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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
FIRE CHIEF KEITH AMBROSE, in a radio interview and statements to the city council, has called attention to a manpower shortage in the fire department which makes it difficult for the department to cope with serious fires, including those of much lesser scope than that which occurred Sunday.



EPLEY

We believe there would be strong public support for a program to make the fire department adequate in every respect for a city of this size. We need to examine these questions coolly, and to provide support for the fire department commensurate with the need and the tax ability of the community, to maintain all adequate public services. The Evans apartment fire properly directs public attention to the issue; at the same time, it is a matter for sober consideration and not hysteria.

That Inside Route Again

HERE we go again about that inside route to Southern California from Klamath Falls via Reno. We made the round trip, hurriedly, to Los Angeles late last week, south by US 99, back by US 395 through Bishop, Reno and Alturas, and thence to Klamath. The drive south was pretty much of a grind, but that trip along 395, especially between Inyokern and Reno, was a thrilling experience. That stretch runs up the Owens valley with the Sierras shouldering the sky to the left, past beautiful Mono and Topaz lakes, and over the mountains themselves and down into Carson valley.

Mail Bag

WE have a letter from B. Perry, complaining about our recent editor's note to the effect that further letters on the Barnes-Roberts case would not be used unless they presented some new angle and were not repetitious. He, or she, says we apparently are trying to dictate what people can or cannot write about.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS
We heard a gag the other day that gives us a good excuse for not making this column any longer than it's going to be today. Here it is, between me and my favorite (?) morning newscaster. KR: I've got a job on The Herald and News, but I only work an hour a day, and usually the editor has to awaken me then. CM: But Kelly, if you aren't careful, you'll be fired for being so lazy.

limited space as carefully as we can under present paper shortage conditions, and we can hardly go on indefinitely printing comments that merely repeat what has already been said.

A stranger in town writes about the inadequacy of street signs in Klamath Falls, especially in the business district. He also says there's a deplorable lack of address numbers on business house entrances. Does his complaint suggest some improvements that could easily be made?

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst
COLUMNISTS have a weakness for being CAWOL at times, but they generally turn up again like the bad penny—and your correspondent is happy to report back for regular duty after having played hooky quite a bit over a considerable period.

Big Affairs For U. S.

THIS will be a period of big affairs for Uncle Sam at home, of course. But it would be a grave mistake for us to believe that we could reach a correct solution of our own problems without considering many of them in relation to foreign developments. Like it or not, it is imperative that our American course be charted with due regard to external circumstances. If we are to have a true perspective we must know not only what is happening abroad but what it means.

Efforts to reach an agreement for international control of atomic energy have blown up, and the United Nations are back about where they started two-thirds of a year ago. The atomic issue is one of the most dangerous with which we are faced, for it easily could produce another rupture of world peace. Mother England—member of the Big Three—is in the midst of one of the fiercest economic crises of her long history, and at the same time her empire is going through a metamorphosis which involves the granting of freedom to mighty India and adjacent Burma—and heaven alone knows what else. As though that weren't enough, the bloody Palestine imbroglio remains a red-hot problem, not only for Britain but for the world at large.

Chinese Situation

THE position in China—suffering from the effects of her long war with Japan and from the fierce civil strife between the Chinese communists and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government—never has been worse. Nothing has happened to change the view of many observers that the only solution is a fight to a bloody finish. Having learned something of this upheaval at close range in that unhappy land I certainly wouldn't dispute the argument that the quarrel must be settled on the battlefield.

Relations between Moscow and Washington are far from being all honey and flowers, as witness Foreign Minister Molotov's sharp note of protest which characterizes testimony by Under Secretary of State Acheson before a senate committee as being "gross slander and hostile to the Soviet." Thus it goes—an endless chain of crises. All of these we must study and understand. Not to do so would be to invite trouble. So this column will call attention to important situations and try to interpret them. And your columnist hopes that readers will continue to participate in our discussions by submitting ideas and questions to him through their local newspapers.

Gas Meeting To Be Held Wednesday

A meeting of importance to gas users is set for 10 a. m. Wednesday, February 19, in the courthouse, when the proposed revision in gas rates will be discussed.

George Flagg, public utilities commissioner, will be on hand from Salem, E. Mullis, local manager of the California-Pacific Utilities company, Klamath Falls, advised today.

Shoulderblade In County Jail

Tony Shoulderblade, 23-year-old Cheyenne Indian and rodeo rider, is back in the Klamath county jail awaiting revocation of probation, after serving six months in the Siskiyou county lockup for car theft. Shoulderblade was put on two years' probation here several months ago for larceny, just before he got in trouble in Siskiyou county.

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Army Probes P-51 Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—Army authorities today examined small pieces of a P-51 fighter plane that carried a reserve aviator to his death in the Columbia river after a power dive which investigators were unable to explain.

Col. J. C. Dunnison, reserve detachment commander, said the pilot, 1st Lt. Harry C. Molvar, 30, Portland, apparently had made no attempt to pull the plane from its dive yesterday and did not radio the base of any distress. Witnesses said the plane had circled at about 5000 feet altitude, started a steep dive and exploded as it struck the water. Fragments of the plane and Molvar's body were recovered from the river last night.

Firecracker Ban Asked

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—The house state and federal affairs committee today unanimously recommended passage of a bill which would ban the sale and use of fireworks in the state, except for public exhibitions which would be licensed by the state fire marshal.

The bill was requested by the fire marshal to reduce fire hazards and injuries. The committee took its action after rejecting a compromise offer by the fireworks industry. The offer was to reduce the maximum firecracker size to two inches long and 1/2 inches in diameter, compared with the existing maximums of 2 1/2 inches and 1/2 inches. The fire marshal pointed out that the offer did not contain any provision for reduction in powder content.

Bussman's Named As Distributor

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 18—Bent Laune, president, All-State Welding Alloys Co., Inc., 96 West Post road, White Plains, N. Y., announced today that he had appointed Bussman's Welding Supply, Klamath Falls, Ore., to be a distributor of the All-State line of low-temperature welding and brazing alloys and fluxes.

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Speeder, Train Wreck Kills One

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—Beecher B. Lewis, 46, Bridal Veil, died in a hospital here yesterday of injuries received when a track crew speeder crashed head-on Sunday night into a Union Pacific engine.

Solon Sounds Forest Warning

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The United States should look to its timber resources and take immediate steps to conserve them, Chairman Welch (R-Calif.), told the house public lands committee.

Unless it does so, he warned, even the great stands of potential lumber in the Pacific northwest and the Rocky mountain country will vanish. "In the conservation of our natural resources, timber is one of the first things that we should consider," Welch said, "and it is only a question of time until it will have to be seriously considered."

SALMON BILL
SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—A bill to ban commercial salmon fishing in the Umpqua river and its tributaries was introduced in the legislature today by Sen. Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg.

In The Day's News

ADVERTISING is one of the essentials of business success, had had 1000 announcements prepared and had intended to send them out in the town. They never got a chance, for all their time was taken up with serving the customers who came and returned for more. They are now using up the printed announcements by WRITING each day's menu on the backs of the printed cards. People, liking the food and the service, keep on coming. Day in and day out, they regretfully turn belated patrons away.

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Mine Laying Brings Charge

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP)—Great Britain charged in the United Nations security council today that Albania had not only violated international law by mining the Corfu channel but had committed "a crime against humanity." Direct negotiations between the British and Albanian governments had failed to satisfy British demands for apology and compensation for loss of lives and damage to two destroyers, he said.

Bicyclist Killed In Auto Accident

CORVALLIS, Feb. 18 (AP)—Blinding sun rays were blamed for the instant death of Llewellyn F. Tidd, 75-year-old bicyclist, who was killed about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon four miles west of Corvallis on the Corvallis-Philomath highway. Benton county Sheriff C. N. Lilly reported Howard J. Horner, Corvallis driver of a truck which struck the man, said he was blinded by the setting sun and did not see the bicyclist at any time before the truck hit him.

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Chief Says Manpower Lack Hampered Battle Against Evans Apartment Flames

(Continued from Page One) here through new ordinances covering the subject of fire. He also told the chief he was in favor of a new fire station and the employment of more men on a larger salary. Chief of Police Orville Hamilton said that his department was woefully undermanned and at the time the fire broke out he had one man on duty on the desk at the city hall and one man on patrol duty. The department called all available police for some time, there was only one police officer at the fire, Hamilton said he had four or five new men since January 1 of this year and that it "takes two years to make a policeman." The chief also added that national standards call for two police officers for every 1000 population, which would give Klamath Falls a force of some 40 men.

"We have 19," the chief said. "The police and fire departments are no less than a business. You couldn't do much if your turnover was every month or six weeks. We've got to have some inducement to offer the men to stay on the job," the fire chief said. Landry asked the chief if anything could have been done to have prevented the fire and asked: "Is there any lesson we can learn?" Chief Ambrose replied "yes" and said that inspection work started six months ago should be continued diligently. He explained the various types of buildings in the business district and urged following closely the present building code. When Landry asked Ambrose how many men would bring the department up to standard, he said that the smallest crew recognized as adequate was six men to a rig and at the present he has only nine men per shift, or on duty at any one time, to operate four pieces of equipment. Councilman A. F. Conroy questioned the fire chief on several subjects and said he was for improving conditions.

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