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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY Being the sort of good citizen described as desirable by editors and orators isn't as simple as it used to be. Public affairs on all levels have become increasingly complicated, so that the garden variety of citizen, even if conscientious, is tempted to throw up his hands in despair and abandon efforts to understand it all.

For example, here in the midst of a primary election campaign when folks ought to be studying their voters' pamphlets and sifting the facts about a series of city and county special levy proposals, we find ourselves confronted with three important school budget elections.

They are all scheduled for next Monday, the first day of which Friday will be primary election day. It is a good guess that not many people have given any thought at all to these school matters, which are taken to the citizens for a popular vote in order to authorize adequate budget allowances for the coming year's educational operations in Klamath Falls and Klamath county.

Where And When HERE are the simple facts about the voting procedure: Klamath Union high school district budget election—Polling place, KUHS buildings; Time, 2 to 7 p. m. Monday. Klamath Falls elementary district budget election—Polling place, Fremont junior high school; Time, 2 to 7 p. m. Monday. Klamath county school district budget election—Polling places, all elementary schools in the county; Time, 2 to 7 p. m. Monday.

City Elementary THE proposed total levy for District No. 1 (city elementary) is \$411,910.36, which is a decrease from last year's \$428,580.06. Figured on an assessed valuation for 1947-48, there will be a tax rate decrease for this district of 1.5 mills.

KUHS Klamath Union high school district's proposed budget calls for a slight tax rate increase over last year—19.3 to 19.66 mills. Here again, there is an impossible base (\$130,269.55) that makes a popular vote necessary every year.

Klamath County District THE total estimated tax for the next year for the Klamath county school district (elementary and high schools outside Klamath Falls) is \$620,266. Of this, the amount inside the six per cent limitation is \$239,913.06 (base) and the amount outside is \$381,252.92.

General Conclusions THESE are the operating budgets of the school systems of the city and county. There are only minor capital outlay items involved—most of the money will be spent to run the schools that educate our children. The costs have increased because of many factors, such as the necessity of paying higher salaries for instruction and supervision (to meet higher living costs and competition for personnel); meeting the requirements of the Oregon retirement law; meeting the needs of increased student population.

Our view is that the budgets have been carefully prepared, are sound in their essentials, and should be approved by the taxpayers who participate in Monday's voting. It should be kept in mind, in reaching a decision on this matter, that increase above the six per cent limitation, necessitating popular approval of the levies, does not necessarily mean increase over last year's levies.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY I SUPPOSE the producers would prefer me to say that Gene Tierney is beautiful and engaging in the film, "The Iron Curtain," and that the picture itself is grand melodrama, captivating, stimulating, exciting. If that is what they want, they must look elsewhere, for even the amazing suspense which at times holds the audience as in a vise, is not as important to me as that the picture was done at all.

Ignor Gouzenko, cipher clerk of Colonel Zaboltn, military attaché to the Soviet embassy, was sent to Canada in 1943. He was a typical Russian official, taught to be secretive, to lie, to be a robot. What psychological force drove him to betray his government can, of course, not be analyzed here; in the film, it is the influence of his wife and the love of his children whom he wishes to raise in a free society. The fact is that with an unfathomable heroism, in the shadow of death, he did turn over to the Canadian government important files of the Soviet embassy which gave to the world, officially and beyond doubt as to authenticity, the pattern of Soviet espionage in every country.

The Canadian government published the data in "the report of the royal commission," appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding Canadians in positions of trust supplying a foreign power secret and confidential information. (INCIDENTALLY, a federal grand jury has been sitting in New York for nearly a year investigating the American counterpart of this Soviet espionage in the United States and for political reasons has handed down neither an indictment nor a presentment. Although, as a result of this grand jury investigation, some aliens have been ordered deported, the chief ringleaders in this espionage conspiracy are free men.)

The Canadian report says of Gouzenko: "He has undoubtedly been a most informative witness and has revealed to us the existence of a conspiratorial organization operating in Canada and other countries. He has not only told us the names and cover names of the organizers, the names of many of the Canadians who were caught 'in the net' (to employ the phrase used by the documents) and who acted here as agents, but he has also exposed much of the set-up of the organization as well as its aims and methods here and abroad. There can be no doubt in our minds that these attempts, very often successful, to obtain here secret and confidential information cannot be qualified as casual or isolated. They are not merely the acts of over-zealous Soviet employees anxious to inform their own government. The set-up of this organization in Canada is the result of a long preparation by trained and experienced men, who have come here for the express purpose of carrying on spying activities, and who have employed all the resources at their disposal, with or without corruption, to fulfill the tasks assigned to them. Some of these men have undoubtedly been well-schooled in espionage and fifth column organizational methods, and in political and psychological 'development' techniques."

Important Documentary Film IT is this that "The Iron Curtain" shows in dramatic form. The American communists and their allies have used every means, fair and foul, to prevent this picture from being shown. They say that it will lead to war. They insist that Americans have no right to know the truth about them or to adopt means to defend this country against their conspiracy. They go so far as to declare a boycott against every theatre which will show "The Iron Curtain." This film, while it is sheer drama and good theatre, is the most important documentary ever produced in the United States. It should be witnessed by every American citizen; it should be shown in schools and colleges; parents should be certain that their children see it. Many persons who are innocent do tangible and sure mischief to their country; no one can remain innocent once "The Iron Curtain" has been made available to the public. As a demonstration of patriotism, this film must be supported. Should the communists succeed in killing it, by boycotts and other intimidations, it will be harmful to our country. See it as a personal demonstration of patriotism!

SIDE GLANCES



"You're getting well, Mr. Bivins—we don't need a thermometer when the patients start asking the nurses if they're married!"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be longer than 100 words, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. NAME AND ADDRESS of the writer. Contributions following these rules are promptly welcomed.

HITCHCOCK WARMS UP KLAMATH FALLS—(To the Editor)—There are some statements that have been made by our political correspondent, Hale Scarbrough, that I believe should be answered. The first was made shortly after the Nebraska election, that he had heard that the Stassen organization spent \$350,000 there. I do not have the exact amount spent, but I am assured by responsible Stassen people that this amount is fantastic, and that no substantial percentage of it was spent.

Second, I have been quite amused by the statements from various people interested in Dewey's campaign, including Mr. Scarbrough, regarding the supposed panic that caused Stassen to return to Oregon and spend seven days here, instead of four, prior to the primary. We made no such charges when Mr. Dewey announced a short time ago that he was coming to Oregon to spend three weeks. In fact, it would seem to me that we are exhibiting quite a degree of confidence in feeling that Stassen can accomplish as much in seven days as Dewey can in three weeks.

The final item, however, which really needed me into writing this letter was Mr. Scarbrough's rather smug and superior implication that Stassen would do well not to appear on the same completely dominated platform with Mr. Dewey. It seems that the Dewey people do not share Mr. Scarbrough's supreme confidence inasmuch as they are insisting that this is strictly a radio debate for the dubious reason that a debate between two presidential candidates before an audience would degenerate into a three-ring circus. While I agree that Mr. Dewey is very able and intelligent and is highly skilled in the debating of public issues, I rather resent the assumption that Mr. Stassen is a bush leaguer who is not qualified to appear on the same platform with him. I am sure that after the people of the Klamath basin have heard Mr. Stassen they will agree that he is qualified to debate public issues with anyone.

DEWEY DISCUSSION KLAMATH FALLS, May 12 (To the Editor)—I listened to Dewey speak in Klamath Falls Saturday, but I never learned where he stands on education or how he restful form of life and activity than they were probably used to before. The cause or causes of coronary thrombosis are not all understood. Now that so many more people are living to ages at which the condition is common, it is particularly important to carry out research which will lead to its eventual conquest.

CEMETERY MEASURE KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—I would like to say a word for those who cannot speak for themselves, I mean the beloved dead, who reached the end of the trail long ago after many weary miles of travel and sacrifice, that we now might enjoy this glorious Oregon country. Last year many markers were torn down and the cemetery despoiled. Now, on election day, we will have an opportunity to do our duty by those who did so much for us by voting in favor of the tax levy for maintaining and beautifying Linkville cemetery. We can make it a "Memory Garden" instead of a "Hill of Desolation," as it looks now. Vote 504 Yes. Mrs. George T. Casper.

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The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

As the Jews of Palestine move to reestablish the Hebrew state after a lapse of nearly 2000 years, one frequently hears the query: Just what is the urge behind this unwavering crusade—this willingness to die for a national home in the Holy Land? Palestine is small. It isn't blessed with an abundance of natural resources. It is largely undeveloped by sacrifice and sweat of the brow.

Naturally there is no thought that the Jewish citizens of America, and of other democratic and upright countries, will flock to Palestine and take up residence there. Still, the little country does provide a refuge for thousands of Jews who have been rendered homeless and set adrift by the Hitlerian aggression which had as one of its horrible objectives the destruction of all Jewish peoples whom the Nazi barbarian could reach.

So provision of a refuge for the needy is a second reason for the desire to establish a national home. And then there seems to me to be yet another—the pride of seeing a Hebrew government once more functioning in the land of the great kings, Saul and David and Solomon.

STATIC By RON BROWN I've been hearing nothing but loud and indignant protests for the past day or two after having referred to Marilly as the Mayor's "spouse" in ABC's "Mayor of the Town" program.

"The Sheriff" leads off on this evening's LW log, with Mark Chase hot into another mystery. One thing about that program, the plots seem to always have a human interest element of some sort, making the murders and wife-beatings seem more homey.

A new quarter-hour program will make its debut over KFLW this Saturday from 5:45 to 6:00 p. m., with Chuck Cecil on the mike. Dubbed "The Naval Reserve Show," it will feature current popular discs and latest dope on the local reserve unit. We understand that the unit is just getting started, and all ex-gobs and leathernecks are eligible. Also, any of you other interested young fellows are invited to drop out for a chat in any of their Monday night meetings and hear what the reserve has to offer.

So, if you can shake off the little woman or the girl friend for a Monday evening, why not have a look-see. Puddy Boy is slated for 8 p. m. this evening over KFLW with what sounds to be a good puzzle. When the "Fat Man" takes to the air, we are told, it is very difficult to properly group participants about the mike because of his rather portly proportions. He is practically as ponderous in real life as fictionally, and leaves ABC's directors, as well

The Gallup Poll Stassen, Vandenberg Rise In GOP Favor

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., May 14—Harold A. Stassen and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg have both gained in popularity throughout the rank and file of republican voters as choices for the presidential nomination. The latest survey by the Institute among republicans finds Stassen in the lead for the second consecutive time, with Governor Thomas E. Dewey pushing him and comfortably ahead of the rest of the field. Senator Vandenberg runs in third place in this pre-nomination GOP popularity derby, displacing General Douglas MacArthur who runs next, followed by Senator Robert A. Taft.

The majority of the interviews in today's surveys were conducted before the Ohio primary and therefore do not reflect sentiment since that election. The effect of that check on Stassen's series of primary sweeps, and the corresponding tonic to the campaign of Senator Taft, will be determined in new surveys which are now in progress. The coast-to-coast standings of the various candidates were found to be as follows among voters who classified themselves as republicans: A comparison with a similar survey reported April 25 is also shown.

Table with 5 columns: Candidate, April 25, Today. Rows include Stassen, Dewey, Vandenberg, MacArthur, Taft, Warren, Joseph Martin, No choice.

To be placed in proper perspective today's poll results should be analyzed with the following points in mind. 1. A nationwide test of popularity such as this cannot be construed to indicate how any given candidate will run in a primary in an individual state. The record of recent primaries shows very clearly that the popularity of the various GOP candidates varies from state to state. Thus, Stassen, who won the Wisconsin primary, had previously run a poor second to Dewey in the New Hampshire primary. In Nebraska and in Pennsylvania, Stassen had the lead, but in Ohio he achieved, in the eyes of most observers, only a draw with Taft.

What the national polls of the Institute attempt to do is to conduct an informal nationwide "primary" in which a cross-section of all the voters in the republican party have a chance to speak their minds not merely on one or two candidates, but as his program listeners, scratching their heads. The citizenry of Klamath Falls is very likely unaware that we have several embryo artists in our city constabulary. The various sheriff candidates trustingly posted their cards on the wall at headquarters, and it was only a few days until the boys managed to retouch them in their spare moments, until they are now virtually unrecognizable. A few original works have been effected by the more ambitious minions of the law, showing great talent in the way of art. One thing can be said for the boys, however. They are absolutely impartial—if anything, the candidates who are former members of the force have suffered the most.

The walls of many residences and public buildings in Buenos Aires and other Argentine cities are covered with multi-colored glazed tiles. Before World War II about 40 per cent of all U. S. exports went to the British Empire. Don't miss this program next Sunday evening. We will appreciate your comments. There's some talk of the Untouchables in India forming a third political party. Apparently a third party isn't a "touchy" subject in India. Now, let's change to a subject we really know something about at IN-MAN MOTOR COMPANY, 424 South 6th Street. . . . And that's motor rebuilding. . . . Our skilled, factory-trained mechanics can really do wonders with a broken-down motor. Drive in with an old motor and drive out with one that runs like new! Phone 7778.

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