

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY SATURDAY'S advertisement in The Herald and News on the Red Cross was an impressive indication of the universal esteem and support enjoyed by that great humanitarian organization which began its annual financial drive today.

The ad was signed by the heads of all of the labor unions active in this area as well as the president of the chamber of commerce, mayor of the city, and president of the Business and Professional Women's organization. Officialdom, business and labor were thus represented in an appeal for all Klamath people to give generously to the Red Cross this year. We wholeheartedly endorse that appeal.

We have had here a noteworthy demonstration of how the Red Cross is carrying on its program of helpfulness in peace, as it did in war. On the morning of the Evans apartment fire, the Klamath chapter of the Red Cross, through the chairman and executive secretary, immediately went to work to give aid to the unfortunate people dispossessed by the fire. The Red Cross served as a clearing house for information on and for the occupants, who soon became widely scattered. It assisted those who needed it in getting immediate help in the way of clothing, housing, etc., and after otherwise what aid it could in the emergency, it presented each person with a \$50 check to help obtain personal necessities lost in the disastrous fire.

This was quick, effective work. The Red Cross regularly performs services of a more routine nature than this, but the Evans fire incident serves to emphasize dramatically how the Red Cross works for the benefit of those in distress.

The quota of \$25,000 which we are asked to raise for the Red Cross is relatively small; Klamath's response should be quick and generous.

Case Of The Tan Coat

LITTLE light, if any, has been thrown as yet on the mystery of Mrs. Eve Benson's tan coat, given to a wartime charity clothing drive and sold later by the Guild Mall Order House of New York to a Tennessee woman.

The mail order house has informed the Portland Oregonian, in response to an inquiry, that it apparently obtained the coat, along with many other garments, from some dealer in this "part of the country." That does little to clarify the major questions at issue. How did the coat get in the hands of the dealer in this area, if indeed it did, before it went east? Mrs. Benson gave it to a clothing drive and it was understood the garments would be forwarded to the east coast immediately for shipment overseas.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The labor department has been ardently fanning the fears of another food price inflation. A United Press dispatch said: "A labor department spokesman predicted the cost of living will climb to a new price record peak by the end of June. The department reported that on January 15 retail food prices were 30 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago."

Lava Still Pours From Mt. Etna

CATANIA, Sicily, March 3.—(AP) Mount Etna still belched steam and molten lava today from a constantly increasing number of craters near the top of its rotted north slope, creating a lurid display which drew a crowd of sightseers to threatened Passo Pisciaro.

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Naturally the Wall Street traders whetted their fears that food price increases would cause another round of wage increases in coal, steel, autos and other spring contracts awaiting renewal, and thus break our economy up into a still higher inflationary level if not break the accepted economic program entirely.

The actual facts of the matter do not justify all these fears. Indeed they fall so far short of justification you might hastily conclude off-hand that the unions and the labor department must be throwing their pressure weight behind the food price increases so they can collect another wage increase. This may sound foolish to some and possibly it is not true, yet you can find some evidence in the government itself to substantiate such a suspicion.

The Situation

THE actual food situation is this: Farmers require about a year and a half to develop a new pig crop. Only about six months have elapsed since OPA went off, ending the confused condition of the farmers, which induced them to avoid full hog production. The crop of last spring has just about all been sold, and the fall crop (started after OPA) has not come in yet. So we are at an in-between period on hog production. Furthermore, deliveries at markets have been abnormally low because of snow and "intry weather (much of the deliveries these days being by truck). Actually we had a good crop last year. The hog crop is low but yet undeveloped. And we cannot know anything about the coming season's production until fall, so we must conclude that if the farmers go ahead normally they will produce enough hogs to keep us away from further inflation.

If pork chops go to \$1 or \$1.25 a pound in this interim period, the cost of living need not increase for most people, except in the government statistics. Personally I will just not buy pork. We have enough beef (the government foolishly claims the supply is too high) so I will eat beef. If high pork prices throw meat demand over into beef, the government certainly will realize how foolish its recent warnings on beef supplies have been.

Wheat is a somewhat different story, but to the same effect. Last year we had 100 million bushels carry over at the end of the crop year, and this year the milling people are alarmed because officialdom expects 125 million bushels (millers figuring that if the government is wrong again, we will be skating too near thin ice.) But our government itself will largely influence our wheat supply by the extent to which it exports in answer to foreign demand. England is buying here, with the money we gave her—pardon me, "loaned" her. Russia is not buying, and so far as I know, has not attempted to influence our markets since one incident was detected on the stock commodities market sometime back.

Hog Supply Low

BUT in general, hog supplies are low, having not yet caught up. Beef is plentiful. The corn supply is nearing the end. The wheat supply is all right. Florida citrus fruits were hurt badly by cold. Actually then, you cannot get much support for the anonymous labor department spokesman, or the viewers with alarm, unless you expect a crop failure before it is even planted.

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SIDE GLANCES



"The nerve of her asking me how I ever manage to keep so young looking—I'm going to think up a good dig for her next time we meet!"

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

In case you happened to take a glance at this column last Saturday and saw the picture of the guy with his back turned toward the photographer, and nothing to explain why he should sit that way, maybe you wondered a little. I did myself until I found out that it was a picture of Galen Drake, ABC's commentator on things in general. Here's what the caption that came with the cut said about the picture:

"It might be almost anybody, but it happens to be ABC's salty philosopher, Galen Drake, who doesn't want to shatter the mental picture listeners have formed of him by showing his face."

Having now brought Drake into the picture, and also having just finished doing a little story about marriage and divorce, we'll bring the two subjects together, having just found a publicity toss which states Drake's views on marital troubles.

"He says that after years of reading letters from people in this country he is convinced that Americans have more marital difficulties than most."

"Why this should be, I don't know, frankly," he says. "But there's one thing I'm sure of, at least, and that is that the problems connected with marriage don't change a whole lot."

"About the biggest problem married couples have, according to Drake, is lack of mutual understanding. He gets thousands of letters which, boiled down, say that the husband doesn't understand the wife, or that the wife doesn't understand the husband. Just what people mean when they use the word 'understand' is something I'd give a great deal to know," he often says.

"Drake confesses he is puzzled as to why many persons imagine that marriage can change basic character. It can't, as he sees it, because that already has been formed by the time people get married."

"Marriage can't work unless," he declares, "and you're certainly getting off on the wrong foot if you think it can." "One of the chief reasons Drake is puzzled by so much mail of this sort is that he is married, and happily so."

Since we're distributing the views of various persons about various and mundane subjects, we'd like to mention one of the most mundane persons we've heard in a long time, Dr. Heinrich Morgan, who tells us about radio, health and law, (d'a ever think, ya get this AND Alley Oop for just five cents).

"Foul, despicable, nefarious and demonesque." Such were the carefully chosen epithets Morgan used last week to describe the activities of a certain

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

One of the most far-reaching and delicate international issues of the postwar period has been raised by Britain's unprecedented proposal that a big part of her obligations in Greece be assumed by the United States, and the U. S. state department's reply which is reported to be "favorable in principle"—contingent on congressional approval and British agreement to maintain troops there.

That John Bull should find himself unable to meet his obligations to his little Balkan protégé is easily understandable. He is in the midst of a life-and-death economic crisis which renders him incapable of providing the money necessary—said to be some 250,000,000 for the current year. What some folk may not find quite so clear is why Britain (and the U.S.A.) should feel it necessary to maintain Greece in this relationship.

Keystone of Influence

The answer is that Greece is the keystone of Britain's all-important zone of influence in the eastern Mediterranean. As this column frequently has emphasized, Greece is England's last lost-told on the Balkan peninsula. Should the British be compelled to withdraw, there's small doubt that Greece, already hard pressed by communistic neighbors, would be swallowed by the red tide. Athens would take orders from Moscow.

The result of such a development might easily render Turkey—now a friend of the western allies—vulnerable to Soviet pressure so that Russia would at long last gain her heart's desire of controlling the Dardanelles strait—strategically one of the most important water thoroughfares in the world. And there you have the foundations for the collapse of England's control in the Middle East and her lifeline to the Far East.

But this is not the whole story. Were Britain knocked out in the eastern Mediterranean, the dyke which has been acting as a deterrent to the sweep of the red tide across western Europe would have been breached. Italy might be the next country to come within the Soviet zone, providing a mighty lever for communistization right through to the English channel.

Europe U. S. Front Line

But asks someone, why should we of the western hemisphere worry about what happens to Britain's sphere of influence in Europe, or what the political developments are? Well, two world wars have convinced military experts that America's front line defenses lie in Europe, and that being the case why most certainly are we vitally interested in the politico-military set-up there.

The present position poses two problems for America and Britain in particular and for the western democracies in general: 1. Is it wise from the standpoint of world peace for any one great power to control all of continental Europe?

2. Do the western democracies intend to combat the encroachment of communism in their territories?

Cripple Healed

BORN CRIPPLE — He was now 49 years old and had never walked. Daily they carried him out and set him by the roadside to beg. When the Apostles, Peter and John, came that way, he called to them. In place of a gift, Peter tells him: "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth WALK."

The documents, he said, had been seized without knowledge of Ankeny and without a search warrant by Maurice Hudson, corporation commissioner of Oregon, and turned over to Humble. Anderson asked that Hudson be brought into court to tell how he came in possession of the documents.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg set March 24 at 10 a. m. as time for a hearing on both motions.

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Wallan Estate Set At \$10,000

Lanier Sables (Cy) Wallan, 39, one of the three victims of the tragic plane crash here February 23, died intestate and left property valued at an estimated \$10,000. Probate filings reveal that the bulk of the estate is Wallan's Motor company at 531 S. 6th. He was the Kaiser-Frazer automobile dealer.

His heirs are his widow, Margie Lee, who is named as administratrix of the estate, and two daughters, Barbara, 11, and Susan, 9. Mrs. Wallan has been granted a \$200 a month family allowance from the estate while it is being settled.

She petitioned the court here to be allowed to appoint Wesley C. Clark as manager of the Wallan Motor company. Clark had worked for Cy Wallan for the past four years. The court granted the request, and also named the First National bank as depository for the estate.

Fresno Man Named Western Pine Head

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—(AP) Homer P. Jamison of Fresno was elected president of the Western Pine association at the annual business meeting Friday night. Chosen for a two-year term, he succeeded A. J. Strange of La Grande, Ore. Vice presidents elected were A. J. Glassow of Bend, Ore., and P. V. Burke, Sacramento.

Cordon Backs 4 Billion Shash

WASHINGTON, March 3.—(AP) Senator Cain of Washington and Senator Cordon of Oregon, both republicans, voted for a resolution pledging a \$4,500,000,000 cut in the national budget for the next fiscal year today.

Senator Morse, Oregon republican, voted against the proposal while Senator Magnuson, Washington democrat, cast a paired vote.

What Are YOU Doing?

In the Roman Empire, the average life expectancy at birth was approximately 23 years.

More than 4000 whistling swans are on the Tulelake wildlife refuge now but the birds are beginning to migrate north. Some snow geese are also arriving.

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Earl Whitlock

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