

Marshall Plan America's Best Bet In Cold War With Russia, Says Dr. Munk

By MALCOLM EPLEY

The Marshall plan is America's best bet in the cold war against communism and it should be executed in a hurry with more action and less talking, Dr. Frank Munk, noted authority on international affairs, told a near-capacity Klamath audience at the high school auditorium last night.

"If we keep our heads, we have a good chance," was the hopeful comment of the speaker, who outlined what appears to him to be the underlying Russian strategy in the great post-World War II battle of the giants.

Stalin, Munk said, bases his whole policy on the expectancy of a major depression in the United States.

The Russian idea is that a depression here would deal a heavy blow to American prestige and would place America in a position where it would be anxious to sell to Russia.

This would suit Russia's desire for American heavy equipment, which the Russians regard as the best in the world. The Soviets would then be in a position to cut their trade lines with Western Europe, which they must maintain now as long as they can get nothing from the U. S.

That step, in turn, would so disturb the economy of Western Europe that it would become ripe for the revolutions that would put communism in the saddle.

Strong U. S. Threat

That, briefly, was Dr. Munk's analysis of the fundamentals of Soviet strategy and it points, as he indicated, to the tremendous importance of averting a major economic disaster in this country. A continued economically strong and sound America would upset the Soviet apparatus.

In this connection, Dr. Munk remarked significantly that inflation can mean depression under the tried principle of boom and bust, and added that the inflationary situation in the United States is something dangerous "unless we do something about it."

Dr. Munk contrasted the Molotov plan with the Marshall plan. The latter, he explained, calls upon European countries to produce more, stabilize their currency, cooperate, and present a coordinated plan for recovery. It requires 80 per cent effort from the countries of Europe, but it does not attempt to interfere with the internal affairs of those countries or force a substitution of government.

Greatest Blunder

The speaker said Molotov's greatest blunder was when he declared Russia would be "included out" of the Marshall plan. It appears to Dr. Munk that the Russians would have been smarter to have stayed on the gray train, either with the purpose of getting a major share of the gravy or wrecking it at the crucial moment.

Dr. Munk was doubtful of the advisability of making Western Germany the pivot of the Marshall program. Admitting an inherent suspicion of Germans, he warned that once built up, Germany will play the ancient game of extortion, demanding a price for slothfulness from Russia. A rebuilt Germany, he said, may try again what it did before. A Germany united with Russia would rule the world.

An unusually active question period followed the Munk lecture, and brought out, among other things, Munk's belief that European social-

ism, of the type now in the saddle in England, is the greatest danger to communism. He also said that the Marshall plan may cause some increase in the cost of living in the United States, but it would be worth it.

Dr. Munk closed his lecture with a plea for recognition of the immense responsibilities on the people and the government of the United States. Paraphrasing Walt Whitman, whom he called the greatest American poet, he voiced the hope that the "USA will remain always the 'promise and reliance of the future.'"

Reed Position

A Czech by birth, Dr. Munk left Czechoslovakia in 1939, came to the United States, taught in Reed college, moved to the University of California, became director of training for UNRRA on a global basis, and wrote that phase of the Marshall plan pertaining to Austria. He is back with Reed at the present time.

Arnold Gralapp presided at last night's meeting, which drew more than 600 persons to the high school auditorium. Ten Klamath civic organizations, cooperating with the American Association of University Women, sponsored the affair, and Mrs. Helen Hoffman of AAUW opened and closed the meeting.

The KUMS girls' glee club sang two numbers just prior to the introduction. They were directed by John O'Connor.

Mineral Club To Hear Talk On Jade

"Jade from China and North America" will be the subject of a meeting of the Klamath Mineral club to be held at 8 p. m., Thursday, at the chamber of commerce.

Talks on the topic will be illustrated with a display of jade from China, Alaska and the United States.

Kodachrome slides taken on a two-day climb of Mt. Whitney will be shown following the business meeting. All persons interested are invited to attend.

457 Veterans Awarded Loans

SALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—The state department of veterans affairs said today it granted 457 loans to veterans last year, totaling \$1,597,725, or an average of \$3496. The loans were granted to help veterans buy homes and farms.

Since the department was created two years and three months ago, it has granted 831 loans totaling \$2,417,169.

The department last year conducted 30,156 interviews with veterans in its Portland and Salem offices, of which 5284 were with veterans seeking loan information, 4468 about educational benefits, 3055 about terminal leave bonds, 2859 about GI insurance, 2195 about educational benefits, and 1803 about apprenticeship under the GI job training program.

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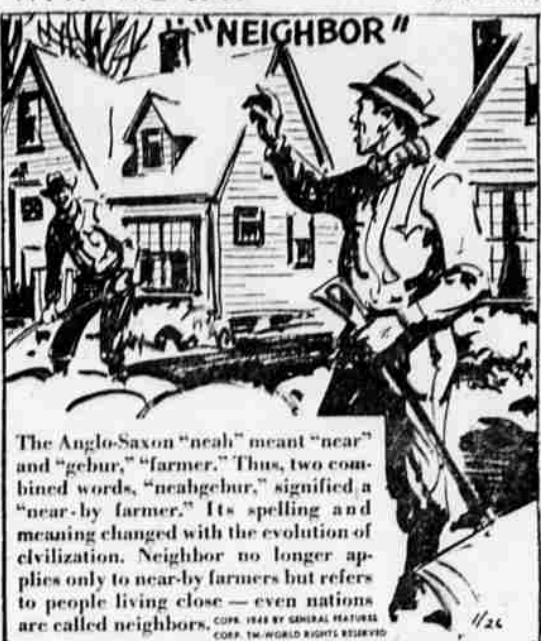
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Prison Blast Probe Planned

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Multnomah county authorities prepared to investigate a prison rock quarry explosion that killed one prisoner and injured seven others.

Thomas Suttle, 55, serving 120 days on conviction of drunkenness, was crushed about the chest and body yesterday and died en route to a hospital after detonation of 2800 pounds of dynamite at the Rocky Butte jail east of the city.

Jail Superintendent O. S. Day said John McVickers, 29, suffered compound fractures of the right leg and arm, and the others suffered bruises and abrasions and were not believed seriously hurt.

Day said the explosion of the charge in several drilled holes showered loose gravel and stones from another portion of the quarry onto the group of prisoners. They were standing 400 feet from the openings of the charged holes, watching the blasting operation.

Corvallis Gets Airport Addition

CORVALLIS, Jan. 28 (AP)—Acquisition of land to enlarge the municipal airport here has been advanced by federal deed of 470 acres and 36 war-built structures adjoining the city tracts.

Deeds covering a portion of the government developed area were on file today and city councilmen expect the government to approve transfer of an additional 535 acres within 60 days.

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Starting off a new series of broadcasts, today at 1:15 a group of Gerald Bevan's speech students gave short speeches over KFLW. This radio series will be a 15 minute educational program each week, explaining the various departments of KUHS. Today's broadcast was emceed by Rex Valentine. Illustrations on the different purposes of speech training were given by Ed Whitney, Charley Parr, Don Roquemore, Joan Schroeder and Walter Vaughn.

A few names have turned up that were left off the semester honor roll. Sophomores, Max Heiken, Beth Lee Bunch, Barton Adams, and Freshmen, Shirley Book and Ronald Juniper qualified for the Honor Roll with a 1.5 or better grade average.

The art of salesmanship is being practiced by the girls of the Pelican Ski club, who are selling red and

white Klamath decals for 10 cents apiece. These transfers are proving rather popular and can be seen on books, cars, windows and the like. If enough of the stickers are sold the Ski club plans to make a week-end to Hoodoo Bowl or some similar ski spot, as well as the regular Crater lake trips.

Another play which is being presented in the Little Theatre tomorrow is "Mother Knows Best." The parts of the play will be acted by Rex Mills, as Ed, and Marianne Rowe as Judy. Mother will be played by Marjorie Foster and Mabel Bell. Father by Bill Harper and Bob Pass, and Susan by Grace Caldwell. This will be shown tomorrow three periods, alternating with the comedy, "A Quiet Little Place."

February 6 and 7 Baisigers will be the location of a rummage sale, sponsored by the Junior class. A meeting of the juniors is planned for this Friday, when the collecting and selling will be discussed. Jim Owens will preside over the proceedings.

NEW BUILDING

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—The state liquor control commission has asked Investigator W. H. Hammond to investigate costs of build-

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