

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
WAA's belated agreement to transfer the Marine Barracks to the state is a hopeful development, but optimism over the MB situation must be tempered with a realization that there are still obstacles to be surmounted.



That nothing constructive has yet been actually done with the fine big plant on the hill can be laid directly at the door of the various federal agencies that have dilly-dallied along with this matter for months, each week of delay complicating the situation.

It was last winter, nearly a year ago, that the state board of higher education decided the establishment of a veteran school at the Marine Barracks would be feasible, and began negotiations with the navy and federal agencies. Those negotiations muddled along into the summer, and finally the board of higher education voted not to attempt a higher education institution at the Barracks this year—chiefly because it had never gotten a definite understanding with the government about taking the plant over.

Then the board of education (not higher education) came more actively into the picture with a plan for developing a vocational school at the MB. The board voted to ask the federal government for the plant, and the state emergency board appropriated \$75,000 to get the school started.

RUBBING IT IN

AGAIN came the prolonged period of negotiations with the government, this time chiefly with the WAA. As if to rub it in, WAA finally acted on the last day of the year, just one day before the state department of education had planned to open the new school. Further, WAA inserted a couple of new restrictive clauses that necessitate approval again of the board of education before closing the deal.

The money appropriated by the emergency board for the new school was to have operated it until February 1, with the idea that the legislature would appropriate funds to continue the institution. Now it appears unlikely the school could be started by February 1. Had the WAA acted promptly, the vocational school people could go before the legislature with a going institution, which would at least ease the financing project.

In its press dispatch announcing its decision, the WAA points out the many advantages of the property, which it says was laid out on the order of a college campus rather than a military installation. That is all true, and it is unfortunate that fine property could not have been made available promptly, rather than to have its use by the state so tied up with negotiations and red tape for so long a time that even now it cannot be said definitely that an educational institution is going to be established at the Marine Barracks.

COMMENT ON JUNIOR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 2.—(To the Editor)—After reading some of the unjust comments on Junior Herald and News, I felt I must express myself.
I feel you are doing the best you can, and I would like to express my DISGUST and INDIGNATION toward the ungrateful persons who have written in condemning Jr. H. N.
You're doing a fine job so far as I can see.
Sincerely yours,
LOIS CONNER.

Mallon's Column

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—My farm friend Bill out in Wisconsin does not read the newspapers much. He subscribes to a nearby town daily, and looks at the daily, but his eyes are not good and after finishing his farm work in the evenings, he likes to listen to the radio commentators. And Bill today, as a result of this method of getting the news, is worse informed and more wrongly advised about world news than you would think a man could get, unless he happened to be a Russian peasant.
Not only that but Bill's ideas of the

state of the world, and what should be done about it, run up and down from day to day and hour to hour like a thermometer tied on the tail of a cow jumping over the moon so fast it cannot record what it is going through.

The singular thing about Bill's news thinking is he can always remember the most sensational thing one commentator said last night, but he can never remember even the sensational things said the night before. These sensations play a 24-hour stand with Bill, and necessarily so, because next night there are new sensations, generally on the opposite side or entirely different. Bill can hardly reach a conclusion (even a wrong one) because he must hop from one sensation to another.

MORE EDITORIAL THAN NEWS

A LOT of people in this country are in the same fix. In a newspaper, you can read what you want at your leisure, study it, put it together, and reflect upon it, agreeably or disagreeably. Also in a newspaper, just one page or two at the most is devoted to editorial advice. The rest is news, or ads, which you can take or not. But on the radio there seems to be more editorial than news, more views than reviews; and you must take it all, without occasion for choice or reflection, unless you turn it all off and get nothing. Further, radio is generally a brief summary of short bulletins on a subject about which a trained newspaper correspondent may write a column or more, giving you the proper background and evaluation, so you will not be misled.

Many well-trained, experienced newsmen are in radio. The broadcasting companies try to get things straight and keep them that way. But the comment trade is running off with their show. Radio comment must be tuned to the ear. Many commentators do three to five shows a day. They must make their fast-made product sound interesting or they will lose their jobs, and 15 minutes make a bottomless pit for words. Their bosses are halfway in Hollywood anyway because the sustaining money for radio comes from the big vaudeville programs of the stage and screen stars. All such dramatics are tuned to arousing sensations. So radio tries to make an entertainment out of news, bellowing, blowing, breathlessly fulminating, wheezing, cooing.

Now when things move that fast and in that vein, they simply cannot possibly be good. Radio sells to the ear alone. It distributes news by sound and not value of comment. The value of the product means practically nothing. What it is worth to radio is solely how someone makes it sound to you. An empty-headed cooer can be worth 10 trained news experts. And the whole thing is composed, said and forgotten so fast, no listener can remember last week's prophecies. Each week we have a new set of omens. If 90 per cent of them turn out to be wrong, it does not make any difference to anyone, including Bill, because he remembered them for only 24 hours anyway.

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SENSATION APPEAL

My point in news dispensing has largely been changed from an appeal to eye and sense, and turned around to an appeal to ear and theatrics; and a great many people are obtaining their sole information on this new basis. In a democracy that is dangerous. Whatever view prevails among those people must be based on an inferior product which unintentionally but necessarily misleads; indeed cannot possibly inform people adequately.

Now this does not mean this line of information is at the mercy of anyone working in radio, owning or running it. The line is really just wide open to an accumulated mass of snap judgments, and exceptionally amenable to propagandists who grind axes of influence upon people, and make pressures to control the thinking of people.

Many things could be done about this, although I have no idea of a cure-all. The radio press associations might try to fix harder standards which might be of some effect. The people involved might be induced one way or another to strive for soundness and permanency in comment, rather than running 24-hour forgeries, or elevate the best and properly classify the worst. Certainly far less comment would do and better studied comment is needed. (A dozen names of good sound radio broadcasting men come to my mind at the moment whose product and more wrongly advised about world news than you would think a man could get, unless he happened to be a Russian peasant.)
I merely know something should be done.

SIDE GLANCES



"The way to enjoy winter is just to ignore the cold the way I do!"

MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

Malin

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Wilde spent Christmas with Wilde's mother in Bend.
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kalina of Springfield spent several days in Malin last week visiting relatives.
Mary Elzner, who is attending business college in Oakland, spent the holidays at the home of her parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Henzel, Stuart and Jane, spent the holidays in southern California visiting relatives.
Mrs. Charles Johnson, who recently underwent surgery at St. Luke's hospital in San Francisco, has returned to her home in Malin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rajnus entertained last Thursday night for Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kalina, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kalina, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Toffel, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. M. McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chittock.
Tom Gerald, superintendent of Great Northern, and H. D. Hanscom, general agent of Great Northern, met with the Malin chamber of commerce last week to discuss the possibility of securing more reefers for potato shipping in this locality.
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ellis welcomed old friends and new at their annual open house on Christmas Day.
Linda Ellis has been quite ill for the past 10 days and is still unable to be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Breithaupt returned home Wednesday from a business trip to Prineville and Portland. The Breithaupts have purchased the general merchandise store from Mr. McClellan, known as Mac's store, and will take possession January 1.
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Bly

Mrs. J. E. Eichendorf donated a pretty doll and wardrobe for the co-operators house fund and it was won by Mrs. O. K. Puckett. The business meeting was conducted by the chairman, Mrs. Ray Garrison and the secretary, Mrs. M. D. Taylor read an interesting ACWW letter from Australia.
The next meeting will be on January 15 at the Klamath Lutheran church and the subject will be "Bread Baking."

The World Today

By GLENN BABB
AP Foreign News Analyst

To millions of Japanese who still believe in the old ways this is the year of the boar, symbol of turbulence and unruliness. The ancient tradition, which grouped the years in cycles of 12 and assigned to each an animal of the oriental zodiac, was that the character of the new year was likely to resemble that of its symbol. Nineteen forty-six was the year of the dog, faithful and docile. Believers therefore will expect of 1947 something different from the comparative tranquility of Japan's first full year of peace under American occupation and tutelage.

In his New Year message to the 75,000,000 Japanese over whom he exercises the conquerors' authority, General MacArthur said the nation's progress in 1947 would determine whether or not it can be brought to fruition those great reforms now being charted.
"It is my prayer," the allied commander concluded, "indeed, my firm anticipation, that the Japanese people will understand and grasp this opportunity and rise resolutely to meet its challenge. Therein lies Japan's salvation... and therein lies the hope of all the peoples of the east for a better civilization."

Decisions already taken roughly chart Japan's course in 1947. The new constitution comes into effect May 3. A drastic program of agrarian change, giving land to tenant farmers, is to move toward completion. Labor reforms will place new power in the hands of the industrial masses. The constitution, while retaining the emperor, stipulates that he reigns by the will of the people and not of "heaven." It provides for a democratic parliament. And, most revolutionary experiment of all, not merely for the Japanese but for all peoples, it renounces war and the possession of armed forces.

Close observers feel 1947 will determine whether Japan can become genuinely democratic. Hitherto the reforms in that direction, sweeping as they have been, have been largely of form, on the surface. The masses, still dazed by the cataclysmic changes wrought by the end of the shattering of old beliefs and loyalties, showed little real comprehension. But the loosening of old bonds will permit new ferment to work in the next year. Labor alone, with more than 4,000,000 workers organized in unions, will be flexing its political muscles. The peasantry, rescued from the quasi-serfdom imposed by the land tenancy laws and customs, is bound to acquire political consciousness and reject much of the old social fabric. The ability of such relatively conservative political elements as those represented in Premier Yoshida's government to keep these new currents under control will be severely tested.

Victors' Problem
Also tested will be the ability or willingness of the victor powers—and this means chiefly the United States—to stand aloof and allow the Japanese to work out their own path toward democracy regardless of what turmoil this may entail. For it must be admitted that in Japan, as in the other oriental lands in whose destinies we are interesting ourselves, the worldwide conflict between western democracy and Russian communism is a dominant factor. Thus far the Japanese communist party has been noisy rather than important, but the new ferment will strengthen it and Russian encouragement and support will always be at hand.

The same struggle goes on in Korea.



Forest Fire Damage Drops During 1946 Fire Season

Nineteen forty-six proved to be the best fire year in the last 11 years, according to Hal Ogle, district warden for the Klamath Forest Protective association, KFPFA, and was probably better than any year before that.
The KFPFA covers forested areas in three counties, Klamath, Lake and Jackson. According to a breakdown on forest fires there were a total of 75 fires which burned over 613 acres of land.
Here is a breakdown:
Cause No. of Fires Acres
Lightning 25 6
Incendary 5 1
Campers 23 11
Smokers 9 36
Loggers 9 4
Railroads 1 2
Miscellaneous 6 2
There were no fires reported due to brush or slash burning, Ogle said.

Flashes Of Life

REMORSE, LTD.
LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—"What would your mother think?" That, said Housekeeper Nora Clarke, five feet tall, was what she asked an armed burglar about to leave her employer's house with an armload of furs.
"He looked at me then and said something like, 'all right,' and put them down and left," Mrs. Clarke related to police.
The shame, however, police said, did not stop the thief from getting away with about \$4000 worth of other valuables.

BURIED BLESSING

BRANSON, Mo., Jan. 2 (AP)—A fire last February destroyed the home of Dr. John Crockett, known as "The Bishop of the Ozarks."
Four hundred dollars in cash was lost.
Tuesday three small boys, playing in the ashes of the parsonage, found the money in a charred suitcase, ten months after the fire.

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The sword finally was discovered in possession of Jose Calma in a small village near Natividad, in the Pampanga river swamps, 30 miles northwest of Manila.

New Year's Baby Beats Out Stork

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 2 (AP)—It was a New Year's baby girl again for Mrs. Edith Sage and again, just as in 1945, it was the winner of this city's first-baby contest.
The latest winner, born at 2:30 a. m. yesterday in a hospital, is to be named Diane Carol. Her sister, who won the contest two years ago, is Beverly Ann. Mrs. Sage, whose husband William L. has five other children, the oldest 15.

CAT TRAPPED

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Herbert Carnes, an emergency man for the anti-cruelty society, left a sick bed yesterday to rescue a toment which for five days had perched in the upper branches of a 65-foot tree in Aldine avenue.
The cat had balked other rescue attempts but Carnes succeeded in getting close enough to the animal to slip a noose over the feline and pull it down into his arms.
Carnes took the cat to the society's headquarters and went home to attempt to break up a severe cold.

Suburban News

G. D. Williams has been elected to the board of directors of the newly organized suburban fire district succeeding William Metter, elected for the remainder of the year just ended following establishment of the district about two months ago.
All officers of the Suburban league have been re-elected, with Ned Smith to serve as president; L. Alva Lewis, vice president; Mrs. L. W. Barleen, secretary, and Mrs. Floyd Hoover, treasurer. Cecil Prather, George Williams and Frank Steele will serve as the board of directors.
Due to the shortage of coal at the Shasta View school where meetings are held, no meeting is planned until January. At the time the coal strike ended the school had on hand a six weeks' supply.
Mrs. Dacie Hoover will serve the League auxiliary as president and Mrs. Floyd Hoover as president and secretary and treasurer. The auxiliary met recently at the home of Mrs. Lala Hunt on Hillside avenue.
The Shasta View grange will meet Thursday night to install newly elected officers at the Shasta View school house. George Kuzman will serve as master; L. Alva Lewis, overseer; Mrs. L. W. Barleen, lecturer; Mrs. Deola Wryn, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Hoover, treasurer; Mrs. Anna McCormick, chaplain; Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Flora; Mrs. Louisa LaSalle, Ceres; Mrs. A. E. Bergloff, Pamona; A. E. Bergloff, steward; J. Fishback, assistant steward; Mrs. Christine Parks, lady assistant steward and Ruth Mathews, gatekeeper. New executive officers are Ned Smith, Anna Funk and L. Alva Lewis.

Police Search Bank Robbers

BATTLE GROUND, Wash., Jan. 2 (AP)—Police resumed a road-to-road search of this area today in hope of snagging the trail of three gunmen who robbed the State bank here of \$18,000.
Three young men taken into custody yesterday when a gas station operator reported they answered descriptions of the bandits were later released and sheriff's officers and state police admitted they lacked any new clues.
State Patrolman Robert Ranney reported a dozen tips had been exhausted.
Police said the automobile abandoned near Brush Prairie had a bullet hole in the windshield and blood splattered on the floor at the front seat.
Bank officials' original estimate of \$8000 lost was raised to \$18,000 after an audit.

Portland Float Wins First Place

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—A float entered by Portland, Ore., depicting Atlas as representing the great electric power resources of the northwest, won first honors yesterday for cities outside California in the tournament of roses parade.
The terraced float was made of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums.

THURSDAY EVE., JAN. 2

- KFLW—1450 kc.
6:00 Harry Kegan Orch. ABC
6:30 News
6:45 World News Summary
7:00 The Real Story
7:15 The Three Stars
7:30 Managing Editor's Report
7:45 News
8:00 Want to Lead a Hand ABC
8:15 World Security Show ABC
8:30 Deal Aces Orch. ABC
8:45 News
9:00 Stardust Melodies
9:15 News
9:30 Sign Off
11:15
11:30
11:45



Static

By KELLY ROBERTS
Two inebriates walked out of a localistro New Year's Eve, each in a bellicose mood. They stood facing each other on the icy pavement and squared off. Drunk number one swung furiously at the other, slipped on the ice and landed flat on his posterior. Drunk number two picked him up from the pavement, the two shook hands, number one practically weeping with gratitude. Linked arms in arm, they turned around and walked back into the dispensary for another drink.

RFC Inquiry Slated By GOP

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—A sweeping inquiry into the RFC's handling of war plants and contracts was under discussion today by republican members of the senate war investigating committee.
The republicans talked of undertaking the inquiry into the reconstruction finance corporation as the first of several to be carried out if the life of the group is continued by the GOP-controlled senate.
If RFC's war activities are probed, a committee member said, it is likely that Jesse Jones, former head of the agency and former secretary of commerce, will be the first witness.
The organization provided much of the financing for wartime industrial development either directly or through an interlocking maze of subsidiaries.

Also high on the list of prospective witnesses would be George E. Allen, who resigned last week as an RFC director after laying before President Truman a comprehensive plan to streamline the agency and take away many of its wartime powers.
There were indications that the republicans have been looking critically at the RFC for some time with the idea of shearing off much of its authority before deciding whether to give it a new lease on life. Its present congressional authorization expires June 30.

breathed easier, the venetian blinds over the door were raised, permitting the glorious vista of the Pine street side of the Lake hotel, unblinded by the sight of the disheveled product of River Rouge. That night we went home secure in the thought that the eyesore was in the hands of the police and that we had seen the last of it. Strange are the ways of fate, though. Tuesday morning early arrivals were greeted by the sight of the aforementioned bashed-in quadricycle sitting self-righteously in the very same spot from which the city's finest had removed it the morning before. It's still there.

RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS

someone parked a '38 vintage Ford coupe, that looked like one of the American Legion's traffic safety committee displays, directly in front of the editorial room door of the Herald and News. The first two days weren't too bad, but people began mattering to themselves about the dilapidated vehicle to such an extent that city police decided it was necessary to haul it away, this they did last Monday morning. Once gone, everyone

RADIO PROGRAMS

- FRIDAY A. M., JAN. 3
8:15 Kenny Baker Show ABC
8:30 Bulet in Hollywood ABC
9:45 Bulet in Hollywood ABC
10:00 Galen Drake ABC
10:15 World News Summary
10:30 My True Story ABC
10:45 World Circle
10:55 Miniature Concert
11:00 Sing & Shop
11:15 News
11:30 The Listening Post ABC
11:45 Ethel and Albert, ABC
- FRIDAY P. M., JAN. 3
12:00 News, Noon Edition
12:30 News, 1:00 Edition
12:30 Gem Sessions
12:45 Basic to March Times
1:00 Tom Bartlett Show ABC
1:15
1:30 Baptist Bible Program
1:45 Merill Time
2:00 What's Doin', Ladies ABC
2:15 News ABC
2:30 Bulet in Hollywood ABC
3:00 Ladies Be Seated ABC
3:30 1500 Melodies
3:45
4:00 Malcolm Epley
4:15 News
4:30 News
4:45 News
4:55 News
5:00 News
5:15 Sky King ABC
5:30 Jack Armstrong ABC
5:45 News
*KFLW Feature

OUT OUR WAY



HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN