

### Today's Roundup

**By MALCOLM EPLEY**  
**LESSON** for babies: In one of those bashed-up automobiles left on local streets as a traffic accident warning is the broken-off top of a baby nursing bottle, the nipple intact. . . .  
An acquaintance of ours consumed a 6 o'clock dinner at his home in Klamath Falls last night, caught a United Air Lines plane at 6:45 p. m., vaulted the Cascades, and was in Eugene in plenty of time to attend a second show at a movie house there. Tempus fugit, and so does homo sapiens, keeping nicely up with it. . . .  
The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing is considering a Klamath Falls chapter, and some of the local boys with flexible vocal chords are going to test their qualifications as members next Sunday. This may mean that the new city council will have to require that certain organizational activities must be confined to a soundproof room. . . .  
Congress meets, and perhaps it's a tribute to the republicans that we common folk cast our eyes toward Washington this time with more curiosity than apprehension. We've never had much faith in election "mandates" but we've got an idea that if the returns from the November 5th voting meant anything, they directed those elected representatives to legislate in the direction of harmony, fair play between economic disputants, curbs on public extravagance. And that doesn't necessarily mean a terrific volume of lawmaking, either. . . .  
Well, little Junior is about on his last legs. He has been buffeted and defended, and has provided something beside the weather for conversational purposes in the talkative holiday season. Some people even claim now they like Junior, and would like him to stay around permanently. But alas, Junior, in his present form, is an extravagant, costly kid. He's got to grow up and make some money, or die of financial starvation.

**COMMENT ON JUNIOR**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(To the Editor) — Comment against Junior written by some of our worthy citizens greatly amuse and disgust me. If people would be a little more thankful for what we have, instead of thinking someone is trying to cheat them, or that they aren't getting their money's worth, a better world we all would have. It has been said "good goods is put up in small packages."  
Anyone who belittles Junior is the kind of person who would remark the past few years about a man being in civilian clothes while their boy was in uniform only to learn the civilian had left his own legs somewhere in Europe and artificial ones were good enough for him now.

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### SIDE GLANCES



"We've got to quit buying everything so I can pay off that note in February and borrow again in March to pay my income tax!"

### Boyle's Column

#### Columnist Gives Short History Of 'Texas Army'

**By HAL BOYLE**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—The "Lone Star" state of Texas, never bashful of its territorial claims, formally admitted the rest of America into its union in the last world war.  
It did it through its own doughboy army—"The Fighting 36th" infantry division.  
Everyone knows that Texas practically subsidized the army air corps, but it may come as a surprise to some isolated outlanders to learn that there were still enough Texans left to climb out of their saddles and organize one of the best outfits of "walking soldiers" of the entire war.  
They took in "doughfoots" from every other state in the union and taught them to be proud of the blue-and-gold "T" patch of Texas. Men like "Commando" Kelly of Pittsburgh, first soldier to win the congressional medal of honor in Europe.  
**Telescope Story**  
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### The World Today

By GLENN BABB  
AP Foreign News Analyst

With Poland's national elections little more than a fortnight off, evidence accumulates that they are highly unlikely to be the "free and unfettered elections" envisaged by two of the Big Three at Potsdam. The party rejected the right of the communist bloc, with its communist core, appears to be taking no chances on a popular verdict that would unseat it. The opposition declares that many forms of intimidation and violence are being used to reduce its chances to a minimum.  
All indications are that the voting, set for January 19, will just be one more in the series of elections with which Soviet-sponsored regimes in the Russian satellite states are being given the appearance of having been chosen by democratic, legal methods. Such elections have placed or confirmed communist-dominated governments in power in Yugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria, and now the process is being repeated in the largest and most important of the satellites. The result will further strain on the relations of Russia and the Atlantic powers.

**Pledge Fulfilled**  
As in the cases of Romania and Bulgaria, the American and British governments have recorded their convictions that the Polish elections will not be all they should be. Washington and London protests to Warsaw have wrought no change in the Polish government's attitude, which in unions now seek more than western powers to intervene or offer advice. But Britain and America base their interest on the Potsdam accord, which stated:  
The three powers (United States, Britain and Russia) note that the Polish provisional government in accordance with the decisions of the Crimean conference (Yalta) has agreed to the holding of free and unfettered elections as soon as possible on the basis of universal suffrage and secret ballot in which all democratic and anti-Nazi parties shall have the right to take part and put forward candidates, and that representatives of the allied press shall enjoy full freedom to report to the world upon developments in Poland before and during the elections.

**Polish Elections Bad**  
The latter part of that pledge apparently is being fulfilled, since foreign correspondents have been permitted to travel about Poland and send uncensored accounts abroad and Polish authorities have offered to facilitate the entry of correspondents to cover the election.  
What happens January 19 and the preceding fortnight would be in full view of the outside world. But the first part of the Potsdam accord was announced Aug. 2, 1945. The elections which were to come "as soon as possible" have been deferred more than 17 months. And opposition to the present bloc, say the voting will be anything but "free and unfettered."  
Leader of the opposition is Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, head of the Polish peasants party and,

strangely, vice premier in the leftist government. The explanation is that at Yalta Britain and America made inclusion of Mikolajczyk, onetime premier of the Polish exile regime in London, in a new "Polish provisional government of national unity," a condition of their recognition. Mikolajczyk was taken in, but even though he is vice premier, actually he is the outstanding opponent of the regime, his inclusion having proved nothing more than a device to meet the Yalta conditions.

**OUT OUR WAY**  
By J. R. WILLIAMS  
WHAT LUCK!  
THAT'S LUCK! THIS IS A MIRACLE!  
TWO IN ONE



### Congress Warned To Lay Off Portal To Portal Pay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah), co-author of the law on which portal-to-portal pay suits are based, said today congress should keep hands off the issue until the courts have had their say.  
But several republican senators expressed the opinion that the new GOP-controlled congress will have to come to grips with the snowballing suits in which unions now seek more than \$20,000,000,000 from employers.  
On the house side, Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) said he will propose amendment of the fair labor standards act to define a work week as the time actually spent in productive labor.  
The supreme court ruled that workers should be paid for "all time during which an employee is required to be on an employer's premises."  
"I was one of the authors of the fair labor standards act (the law involved) and I know that portal-to-portal pay was not even thought of when the bill was discussed," Thomas said. "Just what constitutes a 40-hour week is the matter that has to be decided now."

### Story Of Famous Bagpipe Is Told By Red Cross Head

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP)—The story of a Corvallis colonel and the bagpipe he couldn't play was recounted today by Henry Soderberg, Swedish attorney and international YMCA field representative.  
In 1944 Soderberg, visiting German prison camps, met Col. Paul R. Goode of Corvallis, who was awarded the Legion of Merit for his courage in facing prison guards and gestapo agents.  
"He asked me for a bagpipe," Soderberg, here for a speaking engagement, said. "He admitted he couldn't play, but he said his father was a Scotchman — and — well, he 'just wanted a bagpipe.' . . . I got one to Col. Goode

in January of 1945, just a few days before the colonel and the rest of the prisoners were ordered out ahead of the approaching allies.  
"The prisoners were allowed to grab a few personal effects and what food they had—all to be packed on their own backs. The only thing that Col. Goode took was his bagpipe. From Poland, he tramped to the Baltic border, where he and his bagpipe were suddenly liberated by General Patton's army.  
"He rode in Patton's troops—still clutching his bagpipe, which he had never tried to play—on an army truck. But Patton's men were unable to block the German onslaught and Goode was recaptured."  
Ten days before the war ended, Soderberg saw Goode again—sleeping on a dirty pile of straw in a German prison camp. "His arms, even in sleep, tightly held the bagpipe."  
Soderberg, amazed at the long affection for an instrument the Oregonian couldn't play, asked about it. "The colonel patted the bagpipe affectionately and revealed a secret. Inside that bagpipe was a radio. He had been receiving news and spreading it secretly among fellow prisoners."

### Man Burned In Hotel Blaze

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP)—One unidentified man was burned to death and four others were injured when fire swept through the small, downtown Wayne hotel early today.  
Police Radio Officers A. V. Worthington and J. W. Doctors said one occupant of the hotel was being held for questioning because an empty gasoline can was found on the stairs.  
Wayne hotel early today, Chief F. E. Winkler said many of the hotel's residents were hanging from windows and getting ready to jump when firemen arrived. About 25 were taken down on ladders.  
The fire companies extinguished the flames which virtually demolished the interior of the hotel. Firemen said the 30 rooms, in the second story of a two-story building, were occupied and that some guests were sleeping in a hallway.

### Flashes Of Life

**MOTIVE: HUNGER**  
RENO, Nev., Jan. 3 (AP)—This little report on file with Reno police today:  
Property attacked: Hamlet's Hut, 753 West Fourth St.  
Means of attack: Breaking glass, lifting catch rear door.  
Loss: Two and one-half pieces of pie.

**DIAL HAPPY**  
SEATTLE, Jan. 3 (AP)—Police Traffic Investigator J. M. Butler, whose home telephone number is WE1947, said 229 persons called this week to wish him a Happy New Year.  
During the rush New Years Eve, the owner of a 1947 number on another exchange called to "wish a fellow sufferer sympathy."  
Another policeman, M. E. Cook, joined him to answer calls. "We gave every one our nickels' worth," Butler said. "We shot the breeze with any who wanted to talk."

**FIRE HAZARD**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—An unidentified Indiana motorist made a mistake in parking his automobile in front of a fire hydrant on Winthrop avenue last night.  
Firemen summoned to put out a fire in an apartment hotel across the street from the car bearing Indiana license plates were unable to move the car or get the hose around it.  
But they solved their problem by smashing the windows of the car and ran their hoses through the machine. Damage to the apartment was \$1500, but the car's damage was not estimated.

**STATIC**  
By KELLY ROBERTS  
Overheard during morning coffee: "I didn't really want to get married, I just didn't have anything else to do at the time."

Mac Epley is asking listeners to his "The Managing Editor Reports" over KFLW to write him their suggestions for improvement of the city or county. If you know of some little thing that you think ought to be done, write Mac at either KFLW or The Herald and News.  
KFLW's 7 p. m. Friday night Cavalcade of Sports will take listeners to the ringside of the 10-round lightweight battle between Julio Jimenez and Roman Alvarez. Sounds like another Mexican civil war.  
Listen, dear people and don't get lost. And the "Met" will bring you the tale of Faust. At eleven tomorrow, as sure as you please, Mephistopheles. They'll tell you how Faust met Mephistopheles. And all the trouble that that led to. You may hear over KFLW. That ain't good, but it does get the idea across.

**SHARE THE WEALTH**  
MADRAS, Jan. 3 (AP)—Even the Russian thistles are trying to distribute the wealth these days.  
A Culver rancher picked up one of the tumbleweeds and found a dollar bill in it. Later B. O. Larkins, Opel City, picked up another. It also had a greenback.

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE . . . with . . . MAJOR HOOPLE



### Basin Legislators Leave Here For Senate Session

Senator Marshall Cornett, who is going early to prepare for his job as president of the state senate, will leave for Salem today as the first of Klamath county's legislative delegation to trek to the capital for the 1947 session. Mrs. Rose Poole and Henry Semon, members of the house of representatives, will go to Salem January 11. Caucuses will be held on January 12, and the session starts January 13.  
Cornett has been at work outlining his committees for the session. He said he has virtually finished his job, but does not intend to announce the appointments publicly until the caucus. Cornett's secretary for the session will be Mrs. Arthur W. Knox of Salem, who served him as secretary two years ago. Mrs. Knox was secretary of Senator William Steiwer when he was president of the senate. Years ago she was secretary to Andrew M. Collier of Klamath Falls when he was a member of the lower house.  
Representative Semon appears likely to win reappointment to the important ways and means committee. One of the legislature's veterans in terms of service, Semon has been on ways and means in every session since 1934. He has been chairman three times. Representative John Hall of Multnomah county, who is slated to be speaker of the house, is reported to be planning to name Semon on the committee. Semon said today he has not named his secretary for the session.  
Mrs. Poole's secretary will be Mrs. Berkeley DeVaul (Clara Calkins DeVaul) now of Salem, formerly of Klamath Falls. Semon and Cornett will occupy their old suite at the Marion hotel, with Senator Carl Engdahl of Pendleton. Mrs. Poole has reservations at the Senator hotel for the session.

### Confusion Highlights Opening Of New Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Congress goes to work today, and just in time, too. All is confusion on Capitol Hill.  
For example: Call the house naval affairs committee, and what do you get?  
A fellow who says, "house naval affairs committee."  
Now this is very interesting because there isn't any such thing as a house naval affairs committee.  
It went out of business, legally, yesterday. All military and naval matters now belong to the house armed services committee.  
But ask for the house armed services committee, and what do you get?  
Nothing at all, that's what. Things are messed up because congress is reorganizing. It is choosing the house committees from 48 to 19. The senate committees will shrink from 33 to 15.  
It's in these committees that congress does most of its work. The cuts became effective yesterday. But it's obvious the new committees can't be set up un-

### Hotel Blaze Routs Thirty-Five Guests

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Thirty-five guests were routed by fire today from the New Holland hotel, 30 W. 10th street. Firemen reported damage was considerable before the blaze was extinguished.  
Fire department officials said the fire apparently was caused by a discarded cigarette and started in a storeroom on the top floor of the three-story brick structure.

### RADIO PROGRAMS

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