decided at this time to hold Mr. Truman to a personal promise to let him go when the organization got definitely under way.

The election results demonstrate only that political arguing with the communists is entering a new phase, in which our viewpoint is more powerfully represented, but do not bring settled conclusions within easy sight. Also demonstrated is the fact that in free and open elections the communist program has widely lost popularity since the end of war. Even in adjoining Czechoslovakia Russia barely squeezed a majority.

SIDE GLANCES



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"Your father doesn't like it if we take too many vegetables—he wants to come out and gloat over the garden all summer!"

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Today's featured ABC star is Margery Mayer, soprano. Margery is a regular feature of "Hymns of All Churches" heard over KFLW every day, Monday through Friday.

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Another Gilette Cavalcade of Sports will take the air tomorrow night when ABC and KFLW broadcast the 13-round featherweight championship bout between Willie Pep, of Hartford, Connecticut, and Sol Bartolo of Boston. Although Pep has defeated Bartolo twice in previous meetings and holds a slight edge in the opinion of the experts, the bout is expected to be close.

Klamath lake is about due to have her bottom torn up again if the size of the barge being built at Shippington is any indication. One hundred and thirty-five feet long and 31 feet wide, the big steel tub will hold between 400 and 500 tons of ballast.

Oregon To Get Relief Wheat

SPOKANE, June 6 (AP)—Preparations were being made here today to divert nine (9) cars of emergency feed, arriving from the midwest, to points in Oregon and Washington where feed supplies for poultry flocks are critically low.

C. O. Downen, state director of the production and marketing administration, said it could not be determined immediately how soon the grain would arrive at destination points, but the shipments were being expedited.

Four cars going into Oregon include two to Portland, one to The Dalles and one to Forest Grove.

The nine cars, all whole oats, represents the first shipment out of a considerable quantity of relief feed coming from the midwest. The total is to include 500 cars of oats, barley and corn and one-fourth to one-half million bushels of hominy feed.

Downen also reported that distribution of 50,000 bushels of wheat made available last Friday by the Commodity Credit Corporation for relief feed purposes had been "essentially completed" and that the bulk of the grain was now being fed. He said all the grain was placed in western Washington except for one carload going to Wenatchee and another to Yakima.

Fish Eggs Removed From Diamond Lake CPA Approves New Sawmills

PORTLAND, June 6 (AP)—Five and a half million rainbow trout eggs were taken from Diamond lake by a state game commission crew, working there since April, the commission reported today. Most of the fish hatched will be returned to that lake.

PORTLAND, June 6 (AP)—Construction of four new sawmills in Oregon—three in the pine belt and the fourth in the Linn county fir district—were reported today.

Lumber Output Aids Urged for Northwest

SEATTLE, June 6 (AP)—Four steps to increase the output of timber in the Pacific northwest—ranging from a boost in the sugar ration for lumberjacks to the release of logging equipment by the armed forces—were suggested today by a housing sub-committee of Governor Wallgren's advisory commission.

The report said loggers, due to the nature of their work, required eight pounds of sugar per month and were allowed only 2.7 by the OPA.

Approval for a \$400,000 mill of the Willamette National Lumber company at Foster in Linn county has been granted by the civilian production administration. The mill will have a daily capacity of 160,000 board feet.

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The World Today By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

Those two bitter political opponents—England's ruling socialists and the conservatives whom they unseated in the last general election—have found common ground in their fear that, as former Prime Minister Churchill puts it, "the seeds of a new world war are being sown" in the areas under Russian influence in eastern Europe.

RADIO PROGRAMS

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