

Herald and News These Days

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Today's Roundup

When Mr. Stalin crawls into his downy bed at night and dreams of beautiful things to come, the loveliest vision of all for him is a good, bang-up American depression.



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Dr. Frank Munk, widely recognized authority on international affairs, told a Klamath audience last night that the whole Soviet policy banks on a major US economic plunge that will destroy American prestige throughout the world and put this country in a position where it will be forced to do business with Russia.

That would open the way for everything the Russians hope for in their current struggle with the US and other Western powers. It would make it possible for Russia to cut its trade lines with Western Europe, and would probably lead to an economic debacle in the West that would ripen that area for the revolution.

Nobody here (except sympathizers with the Soviet aims) wants a depression, of course, under any circumstances, and it seems unnecessary to argue against one. But in the present situation, as Dr. Munk describes it, the tragedy of a major economic disturbance in this country would be multiplied by the damaging effects it would have on the struggle against "totalitarian communism" as it has been described by Russia.

The picture presented by the Reed college professor emphasizes the tremendous importance of keeping America sound economically—it heightens the delicacy of every decision on fundamental policy we make in this country. It places added responsibility on the individual who, through his activities as a citizen in a democracy, has a part in the vital decisions to be made.

VA Hospital THE veterans administration hospital for Klamath Falls hasn't been in the news for quite a while and certainly has not made a physical appearance on the hill behind Hot Springs, but it is still coming along. The last word we've heard is that the architects are re-designing the plant to fit it into the original cost figure. That means cutting down, because costs have gone up since the original plans were made.

A reminder this week that we do have a VA hospital coming was given us by the Medford News, weekly publication of our neighboring community on the west. The News had an editorial comment by one J. P. Graham which indicates, at least, that there still lives over there an idea of getting the VA hospital away from Klamath Falls and locating it at what was once Camp White.

Mr. Graham quotes some old contentions in Medford which were pretty well knocked to pieces when they were first brought out. They relate to climate, number of practicing physicians in the area, and population.

There is a definite disposition here to give Medford any possible aid in carrying out a constructive program on the old Camp White site. We have been friendly to the effort to make state use of the hospital, and we are friendly to a suggestion that a domiciliary veterans institution be established there.

It probably would be more intelligent policy for those who are working for peacetime use of Camp White to drop any effort to take anything away from another community and go after something for which they can count on united support in this area.

The Doctor Says—

Encephalitis Still Mystery

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D. Written for NEA Service Inflammation of the brain is called encephalitis. It is sometimes spoken of as "lethargic" encephalitis, or American sleeping sickness. Even epidemic encephalitis is of several different kinds. When encephalitis attacks several people at the same time, it is termed epidemic encephalitis. All varieties, however, are caused by viruses, which are small living substances which cannot be seen under the ordinary microscope.

Much work still needs to be done on the various kinds of epidemic encephalitis. Just how they are spread from person to person, why an outbreak develops, why some people stay well and others do not, and what are the best types of treatment, are problems that must still be worked out.

At present, epidemic encephalitis has a number of peculiar names, such as western equine (horse) encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis, Russian spring-summer encephalitis, Japanese B, and St. Louis encephalitis.

Both of the equine types affect horses seriously, and, because of it, many horses have died. The virus responsible is present from time to time in many horses of the central and western part of the United States.

The symptoms of infection with any of the viruses which cause encephalitis are not always alike. During infancy, sudden fever and refusal to eat commonly come at the beginning. These signs may soon be followed by vomiting, muscular twitching, some muscular stiffness and, especially, a stiff neck. The temperature goes up rather rapidly, to 103-105 degrees in most cases. Headache, backache, and, sometimes, abdominal distress are common.

SEBUM OFTEN HELPFUL A thoroughly satisfactory drug or serum treatment has not yet been worked out. However, blood serum

taken from a person who has recovered from the disease—convalescent serum—seems to be helpful at times. All forms of epidemic encephalitis are serious, and both prevention and treatment are unsatisfactory.

THE DOCTOR ANSWERS QUESTION: What is the cause of passing blood during bowel movements? Is this a sign of cancer? ANSWER: The most common cause of blood on the outside of the feces is hemorrhoids, or piles. Of course, there are many other possible causes. Cancer is a possibility, but probably less likely than some other things.

RUNAWAY ROCKVIEW, Pa., Jan. 28 (AP)—Residents of this Central Pennsylvania section are looking forward gloomily to an inferior prediction this year on groundhog day. Mickey, the mascot groundhog at the Pennsylvania state police barracks here, who has taken care of the important job in the past, has run away. He left behind, however, his mate, Toodles, who is being groomed for the event.

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

MISS LANA TURNER, Hollywood, California. My Dear Miss Turner: The other day, I saw you in "Cass Timberlane" and I have been thinking about you ever since. In that picture, "Cass Timberlane," you do some grand things. You're a warm part and the audience loves you and sympathizes with you and is genuinely happy that it all turns out well in the end, that you and your husband make up and will live together in marriage.

Then I pick up the newspapers and the gossip columns and read of your doings and purported doings and it is all such a sad disappointment. And the reason for the disappointment is that you people in the movies look very real on the screen. It is somehow a living personality with whom one spent a few hours. I suppose that is why the public is so interested in your doings.

Never before has gossip been as important in newspapers or radio as today—when so much is written about the private lives of famous and even obscure personalities. The public seems to be inordinately interested in your private lives. To very young people, some of you movie stars are as real as members of their own family. That is a great responsibility.

I know a teen-ager who can name every husband of every movie star and all those who were reputed to be lovers of this one and that one. And her mind seems to be full of such doings. It is not a wholesome thing, that. It is, in fact, degrading to such a young person the institution of marriage is a ladder of many rungs, each rung representing a husband. She can tell me who has had two, three, four or five husbands and how many husbands have had how many wives.

Shattering Gossip I ONCE saw a motion picture in which a comparatively new actress played a beautiful ecstatic religious role. She was glorious. I was so deeply moved that I almost felt her beautiful hands touch me with a blessing.

Then it happened. A noisy divorce with shattering gossip. Why does not someone produce a movie to show that divorce is an excellent institution? Why, for instance, in "Cass Timberlane," don't you in the end go off with the cad who steals his best friend's wife? Actually, neither you nor your producer nor the corporation that employs you would dare produce such a picture. Who wants a cad to win? Who would support the notion that the grand institution of marriage should be sacrificed to whim and restlessness? You could not get any box-office for such a picture—not even those who live that way would come to see it.

Yet, you people who live in a play world can somehow divide your personalities. Every word you speak before the finale of "Cass Timberlane" is a great preaching. But to whom are you preaching? To the youngsters in your audience? To the millions of adults who have lived their lives together in the sacrament of marriage? To whom are you preaching?

Old-Fashioned But O. K. HOLLYWOOD can do much to elevate the manner and morals of the American people. It can prove not only that crime but sin does not pay. You did that, of course, in "Cass Timberlane." You did it wonderfully in that picture. And then the preacher comes to life at a party—the life of the party. And the illusion of goodness, of high-minded, right-living is gone. Something not romantic, not beautiful, not glorifying—something cheap has happened.

And then one wonders whether the old-fashioned preachers and teachers did not give our children a better guidance. Already a great many Americans are restricting their children with regard to movie-going. They do not want their children's heroes to be one-punch cafe rowdies; they do not want their daughters' heroines to be multi-married and divorced ladies. Shall we keep our children away from the movies altogether because so many movie stars cannot behave themselves?

Perhaps you have an answer to all this? You did answer in "Cass Timberlane."

Yours sincerely, GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY.

SIDE GLANCES



"Something came over me all at once, Dad, and I proposed—I forgot everything you told me about the housing shortage!"

The Gallup Poll Return Of Rationing Gets Voter Okay

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 27—With political implications of high living costs much in the minds of all senators and congressmen, the weight of voter opinion today favors a return to rationing and price control.

Through the country representative voters were interviewed by Institute reporters who asked: "Do you think should or should the government not put rationing and price controls on some products?"

The national averages: Approval 48%, Qualified approval 31%, Disapproval 41%, No opinion 8%

On Friday the Institute will report what products the public thinks should be placed under price controls. Qualifications reported by field reporters are significant, and, in general, represent the major blocks to congressional action on prices.

The biggest "if" in the minds of voters who qualify their approval is: "if we can have price control without rationing."

Other qualifications are: "If the black market can be eliminated; if the law can be impartially administered; and if controls are placed on all items, not just some."

This being a presidential election year when Washington's ears are attuned to votes, the opinion of farmers has an important bearing on the fate of price control legislation. And farmers, in contrast to the rest of the population, oppose both rationing and controls by a vote of almost two to one.

On the other hand, manual workers on whom candidates also must keep a wary eye, favor new control legislation almost as strongly as farmers oppose it.

Votes by occupational groups are shown in the following tables:

Table with 5 columns: Occupational Group, Approve, Qualified Approval, Disapprove, No Opinion. Rows include Prof. & business, White collar, Farmers, Manual workers, etc.

The World Today

By LARRY ALLEN (For DeWitt MacKenzie)

It's mighty fortunate for the world that the dominions of India and Pakistan have submitted their bitter quarrel over the princely state of Kashmir to the United Nations, for without the peace organization this controversy might explode into a full-scale, frightful fratricidal war which would encompass all the 400 millions of the Indian subcontinent—and it's doubtful if such a conflict could be prevented from becoming global.

If this case can be kept within the framework of the United Nations, it is likely to give a fine test of the efficacy of that organization. Thus far India and Pakistan have displayed good faith and wisdom in working through the UN and tacitly recognizing that the controversy is so complicated and full of dynamite that they could scarcely be expected to settle it between themselves.

Tragic Incongruity It's a tragic incongruity that the once peacefully romantic garden spot of Kashmir should now hang down over the Indian peninsula from the Himalayas like a flaming sword. The trouble, of course, grew out of the formation of the independent dominions last summer.

At that time Kashmir, and the other hundreds of native states, were given the privilege of joining either dominion or being independent. The Hindu Maharajah of Kashmir, Hari Singh, decided to remain free, but he didn't reckon with the fact that 77 per cent of his subjects were Moslems. From the neighboring territory of Pakistan Pathan tribesmen, who also are Moslems, swarmed into the state with the idea of joining it to Pakistan. There was savage bloodshed and destruction. The Maharajah promptly cast his lot with Hindu India and asked for protective troops, which were sent. That's where the matter stands now, with constant danger of open warfare breaking out between Pakistan and India.

The UN security council has created a three-nation commission to study the whole situation and mediate the quarrel. Judging by the dispirited already held, this mediation would involve a stoppage of the fighting in Kashmir, withdrawal of an impartial interim administration after which a plebiscite would be held to let the people decide Kashmir's future status.

Not Defendable Well, offhand the holding of a plebiscite would seem to be the ideal way of settling this dangerous crisis. However, your correspondent believes the UN will find that it cannot depend on any plebiscite for a decision but that disposition of the case will have to be made by the two dominions and the Kashmir government, acting within the framework of the peace organization.

My point is this: The population of Kashmir is about 4,000,000. Only

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The husky young gentleman pictured at the column top is Tony Martin, young maestro, for a long time—young maestro, for a long time—ABC's list of Wednesday night favorites.

There is really very little that a local columnist can say about Wednesday night as far as KFLW is concerned. The shows are well known, popular, and have a drawing appeal all their own. Right down the list it's all fun. "Mayor of the Town" will again bring you the Hoosier philosophy of Lionel Barrymore and the eternal battle between Marilly and Hutch. More people will win

6.6 per cent of the people are literate, and the percentage of those who read, are educated is much lower. The Kashmir Brahmins—highest caste of all the Hindus—are educated aristocrats, but the vast majority of the inhabitants is a handsome race, with a gypsy type of beauty; are primitive and totally ignorant folk.

Now this isn't to say that these people of Kashmir haven't a great future. However, it is to say that right now they would be wholly incapable of rendering a verdict regarding their country in a plebiscite.

Possibly a plebiscite, carefully supervised by impartial authorities, might be a good precedent and might even produce some interesting results. Still, as previously indicated, one would expect that the final decision would have to be worked out, not by a plebiscite alone, but by all interested parties under guidance of the UN.

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In browsing through some fairly recent back numbers of magazines I frequently come across garishly colored ads sponsored by the makers of radios. They extol the virtues of the machine, pointing out in detail the clarity of tone, the beauty of timbre, the ease of manipulation, the lack of irritating static, the scratch-resistant quality of all its component parts and the over-all superiority of this machine over all other radios. Then, in a mad anti-climactic spasm, they bring forth the biggest attraction of them all—IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A RADIO! The fool thing is built to look like an old English cuspidor stand, or an early Dutch raincoat closet. Some are hidden in bedside tables where they pop out—probably fear-some—at your mere thought of music. Some are built into the arms of chairs (bet it would scare the blazes out of an unsuspecting guest if you tuned in "Gangbusters" without knowing it), and still others cleverly concealed in the face of a clock—which is probably already concealed in the stomach of a reclining Venus. Why don't they just come right out in the open, spit out the floor, and admit that this thing is a radio (call a spade a radio) and tell us that we can either buy it or lump it? Why hide behind the trappings of a bygone age (disguised as Chippendale egg candler's stools or strive for the new and unique children inside bottles or used hawoods shells) when all it will do is play music and commercials? I've got an idea for a bedside model myself, right handy, with the little handle and all!

SWEETHEART DAY PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Oregon Jewellers association believes the first day of spring—March 21—should be set aside as "Sweethearts Day."

The state convention closed yesterday with reelection of Sidney L. Stevens, Salem, as president and a vote to join with the national association to promote the inaugural of spring as a gift day for the young man's fancy.

FIRE SALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—A forest fire near Detroit, in the Cascade east of here, died down last night after burning 300 acres of an old forest fire burn. It was started by bush burning, spreading on to state forest lands.

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