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SECRETARY of the Navy Francis P. Matthews, speaking at a Democratic party picnic at Portland yesterday, made this statement to his hearers:

"Arguments against CVA (Columbia Valley Administration) are the old, tired arguments of big business who mask their opposition to progress with charges of regimentation and controlled socialism."

DO YOU suppose he could be right?

If he is, we are headed for socialism in this country. (NOT next year. Not, probably, in the next generation. These great swings in human history usually move slowly.) But if the people of Oregon are already looking tolerantly at a duplicate of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which would turn the whole future development of the vast drainage basin of the Columbia river over to the federal government in Washington, with our local governmental bodies having little to do to say about it, then we are headed for something that is radically different from what we have and have had in the past.

PERSONALLY, I think our good secretary of the navy is mistaken. It is significant to me that he made his statement at a Democratic party picnic. The Democratic party is staking its hope of the welfare state, the welfare state, if it is to work at all, must be the whole show. The people must be brought to the point where they will LOOK TO THE STATE FOR EVERYTHING. If we are to look to the state for everything, the state must CONTROL everything.

Under socialism, the state does control everything. No socialism, in case from the Washington-run-everything road.

MOST of the people I talk to aren't yearning for a CVA. For that matter, most of the people I talk to are as much worried by the present financial policies of our government as I am. Their common sense tells them that if you go on indefinitely spending more than you take in you'll go broke in the course of time. They realize that this applies to government as well as to individuals.

I think I ought to add here that I don't talk exclusively to big shots. I find that I can't learn much that way. If you are going to find out what is going on in this world, you have to talk to all kinds of people. This CVA business is big-time stuff. Few of us understand it, and most of us want to know all about it before making up our minds. But I personally find little enthusiasm for it outside the ranks of the professional politicians who want to use it as a device to keep themselves in power.

THE general run of people I talk to are not at all poisonous in their attitude toward the "tired . . . big business" of which our navy secretary speaks so contemptuously. Judging by the talk I hear, most of the people in most of the towns of Oregon would be immensely pleased if some big outfit would come in right now and start some big new business venture that would create a lot of new jobs that would swell the population of their town and make it bigger and more important than neighboring towns.

SO FAR as I am able to learn, the people of Oregon are going to be quite well satisfied if private business goes on bringing new development to the state, as has been the case in recent years, and will turn to CVA's and similar experiments in near-socialism ONLY if private business falls down completely on its job.

I think Navy Secretary Matthews, who is of the high command of the Democratic party, which wants to stay in power and hopes that talk of schemes like CVA will help to keep it in power, is doing some wishful thinking about what the people of Oregon want.

Chiloquin Phone Lines Goes In
CHILOQUIN, Aug. 15—The West Coast Telephone company began operating a new toll line from Fort Klamath and Chiloquin to Klamath Falls last week. The line, which uses only copper wire, modernizes the service already given in the area and opens additional facilities between the junctions of the old and new US 97 highways and in the Williamson river area.

Surveys for the re-routed line began in late April with construction commencing upon the completion of the planning. Crews finished the installation some 10 days ago, and late Tuesday the service was officially opened. The line provides for carrier transmission as well as voice operations.

4 Pulled From Upper Lake After Motorboat Capsizes
Four Southern men were pulled from Upper Klamath lake after about two hours in the water Saturday afternoon.
Out side of exposure from the long stay in the water, they were not injured.
The men were Ernest G. Paulk, 24, Charles Edward Bray, 25, and Ray R. Bray, 37, all of Merrill, and Ted Henderson, 38, of Canby, Calif. Witnesses said the men were out on the south end of the lake in a rented motorboat, and the boat apparently capsized about 2:15 p. m. It was after 4 p. m. before the shouts of the men attracted the attention of persons on shore and W. N. Garrothers rowed out to rescue them.
The men were clinging to the partly-submerged craft and were taken aboard Garrothers' boat and brought to shore. They were given first aid by state police and warmed by the heater of their car until able to go home.



THREE DIE IN AUTO-TRUCK CRASH—Sonoma County Coroner Vernon Silvershield inspects the crushed auto in which three died when it collided with a heavy tanker truck near Santa Rosa, Calif., August 13. Highway Patrolman Larry Walker said the accident occurred when the auto attempted to pass another truck near the crest of a hill and met the tanker truck head-on. Walker identified the dead, all of California, as James Cummings, 23, Olinda, star route; Jack Turner, 24, Lakeport, and Charles H. Lindley, Modesto. The truck driver, Leland McIntire of San Jose, escaped with minor injuries.

Fuel Gone, US Air Liner Plunges Into Sea Off The Irish Coast, 9 Persons Die
GALWAY, Ireland, Aug. 15 (AP)—Its fuel exhausted, an American four-engine air liner belied into the Atlantic off western Ireland in darkness early today. Nine of its 38 occupants were killed and the rest were saved in a dramatic sea-air rescue.

Among those saved was Ruth Nichols, 48, noted American aviator. The big sky-master, bound from Rome to New York with 47 Italian emigrants to Venezuela and 11 Americans aboard, overcast Shannon airport. Another American airliner tried to escort it back to Shannon, but the sky-master's gasoline gave out and it plopped into the calm sea 15 miles off the Irish coast.
British and American transport planes guided surface vessels in the rescue operations.
Nine of the Americans aboard were crew members and two were employees of Transocean Airlines, owners of the plane.
Ten hours after the plane dropped through a cloudbank into the sea, the British trawler Stalberg pulled into Galway harbor with 49 survivors. The Irish steamer Lanahone had helped her in the rescue work.
One American crewman was killed. The other eight dead were passengers, according to Otis Nelson, president of Transocean Airlines.
Nelson identified the dead crewman as Brooklynn Herbert Asbel of Brooklyn, N. Y.
When the plane was approaching Shannon, Asbel's radio equipment was blanked out by atmospheric conditions, and this caused the plane to overshoot the airport. Over the Atlantic, the plane went down so gently, the survivors said, that they were not even thrown from their seats.
Miss Nichols, 48, famed aviator of the 1920's, had been aboard the plane as a stewardess.
The big sky-master was on the Rome-to-Shannon leg of its hop. Galway police said all four of the women aboard the plane were saved. One of the women was among the Italian passengers. The other three were Americans.
Some of the passengers dived into the sea and began to swim when the big four-engine sky-master plopped down through a heavy cloudbank. Others put off from the plane in life rafts. The trawler Stalberg found the survivors scattered over a quarter mile square of sea. Many of them suffered from shock.
The royal air force air-sea rescue wing and surface vessels searched the area for persons still afloat.
Capt. Edward Bessey, pilot of the big plane, lost and nearly two and a half hours overdue, had been trying to nurse his meager gasoline supply until he reached land under the escort of another American airliner. His engines started cutting out, and he informed his escort he would have to ditch the plane on the sea.

Cop's Prank Leads Up To Fatal Shot
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 15 (AP)—A Clarksburg policeman shot and killed another early today and Chief E. G. Amstler said it was the result of a practical joke. Chester Shack was shot through the heart.
Patrolman Robert Lee Fawley, 35, is held in jail on an open charge. Chief Amstler said this is what happened:
Shack and Fawley patrolled adjoining beats, meeting at the street corner at intervals.
As Fawley rounded the corner this morning, Shack tossed a black-jack at him, thinking to scare him. Fawley whipped out his 38 service revolver and fired.
Shack staggered into Fawley's arms.
Fawley called headquarters for an emergency car, which rushed Shack to a hospital. He died on the operating table.
The Harrison county coroner said there will be an inquest.

SOS Signals Seen Near Long Lake
Mysterious SOS signals from the hills west of Klamath Falls late Saturday night had members of the state police force searching the area for distressed persons, but none were located.
The signals, apparently made by flashlight, were sighted by residents living along highway 66 near the Log Cabin, a few miles west of town. The flashes were reported to be issuing from the hills north of the highway, in the Long lake region.

Rumor Claims Red Officers Die
HAMBURG, Germany, Aug. 15 (AP)—The British-licensed German newspaper Welt Am Sonntag says 20 Soviet army officers were killed July 25 in a plot aimed at Soviet Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky.
There was no confirmation from other sources. Nor has there been any indication of such an incident in reports of Rokossovsky since that date. He was made an honorary citizen of Wrocław, Poland, last week.
A high American intelligence officer in Berlin said the first his office knew of the report was from the newspaper.
"We know nothing of such an explosion or plot," he said. "And we seriously doubt that such a thing could have occurred practically in our own back yard without our learning of it."

North Santiam Highway Opens
DETROIT, Ore., Aug. 15 (AP)—The new North Santiam highway, linking the Willamette and Deschutes valleys, was opened today.
The completion of the route, dedicated in formal ceremonies yesterday, will make possible full-scale work on the \$28,000,000 Detroit dam.
The guests at yesterday's dedication ranged from Gov. Douglas McKay to 94-year-old C. T. Hennessy, who crossed the Santiam pass with his parents in 1864.

'Stop-Gap' Fund Vetoed

Attendance At Pool Off, Closure Seen

The Oregon Tech swimming pool will be closed down next Saturday unless attendance shows a definite upswing this week. It was announced from the city recreation office today.

Sam Smith, city recreation head, said that attendance at the tank last week showed a drastic slump. It costs the city \$124 a day to operate the pool, Smith said.

If the turnstiles click sufficiently this week, the pool will stay open until September 4.

Colder weather and the vacation period were given as the two-fold reasons for the drop in attendance.

The general recreation season, by far the most successful in the city's history, is drawing to a close with all other funds due for closure Saturday, Smith announced.

Due to installation of a new furnace room, the Fairview field closed down last Saturday.

Grounds due for a shut-down next Saturday are Kiwanis, Ewauna, Roosevelt and Pelican.

Baseball classes for youngsters also came to an end last Saturday.



NOMINATED—Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins (above) was nominated by President Truman to be chief of staff of the army. Collins, vice chief of staff, was named to succeed Gen. Omar Bradley.

Government Units Feel Money Pinch

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—The house refused today to pass another "stopgap" appropriation bill.

This left the armed services and several other government departments without funds to operate after midnight tonight.

The house voted 176 to 145 for the "stopgap" appropriation to finance the departments until there is more time to act on their regular appropriations. Under the procedure used, however, a two-thirds majority was required for passage.

Administration leaders indicated they probably will call up the bill again, perhaps tomorrow, under procedures that require only a majority vote.

Some members said the temporary lack of funds may "paralyze" operations of the military establishment, causing "utter confusion and chaos."

Others said the economic operation administration, which administers Marshall plan outlays, will be without funds.

But the opponents argued that refusal to pass the "stopgap" bill will force the senate to act swiftly on the long-delayed regular appropriation bills already passed by the house and now caught in the senate legislative jam.

Today's action came up under a "suspension of rules" procedure that required a two-thirds vote.

Convertible Upsets, Two Women Injured

Two Seattle, Wash., women were slightly injured and one was cited for speeding as the result of an accident on highway 97 near Grass Lake, Calif., Saturday morning.

Driver of the car was Mrs. Eleanor Arnett, 48, who is due to appear in justice court this week on the charge of traveling at excessive speed. Her passenger was Mrs. Grace Tracy, 48.

The Arnett car was traveling toward Weed about 9:30 a. m. when a Greyhound bus, which skidded 270 feet and rolled over before coming to a stop, according to California State Highway Patrolman Marvin Daniels who investigated.

The car was a convertible and the two women were thrown from it as it lurched over. They were moved by ambulance to the Weed hospital for treatment of bad bruises, cuts and other minor hurts. The bus driver stopped to give aid and reported the incident to Daniels in Dorris, Calif.

Two Maritime Unions Plan Strike Action

HONOLULU, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Hawaiian government's first move to unload a ship on the strikebound Honolulu waterfront ran into a threat by members of two maritime unions today to walk off the vessel.

Ally, Gen. Walter D. Ackerman Jr., and Ben F. Rush, territorial harbor commissioner, conferred aboard the Matson freighter Hawaiian Merchant with representatives of the four seagoing unions aboard.

Spokesmen for the CIO marine cooks and stewards and the independent firemen said they would respect picket lines of the striking CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union.

The CIO marine engineers' delegate said his union was meeting in San Francisco today to decide its attitude. The delegate of the AFL sailors union of the Pacific made no comment.

Ackerman said he and Rush would act to remove the three-masted LWU pocket line in front of the Hawaiian Merchant's pier, presumably by injunction proceedings. Police squad cars were stationed nearby.

The 2000 LWU stevedores in Hawaii have been on strike for 107 days, demanding a raise of 32 cents in their \$1.40 hourly pay.

Lake Home Goes Up In Blaze

LAKEVIEW, Aug. 15—The Clarence Metzker home, two miles north of Lakeview, burned to the ground in a blaze which broke out about 6 p. m. Saturday. All furnishings and personal belongings were lost.

No one was home when the fire started. The Lakeview volunteer fire department went to the scene but was unable to save the structure.

Residents were Metzker and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jones.

The loss was estimated at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Cause of the blaze is not known.

Cowboys Have Rough Time At Jackpot Rodeo

Injuries ranging from bumped heads to broken bones were sustained by cowboys taking part in the rough and tumble rodeo events at the jackpot rodeo held at the fair grounds Saturday and Sunday.

Five entrants were injured seriously enough to require hospitalization. They were moved from the fair grounds to Klamath Valley hospital by Kaler's ambulance.

Hurt Saturday night was Ewald Chiloquin of Chiloquin who was thrown from a horse and suffered a head injury. Richard Nelson, 20-year-old Yreka, received a cut on the head Saturday and was released Sunday morning after spending the night at the hospital.

Fifteen-year-old Barney Gaines of Keno suffered facial lacerations and other painful head and facial injuries Saturday night when he was stomped on by a horse. Suffering from a leg injury is Phil Tupper of Beatty.

A Mt. Hebron cowpoke, Archie West, is in the hospital recovering from a fractured left leg and ankle received Sunday at the show.

Quick Action By SP Aids Traveler

Thanks to the speedy work of the Southern Pacific shop crew, an elderly lady was able to continue her train trip to Portland Saturday night in comfort.

SP officials in Dunsmuir notified the Klamath Falls station that the woman on northbound train 15 was in need of an oxygen tank.

When the train pulled into the local station at 9:50 p. m. Saturday, the tank and regulator, hurriedly assembled, were installed. The woman's name was not given.

Red Leader In China Said Dead

CANTON, China, Aug. 15 (AP)—A national army spokesman told a news conference today that Mao Tse-tung, top Chinese communist leader, had died in Peiping July 17 of tuberculosis.

The spokesman attributed the report to "very reliable information." However, there was no elaboration.

It was the second time in two days that Chinese nationalists had mentioned Mao's death. They asserted Saturday he was either dead "or critically ill," quoting intelligence reports. That account was regarded as dubious.



SUBPOENAED—Harry Hoffman (above), Milwaukee advertising man, has been subpoenaed by a Senate investigating committee which is conducting an inquiry into capital "five percenters." Hoffman was linked with the gift of deep freeze units to Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughn, presidential military aide who called him an "old friend."

Army Coup Takes Over, Premier Dies

DAMASCUS, Syria, Aug. 15 (AP)—Syria's president and premier were shot yesterday in a lightning military coup whose repercussions thundered through the explosive Middle East.

Col. Sami Hennawi, 51, Syrian hero of the Palestine war, led the group of senior army officers who overthrew the government of Marshall Husni Zayim.

A sharp burst from the firing squad at the great Mazza military barracks ended the rule of the stocky little Zayim who had seized power four and a half months ago. Zayim's bespectacled premier, Mueen Bey Beraal, generally considered the brains of the regime, died with him.

Col. Hennawi issued communique telling of the shootings. They called the dead rulers "traitors" and "tyrants," and ordered the army and police to join forces to maintain calm.

"Dispatches from Syria are subject to censorship."

Politicians Meet
Col. Hennawi summoned a meeting of about 50 prominent Syrian politicians last night. He told them Zayim was guilty of "conceit and despotism." He said the revolution was forced by the president's reckless spending of government funds and his failure to follow through on promises of reform.

The assembled politicians, including Faris El Khoury, Syria's delegate to the United Nations, called on former President Hassem Bey Atassi to form a new government. He accepted.

Atassi named 11 men to serve in his cabinet, including former Syrian Minister to Washington Nazem Duki as minister of foreign affairs.

The new cabinet, or council of ministers, will assume all executive as well as legislative powers until the return of parliamentary rule of the country.

Speculation immediately arose as to the fate of the cross-Syrian pipeline of the American-owned Trans-Arabian Oil company.

Zayim granted permission for the line to be built after previous Syrian governments had refused.

Samish Ouster Demanded By Californian

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 15 (AP)—Gov. Earl Warren was asked today to call a special session of the legislature to enact laws which would halt the type of lobbying practiced by Liquor Representative Arthur H. Samish.

Colliers magazine last week called Samish "the secret boss of California." The magazine said he controlled a large block of votes in the legislature and contributed heavily to legislators' campaign funds.

Assemblyman John E. Moss Jr., Sacramento, asked Warren to call the special session now or early in 1950.

Moss said the "brazen and contemptuous" use of quotations attributed to Samish in Colliers constitute a challenge to every elected office holder in the state.

Independent Petroleum Lobbyist Monroe Butler, who Colliers said was a leader in the lobbyists' fight to slash Governor Warren's billion dollar budget, told newsmen today he makes campaign contributions to legislators "openly and by check."

Weather Stalls Diving Try For Second Time

SMUGGLER'S COVE, Calif., Aug. 15 (AP)—Call it bad luck or just coincidence, the secrets of the deep are still secret—but a new try is coming up.

After two days of delay due to rough weather and defects in mechanical equipment, marine explorer Otis Barton will try again today to lower himself in his "benthoscope" diving bell to a depth of 6000 feet below the surface of the ocean.

The benthoscope itself has twice descended more than a mile. Saturday it reached 5500 feet. Yesterday it went 200 feet further. But each time Barton elected to remain topside.

He sent a motion picture camera down in the diving bell yesterday but the camera did not function properly.

Lake Rodeo Names Queen Contestants

LAKEVIEW, Aug. 15—A field of 10 girls was nominated Saturday night at a Lakeview street dance, and from the group a queen and two princesses will be elected to reign over festivities of the Lake County Roundup, September 3, 4, and 5.

Nominees are Ann Barry, Ramona Butler, Kathleen O'Leary, Mary Arnes, Joan Pratt, Jeanne McDonald, Virginia Smith, Carolea Gray, Joan Downs and Patricia Purdue.

Dances will be held August 29 and 27, and election of the three lucky contestants will be divided between the next two dances. They may be street dancers or they may be held in the airport hangar, and a decision on the place will be announced soon.

Purcell Named To Newspaper Post

CENTRALIA, Aug. 15 (AP)—Tom Purcell, publisher of the Gresham, Ore. Outlook, is the new president of the Pacific Newspaper Incorporated.

The group is an organization of weekly newspaper owners in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Purcell succeeds Clarence Laframboise of the Enumclaw, Wash. Courier-Herald.

Malcolm Epley Leaves As Herald And News Managing Editor To Take Long Beach Post

Malcolm Epley, managing editor of The Herald and News, announced today that he has accepted an offer of an editorial position with the Long Beach, Calif., Press-Telegram.

Epley will go to Long Beach in mid-September, concluding a little more than 15 years as managing editor of The Herald and News, and more than 20 years in newspaper work in Oregon.

He said that in the early summer he received an unanticipated invitation to look into the possibilities of the Long Beach opening, and further investigation resulted in his decision to join the staff of the Press-Telegram.

"I regret leaving Klamath Falls," he said. "The Klamath country has been my home for nearly two decades, and it was only because of the professional opportunities involved in the Long Beach offer that I reached a decision that takes me elsewhere. Like others who have lived here a long time, my affections for the country and its people are permanent."

The Press-Telegram is a daily newspaper with a circulation of more than 82,000 in a community of approximately a quarter million population. Epley's responsibilities there will include editorial and column contributions. He has written editorials and a column for The Herald and News on a virtual daily basis since the day he arrived in this city.

Frank Jenkins, The Herald and News publisher, expressed regret at



MALCOLM EPLEY

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—General Omar Bradley was confirmed by the senate today as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

At the same time, the senate approved President Truman's choice of General Joseph L. (Lightning Joe) Collins to succeed Bradley as army chief of staff. It also confirmed Archibald S. Alexander of New Jersey as assistant secretary of the army, and Tracy S. Voorhees of New York as undersecretary of the army.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—The house foreign affairs committee today approved the full amount asked by President Truman for Western Europe arms aid. The committee, however, split it up between cash and contract authority.

The committee also refused to include any authorization for an arms-aid program for non-communist China.

\$300 Per Capita Pay For Tribe Draws Approval

Associate Indian Commissioner William Zimmerman Jr., today in Washington signed an authorization for a \$300 per capita payment to the Klamath Indians.

Ram Bittney, Indian agency superintendent, said that the payment procedure will be expedited as much as possible, but it may take about a month to get the money to the individual tribesmen. This is the regular fall per capita payment, and is made without the necessity of congressional action.

POLIO VICTIM
AUBURN, Wash., Aug. 15 (AP)—Two days after he was taken to the hospital, seven-year-old Edward Lester Givens died Sunday of polio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Givens of Auburn.