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Today's Roundup

YESTERDAY, in the pleasant company of Earl Ager and Charles Wiese of Tulelake, we rode U. S. highway No. 97 from Klamath Falls to Weed and return. It's a trip that is familiar to virtually every resident of the Klamath basin, but we are impelled, by what we saw and the line of thought it stimulated, to write a bit about it here today.

We used to call it the Weed-Klamath Falls highway. When we came here many years ago, it was made up of alternate stretches of lightly oiled and gravelled road, some of it winding over Deer mountain.

It wasn't yet much of a road then, but its completion was one of the prime community objectives, for we all realized how vital it was to have this link between The Dalles-California highway and the Pacific Highway. Already, in spite of its semi-primitive condition in those days, it was carrying a lot of traffic that demanded something be done.

With the excellent cooperation of the California and Oregon highway departments, the road was brought to its present state. The cut-off to Midland from the junction on Greensprings highway was built, and later Cougar cutoff eliminated the Deer mountain grades and curves. It is not yet the highway it should be, but we know men who claim they have driven the road from Weed to Klamath Falls, about 70 miles, in about 70 minutes. It became a part of U. S. highway No. 97, a major traffic carrier between all northwest points and California.

Scenic Beauty

BUT it is more than just a carrier of fast traffic. It has unique and impressive scenic beauty.

Driving down in the late afternoon with Mr. Ager and Mr. Wiese—two gentlemen who are not above admitting inspiration from the mountains, desert and countryside—we were struck with the magnificence of the views afforded on the westbound trip.

There's that long drive across the drained bed of old Lower Klamath lake, the rugged mountains on the horizon for some reason always reminding us of Indian war and struggling wagon trains. There's a run through Butte valley, which some day may blossom into a veritable garden under the beneficence of expanding irrigation. Then a smooth, easy jump over Cougar pass, through a fine pine forest, and down across Grass Lake, that used to be Klamath's rail head.

Beyond that, of course, come the best views of the journey's scenic masterpiece. Mt. Shasta, shouldering the sky, stands out in front of you in sharp focus for most of the trip into Weed, and it dominates the landscape if you go down U. S. 99. Shasta is terrific. If you are one who raises his eyes beyond the window sill or the tops of the buildings across the way, it comes to mean something in your life. Hardboiled business men who live down there have admitted as much to us.

Shasta lies ahead or to your left on the final stretch into Weed. But off to the right is a striking view across a rugged basin, carpeted by junipers, ringed by now snowy mountains, studied by lava rock buttes in odd shapes. To the west is a rampart of more high mountains.

It Deserves Recognition

BECAUSE of all it has to offer, as a vital connecting link, as a carrier of through traffic, as a road of real scenic worth, US No. 97 from Klamath to Weed deserves a place high in the consideration of California and Oregon highway builders as they plot their extensive post-war highway improvement program.

We understand that some work is recommended for it in the so-called Collier highway construction outline in California, notably an 11-mile stretch south and west from Dorris. Good as it is as compared with those days we were talking about earlier in this space, it needs and deserves a great deal of improvement to do the job it ought to do.

And it needs to be given a better break by those who, officially and unofficially, direct the attention of motorists to fast, logical highway routes. We have a feeling that California highway officialdom, in particular, has been inclined in recent years to underestimate or ignore its importance. California outdid Oregon for a while in pushing construction on this route. We hope Californians take a new look at this important interstate connection.

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 14—Why some republican leaders are reaching for the whip is not difficult to ascertain. You can guess this one accurately from the scoreboard, which to date shows no runs, no hits, and innumerable errors.

Their congressional leadership is in danger of nullification, and this of course means nullification of democracy. The matter is not less important than that. The Trumanites (unions?) who look at the situation gleefully as a chance to ruin the election prestige of their adversaries need new glasses. The republicans who think they can gain political prestige by appealing to class groups are no less blind.

The only development which could save this democracy is for the republicans to get the chance for leadership which the people gave them in the last election. Otherwise there will be no leadership, only nullifying conflict at the helm.

Mr. Truman did not have to call off his vacation for a crisis in Greece. He has one here at home which would warrant attention. If you do not believe me, look at the scoreboard on the gross Washington leadership to date:

It Takes Time

THE closing of the senate hearings normally would bring a report and bill on union reform within a week or ten days. Then will come along senate debate which reporters suspect cannot be concluded for three or more weeks. The house committee was late getting started for some reason, but has a plan to get its bill out there ahead of the senate. Also the debate there will be shorter. But after action is taken by the house, the two bills will not go to conference (because both bills will not be exactly alike) and the final form will be wrangled out. Ultimately dispatched to the White House thereafter, the legislation faces prospect of veto and it may then return to both houses to pass over a veto.

Anyone who figures all this can be done within two months normally is taking liberty with reasonableness. It is more likely to require three or more.

The final form, as nearly everyone has guessed by now (although you read it first here last December and repeatedly since then,) is likely to follow the case bill with some modifications, or what will be called the Ball-Taft-Smith bill this time. It will be practically the same as Mr. Truman voted last year before election, establishing government arbitration boards. Those in charge of congressional affairs judge much of the debate will center around the proposals to abolish the closed shop and the restrictions upon industry-wide bargaining—both amendments of Minnesota's Senator Ball. One or both might be passed by one house, but the chances of either passing both houses are slim.

So while some republican leaders are claiming the job they are doing in congress is unprecedentedly tremendous, they can hardly escape the conclusion that:

... all the current trouble and more coming, the result is apt to be just what was passed last session in a democratic congress and failed then by veto.

Scoreboard

LOOK at the scoreboard again. They have pushed up near to final enactment and then stopped the bill limiting the presidency to two terms (a matter which could wait until 1950 at least before it could have any practical effect); also they have pushed abolition of the portal-to-portal backpay increases (incidentally labor did not object strenuously), and the proposed cuts in the budget. On the budget they have spent considerable time and patience on the theory that they should pare expenses before adopting a tax reduction.

This latter step naturally has had the effect of postponing tax reduction which many republicans consider to be the swiftly needed key to economic advancement of the country, equal in importance almost to labor legislation. This proposed tax stimulation to economic activity has now run into the Truman promotion of more loans and relief to Europe. The question of loans has weakened some republican backing for a 20 per cent cut and caused some congressmen privately to talk about 15 or 10 per cent or maybe even less.

Now I am informed with the utmost reliability, the Truman administration has not contemplated getting anything from abroad in return for the loans. Indeed high democrats tell me they cannot get anything in return for the money—for instance any guarantees from Greece or Italy or the other nations which would promote our struggle to maintain our ideals in those nations against the growth of communist and Russian interests, or any commitments. Apparently the administration policy has had the preliminary effect of blocking the planned republican tax reduction without getting anything in return from abroad I know of, in the way of secret or public promises. This would seem to make American taxpayers suffer not only a loss in proposed tax reductions, but apparently continued loss of their interests abroad in the nations where communism has been active politically in the minority.

Otherwise, as Senate Republican Floor Leader White said in a speech inserted in the record not long ago, the republicans have been scored in heavily with routine work. The trouble is you cannot put snow on the scoreboard.

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

President Truman's declaration of war against aggressive totalitarian communism revives an unwelcome task which Uncle Sam hoped he had got rid of back in 1933 when Washington finally accorded the Soviet government recognition after Moscow promised to stop world-revolution propaganda in the United States.

Wednesday's historic development naturally is a matter of grave concern, but it scarcely can cause surprise to those who have been watching closely over down which was inevitable, and the most remarkable thing about it is that it didn't come sooner.

The events leading to this denouncement are the result of a studied, cut-and-dried policy laid down in Moscow nearly a quarter of a century ago, and they form one of the most amazing chapters of world history. They read like melodramatic fiction. The story starts with the bolshevik revolution of 1917 which overthrew the czar and established the Soviet government. As a member of the AP staff in Europe at that time your correspondent had a ring-side seat.

Attempted Revolts As soon as the bolsheviks got their feet under them in Russia their staff for world revolution—the comintern, or third international—got into action, and there were revolts and attempted revolts in many countries. Europe won't soon forget the horrors of the rebellion led by Bela Kun in Hungary in 1919 when over 1000 people were slain. The bolsheviks even tried to start a revolution in staid and conservative England.

World revolution was the pet scheme of Trotsky, but when Lenin died in 1925 and Stalin came to power the latter decreed that this should be shelved while Russia was strengthened by creation of industries and a great army.

By 1935 the astute Stalin fore-

saw the new European war—and I am merely setting down what observers noted at the time. He was given credit for recognizing that such a war would create chaos throughout the continent, and that the distressed populations would provide fertile soil for the spread of communism. Then would be the time for the world-revolution staff to get busy.

Well, in '39 Hitler and Stalin made the non-aggression pact which was followed immediately by the war. Chaos hit Europe on the double-quick. And it's interesting to recall that on its heels we find Soviet Statesman Molotov, then both premier and foreign minister, saying in a speech that Britain and France had declared "something in the nature of an ideological war on Germany," and adding:

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in the western hemisphere. Finally we arrive at the Russian attempt to secure control of Greece, Turkey and the Danubian. Continuation of the freedom of these two strategically located states is generally held to be essential to world security. Said President Truman:

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Four-H News

Mama's Little Helpers

Mama's Little Helpers club, cookery 2 and 3, was organized January 18, with 22 members enrolled. Mrs. Theima Book, local leader, heads the group. We have had some good meetings with demonstrations on salad making, table setting and serving. Officers are as follows, president, Irene Ellingson; vice president, Shirley Deaton; secretary and treasurer, Mary Henderson; yell leader, Ruth Campbell and Bob Winfield. News reporter, Veda Tibbits.

Bonanza 4-H Club Meets

The 1947 Bonanza Beef club organized with the following officers elected, president, Adele Brown; vice president, Vernon C. Haley; secretary, Mary Brown; news reporter, Bob Givan, and local leader, J. F. Heyden.

Monthly meetings are held at 11 a. m. on the first Friday of each month in the Bonanza High school building. At the meeting held March 7, 1947, roll call was taken by each member giving the name of his or her calf, weight at last weighing and estimated gain for the next weighing. It was announced that Francis Skinner, Klamath County 4-H club agent, will do the next weighing Saturday, March 15, for the Hildebrand-Bonanza-Langel valley territory. Club reporter, Bob Givan.

Jolly Cookers

The Ten Jolly Cookers 4-H club and the Merry Sisters 4-H club of Fairhaven celebrated the National 4-H week with a party, March 7. Refreshments were served and games were played. Mrs. A. J. Loomis, local leader, was in charge. Coral McKinney, news reporter.

FALSE ALARM

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—Fire equipment jammed the streets around the Oregonian building early today, but the fire didn't amount to much—soot burning in a flue.

Figaro gets married Saturday morning on the Met broadcast when the company presents Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." The same bunch of guys will participate on the opera quiz, opera news and the other intermission features as usual. Ezio Pinza and Eleanor Steber take the leads in the show with Hjoerdis Schymberg (go on, just try to pronounce it), and Salvatore Baccaloni supporting.

Here's a little item on the fights tonight that we might use. The piece says that Tommy Bell of Cleveland, O., and Jake La Motta of the Bronx will engage in a 10-round middleweight bout. It'll be heard at 7 p. m.

The Fat Man solves some kind of a crime tonight with the aid of a ventriloquist's dummy. It doesn't say whether the dummy was fat or not. Fat Man is heard at 9:30 p. m.

Speaking of crime, Pat Novak For Hire will continue to be heard over the ABC coast network on a sustaining basis. The super-sleuth series is fast becoming a "must listen" for people and kids who want to hear all about the birds and bees. Novak's drunken pal popped up with a dissertation on the egyptian's art, strip-teasing to you, on last Sunday's program that would make your eyebrows arch.

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Byrd Crew Men Die In Crash

SYDNEY, Australia, March 14 (AP)—Two crew members of the U. S. navy Antarctic expedition, enjoying their first few hours ashore in months, were killed today in an automobile accident at Edgecliff, Sydney suburb.

Joseph L. Hollingsworth, 24, a petty officer, and James Eason, 19, a seaman, died when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telegraph pole and a brick wall after swerving to avoid collision with another car. Both were members of the crew of the seaplane tender Currituck.

The crash victims were among about 1000 American sailors given shore leave.

Their sightseeing recently had been largely confined to icebergs and penguins. Converging on Sydney today, they stepped up the tempo of this city to something reminiscent of wartime days.

Hitchcock, asked several club members about their 4-H club projects while the films were being changed.

All the 4-H club members gave a vote of thanks to Alis Chalmers and West-Hitchcock corporation for showing the films. Betty Brandejevski, news reporter.

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