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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

ONE by one, candidates are coming out for local and district office, and considerable activity is developing in efforts to bring men to the front politically. We think it is a good idea to encourage competent men and women to run for public office; self-starters do not always turn out as good material.

An unusually large number of offices is open this year. The filing deadline is March 12, which gives ample time to develop candidates for the May primary. The presidential election, of course, will overshadow congressional, district and local contests this year, but the latter are mighty important to good government at home.

We do not want to go into the general election next November without an ample supply of good material from which to choose.

Hart Mountain Meteor

HUGH PRUETT, whose articles about the skies appear regularly in this newspaper, has completed a study of the brilliant meteor seen in the northeastern sky at 7:30 p. m., December 30, by a number of Klamath people. His conclusion, along with that of Dr. A. H. Kune who collaborated in the study, is that the meteor exploded over Hart mountain in Eastern Lake county.

This is the meteor which, to people at Alturas and Cedarville, seemed to have fallen in the Warner mountains, and even some searching was undertaken after the incident, according to news dispatches from those points. But Prof. Pruett is convinced the meteor was never over California at all.

We are interested in the methods used by Prof. Pruett in reaching his conclusions. He has sent us a copy of his full report, along with a chart or tracing map which he used to show the direction in which the meteor appeared to numerous observers who reported to him.

People at Bend and Eugene saw the meteor explode in the southeast. People in Lakeview and Klamath Falls (including two members of the staff of radio KFLW) saw it burst to the northeast. Lakeview observers sent in three separate filled questionnaires, agreeing to its location, and one, Mrs. V. T. Ritzinger, wrote that it was "almost in line with Hart mountain."

People at Cedarville saw it to the northeast, indicating a starting point well over in the southeastern Oregon. Observations from McMinnville, Corvallis, Portland, Ontario and Vacaville, Calif., helped.

Lines drawn on the map to follow these observations converge on a narrow locality, just north of Hart mountain, the famed home of the antelope herds. It is possible fragments of the meteor may be discovered when the Order of the Antelope meets on Hart mountain next summer. Only three meteorites have actually been found and identified in Oregon.

The Hart mountain meteor story emphasizes the importance of accurate observation and full reporting by the public, which must be depended on to cooperate in carrying on such interesting investigations. Some 39 persons answered requests for information about this meteor.

This newspaper is always pleased to receive reports of such observations of sky phenomena, which make interesting news and which we will forward to Prof. Pruett. Usually, after first reports of observations, a call goes out through press and radio, and those who respond are doing their part toward worthwhile scientific investigations.

These Days

By GEORGE SOKOLSKY

THE question will long be asked why the state department waited so long to publish the documents

relating to the Stalin-Hitler alliance. One day that question will be answered, too. Meanwhile, it is always worth-while to recall who did the telling and what he said:

"Although the United States would have full military and civilian representation on whatever international commission or commissions may be established for the execution of the whole German program, the primary responsibility for the policing of Germany and for civil administration in Germany should be assumed by the military forces of Germany's continental neighbors. Specifically, these should include Russian, French, Polish, Czech, Greek, Yugoslav, Norwegian, Dutch and Belgian soldiers.

"Under this program United States troops could be withdrawn within a relatively short time."—Henry Morgenthau—program to prevent Germany from starting World War III. September, 1944.

We are still in Germany, but the Germans are not making World War III. We now say that the Russians are so engaged.

"Each high contracting party undertakes not to conclude an alliance and not to take part in any coalition directed against the other high contracting party."—British-Russian treaty, May 26, 1942.

Cominform Purpose

THE cominform has been organized by Soviet Russia against the United States, Great Britain, and the western democracies of Europe.

"5. That for the purpose of organizing international peace and security pending the re-establishment of law and order and the inauguration of a system of general security, they will consult with one another and as occasion requires with other members of the United Nations with a view to joint action on behalf of the community of nations.

"6. That after the termination of hostilities they will not employ their military forces within the territories of other states except for the purposes envisaged in this declaration and after joint consultation.

"7. That they will confer and cooperate with one another and with other members of the United Nations to bring about a practicable general agreement with respect to the regulation of armaments in the post-war period."—Joint four nation declaration (United States, Great Britain, Soviet Union, China—Moscow, October, 1943.

"... But for the prodigious exertions and sacrifices of Russia, Poland was doomed to utter destruction at the hands of the Germans. Not only Poland as a state and as a nation, but the Poles as a race were doomed by Hitler to be destroyed or reduced to a servile station. ... When the Germans had already avowed their intention of making the Poles a subject and lower-grade race under the Herrenvolk, suddenly, by a superb effort of military force and skill, the Russian armies ... advanced from the Vistula to the Oder ... freeing the whole of Poland. ... Winston Churchill—house of commons, February 27, 1945.

Disposal of Poland

THE documents of the Stalin-Hitler alliance published by the state department show that Soviet Russia was an active partner in the German disposal of Poland.

"And as to peace—we are sure that our concord will win an enduring peace. We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all the United Nations to make a peace which will command the goodwill of the overwhelming mass of the peoples of the world and banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations."—Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Teheran, December 1, 1943.

"Our meeting here in the Crimea has reaffirmed our common determination to maintain and strengthen in the peace to come that unity of purpose and of action which has made victory possible and certain for the United Nations in this war. We believe that this is a sacred obligation which our governments owe to our peoples and to all the peoples of the world.

"Only with the continuing and growing cooperation and understanding among our three countries and among all the peace-loving nations can the highest aspiration of humanity be realized."—Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin—Yalta, February 11, 1945.

And so it went on and on. The American people need to remember what they were told and how little of it was related to the reality that we see in the month of January of the year 1948. How time does pass—and how short is the memory of man—particularly of politicians.

employs to explain the system and answer any questions.

Mrs. Poole added further that there has been some misunderstanding about the effect the system will have on men already past the retirement age but still working. They will not be retired unless they so desire. A letter requesting that they stay for another year will be submitted to the state pension commission for as many one-year periods as the employe wishes to continue.

ADmiral Dies

BALTIMORE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Retired Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jr., many times called the stormy petrel of the service, died of a heart ailment today after a three months' illness. He would have been 76 on April 30.

For good insurance see Hans Norland, 123 N. 6th St.

Retirement System Talked

One phase of the public employe retirement system, accepted last week by the city council, was cleared up at last night's council meeting when Rose M. Poole, chairman of the citizens retirement committee, told councilmen that no vote by employes is necessary to okay the plan.

Originally it was thought that a two-thirds affirmative vote by employes is necessary before the city can adopt the retirement act.

Further inquiry has revealed that no vote by employes is necessary, Mrs. Poole said, and the city can enforce the act by simply adopting it.

Mrs. Poole and City Attorney Henry Jenkins will meet soon with

SIDE GLANCES



"It serves you right—you could have had a family in Europe with what you're taking off there!"

STATIC

By BILL JENKINS

Two congressmen, an economist and a tax expert will get together tonight at 8:30 to chew over the question—should the president's tax plan be adopted? Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), of the house appropriations committee, and Leon Keyserling, lawyer, economist and vice chairman of Truman's council of economic advisors, will take the yes side of the knotty problem. Sen. Harry Cain (R-Wash.) of the senate banking committee, and Sam Lasser, tax accountant from New York state, will tell you the resulting horror if the program is okayed. (KFLW-8:30.)

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.

GAME FINE DEPLORED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I read an article in The Herald and News about a trio fined on a game charge.

I've been fined \$29.50 for having illegal venison in their possession. I've always thought that the justice court was a place of justice. In this case it was far from a square deal in justice. The judge must be a lover of coyotes and buzzards.

This deer was killed by a train and would have been eaten by coyotes and buzzards. The men did the right thing not to allow this meat to go to waste and were fined for doing what was right.

If this meat was taken from the law it was a sick way for the law to steal from the men which it rightfully belongs to.

Our justice court needs a new judge of justice.

If I were hired by a man to help him hide goods that he had stolen, I would also be guilty of violating the law.

Then the city duds of Klamath Falls are law violators when they sell a license to any lodge, pool halls and other places to operate a slot machine and other gambling devices.

They help these places or dens violate the state gambling law and are violators too.

These joints are illegally operating slot machines and other gambling devices right under the justice courts' nose and yet justice is not dealt out.

Yet these men who took deer meat that would have gone to waste were given an unjust fine.

If the justice court is a court of justice, why don't you deal out justice to these slot machine operators and those who help them violate our state gambling law.

Our law enforcing officers have yellow streaks down their backs and are afraid to enforce our state gambling law.

Very truly yours,
W. H. King, 3450 Crest street.

Bevin Starts Arab Talks

LONDON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has begun talks with Arab leaders on Middle East problems, including what British government sources said is a program for an anti-communist security system in the Arab world.

They forecast that American and British military strategy eventually would be involved.

The informants expressed belief that Bevin's fear of Soviet ambitions in the Middle East would supercede Jewish-Arab problems in Palestine.

They said Bevin is trying to set up a bulwark against the effects on the Suez canal of a possible guerrilla victory in Greece, and on British-American supremacy in the Mediterranean.

The sources said the move was part of a plan evolved by the British foreign office and the American state department.

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The World Today

By LARRY ALLEN (For DeWitt MacKenzie)

WARSAW, Poland, Jan. 27 (AP)—It may be called the "Eastern European plan," but whatever it is, Poles say they and neighbor countries in Soviet Russia's orbit have beaten America to the punch.

Says the controlled Polish press: "American plans are still only words. We have passed from words to deeds."

Poland claims that while America and the 16 countries participating in the Marshall plan are still talking about how much and when and where, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Balkan nations and Russia have forged steadily ahead to sound industrial and economic recovery.

Constant Integration

Furthermore, there has been a constant integration of industries in the Eastern European countries. Poles and Czechs say a federation of states of a customs union isn't needed. They say they can accomplish all they desire by following a more or less uniform pattern in their recovery efforts.

The United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration, pouring \$480,000,000 worth of food, industrial equipment and other aid into Poland in 1945 and 1946, with shipments still coming, generally is credited with laying the foundation for Poland's recovery.

The Poles have gone on from there. They claim their currency is sound. They say every zloty issued brings one zloty's worth of production. They assert inflation has been avoided through strict control of government expenditures and a gradual increase of banknotes in circulation as industrial recovery is speeded up. Here—there's no unemployment here—there's a job for every Pole.

Poland long has seen eye-to-eye with most of her southern and eastern neighbors, but the integration of industries is striking and significant.

As far as Poland is concerned, that has been achieved by modeling much of her industry procedure on the Russian line. She has introduced the "Stakhanovite" system of speeding up production. Russian engineers are helping set up Polish industries.

With Czechoslovakia, Poland has gone much farther. She has opened her Baltic ports for Czechoslovakian imports and exports. She plans, with the aid of the Czechoslovak and Danubian countries, to link the Oder river by a canal through the Danube, thus providing an outlet to the Black sea.

Sent Machinery

The Czechoslovaks have sent the Poles machinery for setting up factories for the production of tractors and farm machinery. They have supplied equipment for shoe-making factories.

Czechoslovakia and Poland have announced they'll build and jointly operate a big electric power plant at Nowe Dwory near Oswiecim.

During this year, the Poles plan to link the city of Wroclaw (Breslau) with the so-called "Silesian ring" of electric power plants. That will provide a direct connection with the Czechoslovak network.

The Poles also are erecting a high tension line between Leopoldov in lower Silesia and the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany.

Poland is supplying the Czechs with vast quantities of coal. The Czechs are sending in vast quantities of machinery. The two countries have an agreement for the closest economic and industrial collaboration which seems to have extended into virtually every branch of industry.

Poland has a similar agreement with Yugoslavia.

The pattern of integration is noticeable in more than industry. Poland has signed cultural conventions with practically every country in the Russian orbit. A mutual exchange of students, teachers, books, films and the creation of friendship societies is going full blast.

Poland has signed trade pacts with all Eastern European countries, and still is doing a great share of her basic import and export business with Soviet Russia.

All of these pacts are designed to give Poland what she needs most to help along economic and industrial recovery. In return, the countries which signed with Poland are getting first of all coal needed to put their industries on a high productive plane.

In the United States navy, there is plenty of leave and liberty are fine courses of training in practically every profession.

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