

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

TWO airplanes—one bound for Klamath Falls and another leaving here for another point—have been lost in this area within the last fortnight.

In both cases, it is quite apparent that it was the inclination of the pilots to take chances that was responsible for tragedy.

John Stevens, a night club entertainer, was killed after he had taken off from Marysville, Calif., for Klamath Falls. Consider the circumstances of that flight: The take-off was at 2:30 a. m., for an airport where lights are turned on at that time of the morning only on radio request.

Mr. Stevens apparently turned back after the start, mistook the lights of a dam for the Marysville airport, and crashed to his death. His body has been recovered.

THE final chapter has not been disclosed in the case of Robert Rubottom, energetic young flier of McMinnville who has received considerable publicity as organizer of the "turkey express" from the Willamette valley to midwestern points.

But here again, there is every indication that the pilot took dangerous chances with adverse conditions.

He was flying a plane that he did not consider good enough to use for flying after he got it to McMinnville. It was his intention to wreck it and utilize the parts for maintaining other planes.

At the time he took off weather conditions were "pretty rugged" to quote other fliers here. The ceiling was 3000 feet, lower to the north in the path of his flight, and unfavorable weather was developing over the Cascades, which he intended to cross.

Lesson WE mention these two cases because these accidents, with local news connections, may tend to create a public misimpression as respects the dangers involved in flying.

Flying dangers are like automobile driving hazards—the prime factor is the judgment of the man at the controls. Safe driving practices and safe flying practices reduce the dangers to a minimum; those who exercise due caution in either a car or a plane are not likely to get into trouble.

Where It Goes MAYBE you've wondered what the city street department does with that snow it carts away from the main stem after a storm.

Actually there was not much reason to be made in both cases discussed above.

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for people to refrain from buying on a tax basis, or rather you might say only a 10 per cent reason. The war excise taxes on jewelry and furs ran 20 per cent, whereas the pre-war level was 10 per cent. A return to pre-war would have made only a 10 per cent difference.

The talk has been running bigger than the substance in this whole tax adjustment case as a matter of fact. In truth, the house republicans acted swiftly to renew the expiring taxes six months ahead of time (most would expire in June) to get rid of the lobbyists as much as to help business.

The claim was being made by the excise industry representatives, for instance, that the average person pays hidden excise taxes far beyond his knowledge of same—on cigarettes a third of the purchase price perhaps, on cosmetics one fifth, and so on which is true and terrific. But also they had added some figures to indicate the total annual savings to the average individual, would perhaps come to more by abolishing all the excise and sales taxes than by the 20 per cent cut on incomes which the republicans are pursuing.

All this did not move the house republican taxmakers who knew only \$1.5 billion was involved in the excise argument (their figure) while one-fifth of the total 1948 receipts from individuals (involved in the 20 per cent tax cut) would run about \$4 billion.

Why the republicans went along with Mr. Truman in their WAM decision, furthermore, is that income taxes have become an actual, real deterrent to general business as a whole. The contentions which the CIO crowd and remaining new dealers are trying to develop—namely that a flat tax cut would save the rich—simply is not true.

The average person earning \$50 a week, pays more than \$5 a week in income taxes to the federal government, mark you more than one-fifth of earnings, meaning that such a person works more than one-fifth of the year free for the federal government. (The \$5 withholding tax does not cover the complete assessment which is \$355 on \$2500 a year.)

Now the republican proposal would cut this tax by only \$1 a week. (You would think they were trying to move the heavens.) Instead of paying \$5 plus, this person would pay \$4 plus. This \$1 of weekly savings from taxes is almost certain to go into commercial business. It means more for food, clothing and necessities. The amount of the reduction is in reality then, much lower than the headlined talk of both sides in the matter would indicate.

From the taxpayer's standpoint, it is an extremely mild relief from war. From the economic standpoint it is somewhat ideal because all this money freed from taxation is likely to find its way into business channels as an economic stimulant. Turning over several times it will enable more people to spend that much more money and pay more taxes (new deal spenders especially note the difference to the average \$50 a week employee from the new deal theory of spending for battleships and everything as measured against the individuals expenditures for food and clothing necessities, which create more commercial business). Furthermore, a person earning \$50 a week will not have much to spend on furs and jewelry—or liquor. Such a relief to him would be comparatively small.

Unrealistic THE republican program therefore, seems much nearer the basic facts of the matter even than Mr. Truman's who wanted no cuts on anything. His budget (financial) position is considerably unrealistic. For another instance, his budget says this government must now collect the stupendous fixed total of \$5 billions annually to pay the interest on the debt—which sounds like an unbelievable burden. It is. Actually the government has now taxed its own bonds considerably—in fact seems trying to tax even the legally tax free portions of its bonds.

In any event, the treasury has made its debt subject to taxation. As the debt is held by banks, individuals and business largely, these holders must pay their top surtax bracket rate on income from the government itself. So the government recaptures much of its \$5 billions of interest payments.

SIDE GLANCES



"You've been planning for twenty years to spend a winter down here—and now you complain because it doesn't snow!"

The World Today

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

Prof. Marcus Oliphant, wartime atomic scientist, is quoted as saying that the United States has produced a bomb six hundred times as powerful as the one which destroyed Nagasaki.

That means a bomb which would create utter destruction over an area from 60 to 120 miles in diameter, and whose rays would travel hundreds of miles farther with burning force. Two or three such bombs might wipe out Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and practically everything in between at one swoop.

Lay students of atomic power have been wondering for some time what was the basis for statements by Einstein and other scientists that civilization could be wiped out by the atomic bomb, which up until now we have known merely as a bigger and better explosion with some rays added.

Here is a weapon which conceivably could be used by a United Nations police force to isolate an aggressor, laying lethal belt of radiation and destruction around the borders of a whole country to prevent its troops from getting at a would-be victim.

Military men already have voiced the theory that, if a war make his first radio guest appearance Monday morning over KFJL on "Art Baker's Notebook" at 9 a. m. Baker's chit-chat comments on things near and far, and his folksy philosophy are attracting more listeners each day.

Tonight's cavalcade of sports takes radio fight enthusiasts to Madison Square Garden for a fist-fest between Ruby Kessler and Billy Graham. The bout promises to be one of the best yet, with Don Dunphy and Bill Corum at the mike. Heard over KFJL at 7 p. m.

Why is it that the littlest babes always make the most noise at the local grunt and groan matches? A little blonde in back of us the other night was screaming her lungs out at one of the matmen in such language as to make even me blush.

Day's News

(Continued From Page One) when there was a SURPLUS instead of a chronic scarcity will return to bliss.

Maybe this sign in Redding is like the cloud in the sky that was no bigger than a man's hand but grew and grew and grew until it poured upon the parched land a plenteous of saving rain. Let us live in hope.

Morse Urges Grants Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today that congress should make a "careful review" of the situation under which more than \$1,000,000,000 in grants, including those for health, education and welfare, have been made to state and local governments.

The senator issued a statement announcing and describing the situation as "extremely chaotic." A member of the committee on education and public welfare, Morse said that President Truman, in his economic report to congress, indicated that his council of economic advisors would undertake a broad study of the question. The senator wants an education-public health subcommittee to study it too.

Portland Fire Fatal To Child

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—Fire flashed through a three-room house Thursday, killing one child and seriously burning another, while their mother was absent shopping.

Mrs. Matilda Victoria said she returned home to find her house in flames. She suffered a cut arm trying to get in. Acting Fire Capt. Henry Gerwig and Fireman John Dickey went through the flames behind a fire-spray nozzle and found Anthony James Victoria, 2, dead under his bed and Janice Marie, 3, under the bathtub. She was reported in "fair" condition at a hospital.

Explosion Wrecks Suction Dredge

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—A \$300,000 suction dredge was seriously damaged in a spectacular fire and explosion last night but neither the cause nor amount of damage had been ascertained today.

The Washington No. 3, owned by General Construction Company, burned at the company pier in the Willamette river and during height of the blaze two acetylene tanks on the superstructure exploded, sending up a brilliant pyrotechnic display.

Thieves Lift Light Control From Car

A. C. McDonald of Medford reported to city police this morning that his car was prowled last night and the controls of a spot light taken from inside of the vehicle.

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MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

Malin Grange women who served supper at the dance held at the Broadway hall last Saturday were Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Effie Johnson, Mrs. Eileen Evans and Mrs. Frank Paykr.

Happy Hour bridge club met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Byron Johnson. High score went to Mrs. Hamilton, second high to Mrs. W. C. Dalton and traveling score to Mrs. Jerry Rajnus. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Perry Haley, Mrs. Frank Victorin, Mrs. Joe Jacobs, Mrs. Bonnie Stephens, Mrs. George Brothank, Mrs. Lester Schreiner, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. W. C. Dalton, Mrs. A. E. Street, Mrs. George Retherath, and Mrs. Jerry Rajnus.

Mrs. Earl McVey has been a patient at Hillside hospital with pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith returned recently from Palo Alto, Calif. Mrs. Minnie Clark left last week for Oklahoma City where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. Joe Micka is a patient at a Klamath Falls hospital where she is receiving treatment for pneumonia. The ticket sale is now under way for the March of Dimes card party sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary. It will be held January 25 at 8 p. m. at Broadway hall.

The Eastern Star social club will meet Thursday evening at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. E. Street. Mrs. Leonard Posel left recently for Minnesota where she was called on account of illness in her family.

The Malin home extension met Tuesday night, January 7, at the high school. Mrs. Perry Haley and Mrs. Thelma Mitchell put on an interesting demonstration on bread baking. Mrs. Dick Henzel showed attractive winter flower arrangements. The next meeting, in February, will be led by Mrs. Winnifred K. Gillen and the subject will be "Color in the Home."

Present for the meeting were Mrs. W. C. Dalton, Mrs. Mary Hengel, Mrs. Emmett Lahoda, Mrs. Jack Minkler, Mrs. Otto Ellis, Mrs. Lloyd Mock, Mrs. Gary Price, Mrs. Frank Paykr, Mrs. Edwin Petrasek, Mrs. Harold Rowe, Mrs. Don West, Mrs. A. E. Street, Mrs. W. O. Bunga and Mrs. Thelma Mitchell.

The Jolly Nine pinocle club met Wednesday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. Frank Victorin. High score went to Mrs. Jerry Rajnus, second high to Mrs. John James and traveling to Mrs. Everett Jones. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon to Mrs. Chester Stonecypher, Mrs. James Ottoman, Mrs. Everett Jones, Mrs. John Reber, Mrs. P. G. Wilson, Mrs. John

James, Mrs. Jerry Rajnus and Mrs. Emil Tofel. The Malin firemen's ball has been scheduled for February 8 at the Broadway hall with Pappy Gorden's orchestra furnishing the music. Vaclav Kalina is general chairman of the affair. Mable Hanson of Klamath Falls was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Petrasek.

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