

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
AFFAIRS of the Klamath Indian reservation are receiving increasing public attention...



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White people in this vicinity who are anxious that the best possible policies should be adopted for our Indian neighbors are naturally hesitant about becoming involved in a situation about which there appears to be disagreement among the Indians themselves...

Disaster Tolls

It was expected that there would be revisions of the death toll in the Los Angeles explosion that some observers described as similar to an atomic bomb blast. The first bulletin which came over our teletype at The Herald and News gave "several killed." Later, the toll was placed at 30 dead, 100 injured. Before we went to press yesterday, the number of injured was changed to 300. Today, the last story we saw before writing this had placed the death toll at 15, with some 156 sufficiently injured as to require hospitalization...

The local experience with determining the toll of last Sunday's fire indicates the tremendous task of the search parties in the Los Angeles blast. The picture which we carried yesterday, rushed by Wirephoto from Los Angeles, gave some idea of the mass of rubble to which a large area of the Southern California town was reduced by the terrific explosion.

Persons close at hand, viewing the explosion effects, could hardly be blamed for early estimates that ran as high as 100 dead. In such disasters, there are always rumors that spread like wildfire, and there is a human tendency to believe the worst.

Institution Problem

SUGGESTED use of the Camp White hospital facilities near Medford for a state mental institution has hit a snag in the shape of a constitutional limitation on the location of state institutions.

This provision prohibits locating institutions elsewhere than in the Salem area unless authorized by vote of the people. Gov. Snell called attention to the rule after a legislative committee took a look at the Camp White facilities and agreed almost unanimously they were ideal for the suggested purpose.

Camp White hospital has an elaborate set-up of buildings capable of caring for 2300 patients and 360 attendants. Oregon has long been confronted with a serious problem of overcrowding in its state hospital, and the Camp White facility would seem to be an answer to the problem if the legal question can be settled—by vote if necessary. It is understood the state could get the property at 100 per cent discount.

Fortunately, the rule quoted by the governor and attorney general does not apply to the use of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks for a vocational school, which would be an extension of an educational system already set up. Here, also, the state could get the plant at 100 per cent discount for use for a specific purpose.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS
Tonight is the Cavalcade of Sports over KFLW at 7 p.m. Who is doing the fighting must be a secret, at least we don't know.

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the Met presents "We don't quite know that either, even after looking through about every file in the jerrit. Anyone who is interested can call us some time after 11, when we might find out."

Chuck Cecil on "Requestfully Yours" received the largest volume of fan mail and requests for one day yesterday, 63 letters and

post cards. Which all goes to prove that the old request idea still is one of the best appeals in radio. Those kinds of shows play just what the listeners like to hear, with a good, pleasing announcer. Try and get that kind of response from any other small listening area. No, we're not crowing about the station we work for, we sincerely believe that the average listening audience would rather listen to what they want than to some other fill-in, "just to take up the time."

Karl Smykyl, ex-Klamath Falls mariner and tympnist with the Dick Jurgens outfit, will bring his own band to the army next Friday. One of the newest out-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—The Russians are rolling out for the March Moscow conference on the German peace treaty, a welcome doormat which is about one inch wide and studded with thistles. What they are up to, no one around the state department appears to know for sure. Yet certainly Stalin's advance propaganda is designed to make all walk a straight and narrow path as Russia directs, and to soften our officials into a frightened tenderness.

Having attacked the American religious and peace minded delegate, George Foster Dulles, as a war monger, the Russian government officially sent a note declaring the State Undersecretary Acheson to be "rudely slanderous" and "hostile toward the Soviet Union" for having said simply this: "Russia's foreign policy is an aggressive and expanding one."

Acheson did not volunteer this comment. He offered what the Soviets call "inadmissible behavior" under questioning by a congressional committee on the doubtful Lilienthal appointment. It may be inadmissible for anyone to speak out in Russia, but in a democracy it is paramountly necessary for a government official to answer frankly the questions of congress. Further, what Acheson said would not be inadmissible at a diplomatic pink tea.

Aggressive

THE word aggressive means "disposed to vigorous outgoing activity in behalf of an object." Any unclad person in the realm of reason must consider the term "aggressive" as applied to Soviet diplomacy to be accurately and mildly descriptive. The Soviets have certainly been belligerently aggressive in Iran, have swallowed up Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, and their communists pride themselves on being politically aggressive throughout Europe and Asia, as do their delegates in UNO.

Acheson also said Soviet policy was "expanding," which means "enlarging, swelling, spreading out." Anyone who claims it is NOT would do violence to the plain facts which are no secret to any adult American. Russian foreign policy is thoroughly in accord with world communism, which is bent on world conquest.

Off the record around here, some officials used to say when they saw the Soviets doing violence to language and reason: "The Russians are crazy, but not that crazy." Now these same men say they are not so sure. The behavior of Russia diplomatically of late has been inimical to the simplest of common sense. It is becoming inadmissible to reason.

Diplomats feel they run a danger of Moscow attack if they simply say today: "Russia is Russia," or "today is a fine day." Indeed some wish to send Russia's world activities to a psychiatrist for the answer.

Sensitive Stalin

HOWEVER, this is not the general studied viewpoint of the close followers of Soviet technique. Russia does not bother much about reason, only about reasons. Her motives are less a mystery to the new military regime than to the old Byrnes political crowd which ran the state department for so long. I think the average impression here is that Stalin (through Molotov) has really outdone himself this time in stretching his professed willingness to be offended at the slightest murmur. He has reduced his pressures to absurdity.

The old Roosevelt crowd used to consider Stalin's sensitivity as an inferiority complex. This theory held some weight until evidences of the Russian superiority complex accumulated in denial of it after the war. Personally I think Stalin learned diplomacy from Hitler. You will recall Hitler was alternately frightening the world and being offended by it, and his technique brought him many things he wanted.

That game somehow has worn out. People are familiar with it, particularly military people. They are less inclined to fall into whatever pattern of action the dictators try to chase them. Words and politics annoy them. They want to know the facts and they want to act on the facts. In view of this maintenance of realism, what the state department and General Marshall in his official note responding to the Russian protest have said publicly about the incident, is really only a part of what they actually think.

I wish someone would call me "aggressive" and "expanding" in my endeavors. I would consider it a high compliment.

fits springing up in the city, they are expected to be pretty good.

Tomorrow we celebrate George Washington's birthday (which didn't actually occur on this date because of the change in the Gregorian calendar while George was still a little boy). George was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen (despite Kenneth Roberts, John Jennings and others). Unknown to many, however, is that February 22 is also the birthday of the newest personality on the radio horizon, KFLW has him, and KFLW can keep him! He's a good boy, though, whatever we might say, he can yawn through a morning newscast better than anyone else we know. And brother, we ain't kidding.



"Our son bought a new car so he could drive his wife and kids out west to see us, but he paid so much for the car that they can't afford the trip!"

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 signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

CAMEL BONE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I note that the bone of a camel has been found recently here in the valley and I wonder how many have looked at the vertebrae of a whale that was dug up in the canal when it was being excavated and I believe may be seen on a shelf at the Gun store here on Main street.

That there are many forms of life both vegetable and animal not only here but in all parts of the world is evident but the great age that is claimed for these fossils cannot be proved, for what is claimed as evidence is only guesswork that was started by a mineralogist named Werner, a German, about 150 years ago.

Werner concluded that it took about so long for certain rocks to form and concluded that the fossil formations would be found the same all over the earth, and so was born what is known as the onion coat theory on which the estimates of the age of fossils is based.

Werner never traveled far from his native home and knew nothing of geological formations in other parts of the world and in recent years his theory has proved to be without foundation for the order of the formations have often been found to be in reverse of the order in which he arranged them over thousands of square miles of the earth's surface.

How many true scientists have had to admit that they have no proof for those vast geological ages, but they hope that they will find it some time, yet this theory persists.

A new school of geology began to be noticed as it started about 40 years ago led by Prof. George E. Price, now living in Los Angeles.

Mr. Price and later many others wrote books and many magazine articles challenging the onion coat theory and they are gaining every day.

The Darwin theory of man's origin has been entirely repudiated by real scientists and the onion coat theory is under heavy fire and certain to go too.

That there was a universal flood of waters that changed the whole surface of the earth about 4400 years ago can be proved by plenty of evidence besides that the Bible gives in written history on Babylon, China, Greece, Egypt, Mexico, Peru, and the fact that it left an indelible impression on the mind of the human family to such an extent that it is handed down in the folklore of nearly every race on earth. Their stories vary in detail but agree on one point, that is, that only eight were saved.

The Bible in the seventh chapter of Genesis tells us about the destruction of the animal life on the earth. A chronology tells us that that occurred 4198 years ago.

I challenge anyone to prove that they have any fossils older than that date.

We know that the greater part of the earth is yet under water and that the ocean depths are greater than the height of our highest mountains and are held there by ocean currents.

You may be sure that that camel bone is less than 4500 years old. F. L. Chitwood

TOO MUCH SPEED

DORRIS, Calif. (To the Editor) I have decided to write a little piece for your paper, hoping you will publish it.

First I would like to say I have lived in California over 25 years and think it the finest country I have ever lived in. There is no other place on earth where every day and every night are just right both winter and summer.

However I think California has a few laws that should be changed. Not only changed but done away with. First is—on every highway coming into California from every state in the union, there are quarantine stations (or so-called "Bug Houses") where they keep a bunch of men employed night and day to go through every car, suitcase and lunch box looking for fruit and bugs. I often wonder why fruit grown in Oregon, Arkansas, Washington or any other state isn't as pure as that which is grown in California.

I think this is a rotten law, and disgrace to California and should be done away with. I am not the only one who thinks this way, either. If you could talk to ten different people about nine out of the ten will say I am right.

It costs the people millions of dollars to keep up those places and all for nothing, I say. Why not use that money for putting water on some of California's rich land and make more homes for people. In San Joaquin valley there are thousands of acres of as rich land "as a crow ever flew over." Nobody living there. Because there is no water. Why not put water on this land and then give each family 40 acres. I don't mean give it to them but sell it to them at a good price and give them time to pay for it. In a few years they would have their own money back and would have good homes left over.

Another law I also think should be abolished in California is the one where every lawyer, doctor, dentist, school teacher or barber who comes to California from another state, has to take a post graduate course of training before they can start up in business here.

Tell me—why people in other states aren't as well trained and educated as in California. And why the Arkansas Barber's razor doesn't cut just as smooth as the California razor does.

I hate airplanes and think them a curse to this country. They are nothing but death traps, from start to finish. Had it not been for airplanes, and all that goes with them, I don't believe we would ever have had this late war. We all know old Hitler would never have tried to conquer the world with his men alone.

They say they are building an airplane now in San Diego which will carry 400 people. That means 400 people may be killed at one time. It may not happen for years, but sooner or later it surely will, to my notion.

I think automobiles are a fine thing for the country if they are run right, but they too, are killing too many people. I believe they should put governors on all cars, so they could not run over 40 miles an hour—gives you time to stop before having a bad accident. But at 60 or 70 miles per hour you haven't a chance. At 40 miles you can make 1000 miles in 24 hours—That is get-

ting over ground pretty fast. If the people do not slow down a little I am afraid there are a lot of young people who will not live to be as old as I am—83 years of age—if they don't slow down.

We used to think if we went 25 miles per day we were doing fine and our friends were just a glad to see us—now we had to make the trip in 25 minutes. I believe we were better off—for it gave our friends time to run down an old hen and have a good hot chicken supper for us.

That is all. J. B. COMBS, Dorris, Calif.

Per capita use of salt in the United States is about 100 pounds, but much of this amount is consumed in non-dietary ways such as in tanning and dyeing.

Perfect Setup Seen

From the standpoint of Indian opportunity the set-up would be a nearly perfect as things come in this life. It remains for the warring Hindus and Moslems of British India to bury the hatchet and establish that "responsible" government. It also remains for the some 600 reigning princes and lesser potentates to conclude agreements to facilitate England's withdrawal.

The provisional government in New Delhi is the one projected for British India. England doesn't propose to force the princes to come under rule of any government in British India when Britain withdraws. The native states will revert to independence and can choose their own course, although it is hoped that they will agree to join in some sort of federation with British India. As a matter of fact the leading princes already have promised cooperation.

However, the problem of working out a federal government for all India is a mighty one, since the princes are a proud and independent lot. In this connection your columnist is particularly interested in the appointment of Admiral Lord Mountbatten as viceroy to succeed Lord Wavell.

It strikes me Prime Minister Attlee has made a shrewd choice in picking Mountbatten for the job of viceroy. Lord Louis, with his royal blood and fine record of service in the war, may be able to swing the princes into line where another might fail.

Anyway, this is Mountbatten's big hour—and obviously there are hopes that he also is the man of the hour.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Where Cissy Spent Her Honeymoon

Most of the young newlyweds in our town spend their honeymoon at Roundstone Lake or Jackson Falls; why the Martins even went as far as New York City.

But when Cissy Copper married the young Carter boy, they allowed as how they were going to spend their honeymoon right here.

"There's no place better than our town," Cissy says. "And I'd like to start married life at home, with things Dad and I are used to." Makes sense, come to think of it. Folks naturally left them alone;

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Hearing Set February 28 On Move To Quash Wagner Indictment For Assault

A court hearing with witnesses for both prosecution and defense and possibly some members of the county grand jury called in to testify will be conducted on the motion to quash the indictment against Police Officer Verne L. Wagner February 28.

Wagner, plain clothes investigator on the city police force, was indicted for assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, as a result of police brutality allegations brought to the attention of the grand jury by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg early in December. He was arrested December 17 and released on \$3500 bond after spending one night in the county jail.

He is accused of striking Bob Lloyd Farris over the head with a pistol last April 24 while Farris was under questioning at the city jail on a morals charge. Herbert P. Welch of Lakeview, Wagner's attorney, filed a motion to quash the indictment in open court as Wagner was being arraigned yesterday afternoon, and Circuit Judge Charles H. Combs granted the request for a hearing on the motion February 28.

Welch's motion was laid on the grounds that Judge Vandenberg "exercised undue influence and coercion on members of the grand jury" in his remarks "intended to imply and left the impression" that Wagner was the man the judge wanted investigated.

The four-page motion went on to charge that Judge Vandenberg was "highly inflammatory and prejudicial" toward the defendant, Wagner, and toward the Klamath Falls police force, and that several times during the course of the jury's session "the judge appeared in the grand jury room and made highly inflammatory and prejudicial charges against this defendant."

Judge Vandenberg was also accused in Welch's motion of "haranguing and exhorting in the grand jury room." A clipping from The Herald and News of December 2, 1940, which carried a reporter's account of Judge Vandenberg's instructions to the grand jury, was also filed with the motion to quash the indictment.

Judge Combs, who was assigned the Wagner case after Judge Vandenberg had been disqualified, set the date for the hearing after District Attorney Clarence A. Humble had agreed, saying that he would need further time to prepare his argument against the motion. Both he and Welch indicated that they would put witnesses on the stand during the hearing, and Welch may ask some members of the grand jury which indicted Wagner to appear.

In addition to that motion Welch also filed a demurrer to the indictment, attacking its legal form and alleging that the facts as stated did not constitute a crime.

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