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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

I have a bone to pick with the Fish and Wildlife Service. A duck bone.

Down here in the Basin we all think we have some fair to middlin' snooting when it comes to ducks and geese. And a lot of other people seem to think so, too. At any rate they come in from areas all around us to take advantage of our cover.

And then comes the F and W information bulletin number 30584 talking about the opening of the bird season. Under the heading of Pacific Flyway they talk a little bit about the fact that the Pin-Tails and Baldpates have been doing a bit of damage here and there to the California rice crop, that shooting in Southwest Washington stunk but that it was excellent in the Southeast portion of the state. They go on to say that very good luck was noted in Idaho on both Baldpate and Mallard and that Nevada showed better than average hunting.

But did they say anything about Oregon?

No!

We were left out in the cold. Just as much as to say that we didn't amount to shucks, anyhow, and why bother about a few downstaters here and there that thought that maybe they were shooting birds. Guess maybe we just been potting mudhens and not knowing any better. Or maybe the department hasn't yet found out about us.

Downright discouraging to have a thing like that happen. Makes you feel pretty much like a man without a country.

Maybe next year we'll manage to work up to the bottom of the list anyhow. Some small mention. After all, How are we gonna know what kind of shooting we're getting if the Great White Father doesn't tell us?

Klamath Falls has rushed on its way this year toward a new and grisly record. We've killed more people in auto accidents than in any other year since records were kept.

Most of these accidents were caused through carelessness or recklessness. Two reasons which have not a jot of reason nor an ounce of justification. People have just been driving too fast, taking too many long chances and hoping to get away with it.

Year after bloody year the United States toll of car deaths mounts. More cars, more and faster roads, faster and more powerful automobiles account for it. But they also account for this senseless slaughter of men and women and children.

Apparently there is nothing that can be done to allay this appalling record. People seem determined to hurl themselves into the adventure of death at the earliest moment. At least they do when they get in a car.

I know men, and women, who are perfect gentlemen and ladies at all times—except when they step into a car. Then their manners disappear, they take an arrogant attitude toward every other auto and every other person, behave as if they owned the road and were the best drivers in the world.

It is a shame that these senseless drivers have to take so many innocents with them.

Perhaps in generations to come we'll learn. At least let us hope so.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

For the last three days this column has carried Associated Press analysis of problems the country faces. This series will be completed today with discussions of the possibility of recession; the new congress; a look at tomorrow and the future:

For a long time now we have been hearing of the likelihood of a bad recession in the coming years. It has been suggested that the end of a rearmament program would have the same general effects as the end of a costly war. Heavy industries would suffer a sharp decline and the country would suffer a variety of ailments, from unemployment to deflation.

This is essentially true. A letdown of any kind is apt to be reflected in the economic chart. It may very well be that we shall have to adjust ourselves to a different, slower pace. Indeed we may become the victims of temporary hardships — the same hardships that a family would suffer after moving from one type of house to another.

But unemployment and recession or depression! These are alien terms. They come from another era, another planet. The times when unemployment and deflation on any scale were tolerated are gone forever.

The texture of our economy has changed completely as a result of a number of earth-shaking factors: Two world wars, the cold war and the searing experience in Korea, a complete overhaul in technology, advances in science, and a consequent evolution in economic and social thinking.

Much has been said about the Republican party's slim numerical majority in congress. This won't be as much of an obstacle as some people believe. Many Southern Democrats have joined the Republicans in the past. This tendency should increase in the next congress. It is expected that Democrats will team up with Republicans to put through many foreign policy proposals. On domestic issues, the conservatives in congress —Democrats and Republicans — will unquestionably wield the power.

And this doesn't spell reaction by any means. Both houses may move to the dead center and stay there, taking a conservative approach to the various problems before us, not a reactionary one.

It is realized by most congressmen—perhaps by all of them—that his country and the rest of the world are entering a very tough and very dangerous period. It isn't only the issue of war and peace. It isn't only the question of providing ourselves and our friends with maximum security.

There's the overriding issue of economic well-being. We and our friends have accumulated a backlog of debts and deficits. The war and the aftermath of war have to be written off the books. Western economies have to be readjusted. An economic reckoning cannot be postponed any longer and the new congress is eminently well equipped to tackle the job. We shall not build any additions until the house we live in is strengthened and renovated.

The least tremor in our throbbing dynamic economy would precipitate a series of fearful events. A depression today would make the depression of 1929 look like a picnic. The resulting dislocation would so affect this country and the rest of the world that our whole system would be in jeopardy.

But the government cannot just print money. We can't go on making weapons when we do not need them. A program of public works would fill a gap, but we can't go in for building pyramids.

The only answer is expansion—expansion on a scale never dreamed of before. We shall have to carve out new channels of expansion and trade, not only in this country, not only in this hemisphere, but in the world at large.

Indeed, we may be about to witness the dawn of a new concept in man's progress. Intelligent initiative and free enterprise may be about to tackle a job worthy of giants. The world is a sick place and our prosperity cannot be truly secure in the middle of a tormented wilderness. We must clear the jungle and create a healthier atmosphere.

It will take courage to tackle the job. It will take courage and vision But by taking this road, we can get rid of the shadow that has been threatening us. Communism will cease to be a problem when the world becomes a healthier, saner place to live in. The pattern of our history is an unerring guide to the future. We have new worlds to conquer. And we now have truly great American leadership.

Skiway May Be Rebuilt

PORTLAND (AP) — The Mt. Hood Skiway, an aerial tramway from Government Camp to Timberline Lodge, may be re-designed and rebuilt to give faster, more quiet service. The stockholders have decided to look at a definite proposal next month.

The cars now have their own power and pull themselves along a cable, Dr. Otto George, president, said the Columbia-Geneva Tramway division of the American Wire Rope Co. had suggested changes including putting the power on the ground and having the cars pulled along much as are the chairs in a ski lift. The wire rope company, he said, would have detailed plans ready by the first of December.

The Mt. Hood organization's finances are improving stockholders were told, and indebtedness has been retired.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are going into hock at a record rate. Private debt has doubled since the end of World War II. The rate of increase is the steepest on record.

Corporate debt has climbed 82 per cent. Debts of individuals and unincorporated businesses have gone up 120 per cent. Together these groups, owing 141 billion dollars in 1945, now approach a debt total of 300 billion dollars.

Add to this the nearly 265 billion dollars that the federal government owes, and the state and local government indebtedness of 27 billion dollars (twice what it was in 1945), and you have a total of around 590 billion dollars.

Bankers say the private debt is not out of line with the increased national income, which was 277 billion dollars last year and will be higher this year.

In contrast, private debt in 1929 was 161 billion dollars, nearly double national income of 87 billion that year.

Some bankers, however, fret over the dangers they see in the present situation.

First, they worry about the rate of growth in private debt—doubled in the past six years, while in the six years before 1929 it rose only 40 per cent.

And the last three years have seen the sharpest rise in debt.

Private debt jumped 36 billion dollars in 1950, went up another 31 billion last year, and is expected to increase by another 33 billion this year.

Corporation plans indicate there'll be at least a temporary post-election upswing in debt offering—most of them to finance expansion plans.

Second, some bankers worry lest something might turn the economy downward, slice national income, and put part of the private debt in jeopardy.

Much of the debt is in the form of investment in plant expansions. Many hold that certain industries now have much greater production capacities than present civilian demand justifies.

It will take time, bankers argue, before the normal growth of demand, plus the normal repayment of debt, will work off any excesses in capacity and in corporate and individual debts.

Individual debts have piled up from many sources. Home mortgage debt increased six billion dollars this year, and more than that in each of the two prevous years.

Last year 13½ million persons bought new or used cars, and about two-thirds of them bought on time.

Financing by sales credit companies and commercial banks came to nearly eight billion dollars.

Television fans still owe an estimated 750 million dollars on their sets. And TV companies expect to sell a lot more on time next year.

Total installment credit, up two billion dollars in a year, now tops 15 billion dollars. And total consumer debts (including installment) are put at 21¾ billion dollars.

But bankers also see many offsetting circumstances.

They point out that an expanding economy always brings with it a growth in private debt.

Increasing corporate debt is accompanied by increased physical assets and inventories. Increased Mortgage debt brings with it more homes. Higher installment debt also means more autos and more home appliances.

With national income high, most of the debt looks sound enough.

What bankers debate, however, is how much longer investment and debt can expand without becoming vulnerable.

HAL BOYLE

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The trouble with foreign travel is that just as you begin to learn something about it you have to start home.

I was thinking about this while standing at the airport here, going through the ritual of clearing customs for the homeward trek.

I reached in my topcoat pocket and felt something wet. I pulled it out — it was a bright red washcloth.

"I didn't know where else to put it," explained my wife, Frances. "And I just hated to throw it away."

This experience convinced me people need a few travel tips — even the best of wives.

I set down here what I have learned:

1. Baggage. No matter how often an airline says a passenger is limited to 66 pounds of baggage it never will convince a wife that it's not fooling. For those last minute extras a wife can find no other place for, a wise husband will always carry a spare paper sack in his pocket — and it will always end up full.

The wise husband will also remain aloof in any argument between his wife and an airline official over the question of excess weight. After all, how does he know his wife is wrong? Maybe the airline scale is broken or inaccurate. Anyway, does he have to go on living with the airline or his wife?

2. Soap and cigarettes. In Europe today it is no longer possible to trade a bar of soap, a piece of chocolate or a package of cigarettes for a genuine $5,000 diamond ring. Do bring along a few extra bars of soap. Many first class hotels expect you to supply your own. Do, also, bring along a few extra packs of cigarettes as gifts, but don't expect them to overwhelm everybody. There actually are many Europeans who prefer other than American brand cigarettes.

3. Black market. The average American tourist feels his life has cheated him unless he makes a black market deal during his trip abroad. It's very simple to make one of those deals. Just go to the nearest travel agency. Before you can get through the door a shady character will sidle up to you and (a) offer to change your money at a profit, (b) offer to sell you a $15 American fountain pen for $5 and (c) let you have a rare old family cameo brooch.

By the time you get through the door into the travel agency you will find (a) some of the bills he has given you are counterfeit, (b) the fountain pen doesn't work, (c) the cameo is a fraud, and (d) the shady character has vanished.

By and large you can get no more than a 10 per cent edge in black market money dealing in Europe, and your money has a cleaner feeling if you just change it at your hotel or bank.

4. Tips. In Europe every bill you get includes a service charge which is supposed to pay the wage of those who serve you. But this satisfies nobody. All who serve you in any way expect an additional small remembrance from you.

Don't make yourself miserable or ruin your trip worrying about how much you should give or whom you should tip.

A simple rule is to tip everybody to whom you have not been formally introduced, but only give them half what you would in America, as it already is on the bill anyway.

Another and even more inexpensive way is simply to open your billfold and hold it out as you pass. Servants' consciences will prevent them from taking as much through avariace as you would give them through ignorance.

5. Customs. Some people are bold enough to clap a piece of rye bread on each end of a live elephant and try to smuggle it through customs as a sandwich.

They take pride in trying to beat the customs man. Many travelers complain bitterly about the long-suffering government agents. But I have always found them willing to share a live and let - live policy.

The wisest traveler I ever knew said this is the way to deal with customs:

"Tell them firmly, 'I have nothing to declare — absolutely nothing.' And no matter what they say, just stick to your story. When they get tired of listening to you they will let you pass."

Westerners Mentioned For Secretary of Interior Post

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Five names, headed by that of Colorado's governor, popped up Wednesday as delegates to the National Reclamation Association convention discussed who might become the next secretary of interior.

It was a foregone conclusion Interior Secretary Chapman won't be in the job after the first of the year.

Colorado's Gov. Dan Thornton was widely mentioned here for the cabinet job.

Also mentioned were Sen. Guy Cordon (R.-Ore.), Gov. Howard Pyle of Arizona, Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska and Sen. Frank Carlson (R.-Kan.). Thornton, Pyle and Peterson all are also Republicans.

There was apparently little speculation as to who might be chosen commissioner of reclamation by Eisenhower if he accepts the resignation which Michael W. Straus said he will tender Jan. 20.

The name of Governor Peterson was advanced in some quarters as a possible successor to Straus.

The Association's National Water Policy Committee was reported to have agreed on a lengthy report for presentation Thursday calling for more local level control of irrigation projects and for repudiation of some national level policies of President Truman and Chapman on water resources and public power.

This afternoon Senator Knowland (R.-Calif.), addresses the first formal session on "Reclamation and the Future of America."

FINE

ANDOVER, England (AP)—A man was brought into court yesterday charged with squirting oil on a woman pushing a baby carriage.

In fining him one pound ($2.80), the magistrate commented that the man had an "obsession against persons with a pram because he had been kept so long in one as a child."

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Eisenhower Slates Policy Conference; Plans White House Meeting With HST

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower is planning an important round of conferences with Republican leaders in New York next week before leaving for Korea, associates said today.

These associates, who asked not to be named, said the conferees may include Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, chairman of the Senate GOP policy committee, and Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, in line to head the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when the Republicans take over control of Congress in January.

Eisenhower, vacationing at the Augusta National Golf Club, plans to head for New York Sunday or Monday.

He will confer the early part of the week at the White House with President Truman, who has invited the general to sit in at a discussion of international and domestic problems facing the new Republican administration.

Aides of the President-elect said he wants to talk over such matters first with GOP congressional leaders but may switch signals, go to the White House first, and meet with them later in the week.

Wiley, attending the United Nations General Assembly in New York as a U.S. delegate, said yesterday that Eisenhower has him to a meeting two weeks hence for a discussion of American foreign policy.

James C. Hagerty confirmed here that Eisenhower had extended an invitation to Wiley. But Hagerty hinted the get-together is booked for next week, rather than the following week.

Other sources said a full-scale meeting of GOP congressional leaders is in prospect. They added that those present may include Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and Detroit banker Joseph M. Dodge, both of whom were named by Eisenhower over the weekend as his liaison men with the out-going Truman administration.

Hagerty said late yesterday no date had been fixed for Eisenhower's trip to Korea—a trip the general said during the campaign he would make in an effort to find a way to end the conflict there.

Hagerty indicated, however, that arrangements for the trip are being made with the Pentagon in Washington.

And it was learned, meanwhile, that extensive security precautions are being taken to protect the President-elect against the possibility of an enemy attack during his visit to Korea — and on the way there and back.

Hagerty himself obviously had such arrangements in mind when he declined to discuss published reports that Eisenhower probably will spend Thanksgiving Day in Korea with front-line American troops.

"As we have said repeatedly, no date has been set for the Korean trip," Hagerty declared. "That just has not been decided."

Later he added that even if a date had been picked for Eisenhower's departure, he quite likely would not be able to make it public.

At a news conference, Hagerty said he hoped to be able to make public by the end of this week "some information" about the Korean trip. But he made it clear such information would be generalized.

At his news conference, Hagerty also was asked about published reports that Eisenhower may be accompanied to Korea by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who commanded that theater until he was ousted by President Truman.

"I know of no such plans," Hagerty said.

He also said he knew nothing of a letter which reports from Havana, Cuba, said MacArthur had sent to Eisenhower pledging cooperation. MacArthur supported Taft for the GOP presidential nomination, and he took no part in Eisenhower's campaign for the White House once he had defeated Taft at the party's July convention.

JAMES MARLOW

By ARTHUR EDSON
(For JAMES MARLOW)

WASHINGTON (AP)—As the presidential campaign moved into its final weeks, the Republicans made the Korean War their No. 1 issue.

Democratic blundering, the Republicans said, led to — and prolonged—the war.

"I shall go to Korea," Dwight D. Eisenhower said, and seek an early and honorable end to the fighting.

A cheap attempt to play politics with peace, the Democrats replied.

Who was right and who was wrong isn't so important now. What is important is that Korea is now the No. 1 problem for the new administration.

The battle lines in Korea and the political battle lines in the United Nations, are so drawn that neither side seems in position to score a convincing break-through.

The diplomatic stalemate has been illustrated again this week in arguments before the United Nations.

The dispute now is over the 121,000 prisoners of war held by the U.N. forces. Should these prisoners of war be turned over to the North Koreans even if they don't want to go?

It should be remembered that even if this problem is settled there's no guarantee that another won't bob up immediately to take its place.)

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, gave his country's oft-stated view Monday. It was, yes, they must be turned back, Russia, he said, will not budge on this issue.

Yesterday Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, gave his country's oft-stated view. It was, no, the prisoners of war should have a choice. "After an armistice," Eden said, "a prisoner of war may not be either forcibly detained or forcibly repatriated."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking in London, came up with a more vivid picture.

"It would be dishonor," Churchill said, "to send thousands of helpless prisoners of war back by force to be massacred by the Chinese government, which boasts it has actually rid itself of two millions of its own people."

The U.N. stalemate was emphasized further by the resignation of Trygve Lie, its secretary general. Lie long had been in the Soviet doghouse because he called the North Korean invasion a Communist aggression.

He said he hoped his resignation would help the U. N. save the day. But since the U. S., Russia, Britain, France and Nationalist China must agree on a successor — at a time when they haven't been able to agree on the time of day —Lie's hope looks like a long shot bet.

Whether Eisenhower will pick up anything in Korea that may lead to a solution of his No. 1 problem remains to be seen.

But the man on the spot, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, has said he's sure the trip will help the president-elect.

TELLING THE EDITOR

MOSCOW JOE

CANBY — You worked for Ike, worked well, while I worked on the same team in my own small way. I am quite content, so far.

But questions arise. Can Ike obtain the peace in Korea he is going to try so hard for?

If he succeeds in that part of the world Moscow Joe is certainly going to try some other place. When? Soon. We know that. Where?

He is already fiddling around with a little blockade of Berlin. He stopped our replacement tanks cold.

It shows he is keeping in trim and not for nothing!

Moscow Joe ain't through, you bet you!

So now, where do we go from here?

George Nelson

BRUTALITY

KLAMATH FALLS—To the owner of a green Studebaker who ran over a little cocker spaniel in front of our home Sunday . . .

I hope he feels real good at heart after backing up and taking a look at a half-dead dog and then driving away to leave it to die. He broke the hearts of two little girls. To us she wasn't just a dog. She was like a member of the family and our sunshine.

A. Gus Johnson
1832 Siskiyou Street

STARS

KLAMATH FALLS— You Republicans have at last made us lick deep and bitter wounds.

We find it appalling that the American people can so lightly toss away the Lincoln qualities of a man like Stevenson for a mere epaulet of gold-plated stars.

Mrs. Ruth Neary
2219 California

REVOLT

LONDON (AP) — It's "completely crazy" to take time out from work for a cup of tea, a Conservative member told a shocked House of Commons yesterday.

Brig. Ralph Rayner said the British ought to give up the time-honored custom because "we can't afford tea breaks."

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