

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

PORT HURON, Mich. — (Travel Correspondence) — They call this the "land of the blue water" and that name, plus a lot of clear blue water, attracts thousands of vacationers at this season of the year.

Port Huron is on the south tip of Lake Huron, and on the St. Clair river which links Lakes Huron and Erie. It's about 60 miles north of Detroit, and at the edge of east Michigan's great manufacturing area, from whence, no doubt, come many of the people who are running around here today in bathing suits, shorts and slacks.

Big lake freighters ply steadily in both directions through the channel. Three or four are always in sight. There have been as many as 21,000 passages through the channel in a single season, and 18,000 in the modern-time minimum.

The shore line is dotted with attractive estates and resorts, lapped by that inviting blue water that means so much to the Port Huron chamber of commerce. To blast open the holiday season, the Port Huron Times-Herald has just gotten out a huge special edition (where in heck do they get that newsprint?) which assures the world that it deserves a good first postwar vacation and Port Huron is the place to get it.

The town's streets are equipped with parking meters. Its administration is evidently equipped with an efficient police department, for we got a ticket for a five-minute infringement.

Swing Time Bootblack

PORT HURON has a negro bootblack who gives you many times your 15-cents worth in good entertainment. As we climbed into the chair, he opened:

"Gentlemen of all gentlemen, how are you on this damned hot day?"

"He seized a brush and a cloth, slapped our shoes, and swung into a rhythm of boot-polishing and vocal chatter that held us spellbound. Once he paused to ask us where we came from."

"Klamath Falls, Ore.," we replied.

"Yeh, I been to Niagara Falls," he said, and was off again with a dissertation about Niagara Falls, polishing and talking in swing time. We tried to explain it was Klamath Falls, but it did no good—it merely inspired more synopscaped talk about Niagara Falls.

The vocal stream finally turned to South Carolina, evidently his old home.

"This ain't hot, South Carolina is hot. Down here there ain't no building, there ain't no shade, there ain't no trees, there ain't no shade—there's nothin' in the whole world but the sun, the cotton and you!"

In Michigan

WE drove here today from Elkhart, Ind., on a teeming highway through fertile southern Michigan. We stopped at Sturgis, on US 112, for a brief visit with Paul Haines, former Herald and News news editor, who is now associated with his father, Mark P. Haines, publisher of the Sturgis Journal. Paul and his wife, Be, have bought a house and are settling down to pleasant and busy living in that attractive and prosperous town.

Coming east, we veered off to Ann Arbor, thinking we might look in on Dr. Lowell Coggeshall, the ex-medical chief of the Marine Barracks and a great and good friend of Klamath Falls, Ore. A call from a corner drug store at the edge of the University of Michigan campus disclosed the good doctor was vacationing at Williamsburg, in northern Michigan.

And so we came on to the western edge of Detroit—native home of our car, which struggled bravely through the heavy traffic near the

The World Today

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

When the representatives of the United States and Britain went to Paris June 15 for what Foreign Minister Bevin described as "one last effort" to reach some sort of accord with Russia on European peace, they were not hopeful.

A similar meeting a few weeks before, like the one in London which preceded it, had broken apart on the rocks of Russian intransigence.

Then, one by one, things began to happen. Although the problems of Germany underlay everything, a peace treaty for

place where it was born. We turned north and on into Port Huron. Henceforth, there will be three of us, for here we picked up the feminine head of the family group, who had been attending a convention at one of those fancy blue water resorts. We'll head from here into Canada, and then down toward New York.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 5—Question in the minds of people out here in the great growing area of the nation, was whether Mr. Truman helped himself by vetoing OPA. The conflict of opinion was as confusing as that which is considered normal for Washington. The future was unpredictable, particularly as to short foods such as meat, butter and bread.

It was plain only that Mr. Truman had become involved in a struggle with Senator Taft. The White House had decided to enter a new fray with the demo-republican majority coalition. And in that struggle OPA flew out of the window.

But the matter was not quite as simple as that. Actually Mr. Truman had delivered OPA to its adversaries. The net result was what they wanted, not what he wished.

All through his speech ran the theory that the Taft amendment would have permitted producers to raise prices inordinately. The cost-plus system does allow over-estimation of costs, as witnesses to the experience of war contracts will testify. Mr. Truman cited figures to prove his point.

Action Inconsistent

BUT then he vetoed the whole bill, and left no controls whatever. His action thus ran backwards from his words. If you accepted his argument that the Taft amendment was bad, it must follow that what he did was twice as bad. If Taft had opened a sieve through OPA, Mr. Truman had removed the sieve and let the whole thing go down the drain.

To meet this glaring deficiency in his argument, Mr. Truman said he hoped congress would act immediately. He had no reason for such hope. A solid thwacking majority of congress had already acted in the opposite way. They then quit for the weekend in the face of his request, as any congressman well know in advance that they would. He asked them for a simple renewal of OPA (which is what he actually refused him all along). If he was actually playing for this, he had no right to expect it and was admittedly selecting a losing game for himself by delivering the issue into their hands.

After that, the speech got worse. He then appealed to the public to abide by a non-existent law which could not, or was not being enforced when it was a law. I cannot recollect a precedent before, asking public adherence in peacetime to a law which did not exist, certainly not to a law which a large number of the people and a majority of congress obviously have not liked.

Thus Mr. Truman got rid of all OPA.

Test For Capitalism

AS to the other side of it (what might be very loosely termed as the demo-republican side), the president's action certainly required opponents of OPA to prove their theory. A great many people have believed that if the whole setup of government restrictions was abolished, and we returned to peacetime methods, a spotty price situation might prevail for a few weeks, but production would be encouraged and as soon as we get production, prices will come down. As goods become plentiful and competition is restored, the natural brakes of the capitalistic system would apply. It was up to business to make this prove to be true.

To present my point clearly to your minds, let me say this: had I been in Mr. Truman's shoes, I would have signed the bill and issued my protest simultaneously. This is what his congressional leaders advised him to do. Incidentally, this would have been also the best politics. Mr. Truman is not running for election this year, but his democratic majority is facing the electorate. Even if he wins his legislation, Mr. Truman has embarrassed that majority. Good politics called for him to save what he could of OPA—not necessarily what he would like to have—and help his congress, for he has majorities in both houses.

The only immediate cheer I heard came from CIO President Phillip Murray who called Mr. Truman's step "a stabilizing influence." It was 100 percent the opposite out here.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Aren't you wasting time reading, Dorothy? The only thing men seem to notice in summer is figures—they don't think about brains till winter!"

STATIC



The mat at the top of this column is there solely for the benefit of the boys in the back shop. They've been wondering what happened to the pictures, and I aim to please. The young vocalist is Ilene Woods, in case you're interested, and she sings with the Glamour Manor show.

Klamath's rodeo went off with a bang yesterday, and the community certainly owes a vote of thanks to the committee and their helpers who put on the show. A capacity crowd turned out, and the boys on the rodeo circuit put on a show that hasn't been beaten from a spectator standpoint of view in many a long year. Tough luck dogged the RAA boys, what with rough calves, fast bulldozing stock and broken ropes, but they all stayed in there and fought back. Biggest hand of the day went to the lad in the steer team roping event who was spilled when his horse was jerked down. He rolled off, scrambled to his feet and started to run out of the way when he saw his chance to jump back on his horse, took it, hit the saddle, took up the slack in his rope and held his steer.

Lynn Roycroft did his usual splendid job of broadcasting the show over the PA system there, and both KFLW and KFJI were one hand to send the show over the air to those unable to attend.

Mrs. Emmet Kendrick added a new one to the show when she hazed for her husband in the dogging event. As far as is known she is the only woman hazer in the business today.

The parade yesterday morning was probably the biggest and best that Klamath Falls has

titute toward the United States seems to be based as much on practicality as on principle.

But every breather, every acceptance of cooperation, provides that much more opportunity to spread the conviction that no boundary, no local or temporary gain, no extension of power, no sop to national pride, can ever prove as valuable as peace.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 50 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.

SOVIET ADAMANT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The Soviets are not going to give in to the other big powers what Britain and the U. S. want. F.D.R. made too many promises to Stalin at Yalta and Teheran. I quote from DeMaree Bess in the Saturday Evening Post, June 29, "In his efforts to win the confidence of the Russian rulers, our late president departed from the principals of the Atlantic Charter and he took the step, unprecedented for an American president, of entering into secret agreements, which handed over to the Russians, rich territories both in Europe and Asia."

I quote further: "In so doing he (Roosevelt) over rode the opposition of British leaders who did not share his confidence in this 'great design.'"

Harry Truman thought he should carry out F.D.R.'s plans and was at a loss what to do. I don't think Truman was in accord with Roosevelt's ideas, but what could he do? He was wise, he put the job onto a smart diplomat like Byrnes and sat back and watched the battle.

Well, what is going to be the result?

According to Lenin's and Stalin's ideas which are Marxian there is no compromise with any capitalist nation. As Lenin said, compromise temporarily, but be ready sooner or later to carry out the communist program. Lenin said war if necessary if you think you can win, if not bid your time for later.

The principals of communism were instilled into its adherents, so it is a part of their mentality. They believe with all their mind that the utopia of the world lies in communism. The people of Russia do not know of the blessings of liberty that so called capitalist republics have. They are forced to believe that theirs is the only solution. They are not allowed to know all the world's conditions. They may through their leaders acquiescent in some agreements, but are ready and willing to give life

New Sugar Beet Crop To Be Tried In State

REDMOND, July 5 (AP)—An experiment to test a possible new cash crop in central Oregon will start in Deschutes county next month, with planting of sugar beets for seed on three farms.

Gene Lear, county agent, said such a crop would fit well into the county's rotation program. Yields in other areas have ranged from 1200 to 3000 pounds per acre.

Police Hunt Maniac In Bizarre Murder

BOSTON, July 5 (AP)—A medical examiner's report that Agnes Burnett, 84, mother of a New York musician, was stabbed and probably criminally attacked before she was nailed still alive in a clothes closet today sent police on a hunt for a maniac.

Her body was found Wednesday night by two policemen who had been summoned by friends. Two nails bolted the closet in which her body was discovered.

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