

Today's Roundup

SOUNDNESS of pay-as-we-go financing policies, adopted here rather generally a few years ago and closely adhered to, was well proved in yesterday's survey report showing that public bonded debt is no longer a serious fiscal problem here.



EPLEY

Three of the major taxing units—city, county and KUHS district—now have sinking funds sufficient to offset bonded debt and interest, and the other two—county unit and city elementary school districts—are in good shape.

This shows we have come a long way since the situation 10 and 15 years ago, when debt obligations looked almost insurmountable, and meeting debt service requirements in hard years of depression was an almost unbearable burden.

With public indebtedness reduced to a comparatively few thousand dollars, the Klamath country may face the future with confidence.

FOR several years, we've been paying for public improvements and new projects by special levies, rather than interest-bearing bond issues. This financing method was advocated by this newspaper, along with others, and our public officials, supported by popular voting, have followed it consistently.

Let's be misleading, let us point out that in some instances special levy financing does involve borrowing. For instance, a levy may be authorized for a certain city project, the levy to be spread over maybe two, three or four years. In order to have the money immediately available, the levying unit may issue warrants immediately, which are protested and which draw interest until they are retired.

But this is all done on a short term basis, as compared with the usual bond issue, and as soon as the city collects the tax money, the warrants are paid and the interest stops. Often, it is possible to collect the money before the expenses arise, saving any interest payments. Furthermore, there is a substantial saving by eliminating the legal and other costs involved in inaugurating a bond issue, usually several hundred dollars.

There is another advantage to the method of current, or pre-financing of public improvements. Being of a short term nature, such financing is usually reflective of current economic conditions, and the obligations are met while these conditions still prevail. On the other hand, an optimistic public in good times may authorize a heavy bond issue which has to be paid for in part in later years by taxpayers struggling under an unpredicted depression.

Improvements Cost Money

WE should avoid any impression that current levy financing is easy or is getting something for nothing. If we authorize such a program amounting to \$100,000, for instance, we will find that amount on our tax bills. If we obligate ourselves on a continuing levy for four years, we will be paying that levy for four years.

But such a method, for most improvement financing, is sounder, more honest with future generations, usually less expensive. It is good business for a municipal corporation, just as it is for an individual, to pay bills currently, rather than to put them off to another day—which may not be such a good day for paying as it may seem from a distance.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 — Fully accurate warning that the Byrnes foreign policy was being chased around has been conveyed to you in this spot—and I believe in no other. See recent columns on foreign affairs, particularly on December 18, beginning: "Behind the

Efforts Under Way Here To Improve Dairy Herds

Increasing sampling of dairy products, including milk and manufactured items, will be carried on this year by the state department of agriculture as one phase of its program to assist in rebuilding the quality of Oregon's dairy products. Greater supervision by the field representatives of licensed graders of milk and cream operating in dairy plants throughout this area is also promised.

This is the report from C. R. Jester of Klamath Falls, district manager serving Klamath, Josephine and Jackson counties for the division of foods and dairies and weights and measures. Jester attended the division's semi-annual conference in Salem last week. He reports that a large part of the discussion was centered

Warren Austin Atomic Choice

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—President Truman today formally nominated former Senator Warren Austin of Vermont as United States member of the United Nations commission on atomic energy.

Austin's appointment went to the senate as the White House disclosed that Bernard Baruch, who resigned last Saturday from the UN atomic post had arranged to confer with Mr. Truman this afternoon (3:30 p.m. EST).

A volume of more than 1200 pages would be required to list the number of chemical substances which can be extracted from petroleum.

printed rumors that Mr. Byrnes might resign as state secretary (he denied them officially) is the feeling in some quite lofty quarters that his accomplishments in New York left some large vacant holes which are not invisible, etc.

The warning was that while Russia contributed only 6 per cent of the cost of the UN and you could not even find a UN budget of detailed contributions and costs for the coming year, nevertheless she dominated the international discussions, forcing consideration of Spain, disarmament and the more prominent matters of debate. This created a situation which largely blunted the Byrnes peace fruit, although he met with considerable measure of success in finally concluding the five smallest peace treaties (Truman said they were not entirely what was wanted), and getting UN organized.

Dead End

TO an extent more apparent on the inside than to the public, his policy had reached a dead end—culminating in the withdrawal from negotiations first of Senator Connally then Senator Vandenberg and now the state secretary, none of whom wish or intend to go to Moscow to continue the years of nagging for a peace treaty for Austria and Germany.

Now it was Mr. Byrnes himself who decided to use a nine-month-old excuse of health at this time (before the Moscow meeting) and resign. Indeed he may have been influenced in encouraging President Truman to name General Marshall as his successor, a unanimously approved, excellent selection.

As far as reporters could see, Byrnes' health was good, and much better than last spring. He had just returned from a Bermuda vacation with his friend, South Carolina's Senator Maybank, and may have been influenced by diplomatic tactical reasons as much as others for stepping out.

His policy, in addition to Russian obstacles, is beginning to encounter two others. Pretending otherwise cannot make it so.

Russia Isolationist

OUT of the disheartenment with Big Four and UN accomplishments have come initial popular stirrings toward a new American attitude. It cannot be called isolationism, but rather self defense—attention primarily to American interests toward disregarding the disagreeable foreign situation as much as possible.

Of course, Russia is the only truly isolationist nation in the world today. You can see this most easily in the air world. She has never entered commercial air agreements, withdrawn from participation in the international treaties, does not seek landing rights or air contacts. She has no outside commercial aviation. About the only air contact commercially maintained in this respect is a transfer at Helsingfors from Russian to Swedish planes. The Swedish line into Helsingfors is maintained by a private Swedish concern, but the Russians, try to monopolize even the seating on a foreign line with reservations and restrictions. This Russian attitude is universally duplicated in politics and diplomacy.

Then, too, a British labor party rebel group is functioning against American foreign policy on the unrealistic ground that we are "imperialistic"—a case of a pot calling a comparatively clean kettle black. But if this stigmatized group succeeds in its anti-Bevin policy within the British government, it will succeed only in accomplishing what it least wishes—a further withdrawal of America to its own continental interests which naturally must follow any weakening or disuse of UN or Anglo-American co-operation in world affairs.

In this connection the British people are practically sound asleep (although the church and foreign office are not).

Is He Sick?

AT any rate these two developments have broken the formerly complete unanimity behind the Byrnes policy, tactics and accomplishments. These considerations are at least attached to the resignation.

Some observers have tried to dig up an illness for Byrnes, attributing to him hypertension and ulcers, although they profess not to know. Personally I am still inclined to accept the Byrnes statement of a few months ago that he had been unable to find a doctor who would advise him to retire—despite the fact that he has now given out a letter saying a physician told him in April (many months earlier) to "go slow," an admonition he now interprets as meaning he should retire nine months later.

Radio Programs

Table with columns for Friday Eve., Saturday P.M., Saturday A.M., and Saturday Eve. listing radio programs and stations.

SIDE GLANCES



"Wait till the next time Pop tells me that one about how he walked three miles to school!"

The World Today

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

American and British representations to Warsaw over the Polish election set-up serve merely to help keep the record straight. It is too late now—has been too late ever since the Moscow-dominated government was established.

Regardless of what the rules and regulations for voting might be, the Poles have been given some very concrete lessons in how to vote. Thousands have been jailed on various excuses stemming from the fact they have been too overt in support of Vice Premier Mikolajczyk's Polish peasant party. Others have been "detained" by authorities who sought to convince them they were "mistaken" in signing nominating petitions.

We can only surmise what "persuasive" methods have been used, over and above the normal threats of loss of jobs, etc. It apparently worked well enough, however, to give the government an excuse for voiding opposition tickets in 10 of the country's 52 districts after a sufficient number had recognized their "mistake" and withdrawn their signatures.

Militia at Polls The government also has organized a militia whose duty at the polls will be similar to those of the poll-watchers put out by some political machines in the United States. The Polish watchers, however, have some considerable advantages. They are armed, militarily trained, and openly represent the government.

In the face of all this with which we have become familiar through watching eastern European elections since the war, the Polish peasant party has decided not to boycott the election, preferring to make the best showing possible.

Whether a boycott, as some feared, would have hastened the trend toward civil war in Poland is a question. But the atmosphere among the 2,500,000 voters in the 10 districts left without a choice of tickets will be watched closely. So will the reaction among other millions who will be frustrated at the polls January 19 by fear, technicalities and actual overt acts.

What might happen if several million peasants and the armed underground decided to take things into their own hands is hard to contemplate, especially if it resulted in Russian military aid for the Warsaw satellites.

Russ Claims When the U. S. and Britain protested a similar election situation in Hungary some months ago, Russia replied that we were seeking to interfere in Hungarian internal affairs. Now the Russians say the only irregularities in Poland are committed by "rightwing terrorists," call the election set-up "perfectly democratic," and so kiss off the suggestion that the big three keep their agreement that Europe's people shall live under governments of their own free choice.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be typed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

WARNING

Mr. Bilbo so it seems Built himself a house of dreams On an island in a lake But don't think, for heaven's sake The good man those presents took Or inveigled them by hook or crook Thru some stock manipulation Or insinuating conversation That the givers for a fact Would get a juicy war contract That idea Bilbo would have us think Is just a republican party stink But facts the investigations carry Makes Bilbo's denial verbal dyes-entary So if the boys who make the laws Fool with the gent and too long pause They may find at next election The tide won't flow in their direction. The Old Man of the Mountains

Library Gets Real Estate Book Gift

The Klamath County library has recently received from R. C. (Bogie) Dale a small collection of valuable books on real estate business. They are: "Real Estate Principles and Practices," Benson; "Financing Real Estate," Bingham; "Principles of Real Estate Practice," Fisher; "Principles of Real Estate Law," McChasnoy; "Appraising Manual," McMichael; "Long and Short Term Lease Holds," McMichael; "Selling Real Estate," McMichael; "How to Make Money in Real Estate," McMichael; "Real Estate Practice," National Association of Real Estate Boards real estate service; "Principles of Real Estate Appraising," Zangerle.

PLANE PAUSES

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10 (AP)—Northwest Airlines survey plane arrived today from Seoul. It is scheduled to remain four or five days before going to Manila on its oriental survey flight.

STATIC By KELLY ROBERTS



Time marches on! A woman in Texas informed Mayor Ed Ostendorf in a letter the other day that she was told that "there are good telephone communications on the planet Uranus." Swell, but we don't know anybody on Uranus.

ABC's Lum an' Abner seem to be having a publicity agent's dream in their "Lumberger" idea. Those letters they are receiving from eating joints the world over are the real McCoy. A "Lumberger" in case you haven't been listening to the story (KFLW 8 p. m. week days) is a concoction that Lum accidentally invented from fig preserves and hamburger. A friend of ours just up from the south says that L. A. eateries are being packed for the things.

Good Ski Snow Falling At Crater

The weather report from Crater Lake national park Friday stated that a light, dry snow was falling at 8:30 a. m. One inch of new snow covered the 56 inches of packed snow on the ground making a depth of 57 inches of snow at the park.

While roads were reported in good condition this morning, chains were advised for motorists as snow was continuing to fall. Perfect skiing conditions are expected for the week-end. Temperature at 8:30 a. m. Friday was recorded at 29 degrees, with minimum for the past 24 hours at 28 degrees and maximum at 46 degrees.

The rumor has popped up that Eleanor Jane Bolesta, the pretty ex-Wave winner of a Tulelake homestead, may be going to write a book about her farming experiences. Tentative title, "The Spud and I."

Fights tonight over KFLW at 7 p. m. Tony Janiro and Tony Pellone will meet in the squared

circle for ten rounds, or less, of fast and furious fist-fights. Don Dunphy and Bill Corum will be at the mike.

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Advertisement for Standard Optical Company featuring 'Futura' glasses. Text includes 'THE GOLD', 'EXCITINGLY NEW - FOR WOMEN OF FASHION', 'GUARANTEED GLASSES - NOTHING DOWN \$1 A WEEK', 'DR. EUGENE V BROUGHTON - OPTOMETRIST IN CHARGE', 'Standard Optical Company', '715 MAIN STREET IN KLAMATH FALLS'.

Advertisement for Dick Reeder's Black Jeans. Text includes 'Just Received! "Can't Bust 'Em" WAIST OVERALLS', 'DICK REEDER'S', 'BLACK JEANS', 'Dick Reeder's', 'STORE for MEN', 'Corner 5th and Main'.