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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY THERE'S no provision for further appeal, and it's apparent that the Tulelake homestead winner list, announced yesterday by the reclamation bureau, is final to the last man and the lone woman.

The fortunate 86 will choose their farms by March 13, which is none too soon inasmuch as these folks are expected to go on their land for the forthcoming crop year. Yesterday, we made a quick trip through a part of the basin, and we were impressed by the amount of activity under way as already-settled agriculturists make the most of fine February weather we are having.

There will be some disappointment, of a more bitter sort than followed the December 18 drawing. It is possible, too, that some injustices were done, and we doubt if it would be possible to devise any system for allotting rich prizes such as these without injustices. In a case or two, we are told, the letter of the regulations, strictly and rigidly observed, squeezed out applicants whose cases were highly deserving, and whose technical disqualification was in no way a fault of theirs. Undoubtedly, there were cases where strict legal interpretation prevailed over the heart impulses of the men on the examining board.

For these and other reasons, we earnestly urge that no one seek to find unfavorable implications towards the rejectees in the outcome of their cases. Most satisfactory from the public standpoint is the fact that the honesty of the work of the examining board and others involved in the procedure stands unquestioned.

Apportionment Issue

THE senate education committee at Salem scheduled this afternoon to tackle the tough question of apportionment of the basic school fund which the public voted last November. In the house, an apportionment plan passed, after a compromise between opposing forces. In its revised form, the house-adopted plan provides more generously for Klamath county schools and the Klamath Falls city elementary schools than did the original proposal. The high school district loses a bit under the revision, but not seriously.

In the senate, a different scheme, known as the "congressional district plan," has been proposed, and will be there for consideration along with the adopted house plan. The congressional district plan, as we understand it, would be still more favorable to Klamath schools.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—Here is an inside unofficial report on Germany, Japan and the American occupations (paraphrased conversationally) from an army man who has studied both sectors. Keep this one for your scrapbooks, because the top men are said to be growing alive to the deplorable situation it presents concerning the occupation of Germany. In line with it, General Marshall may change policy in the coming Moscow talks for a German treaty and the army certainly will be induced to make some corrections at least, if it does not overturn its German setup. Here it is:

The occupation of Japan is nearly perfect. This has been accomplished because the Japanese are behind General MacArthur, not only 100 per cent, but (in true Nipponese fashion) about 101 per cent. Industries have been restored and are functioning as well as anyone expected. There are some defects but Japan is considerably supporting herself.

Far more important, the American soldier in Japan is a model. The officers have no trouble on looting, black markets, or even much on morality. Following the guidance set forth by MacArthur, they are cooperating with the people, and the people with them.

In Germany the occupation is disgraceful. It is a disgrace to American arms and administration. Around 45 per cent of the occupation army, numbering nearly 200,000, are kids of less than 21 years of age. Another 30 or 35 per cent are repeaters, lads who came back to the States, could not get or did not want a job,

Police Probe Stab Cases

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—One man was wounded by an axe and a man and a woman were slashed and stabbed in three separate assaults here last night. Police arrested Roy Granville, 31, on a charge of assault with intent to kill and he was held today on \$5000 bond in the stabbing of his wife, Thelma, 28, in what police described as an argument over the custody of their three children. The couple were estranged. Ludwig Larson, 55, was found in his room with a wound on the back of his head. Police booked a rooming companion who said an axe figured in a fight he had with the wounded man. A man identified as Harold La Brecht, 45, was found along railroad tracks last night with several broken ribs, brain concussion and multiple stab wounds.

knew of the conditions of black marketing and looting to be found in central Europe, and went back to get into them.

MacArthur Showed How

BUT these kids and men are not to be held responsible for the corruption of the army of occupation. The men in charge should have set down an efficient program from the beginning, as MacArthur did. Their trouble was that after the war they did not know what to do. They had no occupation formula such as MacArthur developed. So they turned for guidance to propaganda from home, and the most vociferous of the public here demanded swift denazification of any and all Germans, retributive punishment and other steps which have kept Germany from supporting herself. Denazification is all right, as a theory. I feel that way myself. But nearly everyone who knew how to run factories and business operations was naturally connected with the Nazi party one way or another, so what we have done is to debussinize Germany in the process. It would have been far better if we had required some Nazis who knew how to do things, to work for us.

However you may look at this angle, our basic defect is that we did not improvise a workable plan for Germany because our commanders had not studied and did not know the German people. (MacArthur's economic and political aides had really studied Japan during the war).

The Russian occupation is worse yet. The Reds came in and took everything they could lay their hands on. They even took silk wallpaper off the walls. In the Berlin subway they made off with so much of the machinery that we had to go after them, and get some of it back in order to put the subway in operation. But particularly they took machinery of all kinds. I suppose their idea was to take it back to Russia and operate it, but much of it is still standing out on German sidings. The Russians did not have the know-how of transportation sufficiently to move it home in good order, or even the know-how of operation to run it after getting it home.

Their soldiers operate just about on the mentality of our youngsters. They had some trouble with discipline at first. The papers now say this is straightened out. I would not know. But their operations in Germany show them to have done in general the first class job of sabotage our college boys might try on the night of the big game.

At best, you would have to call their occupation policy "short-sighted realism." They took everything, and now they cannot use it. They ruined the German production system completely. What they should have done was to use it, make the Germans run it and provide enough for the German people and the army of occupation.

New Start Needed

WHAT should we do about all this? I thought a good deal about this on my trips when I had plenty of time to think. The only conclusion I could reach was that we should clean out our whole occupation system and start all over.

The army of occupation would be far more efficient if it was cut from under 200,000 down to a bare nucleus of say possibly 500. We need no more than this to do the job of policing. Then we should employ both Germans and Poles (refugees escaped from Russian domination) to fill out the army and do the actual supervision of production. We employ both Germans and Poles now (as the British do in their zone) and say nothing about it. We should develop this field openly and strongly.

Then the Germans and Poles (who know Germany best) might be able to work out a plan of economic self-support. Until this is done, occupation will be costly and futile. But by doing this, we could bring the boys home where they belong, cut down the tremendous current costs (I am really speaking of both Germany and Austria in practically all my observations and conclusions), and put the sector on a workable basis.

Of course, I realize that if General Marshall starts to develop such a policy there will probably be a howl. The domestic politicians will cry out that we are retiring from Europe, and abandoning our obligations there (really we would not be). Then there is the more valid question of whether withdrawal would open Germany to further Russian aggressions. Personally I do not think there is the slightest danger of this. I have never seen the Russians able to produce anything except children. They have manpower, nothing else.

If you start talking about leaving war potentials to Germany you will never be able to find a solution. Food actually is a great war potential but it cannot be denied the Germans. Frankly I am not afraid of Germany. No one could possibly be, who had seen it. Nor am I afraid of Russia.

I think we should get the boys out and supervise the occupation job through the Germans and the Polish refugees.

SIDE GLANCES



"You never have any fights or play hooky or have any fun with us—didn't your parents ever teach you right from wrong?"

Boyle's Column

Thaw's Death Brings End To Colorful Period In US

By HAL BOYLE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Harry K. Thaw, once America's most notorious millionaire, goes to his grave no more than an empty name to the rising generation. For 25 years after he shot to death Stanford White on June 25, 1906, over the affections of Evelyn Nesbit—the most celebrated love triangle slaying of the twentieth century—Thaw's court battles and playboy escapades made him the most publicized man of wealth in the nation. His life read like a case history from Freud.

Yet when I mentioned his name to a young taxi driver while en route to the Miami Beach waterfront home where Thaw died the youth did not recognize his name. "Never heard of him," he said, and added apologetically, "but I lived here in Miami all my life."

That is a measure of the oblivion into which the madcap millionaire retreated more than fifteen years ago when he finally gave up his headline-producing antics.

Retired Gentleman

At his death at 76 Thaw was the picture of a sedate retired gentleman of means—an unbranded six-foot-one inch patrician, still handsome with his thick white hair and small moustache. Although he once tossed away \$1500 a night on gay parties, he was a conservative in money matters. He disapproved of the new deal and considered himself a staunch republican in politics.

As we sat in beach chairs on the lawn of the rented 15-room home where Thaw had wintered so quietly the last two years few neighbors knew his identity, his attorney, Sidney Werner, gave this last portrait of the man: "Thaw didn't like gambling in any form. He was reticent and didn't express his moods or feelings."

"He was one of the gentlest and kindest of souls, and anyone who was in close contact with him became genuinely devoted to him. "His philosophy was to help others who needed it—and with the least possible fanfare, he helped many poor people, and sent a number of boys and girls through school. But it upset him if his charities became known."

"He was a fanatic for the truth. I never knew him to tell a lie. "He very seldom went to night clubs, and then only for dinner. He rose at 7 a. m. and went to bed at 9 to 9:30. His chief diversions were automobile riding, bridge and reading—he had a tremendous knowledge of history and geography."

"I do not believe he saw Evelyn Nesbit the last 15 or 20 years of his life, although he helped her out financially from time to time."

"He never spoke of his earlier troubles."

Very Keen Mind Although Thaw spent some eight years in insane asylums

and took no active interest in business affairs, Werner said he had "a very keen mind."

In ill health since a paralytic stroke left him with an impaired right hand, Thaw enjoyed the seclusion which he found on a 67-acre \$1,500,000 estate at Bolton, N. Y., overlooking Lake George. He bought the estate in 1934 after disposing of a home in Virginia.

He inherited \$3,000,000 and large interests in coke producing properties from his father, William Thaw, then rated as America's third wealthiest man—worth some \$40,000,000.

Born with a gold spoon in his mouth, Thaw never let it melt. He spent a million dollars trying to prove he wasn't insane and dropped uncounted hundreds of thousands more in court fights, expensive escapades, and fruitless ventures as a producer of movies that never reached the screen.

But he died still high in the millionaire class—well able to be buried in a gold casket if he chose.

His conversion to the quiet life, however, came too late to ease the resentment still felt against him by some elderly money men. They think the toss-dollar foibles of Thaw and other irresponsible wealthy playboys of his time helped cause an annoyed public to inflict the heavy income and inheritance taxes which still restrict many an anguished millionaire who never bought a chorus girl an ermine coat or threw a whiskey bottle in a night club.

Guard Officers In Washington Today

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Adjutant General Raymond F. Olson and Major William H. Adams, national guard property and disbursing officer, were in Washington, D. C., today to begin a three-day conference of the Adjutant Generals association to discuss national defense problems. They will see the army's latest ordnance equipment demonstrated at Aberdeen, Md.

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The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Highly disquieting is the report brought by Lt. Gen. John B. Hodge, commander of U. S. forces in southern Korea, regarding Russo-American relations in that Oriental hot-spot.

The general, who is back in Washington to make a report of his stewardship, says he has given up trying to negotiate with the Soviet authorities for unification of the country under a provisional government, as provided for under the Moscow agreement of 1945. Negotiations broke down last year over Russian insistence that no Koreans who opposed the Soviet plan for a five year trusteeship over their country should take part in the government. Since then—no soap.

"What further is done is up to someone higher up," says Hodge, after the fashion of a man of few words.

Koreans in Army

The general further states that the Russian radio has acknowledged Soviet conscription of Koreans into the army in the Muscovite northern zone of occupation. Dr. Syngman Rhee, leader of the south Korean democratic league, who is in Washington, supplements this with the assertion that the Russians are drilling and equipping 500,000 Koreans for incorporation into the red army. Apropos of this, the Moscow trade union organ, Trud, said Dr. Rhee is trying to obtain weapons from the United States to make war against the communists in northern Korea.

That, on thumb-nail, is the highly uncomfortable situation in Korea. At least that's what appears on the surface—but there's a lot more than meets the eye.

Invaluable Base

So far as China and Russia are concerned, Korea is an invaluable base for defense or offense. Its value to Japan when she was on the war-path is self evident. It is equally clear that Uncle Sam and Britain, with their great Oriental interests, want to see Korea established as an independent state.

As things stand, the country is divided in halves, with Russia occupying the northern portion and America the southern. The line of demarcation is the 38th parallel, and this imaginary boundary is so tightly guarded by the Russians that it is like a Chinese wall.

Now look at that map and note how Korea shields Russia's great Siberian port of Vladivostok and the Manchurian ports of Dairen and Port Arthur in which Moscow is so deeply interested. Strongly held with military forces, it is natural defense for the Soviet eastern possessions.

It isn't surprising therefore to find that the indications are Russia intends to stay right where she is in northern Korea, at least for the present. That, I take it, is the meaning of Gen. Hodge's report.

And, under the circumstances, one would expect Uncle Sam to continue in occupation of southern Korea until this situation is cleared up. It would be an astonishing thing to see him pull out, leaving Russia in possession. Independence for the country is what he is working for.

29 New Homes To Be Built In South Sixth District

An estimated \$200,000 home building project is well under way on Gervais street, just off S. 6th, where E. H. DeWitt and David Blesh, both of Klamath Falls, are the builders. The program includes the building of 29 new homes, six of which are already under construction. The houses will front each side of the street which has been recently cut through the tract of land and is now being graveled. The street at present is 1320 feet long and provision is made for a 60 foot width. Cement sidewalks will also be installed as the division is built up. Sixteen homes will be built on one side of the street and the remainder on the opposite side.

All of the homes are two bedroom houses, some larger than others and some with fireplaces. A depth of 110 feet have been retained by the contractors for business property and plans have already been drawn by a local architect for a five story building for the site. Several old poplar trees on the property are now being removed.

The land transaction, handled by Wesley M. Sharples, Klamath realtor, is one of the largest in recent months in the suburban area. Several acres of ground were involved, five being purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Gervais, owners of the Anchor hotel and barber shop on S. 6th. They owned the property for six years.

Land across the new street, now the property of DeWitt and Blesh was originally the old L. W. Horn tract. Horn, a long time resident of Klamath Falls now lives at Santa Ana, Calif. DeWitt came to Klamath Falls last September from Kansas City and Joplin, Mo., and Blesh has been associated in the contracting and building business here for some time.

No consideration was mentioned by the new owners on the recent transaction.

Bunnell Estate Set At \$10,000

Robert Henry Bunnell, former Klamath county judge who died at Brookings February 19, left an estate valued at not in excess of \$10,000 in real and personal property. His will, dated March 5, 1938, has been probated at the county courthouse. His wife, Ida May Bunnell, is named in the document as executrix, and to her goes the bulk of the estate. Lloyd Edwin Bunnell and Myrtle Dell Bunnell, son and daughter, of Ashland, were bequeathed \$10, with a notation that Judge Bunnell's wife will provide for them from her estate.

Ella May Reeve, a sister in Oakland, Calif., is to receive \$1000, and another sister in Oakland, Charlotte Triplett, also receives \$1000.

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