

# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

**THE** Klamath Potato Growers Association, which held its annual meeting yesterday, is a quarter of a century old.

Its start back in 1923 was simultaneous with and really synonymous with the start of the development of the Klamath basin potato industry into the multi-million dollar business we know today.

The organization meeting of the growers' association was held in the old county agent's office in the basement of the courthouse. About 16 growers were there, many of them who are still prominently identified with the industry. Henry Semon was elected president.

Back of that organization meeting was a growing sentiment in the business and agricultural community that there was need for a cash crop in this area that could be depended upon, year after year, to roll money into the hands of the farmers and into the economic life of the area generally.

It was a case of deliberate planning that worked. It didn't just happen.



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### Foundation of Industry

**THERE** had been some potato growing on a wider basis than usual in the season of 1922. County Agent Charles Henderson, who had come recently to the job here, had made some checks on the quality of the potatoes that had been produced. It was agreed by the growers that a cooperative effort should be made to bring in a substantial quantity of seed for foundation planting.

That was done. The seed was brought in from Weston mountain, in Northeastern Oregon, the plantings were made, and the Klamath basin potato industry was off to a quarter of a century of remarkable development that made agricultural history in Oregon and Northern California.

On many occasions, figures and tables have been run to show the growth of potato production and returns through the 25 years from the start of the early 'twenties. But I have never seen a cumulative figure. This morning I made inquiry for just such statistics from the office of that same Charles Henderson, who has played a prominent part throughout the 25 years in the development of our potato industry.

I obtained what I wanted. Here they are, the total of production and value of the Klamath basin potato crop from that small beginning in 1922-23 to the present:

Production—132,972 carloads, or 47,869,920 sacks. Value—\$81,368,098.

These are statistics worth remembering.

### Same Spirit Prevails

**YESTERDAY**, I attended the growers' meeting at Merrill. It was considerably different, no doubt, from the first session of 25 years ago. There must have been 100 growers there, and they talked in figures undoubtedly much larger than any used in 1923.

But essentially, their fundamental objective was the same. There was a lot of talk about the necessity of maintaining high standards through good seed. The industry has "come of age" and it has problems that go with maturity. But it is tackling those problems in much the same spirit as was in evidence at that first meeting of the association 25 years ago.

With a huge market still expanding in California and to the north, there is every reason to expect that the potato growers of the Klamath country will continue to prosper if they can continue to produce quality potatoes.

The valuation figure quoted above is well over twice the assessed valuation of Klamath county. And the land that produced all those potatoes at

that high value is still here, it is in better shape than ever before, it has an adequate supply of water to make it work, and it can all be done over again—at an even higher level—in the next 25 years. That's what agriculture does.

## These Days

**THE** subject of the Marshall plan is to offset by dollar credits the spread of Russian imperialism and communism in Western Europe. It is to be applied to those countries that this country believes can be saved from the Marxist menace. Should the Marshall plan be successful, it is assumed that because of the importance of such countries as Great Britain and France, the Russian movement will be contained in Eastern Europe. The Marshall plan accepts the assumption that American credits can save Europe from communism, save a base for America in the event of war.

If one accepts this hypothesis, the Marshall plan is inadequate, because only one of three doors is shut by it. Russian imperialism marches on two fronts and communism functions actively on three. What does it avail to shut one door and have the other two wide open? It may even be asked whether the other two doors are not, from the American standpoint, more important. They are Latin America and China.

The Latin-American situation should always have priority in American thought. Countries like Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela are definitely more important to the United States strategically than many of the 16 countries of Europe which the Marshall plan seeks to bolster against Russian imperialism and communism. So many leftists have risen to power in Latin-American countries that the United States needs to know whether its own defenses are down. It is of infinitely more strategic importance to be sure that we do not have unfriendly governments and peoples in Central and South America. The recent rejection of our troops from Panama passed as though it meant nothing. Actually, the tone of that situation is of primary importance.

### No Good

**THE** so-called "good neighbor policy" of the Roosevelt administration, operated by Nelson Rockefeller, apparently left no favorable results. The policy was originally conceived by Stanley High, the journalist, who wisely realized that it was important for the United States to build a strong, popular alliance not only with the governments but with the peoples of Latin America. The peoples of those countries think of us as dominating masters. The "good neighbor policy" did not allay their fears. Spruille Braden's interference in the affairs of the Argentine increased their fears. And paradoxically they turned to the left.

What all Latin-American countries need is the investment of surplus privately-owned capital in the mineral and agricultural and even in the industrial development of their areas. As a matter of fact, from a business standpoint, this is an excellent time for them to attract private capital because of the unfavorable conditions in Europe and Asia and the small return upon invested capital in the United States. If Latin-American investments could be made attractive, it is not beyond reason to assume that very considerable amounts of American capital would find its way south of the border. But that iodestone is not present as long as the governments of those countries find it politically advantageous to appeal for leftist support. Americans cannot invest in anti-American countries. What is more, they should not.

### He Licked the Communists

**THAT** door, at any rate, is not shut to communist infiltration. While Nelson Rockefeller was sending such master-minds as Jo Davidson and Orson Welles to Central and South America to stimulate friendship for the United States, Soviet Russia sent Oumansky and a vast army of trained organizers to build a communist base. Using Cuba and Mexico as their centers, they spread over a continent until they met the counter-forces of Peron, who defeated them in his area. We did not defeat them. As a matter of fact, we aided and abetted them during the entire course of war, as we did in our own country. Peron may be a fascist but he downed the communists who are and always have been our enemies.

Now the United States faces the fact in Latin America that we have to start right over again. But we ought to do it with knowledge and wisdom. Unfortunately, the state department, as at present organized, is inadequately manned for the task—which, by law, is delegated to it.

tion, however, and are undoubtedly carried from one person to another, the best method of preventing them lies in avoiding exposure to those who are already sick with a cold, especially during the first few hours. So far as treatment is concerned, there is not too much to offer. Nearly everyone with a cold would be better off by getting to bed early and staying there until the symptoms had disappeared. Whenever this can be accomplished, it will help to shorten the effects of a cold as well as avoid exposing others.

Question: I was given a formula of cream of tartar, baking soda and flower of sulphur for stiff knees. Do you think this would be good? Answer: I cannot think of any reason why this formula should be of any benefit to stiff knees at all.

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develop an immunity or resistance to new infections from the same virus for a short time. Others, however, do not build up any resistance and a person can become a victim of exactly the same kind of cold within a few days.

Thus, the fact that different infectious agents are responsible for different colds, and that some of them do not stimulate bodily resistance, does not look hopeful for developing a vaccine against colds. Furthermore, the newer drugs, such as the sulfa and penicillin, do not act on virus diseases, so that the development of a good, new treatment is not particularly promising.

Prevention Best Cure. All this does not help us much in preventing or treating colds. Because colds are caused by infec-

## SIDE GLANCES



"You're sure lucky—my pop never plays with me!"

## The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
AF Foreign Affairs Analyst

Secretary of State Marshall, in testifying before the house foreign affairs committee in Washington yesterday regarding his proposed European aid program, declared that "if we do not move out to meet the problem in Europe today it will certainly come to us here in the United States under conditions far more unfavorable to us."

The general didn't place a precise interpretation on that grim-sounding statement. However, at another point he gave this explanation:

"European recovery, we feel sure, is essential to preservation of freedom in the most critical area of the world today. European economic recovery is essential to a return of normal trade and commerce throughout the world—we want peace. We want security—a great crisis has to be met. Do we meet the situation with action or do we step aside and allow other forces to settle the pattern of future European civilization?"

### Disabilities

Those statements give us a picture, I believe, of an America (and other countries) suffering from a lack of world peace. Marshall and Secretary of Commerce Harriman told the committee that the aid program would put burdens on the American people. Harriman named high prices as one burden and said that the project would add to our difficulties in trying to control inflation.

Both secretaries, however, asserted that the gains would be worth the cost.

It would be highly interesting if we could read the mind of General Marshall, who played such a great part in the late war, and discover what more he thinks it might mean if Western Europe weren't rehabilitated economically. However, the situation isn't so complicated that we can't figure the thing out for ourselves.

In the first place Russia has made it clear that she is determined on communizing Western Europe and adding it to the area under her domination. There are two ways of stopping this aggression. One is to create a military barrier through Central Europe—a task which only the United States could undertake, and she won't do it. The other is to put the countries of Western Europe on their feet economically so that they can defend themselves—and of course that involves the Marshall plan.

Now, if the Marshall plan is not put into effect, Moscow plans to fight it tooth and nail. That's official. If the Soviet Union can defeat the plan, then the road will be open for her to sweep through to the English channel. And if there is no Marshall plan at all, the conquest of Western Europe will be so much the easier for bolshevism.

What then? Answer: Russia would have all Europe as a base for operations against the rest of the world. We don't need any diagram to show what that would signify. Most certainly it would mean another world war, with the United States holding the defenses of democracy against that swollen bolshevik empire.

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## Taft Says Meat Ration Wrong Move

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—**Soundings in key vote of republican opposition to meat rationing, Senator Taft (Ohio) predicted today it would revive black markets and lead to even higher prices.

"The Obion told a reporter that while he is not completely barring rationing or price controls, he does not believe that meat rationing would work."

"You have to set up just as big an organization to ration one item as to ration everything," Taft said.

**By-products Lost**

"Besides, meat is the one thing most susceptible to black market operations. I am afraid that we would have a repetition of the time when cattle were killed widely on the farms instead of at the slaughtering houses, with the hides and other by-products being lost."

"Certainly the people who got beef through the black markets would have to pay even higher prices for it than they are now and a great many people would get practically none at all."

Although a handful of GOP lawmakers led by Senator Flanders (Va.) have said they believe meat rationing may be necessary by spring, Taft's views reflect the attitude of republicans generally to stand by power to restore rationing and wage-price controls on a limited basis.

The party skepticism and outright opposition came into sharp focus yesterday when Secretary of Agriculture Anderson plugged for meat rationing and wholesale price ceilings on meat. He testified before the senate banking committee, which is considering various bills to re-establish these wartime controls.

The committee assembled today to hear representatives of veterans' organizations (10 a. m. EST) and Secretary of Labor Schwechenbach (2:30 p. m. EST).

Schwechenbach was expected to devote most of his attention to the wage section of an administration measure sponsored by Senator Barkley (D-Ky.). It provides for hold-in-reserve authority to restore both price and wage controls.

## Foreign Aid Plan Probed

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—**Pressure built up among house republicans today to write out definite orders for whoever is to run the European recovery program and to specify exactly definite limitations on his power.

Reps. Vorys (R-Ohio) and Chipmunk (R-Ill.) were among the GOP members on the foreign affairs committee talking along that line as house hearings on the Marshall plan rolled into their second day. Lewis H. Douglas, ambassador to Britain, and a former Arizona congressman, was billed as the witness.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson was called for questioning by the senate foreign relations committee at the same time (10 a. m. EST).

From that side of the capitol came fresh indications that GOP lawmakers are not completely satisfied with the administration's estimate of \$6,800,000,000 as the precise sum needed to operate the plan for the first 15 months.

## Hindus Evacuated From Karachi

**KARACHI, Pakistan, Jan. 13 (AP)—**Mohammed Ayub Khurro, premier of Sind province, said today 15,000 Hindus had been evacuated by sea and air from Karachi and interior districts of Sind since the start of communal rioting last week. He said about 32,000 are awaiting evacuation, and that about 80,000 Hindus in all will remain in Karachi.

The evacuation to Bombay was undertaken by India's high commissioner to Pakistan upon advice of the Indian government.

The navy recruiting station located in the post office building in Klamath Falls will gladly explain the many opportunities offered by this great peacetime navy.

Another effort toward the perfect cotton-picking machine is represented in a recent patent. It sucks up the staple by an air current, like a vacuum cleaner.

## The Gallup Poll

### Poll Shows France Low In Belief In God

By GEORGE GALLUP  
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

**PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 12 (AP)—**Whereas more than nine out of ten Americans say they believe in God, in France the proportion indicating belief in a Deity is much smaller—two out of three. Among French communists there is overwhelming denial of the existence of God.

This fresh evidence that the struggle between communism and western democracies has many of the elements of a holy war is shown in the results of an international poll conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion and ten of its 11 overseas affiliates.

The survey dealt with belief in God and belief in an after-life. Of the 11 nations covered, France showed the lowest proportion of people believing in God, while Canada, Australia, Brazil and the United States showed the highest.

Far less agreement was found on the question of whether there is a life after death. The vote ranged from a high of 78 per cent in Canada to a low of 49 per cent in Sweden and England.

International polls on a common question are conducted approximately once a month by the affiliated poll-taking organizations which last year organized an Association of Public Opinion (Gallup) Institutes.

The question used by the participating institutes this month included:

"Do you, personally, believe in God?"

The vote:	Yes	No	Don't know
Brazil	95%	3%	1%
Australia	95	5	—
Canada	95	2	3
U. S.	94	3	3
Norway	84	7	9
Finland	83	5	12
Holland	80	14	6
Sweden	80	8	12
Denmark	80	9	11
France	66	20	14

The vote in France according to political party affiliations shows these revealing differences:

	Yes	Don't know
Communists	17%	64%
Socialists	50	21
Union of Left	62	18
R.P.F. (Gaullists)	88	5
M.R.P.	92	5
P.R.L.	93	7

In short, the political spectrum in France from left to right corresponds closely with the religious spectrum from atheism to overwhelming belief in God.

In England the question was put in a somewhat different way, with the following results:

"Which of these statements comes closest to your belief?"

A. There is a personal God	45%
B. There is some sort of spirit or vital force which controls life	39
C. I am not sure there	

Is any sort of God or life force? The issue of life after death was put to voters in the same countries with the following results:

	Yes	No	Opinion
Canada	78%	9%	13%
Brazil	78	18	4
Norway	71	15	14
Finland	69	11	20
U. S.	68	13	19
Holland	68	26	6
Australia	63	20	17
France	58	22	20
Denmark	55	27	18
Sweden	49	17	34
Britain	49	27	24

In the United States people most frequently think of the after-life as a life of complete happiness and joy, although some conceive of it in terms of reward for goodness and punishment for earthly sins.

Everyone was asked: "How do you imagine life after death to be?"

The principal replies:

1. Complete happiness, joy, peace, quiet.
2. Reward for virtue, punishment for sin, heaven or hell.
3. Dream-like, disembodied, immaterial, spiritual.
4. As described in the Bible.

Faith in God diminishes as people get away from nature and the outdoors. For example, in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, 14 per cent, or one person in every six, does not believe in God's existence. In the rural Danish countryside, only 4 per cent deny God.

Faith in God varies by age. In the United States fewer young people believe in God than older people, although the difference is not as great as in some other countries. In Denmark one in four under the age of 25 years either denies God's existence or expresses doubts. But among people over 50 years of age, one in 12 doubts or denies.

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