

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY DON'T get the idea that Representatives Henry D. Semon and Gilles French, sponsors of a legislative plan to tax slot machines and other gambling gadgets, aren't well aware of the seeming inconsistency of a proposal for the state to tax devices which it forbids by law.

These two legislative veterans from the realistic east-of-the-mountains country, are merely introducing a tax benefit for the public into an inconsistency that already exists in widespread form.

It is inconsistent for slot machines, punchboards and similar gambling devices to be permitted to operate when they are illegal. Yet they do operate rather generally over the state. They operate off and on—usually on—in Klamath Falls and Klamath county.

What Semon and French propose is that if gambling devices are going to operate in Oregon, that these operations be forced to yield something for the benefit of the public treasury. "Either tax them or stop them," is the main idea, as expressed to us by Representative Semon in a telephone call last night.

Forbidden SLOT machines and punch boards are lottery devices. Lotteries are strictly forbidden by the Oregon constitution, which reads that "lotteries . . . for any purpose whatever are prohibited and the legislative assembly shall prevent the same by penal laws."

To legalize slot machines and punchboards it would be necessary to repeal that constitutional provision. Repeal of a constitutional provision requires a vote of the people. Salem Capital Journal suggests that legalization of lotteries be put up to the people along with a plan to capture "some of the millions of dollars a year squandered on various forms of gambling."

Whether Oregon people would face the issue realistically is a question. We have a hunch that many of the guys who line up to play slot machines—with the money going through the machines illegally and often going to racketeers—would be unwilling to vote to legalize the devices they play illegally.

That's something like the fellows we know who howl loudly against any proposal to legalize the shooting of female deer, yet don't hesitate to shoot a doe illegally. Human nature is funny, isn't it?

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 — General Marshall is privately exhibiting more of an inclination to give some fresh objective thought to foreign policy than you may have heard. Quite close students of his methods thought it quite significant that former State Secretary Byrnes departed from desk, post and Washington the very night Marshall arrived. Those in touch with developments had been informed Byrnes had offered his services to the general to help him become acclimated to the lofty stratospheric atmosphere of diplomacy. They expected Byrnes to stay around and break Marshall in.

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strengthened by appearances that Byrnes' ill health was not an immediate cause of his departure. He looked well, in fact well enough to start reporters ruminating around the line of thought projected in this column through November and December, namely that perhaps the Byrnes policies should not be considered as successful as had been generally advertised. From this were developed many rumors (not worth restating), but acknowledging in tone that the analyses of foreign policy you have read here the past few months (exclusively as far as my daily reading and hearing has taken me) have sound substance in fact.

Significant

ANOTHER development of Marshalls advent similarly achieved a significance which had been generally overlooked in the flurry of talk about him taking or not taking the next presidential nomination (talk which he throttled as effectively as General Sherman by his disavowal).

Marshall was asked what seemed to be merely a checkup question of whether he was going to Moscow, meaning of course, for the scheduled March conference of the Big Four ministers there. Surprisingly he said he did not know. The inquiring reporters did not agree at the time on how this response should be interpreted, namely whether Marshall did not know of the engagement Byrnes had definitely made or whether he knew a little something more or both.

Anyone who can think back no deeper than the public newspaper files, can recall that the original idea of having the Big Four foreign ministers meet every so often, and make the peace treaties, grew out of an agreement at the Potsdam conference which has been little kept. Immediately afterward that agreement appears to have been forgotten. For some time it lapsed unheeded. Then Byrnes notified Moscow and embarked upon the course of policy which has been followed since then of subjecting the peace negotiations themselves to a dickering din—a din of commenting, reporting, arguing, vetoing and should I say flatly—continuous nagging. This has been a tedious policy to say the least and the results were not so conspicuously successful as to enable Mr. Truman to say more about them in his message to congress than this—that they were the best he could get.

Fresh Thought Needed

SO the foreign policy seems to need a little fresh thought. But the various pressure groups, which always seem to think they know exactly the thing to do, the one thing which will make a heaven on earth, if the diplomats will only do it—these groups are heading into detailed discussions of the proposed German peace treaty. Apparently they have plunged, and wish to draw the state department into another fight on that before Marshall finds out what his desk is like, where the ink is, and what is in the upper right hand drawer. Marshall exhibits as I say a desire to go a little slower and find out, if possible, what he is doing before doing it. Actually, of course, if any pressure policy group knew what to do to solve all our ills, it would have been done long ago. Long out of touch with these details, Marshall needs time to get settled.

A change in policy, which I have definitely suggested for three months, therefore seems more probable than you may have heard. The republicans seem to like all this. They are not really afraid of Marshall making himself a presidential candidate, at least the well informed leaders are not. They are not tied down to any pressure group consideration of things.

The start toward improvement then has been launched under circumstances which are auspicious.

SIDE GLANCES



"We broke our engagement again tonight—this time he ridiculed the perfume ads and I was wearing what I thought was my most alluring scent!"

Compulsion Held Unlikely Solution To Labor Strife

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Senator Murray (D-Mont.) said today that a labor relations mediation setup without power of compulsion can do more to insure industrial peace than a "law with teeth in it."

Murray testified before the senate labor committee, which he headed last year. Urging a go-slow approach to the labor relations problem, Murray said: "We cannot mix statesmanship with hysteria. We cannot approach the vital and delicate problems of labor relations in an atmosphere of emotionalism and confusion."

"We cannot afford to forget that industrial strife in this country is not new; that we have lived through other periods of labor unrest, survived and been stronger for the ordeal; and that our experiences of today have had their counterpart, not only in earlier periods of our history, but in every other industrial civilization of the world."

Senator Ball (R-Minn.) told the senate labor committee today that the wrong approach to labor union problems is to give the government vast power to deal with industrial crisis.

He said the Ball-Taft-Smith bill takes the "sound and liberal" approach—to correct in the law "the underlying causes that breed the crisis." That is, he said, to eliminate "special privileges" of unions and make "their vast economic power responsible to the public interest."

Vote Fails To Break Strike

Voting in secret ballot last night, members of the carpenters local, No. 190, decided to stand firm in their demands of \$1.87 1/2 per hour from ABC and E, the employers' group.

The vote was "three to one" against accepting the contractors' former offer of \$1.80 but there was one extenuating offer, that of accepting a lower rate if ABC and E would stipulate in the agreement a definite date when \$1.87 1/2 would be effective.

Lakeview Man Hurt In Wreck

Lon Denio, well known Lakeview resident, is in Klamath Valley hospital recovering from injuries received late Thursday afternoon when his car struck the rear of a log-loaded truck near the Chiliquin junction 25 miles north of Klamath Falls.

Denio, manager of the West Coast Telephone company at Lakeview, Chiliquin and Fort Klamath, came to Klamath Falls with Mrs. Denio early yesterday and registered at Hotel Hall. He drove to Chiliquin on business and continued to Fort Klamath, starting home about dusk. Denio said he did not know whether the truck was moving or parked as he was knocked unconscious and picked up later by a passing motorist who brought him to the hotel. A physician was summoned and Denio was transferred to the hospital.

Katherine Hill Final Rites Today

Final rites for 11-month-old Judy Katherine Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hill of Wocus, were held at 3 o'clock today, Friday, from the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home. Interment took place at Klamath Memorial park. The Rev. D. B. Anderson officiated.

The little girl was killed instantly about 4 o'clock Monday at the family home when her five-year-old brother, James, accidentally shot her with a .22-410 convertible rifle shotgun.

Car Registration List End Asked

SALEM, Jan. 24 (AP)—Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell's measure to repeal the 1943 law providing that he must publish lists of motor vehicle registrations was introduced in the house today.

He said it cost \$31,000 to publish the books, and that it isn't worth it, as only about 250 requests for them are made each year.

Natural Resources Meeting Planned

Weyerhaeuser Timber company will be host at the January meeting of the Modoc Council of Natural Resources to be held in Alturas January 29.

A social gathering will start the evening off at 8:30 p. m. at Mary Arena's, followed by dinner at 7 p. m. according to Hugh Campbell, assistant manager at Weyerhaeuser.

Bad Roads Idle Logging Trucks

OREGON CITY, Jan. 24 (AP)—More than 125 logging trucks were idle in Clackamas county today as all county roads were closed to loads of more than 15,000 pounds.

The county court ordered the closure after learning many roads had been softened by the recent freeze and thaw.

Jantzen Mills To Expand Factory

PORTLAND, Jan. 24 (AP)—Jantzen Knitting Mills asked the civilian production administration yesterday for authority to convert the mess hall in the Columbia housing camp, Vancouver, Wash., into a sportswear factory building.

The application listed planned alterations at \$16,000. The company would install \$20,000 in equipment and employ about 250 persons, the application said.

Portland FM Station Okayed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The communications commission granted final permits for the construction of an FM station by KOIN, Inc., Portland, Ore., class B.

Camp 6-W

Mrs. Lee Winingham and Nita spent the first week-end of the year visiting in Medford. While in the valley Mrs. Winingham visited her mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Maude Mann who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Clapp of Camp Six, left for her home Thursday, January 9. Mrs. Mann lives in Orange, Calif., and returned by way of Crescent City and the coast highway.

A farewell party was given January 9 for Mrs. Betty Borsting who has moved to Klamath Falls. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Thomas Thomson. During the afternoon a memory book was made up for Mrs. Borsting containing recipes, snapshots and best wishes of each guest. Cake and coffee supplied by the hostesses, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mrs. Helen Wright, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Stringer, were served to Mrs. D. V. Huck, Mrs. Evelyn Henderson, Mrs. S. L. Henderson, Mrs. W. L. Henderson and Charles Renee, Mrs. Olga Houdek, Mrs. Glenn Shipley, Mrs. Versee O'Banion, Mrs. Winingham and Nita, Mrs. Ward Graves, Mrs. Mabel Winfield, Mrs. Gertrude Good, Bobbie Stringer, Danny and Nancy Thomas, the guest of honor, Mrs. Betty Borsting and Barbara. A cash gift was presented to Mrs. Borsting.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Borsting and Barbara have moved out of Camp Six. They will make their home at 2019 Manzanita in Klamath Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wright have moved into the Borsting home.

Mrs. Emily Williams, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Versie O'Banion, has spent the past two weeks in Klamath Falls. She is staying with her granddaughter, Mrs. R. O. Crutfield.

The school children have missed two days of school this week, due to failure of the heating system.

Winter came down with a vengeance on Camp 6 this week. It snowed about six inches and the mercury dropped down to five degrees below zero on Wednesday morning.

Virginia Clapp returned to school January 6. She is attending school at the Sacred Heart academy in Klamath Falls and had spent her Christmas holidays in Camp Six with her parents.

Bob Dunlap spent his holiday with his uncle, Tommy Meadors, in Roseburg.

Bonanza

The Horizon club of Bonanza high school meets every Monday after school at the home of Mrs. M. Callahan, leader.

Officers elected are La Rue Markham, president; Margaret Markham, vice president; Lenora Eggar, secretary; Gertrude Hoefler, treasurer; Betty Jones, sergeant-at-arms; Pat Eggar, scribe.

Last week members distributed March of Dimes containers and are planning to give a dance sometime this month or next.

At present there are 13 members. Mavis Lebow, Vera Brown, La Rue Markham, June Markham, Gertrude Hoefler, Judy, June and Margaret Ralph, Betty Jones, Darlene Godsey, Sharon Evans, Lenora and Pat Eggar.

14-Year-Old Girl Marries Veteran

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 24 (AP)—Betty Foster Wilcox, 14, was keeping house today, and she wasn't playing.

Betty quit her eighth grade classes two days ago with the approval of her stepfather who declared she "seemed to have lost so much interest in her books."

Then yesterday, Betty married David Wilcox, 28-year-old veteran.

The U. S. flag has 13 stripes. The great seal of the United States presents 13 national emblems. In the right talon of the American eagle is an olive branch with 13 leaves, in his left talon are 13 arrows.

Macdonald

Patty Macdonald and her young brother, Billy, of Portland spent three days here skiing. Billy, who was just learning to ski, fell and twisted his leg in such a manner that he received a badly sprained ankle, knee and other injuries. No bones were broken.

Dorothy Dahl, telegrapher here, spent several days in Salem receiving medical aid.

The Southern Pacific company's telegraph office at Fields will remain closed from 4 p. m. until 8 a. m. hereafter.

Jack Melssner and Grant Erickson who have been trapping marten in this vicinity found trapping so poor that they have discontinued trapping and are working on the railroad. Earlier in the season they found trapping extremely good, nearly always catching three or four marten a week. The marten fur are not selling for a high price this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields of Eugene visited at the R. L. Porter home over the week-end. L. L. Hall, proprietor of Summit lodge, spent a few days last week here at the lodge going over his books, etc. The Halls are spending the week-end in Eugene and have closed the lodge. Mrs. Elmer Addison is taking charge of the post office during their absence.

During Dorothy Dahl's absence the pipes as well as the hot water tank in her house froze and burst.

The Southern Pacific rail detector car will pass over the track this week to check for broken rails. The car comes through here twice a year.

Keno

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perkins and daughter, Lois, who moved to California last fall, are visitors in Keno at the present time.

Mrs. Earl Scherer and daughter, Helen, visited relatives in Washington during the holidays. They returned to their home here early in January.

Mrs. Guy Moore has resumed her teaching after an illness of about three weeks. Mrs. Roy Farrell substituted in the school room for her during her illness.

Mrs. Farrell and children visited with relatives in northern California during the Christmas holidays, returning to their home here in time for the opening of school on December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes returned from a visit with relatives and friends in southern California early in January. They were gone about 18 days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zorosinski returned to Keno on Saturday, January 18, after a wedding trip of a week. Mr. and Mrs. Zorosinski are popular well-known young people of the Keno vicinity. She is the former Monnette Calmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calmes. Zorosinski is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Zorosinski of route 3, Klamath Falls. The young couple will make their home in Keno on the Worden road.

Merrill

Rev. Kenneth Brown, pastor of the Merrill Presbyterian church, Rev. Hugh T. Mitchell, of Peace Memorial church, Altamont, and Rev. David Barnett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Klamath Falls, were present January 14 for the sessions of presbytery of southwest Oregon, convening at Medford.

Mrs. George Elliott of the junior high school faculty was called recently to Puyallup, Wash., by the illness of her father, who suffered a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott McKendree returned last week-end from San Francisco and will leave Thursday for Portland where they will spend several days on a combined business and pleasure trip. Their daughter, Geraldine, is a student there at St. Helen's Hall.

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The World Today

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

United Nations circles have been in a considerable flurry this week over suggestions that the United States might be about to change its stand on atomic control.

The new discussions have centered around the possibilities of a plan which would sidetrack the UN security council, with its veto, and leave punishment of violators to the action of individual nations, on the theory that violation would actually constitute a declaration of war and they would be forced to act anyway.

Such a system would, in effect, set up an autonomous body for atom control, although presumably its acts affecting the maintenance of peace would ultimately come before the council. But it would emphasize individual action as against the collective action of the Baruch plan, would abandon the attempt to array moral as well as legal authority against military use of atomic power and get back to what

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Truman Hopes To Hold Rent Line

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Hope that the government can hold the line on rent controls was expressed by President Truman today.

The president told a news conference that the decision is up to congress.

President Truman also said today that his new secretary of state, George C. Marshall, has a free hand in the state department.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS



Lauritz Melchior, the dynamic Dane, takes over the title role in the Met's production of Wagner's "Lohengrin" Saturday morning at 11 o'clock over KFLW. Starred along with Melchior will be Helen Traubel, America's gift to Wagnerian opera.

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