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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

SPIRITED contests for the major state offices open this year appear certain, with George Flagg announcing for republican nomination for secretary of state, and John Hall slated to tell the public Saturday whether he will run for republican nomination for governor. Hall is expected to say "yes," and that, coupled with Flagg's declaration of yesterday, puts zest in the outlook for the republican primary.

The situation is most interesting with respect to the governorship and state secretary contests. They should produce a test of the publicity value of office-holding.

On one side will be two incumbents, contestants who likely wouldn't be in there at all if they hadn't been elevated to office by a wholly unanticipated emergency. These are Governor Hall (we're presuming he will run) and Secretary of State Newberry.

So far as we have ever heard, neither Hall nor Newberry ever gave any sign that he might run for governor or secretary—until they got into the offices through succession and appointment, respectively. Now they are definitely strong candidates.

On the other hand, Senator Douglas McKay and ex-Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg were likely prospects for the two contests they entered. McKay is a Marion county senator who had been considered as a governorship possibility. Flagg is a former secretary of state who appeared as a certain candidate for secretary of state some time.

Off-hand, it looks as if Hall and Newberry have the advantage over these challengers, if for no other reason than that they are in office and are getting public attention that goes with the high positions they hold in state affairs. Furthermore, both are smart politicians, and they aren't doing anything likely to stir up controversy that might damage their primary election chances.

To most voters removed from Portland and Salem political centers, all four men were virtually unknown six months ago. Flagg as PUC and Hall as a speaker of the house had received some publicity, but we suspect that a poll on October 1, 1947 would have shown that few men on the street could have identified anyone of the four very accurately.

There is political advantage in just having a name that people know and to which they relate some definite position. Hall and Newberry now have that advantage, and Flagg and McKay, who are no ignoramuses politically, (or otherwise) know that they will have to put extra steam into their campaigns to overcome that advantage.

Water Warning
THERE'S no sense in borrowing trouble, but it might be well to point out at this time that the current drought in adjoining California areas may re-open that once-beaten campaign to divert Klamath water from the Klamath drainage basin.

Water-hungry communities of the Sacramento valley are likely to get ideas out of all this publicity about getting feed and pasture in the comparatively oasis-like Klamath region. Certainly, any long-sustained situation of the kind that exists this year may be expected to re-open the diversion question.

Klamath basin interests who successfully fought off the first diversion threat should have their ammunition ready—and should augment their store of arguments with additional information. We might have a water shortage of our own some time.

Unexpected Report
WHEN we commented here the other day on the question of labor delivering full value for pay received, we expected a quick response. We got it, but not from the place where we expected it. The first reaction was from an employer, who came to the defense of his workmen.

Jim Pinniger, member of a local contracting firm, called on us to report that his firm is receiving 25 per cent more work from its men than it did during and just after the war.

Mr. Pinniger said that this may be attributed to three factors:

1. There is more competition now for jobs.

2. There are more skilled workmen with know-how to take the skilled jobs.

3. There is generally an improved attitude among laboring people toward doing a good job.

Mr. Pinniger agreed that there are instances that illustrate the opinion that those who pay for labor do not get full value, but that these are increasingly rare. We are pleased to report these interesting observations from a contractor and employer.

Mr. Pinniger also went on to say that construction costs have not risen as high as commodity costs over the 1940 base—something which will be of interest to those pondering construction projects.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

CONTRADICTIONS appear in the Vandenberg bill on the Marshall plan which need to be studied with care. In a statement on his bill, Senator Vandenberg gave the impression that the American people would be able to "take a look" at the entire matter at the end of the first year (June 30, 1949). It does not seem, from the bill, that this means very much. In fact, the bill is definitely for four years and the amount is definitely \$17,000,000,000. Any other statement is literally untrue. I do not say that Senator Vandenberg is untruthful; I do say that the impression is likely to be distorted.

Section 21 (A) provides that the plan terminates after June 30, 1952, unless otherwise provided by joint resolution. What has that to do with June 30, 1949? Should the Vandenberg bill be passed, it will bind this country to a four-year plan at the cost of \$17,000,000,000. That should be repeated every time the phrase "Marshall plan" is mentioned. That should be put at the top of the Vandenberg bill, so that there can be no mistake about it. It will serve neither the United States nor the beneficiaries of the gifts we give them, if there is any mistake.

Section 14 (C) provides "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the president, from time to time through June 30, 1952 . . . such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and accomplish the purposes of this act: Provided, however, that for carrying out the provisions . . . of this act for the period of one year following the date of enactment of this act, there are hereby . . . appropriated not to exceed \$3,300,000,000."

Moral Obligation
WHAT other purpose can the smaller figure have than to give the impression that this is all there is to it? Yet, twice, in Section 11 (paragraph 4) and in Section 21 (paragraph A), the extension of this program to 1952 is specifically mentioned. There can be no question that a definite moral obligation is being undertaken on the basis of the report of the committee on European cooperation (the Bevin report). This provides a four-year plan, ending in 1952. There is never at any point any question about that. Nowhere does the Bevin report propose a one-year plan. There is no calculation for a contribution on our part of \$5,300,000,000. The amount is \$17,000,000,000 and to it must be added the full amount of aid to Greece, Turkey and China.

From all this, these facts are clear:

1. No congress can commit a succeeding congress to an appropriation; therefore, an appropriation is being set for one year;

2. However, the Vandenberg bill stipulates a moral obligation to complete a contract in four years, ending 1952, amounting to \$17,000,000,000.

3. This does not include amounts to be spent on Greece, Turkey and China;

4. Although congress does not have to accept the full responsibility of a four-year program amounting to \$17,000,000,000 and no one can force the United States to pay over this amount, it is nevertheless true that the American people are not likely to default on a moral obligation inherent in a bill passed by congress and signed by the president;

5. It is therefore clear that the Vandenberg bill commits this country to \$17,000,000,000 and to a four-year program until 1952.

Verbal Camouflage
ANOTHER point to be noted in the Vandenberg bill is that whereas the general assumption seems to be that the gifts under ERP are to be administered by an agency independent of the state department; yet in the bill, the administrator's functions are limited and his agents abroad are placed under the "chief of the United States diplomatic missions," which means that they are directly subject to the secretary of state. If that is the intention, why not do it that way?

What can be the object of verbal camouflage except to confuse the people, meeting public opinion by such a superfluity of language as was exhibited in Senator Austin's masterpiece of double-talk in his address on the Palestinian question. Such nonsense is to be expected from the current management of the state department, but not from Senator Vandenberg.

This bill gives the impression of being intellectually fraudulent and requires clarification and simplification to clean it up.

Wife Takes Over Husband's Post
COQUILLE, March 4 (P) — Mrs. COQUILLE, who was sworn in yesterday, had assisted her husband for 10 years in the treasurer's office. Her appointment was made by the Coos county court.

he stumbled over rubbish in making his rounds.

The other would pay Mrs. Eleanor M. Hannon of Coquille, \$1101 for injuries suffered when an airplane crashed into the Hannon home. The building, burned and Mrs. Hannon and her husband were injured. Previously they received \$6191 for loss of the home.

Popular love token of the past was a figure of a serpent with a job in its mouth.

SIDE GLANCES



"Do you suppose if you'd bring one of your secretaries home to dinner, she'd know how to do this homework?"

High School

News and Comment
By MARY LOU CASE

For the first time in KHS history the students came out on top of the basketball game between the members of Hi-Y and the faculty. Wednesday's game was held at 3 o'clock for all the school to see, and the final score was Hi-Y 47, faculty 44. Tom Brannigan was high point man for the faculty with 17 points. Jim Crismon for the students with 23 points.

Representatives of the independent colleges, Linfield, Pacific, Lewis and Clark, and Reed, talked about their schools to the seniors this afternoon, explaining the courses offered, admission rules and the general main points. After each of the representatives had talked to the seniors as a group, individual interviews were held with interested students.

A workout on Eugene's McArthur court will be given the Pelicans Friday night, where they will play another game with the university frosh. The last game the frosh won was January 22, 47 to 44. The main reason for the valley trip is to acclimatize the Pelis to playing on that court, where the state tournament is being held.

March 16 to 20. The team left today noon and will return Sunday, remaining in Eugene long enough to see the Oregon-Oregon State game Saturday night.

Several of the more faithful members of the Service club and its adviser, Tom Williams, are being sent to the state basketball tournament by their club. The Service club has been keeping up the good work shown in football season by taking and selling tickets at all the school basketball games. President of the club is Robert Mason.

Exactly one month from yesterday, April 2, will mark the middle of the second semester. This will mean nine weeks exams and report cards again, as well as the fact that three-quarters of the school year will have been completed.

This week-end looks like it will be full in the way of dances. Friday night the Teen-Age club is sponsoring a dance at the Legion hall, and Saturday night there will be a dance in the girls' gym, marking the end of the Whiskerino contest.

Mrs. Loudon Takes Over JP Position
TULELAKE, March 4 — Mrs. Bessie Loudon was sworn in Tuesday at Aldous county justice of the peace in Modoc county to succeed her husband, the late W. T. Loudon, who held the office three years.

Mrs. Loudon and her daughter Bessie have reopened the Stronghold cafe which they have operated for a number of years after returning from Yakima, Wash., where funeral services were held for Mr. Loudon. They were accompanied north by Jack Robert and Niles Anderson.

Viaduct Site Of Four Car Smash-Up

Two auto accidents late Wednesday afternoon kept city police hopping and caused several thousand dollars damage to vehicles involved. The most severe, a pile-up on the S. 6th viaduct which involved several cars, caused about \$750 damage to each machine.

Police said an unidentified car was driving towards town and was coming down the north incline of the viaduct when it suddenly stopped. Clarence V. Gray, 1735 1/2 Crescent, directly behind the unknown vehicle, was forced to stop, and although he did not hit the offending machine, three or four cars a telephone into each other behind him. H. D. Gleason, 450 Michigan, and Vern Erickson, 3431 Orchard, were the two drivers behind Gray, but police were advised that at least two other machines were involved. They have not reported the accident as yet.

The pile-up occurred at 4:30 p. m. and no injuries were reported. The second mishap occurred at about 3 p. m. and involved one car, driven by Harold E. Briscoe, of the Oregon Vocational school.

Briscoe was arrested for reckless driving after his 1936 sedan jumped the curb and crashed into the railing of the canal bridge at Main and Hillside.

Police said Briscoe was apparently living too fast to make the turn. His car was extensively damaged, but he was not injured. He is out on \$100 bail.

Demo Club Plans Meet

The Klamath County Democratic club has planned a social meeting for tonight at 8 o'clock in the IOOF hall, 4th and Main.

Accordions students of Mrs. Dorris Frederick will entertain with several musical numbers and there will be music for dancing after the program.

During the meeting the club will elect officers and discuss the coming and apparently lively primary election rivalries. All members of the club and democrats interested in affiliating are invited to attend tonight's session.

Music Contest Slated Here

On Saturday, March 13, Klamath Falls will be the host city to the Southern Oregon district of the Oregon Music Educators conference solo-ensemble contest-festival.

This district contest is the first of two contests, the second being the state contest held this year at Eugene. Those soloists and ensembles which rule a first division award in the district contest here in Klamath Falls will be eligible to compete in the state contest in April.

Both the competitive events during the day and the festival contest in the evening will be held at the high school.

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The further we go with this "cold war" between the Bolsheviks and the democracies the more apparent it becomes that we are engaged not merely in an ideological conflict, but in downright military operations.

Your columnist did reporting and military analysis in both World Wars and can't run away from the feeling that he is just "carrying on."

Now I don't mean that I think we are on the verge of another global upheaval. I don't believe a shooting-war is imminent.

What's happening, however, is that both sides are deliberately maneuvering for strategic military positions. The reds seek advantage in order to further their cold-war, the spread of communism, that is, the expansion of the Soviet empire. The democracies are trying to block the red advance—an advance, by the way, in which the communists are employing strong-arm methods which border dangerously on the military.

Grave Danger
Take yesterday's developments, for example. Secretary of State Marshall—one of the world's outstanding military strategists—and Secretary of Defense Forrestal appeared before the house foreign affairs committee to urge further military aid to Turkey and Greece.

They declared there is grave danger that neither country can remain free unless they get more assistance.

This column has discussed the military significance of Greece and Turkey before, but conditions are changing and it's well to take another look. There are two possible ways in which European Russia might expand its area of domination. One is westward towards the English channel. The other is southward, perhaps through Iran but also down the Balkan peninsula through Turkey and into the Middle East, thereby securing the Dardanelles and achieving Russia's old ambition of becoming a Mediterranean power.

Advance Halted
The westward advance is halted along the so-called Stettin-Adriatic line through Central Europe. With the manhandling of Czechoslovakia the reds have gone as far as they can for the time being in that direction, although they are putting the screws on Finland up north and Italy in the south. It's the purpose of the Marshall plan to strengthen the countries of Western Europe so they can continue to hold that vital line.

However, the line in the Balkans is in a more precarious position because it is more difficult for the democracies to defend. Turkey is the chief protector of that zone, but Greece also plays an essential role because it is the tip of the Balkan peninsula which projects down into the Aegean and thus flanks the Dardanelles strait.

Which reminds us that America's front line defenses are in Europe.

Toastmasters Hear Hansen
The weekly meeting of the Toastmasters club was held Wednesday evening at the Willard hotel. Ted Hansen was toastmaster of the evening, assisted by Scotty Johnston as general critic and Ted Lind, who was in charge of table topics. Jack Elliott started off the speaking program on "Is It Worth It?" followed by Clarence Linn with "Ramblings of a Toastmaster." Carl Wildermuth explained "What To Look For in Buying a Home." Fritz Thoeke gave his low-key speech, and Dr. A. A. Soule ended the program with "Why Worry?"

Gene Oldham will be toastmaster at the next meeting, assisted by Bill Owens as table topic chairman. John Argenteinger will serve as general critic. Ten-minute speeches will be given by Joe Siekel and Stanley Pade, with five minutes by Mel Henry, Ted Lind and Jack Robbins. The semi-annual election of officers will be held at this meeting.

Boyle's Column

The "Soldier's Soldier" Quits The Army At Last

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, (AP)—There is a song that says "Old Soldiers Never Die." But they do retire.

And one of the toughest and bravest of the American army has ever known bowed out this week—Major Gen. Ernie Harmon, deputy chief of the ground forces.

Only a brief two-paragraph story announced the retirement of this legendary "soldier's soldier" after 31 years in uniform and service in two World Wars.

But as long as he has been in the U. S. army will hold in memory the fighting record of "Old Gravel Voice" Harmon, who fought more battles and killed more Germans than any other American tank officer in the second World War.

A chunky, squint-eyed man, crusty, rough-talking and sentimental, he was known to officers under him as "The Bull" and "Hardboiled." Harmon kept them as nervous as few legs in a frying pan, but the enlisted men in his command liked him and thought it an honor to fight under him. Because he knew his trade—tank warfare—as well as any man alive.

Unusual Officer
When he wore all his ribbons, his chest looked like a vegetable patch in technicolor. But his score of

Didja ever hear of Samuel Brannan? Well, Sam has gone down in history as the first and original California booster.

Brannan was a Mormon elder back in the days of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, but when the Mormons were making their trouble-broet wagon journey across the country to the West, Sam took the easier method of boat trip around Cape Horn from New York to San Francisco.

He landed in San Francisco in 1846, about the same time the main body of the Mormon procession was settling in the Great Salt Lake valley of Utah.

At the time of Samuel's coming, there wasn't any San Francisco. The town was a settlement called Yerba Buena. But Brannan looked, liked what he saw and became a booster. A chamber of commerce within himself.

He crossed the Sierras from west to east about the time a lot of other emigrants were struggling to make the trip from east to west, went to the Mormon settlement in Utah and tried to persuade Brigham Young and the others to come on out to California.

Brannan extolled at great length on the beauty of the San Francisco area, its wealth, climate, richness of the soil, etc., but didn't gain a convert.

So he broke with Brigham Young and returned to California to become something of a notable in early San Francisco life. He established the town's first newspaper, the California Sun—still a booster you see—and had the honor of being the first person tried by a regularly empaneled jury in the state.

Brannan was accused of mishandling some money belonging to the Mormon church, but because of his importance in the region he was spared the "speedy trial and a rope" justice of the day. The jury acquitted him.

History does a pretty thorough job on Sam Brannan. It records that he became wealthy because a drunkard and died penniless in Mexico.

And that is the story of Samuel Brannan, first and original California booster.

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more medals and decorations merely index his battle biography. They don't reveal him for what he was—one of the most unusual personalities of the war.

Ernie landed under fire in French Morocco. His first armored division cornered 42,000 Germans in the Tunisian cleanup. He led the same division at Cassino and spearheaded the breakout at Anzio.

The doughboys who survived Anzio should love him forever for insulating that tanks against infantry lead the drive against the German fortified lines.

"I lost 116 tanks the first day," Ernie said later, "but within a week I had 70 back in action. It's easier to repair a tank than it is to bring half a hundred doughboys back to life."

Harmon returned to America and was given command of a corps. That would have led to his promotion to lieutenant general, but Ernie couldn't stand the boredom of waiting at home for a third star.

Asked for Action
He wrote General Bradley asking for another fighting post, and Bradley flew him over to command the second armored division in Belgium. Harmon cracked through the Siegfried line. Two months later he made a 100-mile overnight march and smashed three German panzer divisions at Celles, where he broke up the deepest Nazi penetration in the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war ended "Old Gravel Voice"—he got the nickname because he talks in a rumbling growl like a concrete mixer in low gear—organized the American combatant force in Germany.

Ernie saw the horse give way to the tank during his career, and the old army replaced by the new. He sees more changes coming.

"I saw the cavalry go out after the first World War," he told me once, "and I think the last war was the only one in which tanks will have played such a major role."

Now at 84 Ernie is returning to civil life, as have many fine wartime division commanders. For all his medals and victories, he ended the war at the same rank he began it—a major general.

Congress somehow never got around afterward to voting that promotion little "Hell on Wheels" Harmon passed up rather than miss a fight.

But knowing Ernie, I'm sure he'd rather have the extra memories he has in his heart than one more shiny star on his shoulder.

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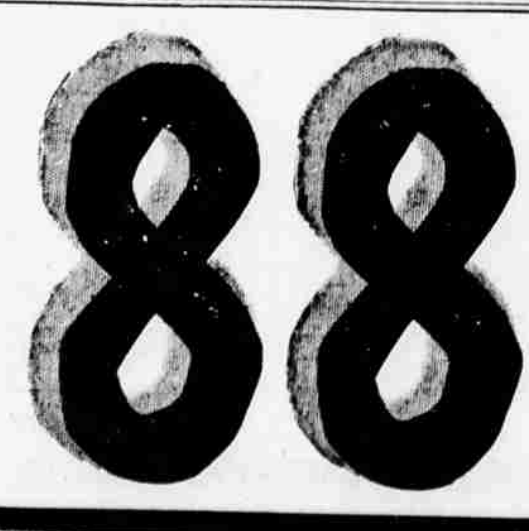
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