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Today's Roundup

TO most people, the words "forest protection" mean prevention and suppression of fire. But to persons well informed about the dangers to the timber stands of our region, protection against pine beetles is just as important as measures to prevent and stop fires.



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How important timber people regard the insect problem was forcibly demonstrated recently when they learned that the local government entomologists were out of travel funds to carry on spring field work and the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine at Washington, D. C., had refused to help out.

Big Losses

TYPICAL was the letter shot Washingtonward by Elmer E. Hall, logging superintendent, McCloud River Lumber company. He wrote, in part:

"Few of us in the lumber industry are in accord on all problems that come our way. But when we see the best old growth timber destroyed by insects in amounts far exceeding the losses from fire and other causes, we do not disagree. We want to do something to stop it.

"Pine beetle losses during a ten-year period in this section of the state (California) according to government figures, would have kept our mill, second largest in the state, in logs for more than 20 years. . . Nor is there much point to talk forestry in the pine region when we fail to plug the greatest drain on the timber supply."

According to Mel Barron, assistant general manager of the Goose Lake Box company at Alturas, beetle losses in the Alturas area exceed 10 million board feet a year. The annual cut of timber down there is only 15 million.

Mel, for good reason, is also a protester against bureaucratic indifference to the beetle menace.

Search Is On

THESE and other expressions of interest in pine beetle investigations and control brought quick action. Funds from the bureau were made available. An entomologist arrived in Klamath county a week or so ago and is now searching for bugs in this territory. We're not hoping he finds them, because we hope they aren't here. But if they are, it's important to know about it in time to do something.

Too often in the past, bug depredations have been permitted to go unnoticed too long. It is important that a sound continuing program be set up, adequately financed to do the job properly.

Klamath Flyer Will See Bomb

Although he hasn't reached his 21st birthday yet, Lt. L. Edward L. Petzoldt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Petzoldt of Klamath Falls, is already a veteran of the Pacific war with the Japanese and in a matter of weeks can add the experience of seeing the army-navy atomic bomb tests, for his present duty assignment is a radio operator on one of the F-13 photographic planes photographing the explosion.

Petzoldt left school at Georgetown university, Washington, D. C., to enter the army as a navigation cadet in July, 1943. After completion of transition training at Clovis, N. M., he was assigned to the 29th bombardment group of the 20th air force and transferred to Guam. During his combat tour with the 20th air force, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, and the Southwest Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars.

After being discharged, Petzoldt plans to return to his home and will enroll in Oregon State college to complete his college training.

Discharged—Sgt. Rex H. Morehouse, 3311 Homedale, and T/5 Robert B. Follett, box 266, Lakeview, were honorably discharged from the army June 13 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Camp Fire News

The Tanga group of Camp Fire Girls of Dorris has completed its registration under the leadership of Mrs. D. R. Grace. This group plans to do extensive work in camp craft this summer. The girls hope to earn camp honors by learning to prepare packs, food and equipment for hikes and by cooking out. Constituting this group are Joan Gray, Jane Gray, Dorothy Kindig, Janet Thoreson, Wanda Blair, Daisy Nelson, Phyllis Beeson, Bonnie Nelson, Della Gillis, Holly Siemann and Harrie Siemann.

The Okizu group earned outdoor honors in an afternoon and night camp out Thursday, June 13th. With their guardian, Mrs. J. K. McAndrews, the girls hiked, cooked their supper out and, after an evening of games and folk dances, slept out by their camp fire.

The Su-gool-gin Hoose Kung girls of Chilouqui had a cooked food sale as a money making project for their group June 14th. This group is completing work on its first rank.

The June 15th meeting of the Wawakee group was devoted to first aid work. This group is meeting jointly with the Mills group, and the girls are finishing up rank work of which first aid is a requisite.

WASHINGTON, June 18—One U. S. senator (not Claghorn) has been quoted as saying army and navy officials confidentially told congressional committees there might be another war, this time with Russia, and the senator added: "The industrialists are mortally afraid of communism and figured we had better do something while we have the bomb."

Not much interest has been created here but some authorities want to find out what army and navy officials said there might be another war. However, no one seems to be after the identity of the person who told him industrial interests of the U. S. are trying to start another war.

Now it might be possible some army and navy officials, seeing Russia has not made peace treaties and has an army five times greater than ours, have taken military preparations—which is their business. Indeed, Mr. Truman himself showed his skepticism in the size of his defense budget, retention of the draft. Everyone with sufficient intelligence to absorb visible facts knows there has been no peace, and communist revolutions are under way in Iran and China. They could have informed the senator another war is possible. As there is no other world power of sufficient military strength to attack, except Russia, the senator might even have heard war with Russia is not impossible.

Who Wants War?

BUT who told the senator "the industrial interests" of this country want war? That is what Moscow claims. That is the communist propaganda on the subject. The industrial interests, or the financial portion of them, are the internationalists, and always have been. A top Wall Street attorney, George Foster Dulles, for instance, has advocated conspicuously against war, particularly through the churches. But any minor industrialist who does want war, would probably have already undergone a sanity test. Industry has three to five years of unlimited markets in this country ahead, if it can only get production started. Industry wants to avoid war, and make money at home.

But the senator who said this was Glen Taylor of Idaho who was campaigning for a friend, George Donert, to defeat his Idaho senatorial colleague, Senator Gossett, in the democratic primary. A lot of democrats in Idaho must have believed him on this or similar subjects, as his candidate won the race.

For a U. S. senator to use the Ivestiva, Pravda and Molotov line against a sitting democrat in a party primary, raises a question of propriety the party must decide. But unless the people of this country insist upon truth in international affairs, they are all going to fall for the Russian propaganda, and destroy the foreign policy now founded on non-partisan unity.

Other signs have been developing that the policy has not been strengthened lately. The substitution of Senator Austin for Ed Stettinius at the top of our delegation to UNO caused newsmen to ask him about Russia, a question upon which he had recently been silent. In old speeches he talked like he lacked the understanding of dealing with Russia, which Stettinius had acquired from long experience. Indeed last Sunday Austin told a commencement: "We have seen such a great country as Russia finding ways of unilateral security and we can't blame them when they see us quit."

That is not true at all. Russia started making unilateral peace treaties as soon as the war was over, (Poland, etc.). No one had quit seeking joint solutions and no one else was making unilateral treaties, but this nation was unified working to get a general peace, through UNO and otherwise. Indeed we have not quit to this very moment.

The necessities for truth were never more grave than now.



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Raymond Gram Swing, pictured above, rates as the top news commentator in the ABC string now, and is awaiting one of the awards from the National Headliners club for "his consistently fine work during the past year as exemplified by his atomic bomb series." The award will be made this month some time.

For the benefit of tense listeners of the Louis-Conn fight, ABC will present a pre-fight half-hour of music by Paul Whiteman and his orchestra, ringside descriptions from Yankee Stadium and the introduction of famous fighters and fight fans there for the brawl. From the spectators' stands it should be quite a fight, and there'll be a lot of them there to enjoy it. News has it that 14,000 ringside seats were sold—which carries into a higher realm of mathematics than I care to go into.

America's Town Meeting on Thursday will take up the question as to whether there is any outlook for permanent peace under the United Nations charter. Arguing the affirmative for the question "Does the United Nations Give a Responsible Guarantee of Peace?" will be Quincy Howe, radio commentator and editor of the publishing house of Simon and Schuster.

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Hindu-Moslem Rivalry

This precipitated a fresh deadlock. The congress followers, who outnumber the Moslems three to one, weren't willing to concede parity to their rivals, and the Moslems wouldn't take less. And that's where the matter stands as this is written.

There has been no indication that any of the Indian leaders have given recognition to the fact that the exact composition of the provisional cabinet really doesn't matter, since the next step would be the selection of a constituent assembly in which there would be proportional representation. This assembly would draw up the constitution for a new federal government.

Anyhow, faced by this new statement, Lord Wavell and the British government mission issued a statement which served notice that there's going to be a provisional government irrespective of hold-outs. I've met Wavell, by the way, and while he is a gentle and friendly sort, he can be most persistent. What effect this edict will have remains to be seen, but hope still burns.

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dent, the idea for it isn't new. As I've previously reported in this column, when I was in India in 1943 I raised the question of whether just such strong-arm methods weren't called for, and got an affirmative response from prominent Indian leaders. Sir Tej Mahadur Sapru, the famous Indian liberal, was one of these. Sir Tej is noted as a mediator and often has been called in to bridge gaps between the British and the extreme nationalists. He is a Kashmiri Brahmin, which is the highest Hindu caste, but despite his aristocracy he is so democratic that he has even dined with the outcast "untouchables." I visited Sir Tej in his home at Allahabad and during a long talk about the grave differences between the great political parties, asked him what he thought of the "strong-arm" idea of bringing them together. He replied: "I believe that Britain should use the strong-arm method and set up a provisional national government. Let those Indian parties who don't want to play the game stay outside. Let the rest carry on. If none of the parties agree to participate, then England will be free to continue her imperialistic policy."

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