

Guest Editorial

WE have, we think, about as great an interest as anybody's in western reclamation. This is not because we own land that we want to see watered but simply because we want to see the west developed and because we believe that it is to newly irrigated lands that the country must look for the food that will be in demand in coming years both for home consumption and to meet its foreign obligations.

Feeling as we do we regret to observe the manner in which the argument for reclamation appropriations is developing. It seems to us that name calling and political maneuvering are not the sort of thing that is likely to develop favor for western projects.

Too few of those who are criticizing eastern members of congress for their (assumed) niggardliness give attention to the historical background of reclamation. Too few remember that for nearly two-thirds of its life federal reclamation was a self-contained undertaking.

For more than 30 years after the initiation of the federal reclamation program the funds that were used came not from taxation or from borrowing but from western resources.

Today congress is in republican control and the party has pledged itself to do what President Roosevelt regularly said he would do but never did—balance the budget.

News Behind The News

PALE BEACH, Fla., March 11—What might be called a new intelligentsia is loosely springing up around the country. The smart boys have made such a failure of planning the past few years, they have not been able to offer anything except the same old arguments in the same old words.

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, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

MORE ON TAYLOR BONANZA, Ore., (To the Editor)—I wrote to the com'n a few days ago and more or less brought up the question of who was dissatisfied with the Taylor Grazing act.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for dates (TUESDAY EVE., MARCH 11; WEDNESDAY P. M., MARCH 12; WEDNESDAY A. M., MARCH 12) and radio programs for stations KFLW and KFJI.

phenomena and some other plain men who long since gave up the groovists and started out to do some thinking for themselves. A composite resume of their questions and answers on current news ran about like this:

No Affirmative Program

Q.—What is Russianism which is masquerading as communism? A.—It has no affirmative program. It is purely antagonistic movement. It exists in an inefficient way solely by opposing everything rather than by its own accomplishments.

Q.—What would the U. S. be like the day after Russianism started? A.—In the first place it will never start, and in the second, who can say what a negative movement would do when pressed with the necessity for affirmative action.

Q.—Has capitalism a chance of survival under this staggering war debt? A.—Capitalism has given human beings their greatest improvement in all the history of the world. By inspiring individual initiative, it has provided the average man with electric lights, automobiles, radios, modern plumbing—things which are greater ordinary benefits than the non-capitalistic nations have achieved.

Q.—What of the federal debt and its \$5 billions annual interest charge? A.—The interest charge is not really \$5 billions. This is merely the budget figure. It does not include the taxes the government collects on its bond interest by subjecting the interest payments to taxation.

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SIDE GLANCES



"George is going to be busy on his income tax tonight, but I told him only the Joneses were coming over and you'd excuse him!"

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

Our friends think that we're slightly nuts at times because our favorite reading is the classified columns of Writers Digest and the Saturday Review of Literature, two erstwhile journals of the literati whose classified columns vary from the sublime to the ridiculous in content.

A single line at the top of one column serves to illustrate a point: "Here they go. Watch them run. Mollie. Help. Jim." "What does it mean? We don't know. Maybe it's code. Who needs the help, Mollie or Jim? Just as erratic but more poetic is the line at the bottom of the page, "Little Joe married a novelist. Then she went away. Hey!"

Here's a "distinguished gentleman with European background" who wants to hear from a "talented young lady writer" for "prospective collaboration." He might be a count, or just another phony. Here's a man with business sense, "cool your friends—send them letters postmarked Los Angeles. 25c a letter too! Good way to fool your wife too! Another guy advertises as a professional humorist: "Humor written to order." Come now, no one can be that funny.

Two more men seek "companions." The first says, "A. Robert Browning for an Elizabeth Barrett." Poetic, ain't it? The second is a little more horsey. He wants a "riding companion." Will pay all expenses and buy beginners habit. "Chee, kids, a bargain." Finally, leading us into our next subject is the ad reading: "Songs published. Have your lyrics set to music and published for only five dollars." Yep, the "Song Sharks."

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The consensus is that there's small likelihood the Big Four will be able to achieve the main object of their present Moscow conference—the framing of the all-important German treaty upon which the peace and rehabilitation of Europe so largely depend.

Why the pessimism? Well, the Moscow newspaper New Time pins it down rather neatly when it says that a satisfactory German settlement must follow, not precede a satisfactory settlement by the allies of their mutual relations.

That makes sense, although it's wrapping an altogether grim situation in soft language which might well be more blunt. The Big Four certainly will be putting the cart before the horse if they try to write the German treaty before they clear up the differences between Russia and the western democracies.

The main hope for the conference would seem to rest in the possibility that the four foreign secretaries might develop a showdown which would clarify misunderstandings. There have been signs that such a tabling of cards might be brought about by the very determined men who are facing each other across the conference table.

The troubles between Russia and the western allies finally have reached the stage of "fight talk"—when you call me that, smile." The Muscovites charge the "capitalistic powers" (meaning America and Britain) with trying to encircle and restrict the Soviet Union.

And the western powers on their part have watched with suspicion, and frequently with formal protests, as country after country has been communized and pulled within Moscow's rapidly spreading zone of influence which already has made the Soviet Union the dominant power of the great eastern hemisphere.

Thus the battle between communism and western democracy has divided the world against itself. Moscow is dominant over much of Eurasia. The western

hemisphere and part of Europe stand with the western powers. Such a condition cannot continue indefinitely without precipitating a conflict which will make the first and second World Wars look like a picnic in the orchard of the old homestead.

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The city council approved \$35,079 worth of building permits at its regular meeting last night, the largest permit being issued to Archie Reid and Al Ryder for the construction of a new business building on the corner of Oak and Adams for a cost of \$10,000.

Altogether 15 permits were issued, the others going to: Axel E. Flores, new residence, Shasta way, \$5000; W. B. Powell, new residence, Darrow street, \$5300; W. B. Powell, new residence, Darrow street, \$5300; Ray Vulliamy, new building, Spring and Oak, \$2500; Mike Petroff, repair garage, 2134 Stuckel, \$500; M. E. Doherty, repair garage, \$500; M. E. Doherty, new roof on hospital, 1949 Main, \$300; Yellow Cab company, install gas storage tank, 111 1/2 S. 8th, \$300; William Newman, repair residence, 414 N. 9th, \$200; Jack's Roofing Service, repair roof, 8th and Klamath, \$198; George Filtratti, add two windows, 1946 Erie, \$150; Stanley W. Smith, repair residence, Applegate and E. Main, \$35.

Senator "Fair" SALEM, March 11 (AP)—The condition of Sen. Austin Duns, Baker, who was taken to a hospital yesterday after becoming ill in his hotel room, was described as "fair" today by hospital authorities, who said doctors have not yet learned the nature of his ailment.

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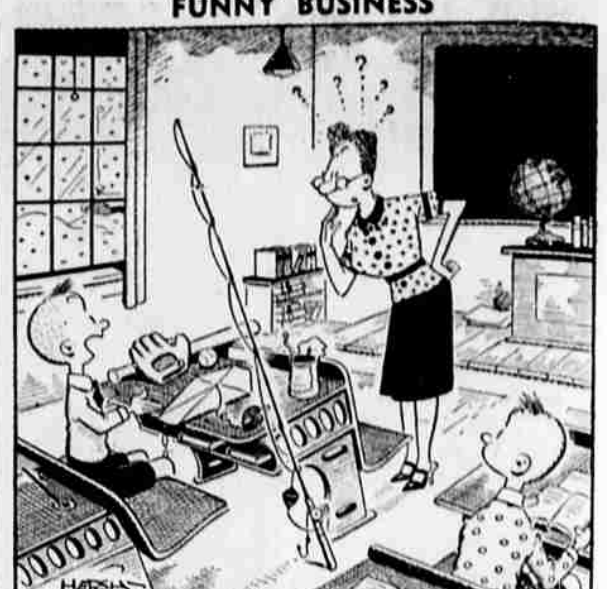
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"I just don't want to be late for spring!"

New Business Building Plan

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