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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
MANY citizens, interested in both a strong national defense and a sound national economy, have been seriously concerned...

"Untouchability"

FOR the benefit of those who are interested with us in this problem, we give excerpts from Senator Byrd's speech:
"Recent days the statement has repeatedly been made that it is proposed, and already decided, to reduce the appropriations for national defense to a point that would dangerously cripple, if not destroy, our whole defense structure..."

"As a member of the joint legislative budget committee, I emphatically deny that any decision has been made which includes a reduction in the operations for the armed services which would cripple national defense.
"It is idle for anyone to say that there cannot be substantial economies effected in the army and navy expenditures. We have emerged from the most wasteful and destructive war in all history. It is true, I think, beyond a question of doubt, that many of the extravagances of war still continue in the peacetime operation of our army and navy..."

Need Assurance

UNLESS the people of America have the assurance that this great cost throughout the years to come is being efficiently and wisely expended, I predict that the day will come when the American people may demand reductions in the national defense that will, in real fact, seriously cripple its operations.
"Again I call attention to the fact that the overall cost per man in uniform around the world during the war was \$6960 while in the budget the average cost per man in 1948 will be \$8790 which means that the army and navy propose to expend as an overall average only \$170 less per fighting man in peace than in combat..."

RADIO PROGRAMS

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By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, March 5—The top grapevine from Russia whispers Stalin has decided to let his various diplomatic campaigns around the world coast for a time. Specifically it reports any Russian move to capture the Dardanelles from Turkey has been dropped. This was the feared venture which American government authorities thought might bring on another armed conflict, although our military people recognize they could not do much about protecting the distant straits unless we wanted to declare war on Russia.

Now I am not guaranteeing the prophesy of the grapevine, merely reporting that the news has been received in our official quarters. Personally I believe only what I see, after it has happened, in connection with the current situation. My own reports long ago suggested the Russian spring campaign would take the line of arming the Greek guerrillas secretly in the north for a rebellion which would cause an uproar in Greece—a report which has grown in significance now that the British wish to back out.
So the Moscow conference of foreign ministers, at any rate, is approaching under slightly favorable inner auspices. Our diplomatic authorities do not consider the auspices to be more than slightly favorable, because the deputies of the foreign ministers, who have been preparing the drafts of proposed German and Austrian treaties, have not been able to agree on much. Indeed, in the judgment of the foremost diplomats, the Moscow meeting will not be able to agree on much either. In general, I believe, our government expects continuance of the unsatisfactory stalemate of world peace affairs, accentuated by the British crisis.

No Troop Withdrawal

BUT I cannot detect on the inside, any wide spread support for calling off the proposed conference, or to withdraw our troops from Germany, leaving only the policing nucleus of, say 500 men there (as suggested by an army authority in this spot recently.) Most officials cling to the belief that conversations with Russia must continue, however small may be the chance of settlements. Yet they are afraid to withdraw from Germany because they suspect Russia would immediately begin campaigning to spread her influence in the British, French and American zones. They recognize we are in Germany solely because of the existence of the constant Russian threat, and we must remain there until some genuine evidence accumulates that the threat is over.

The Russian diplomatic game is well understood here. Stalin can afford to wait instead of moving now, for instance, into the Turkish territory. Communism wishes to continue to capitalize on all world discontents, insecurity and fear. Ills must always exist in a human world, and Russia is trying to collect all oppositions everywhere, in expectation that when breaks develop, she will inherit governments everywhere by simply having them fall into her lap. That strategy is easily discernible.

Now General Marshall has started his tenure with a speech (Princeton February 22,) striking out against the apathy of the public concerning world affairs, and presumably also against public disinterestedness in the severe situation he has outlined above. He says America must assume world leadership. But his speech was couched in generalities and really was itself evidence of the situation against which it complained. We (the people) look to Marshall, Truman, Taft, Vandenberg and others for leadership, but there is no ardent public sentiment for any particular world developments, and the speeches of the leaders are so general in nature they have failed to arouse any sparks of public sentiment. Personally I think the leaders are responsible more than the people. The situation is just as grave as General Marshall contended—more so since the British break. If we all keep on coasting the way we have been in the past few months, Stalin will realize his aims. Leaders like Marshall should get into action, talk frankly and plainly, but above all specifically.

Russian Responsibility

FIRST of all, Russia should be required to take the responsibility of her leadership in her satellite states, and no longer be permitted to sit back waiting for enough world ills to accumulate to throw nations into her purely negative revolutionary program. What are the economic conditions which communism has brought to European nations she conquered? The truth should be known and advertised. The whole world then would know communism has brought nothing superior or desirable to anyone. Communism is impoverished ethically and economically. Russia cannot give the people a better living. She cannot even produce a good automobile.

Russia should not be allowed to sit back and wait for chaos (while secretly promoting same) using the rights and privileges of democracy to accomplish the ruin of democracy. Democracies should give her no more rights than she gives them.

If Marshall, Truman, Taft and Vandenberg would take up a program of affirmative action like this, which held some promise of genuine encouragement, there would be less public apathy for them to complain about.



"How can you have the nerve to charge that much for wieners? Haven't you heard about Henry Ford cutting the prices on cars?"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

England and France finally have signed their much-discussed 50-year alliance in the dramatic setting of immortal Dunkerque but, while the ostensible purposes of the treaty have been cited, there still is ground for much speculation as to just what might grow out of it.

We are told that it is designed to provide mutual protection against any future aggression by Germany. Similar accords are proposed with Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Poland—to encircle Germany.
With a new entente. Well, the desire for such a safeguard certainly is understandable, although its inauguration isn't particularly pressing in view of the fact that the fatherland is so crippled as to be unable to make war within the 50-year period of the alliance.

Economic Pact
Of far more immediate practicality is the projected economic pact on which statesmen of England and France are at work as a supplement to the alliance. Under this pact the economies of the two nations would be integrated—a remarkable and perhaps far-reaching development.

I believe it is to this economic pact that we must look for guidance as to the major significance of the Anglo-French love-feast. The point that strikes one immediately is that both countries are in the midst of life and death economic crises. And when we use that emphatic language we merely repeat what statesmen of both nations have been saying. None disputes that France and Britain are in a terribly bad way. So we see these comrades in arms, but rivals in trade, zealously seeking to coordinate their economies for mutual advantage.

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Military Exhibit Idea Given Up

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—With an eye to economy, the state and war department have scrapped a plan to explain the military occupation of Germany with a traveling exhibit in the United States.
The two departments had worked on the project, patterned after exhibits used by the British and French governments in their respective countries, for several weeks.

Officials said today the departments finally decided it was "inadvisable," chiefly because of the clamor in congress for reduction of expenses.

Why not have additional cash, the benefits of a social unit and a technical training institution? These are all yours in the U. S. naval reserve.

Many animals cannot perceive colors.

Accident Victims Unconscious

Two accident victims, critically injured the early part of the week, remained in a serious condition at Hillside hospital today. Semi-conscious is 17-year-old Freddy Bacon, employed on the William Kitt edge ranch at Klamath marsh, hurt last Monday morning when his horse fell on him. The youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bacon of Grants Pass, formerly of this city, are at his bedside.

Still unconscious, Smith Cox of Lappine remains in a critical condition, hospital attendants said, and little change was noted in his condition. Cox was injured early Sunday morning in a car-truck sideswipe near Chemult.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE side of the paper only, must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

CHILQUIN, Ore. (To The Editor)—First I want to thank Mrs. Ben Murphy for her wonderful true letter, which more like her would write (on Indians). Why do so many people hate Indians?

Why do they put a liquor store in an Indian town? Just to tempt them? Try closing a liquor store to everyone except an Indian and see how everyone will try to get an Indian to buy a bottle for him. I live among the Indians and I know he has to pay ten bucks for a fifth, \$5 for a pint and two or three dollars for a (hokois) meaning a runner, half the time they never come back with the bottle or the money, and I was told one day, don't say anything you can't back up (papa spunk). Now if I really wanted to and you promise to print it (that's all) why can so-called white people kill deer on the reservation?

I know many families who have deer meat the year around. Why do white people live here among the Indians (the Indians are lower than Japs or any other tribe, the jail is full all the time). Some bootleggers get by as it's cooling on the hand in hot weather or cold to feel the cool lettuce on these palms. Thanks, GRACE RAMBO, Chilquino, Ore.

ON GRAZING ACT BONANZA, Ore. (To The Editor)—I have been reading the letters submitted by Mr. Carnahan denouncing the Taylor grazing act.

If I may, I should like to ask where Mr. Carnahan fits in the

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picture? As far as I know he is an attorney at law. I am a stockman and I personally think the Taylor grazing act is one of the best laws ever passed.

The Taylor grazing act was passed primarily to give the taxpayer the right to lease the public domain for grazing purposes. The only stockmen that were not benefited were the sheepmen who didn't own an acre of land and as such as possible avoided paying personal taxes. Yours Respt., JESSE A. McFALL.

Solon Criticizes Rate Oppositon

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Opposition by the reconstruction finance corporation to a proposed freight rate reduction on western steel was called "distasteful," by Rep. Dawson (R-Utah), today.

The rates, which were to become effective March 1 from Geneva, Utah, to Pacific Coast points, have been suspended, pending a hearing March 11 on objections from shipping companies and competitors of United States steel, which operates the war-built plant at Geneva.

Dalles To Hold Fat Stock Show

PORTLAND, March 5 (AP)—A 4-H club fat stock show and sale under Eastern Oregon Wheat League auspices will be held at The Dalles, about May 27 and 28, Howard Dent Jr., mayor of The Dalles, said here today.

He said the show and sale will be an annual event with plans calling for construction of show barns, a grandstand and other facilities.

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