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Traffic Control Plan

An effort to bring some order out of Saturday evening traffic turmoil on Klamath's business streets is to be made this week.

The plan is to post police officers at intersection centers on Main at Sixth, Seventh and Ninth streets. They will operate in the traditional manner as human stop and go signals. While they are on the corners, the customary system of "get through if you can and to heck with everybody else" will be temporarily out of order.

If it succeeds, this traffic directing program must have the full cooperation of motorists. It is feared that people here have become so accustomed to cut-throat methods at the intersections that they will resent any official interference, preferring then to take their own chances. Stop and go signals will probably be received in this manner when they are first installed.

But these same people curse and growl at the lack of traffic control. It appears to be certain that the vast majority of them favor a signal system. That is coming. In the meantime, traffic direction by a policeman is the only alternative if there is to be control of any sort.

It will work out as a stop-gap if both officers and motorists do their work with efficiency and good sense.

Sump Project Progress

THERE is much satisfaction for far-sighted Klamath people in the progress being made in construction of the Tule lake sump project tunnel. Ahead of schedule and going great guns are the crews that are making this gigantic puncture in the mountain that separates Lower Klamath and Tule lakes.

Within a fortnight or so, daylight will be sighted through the mountain, and there will follow the four-weeks job of pouring concrete. To follow will be installation of pumping equipment, and possibly by the first of the coming year the potentially beneficial water diversion system will be in operation.

Appropriations to finish the tunnel, purchase pumping equipment and motors and build the plant, have not been finally authorized by congress. They are, however, in the current interior department appropriation bill and have been approved by the bureau of the budget. We trust Oregon and California congressional delegations are giving the matter whatever attention is necessary.

Taking Something From California

CALIFORNIA'S misappropriation of Oregon rainfall, for which the Central Oregon irrigation district has billed the neighboring state, adds to a long list of grievances, such as the repeated theft of Crater lake. But while we are on the subject of water, let Oregonians take satisfaction from what happens in the Klamath country. Here a lot of good California water is taken from Clear lake reservoir, and brought into Oregon for the irrigation of crops on the rich irrigated acres of parts of the Klamath basin. Eventually, it finds its way back into California, either into the Tule lake basin or Klamath river by a diversion canal, but it is well used while it is on this side of the line.

Taking something from California is quite a feat, but we're doing it here in the Klamath country.

The Whipped Jackal

(Salem Capital Journal)

IN his Sunday speech, Prime Minister Churchill again paid his respects to Benito Mussolini for the latter's special proclamation congratulating the Italians on the "glorious laurels" gained by the victory over the Greeks, only made possible by German military might. Mr. Churchill said:

Here surely is a world's record in the domain of the ridiculous and contemptible. This whipped jackal, Mussolini, who, to save his own skin, made all Italy a vassal state to Hitler, comes frisking up at the side of the German tiger with yelps not only of appetite—that could be understood—but even of triumph. Different things strike different people different ways but I am sure there are a great many millions in the British empire and the United States who will find a new object in life in making sure that when we come to final reckoning this absurd impostor shall be abandoned to public justice and universal scorn.

When it is considered that Mussolini waited until France was conquered and Britain prostrate to enter the war to secure a share of the spoils, that Wavell's army of 30,000 put to rout Il Duce's 100,000 Italians, that a few thousand Greeks defeated and drove out of Greece and held at the Albanian sea coast ten times as many of Il Duce's "invincibles" and then only by betraying his country to the nazis, the appropriateness of Churchill's comment is apparent to all.

Portland Girl Wins National Essay Contest

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—Nancy Finkelstein, 2943 N. E. 16th avenue, Portland, Ore., was announced Monday as first prize winner in Oregon in the national unity essay contest.

The award was made by Elias Lustig, chairman of the committee which included governors, former governors, educators and political figures.

Judges estimated that 1,000-

000 persons participated in the nation-wide contest. Judges included Dr. Frank L. Ballard, president of Oregon State college.

LOOKING BACKWARD

April 29, 1940—Heavy fighting rages in Norwegian mountains between invading Germans, allied forces.

April 29, 1918—British force of 9000 officers and men under General Townsend surrenders to Turks at Kut-el-Amara after five-months siege.

Enough Rope



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

YOUTH IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(To the Editor)—I desire to enlist the press throughout my district in my effort to look after the interests of young people coming to Washington, D. C. to take civil service or other positions. I am especially concerned about the situation which confronts girls and young women.

I urge that every young person from my district upon arrival call at my office, Room 202, Old House office building, to register. The records in this office should show the Washington residence, the agency by which each is employed, and the names of parents and friends at home.

Living conditions are bad. The city is overcrowded; the conditions are totally different from those to which our young people are accustomed. Those who are overtaken by illness or other misfortunes may need help and may need to have someone get in touch with parents. We have always tried to keep track of our young people and to see them at intervals. We also want them to become members of the Oregon society. Matters have now reached the point where serious conditions are often confronted. Two recent tragedies compel me to make this suggestion.

I have tried to get some action from the National Youth administration ever since it was organized. I thought that either the federal or the D. C. branch should have a definite program for young people coming to Washington to accept or to seek employment. It has, however, been impossible to arouse any interest on the part of that organization. I certainly hope the time has passed when young people will come to Washington to seek employment. Practically all the positions are under civil service, which offers many opportunities for those who are qualified. I want to do every thing within my power to be helpful and feel that the local papers will cooperate fully.

WALTER M. PIERCE, M. C.

LONDON MATERNITY APPEAL

LONDON, England (To the Editor)—I write to you after months of air raids that leave us the only large maternity hospital in London (England). We face the coming months, supported by American generosity and touching messages of sympathy.

One of our nurses' homes was hit by high explosives and it has rained "incendiaries." Here, in historic "Queen Charlotte's of London," we know the courage of our poor mothers-to-be, their husbands absent, fighting for freedom's cause. They can only contribute life for life must go on. We give each mother free care, and our steel helmeted nurses reach them under gunfire, driving cars with anti-shrapnel roofs. Our patron, Queen Elizabeth, has inspected

our arrangements and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill attended our entertainment. (Little Winston, their baby grandson, was attended at birth by Queen Charlotte's chief surgeon).

Bringing the new life into the world and aiding it until 5 years old, costs this unendowed hospital \$80—our war charity funds cannot include this work.

I feel that some of your readers may be moved to send their generous checks to us here, preferably by the clipper. I would be deeply grateful for group, club or family contributions to our care of one or more of these mothers and we hope we may be enabled to name a cot (\$500) for your city in our American ward.

I am, yours faithfully,
SEYMOUR LESLIE,
Secretary.

Poe Valley

Melvin Bowman was a visitor here from Merrill Sunday.

Some folks were here from Merrill looking for seed potatoes the first part of the week.

Mrs. Pete Holzhauser and Mrs. Jack Holzhauser were shoppers in Klamath Falls from here Wednesday.

Lossen Ross was a shopper in Klamath Falls Monday.

Lucia Webber and Will Meacham motored to Dairy Saturday when Lucia helped to make a mattress.

Mrs. Maggie Webber visited Monday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Holzhauser.

A Sunday school class was held at the community hall here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holzhauser had a party of friends at their home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilbert are suffering with bad colds.

Mrs. Joe Nork and Mrs. Victor Nork and son motored to Klamath Falls Thursday where they called on Mrs. Ben Nork and infant son at the Hillside hospital. The young man was named Bernard Lee. Mother and baby are doing well.

Clown Engaged for Buckaroo Days Show

The services of "Cowboy Clown" Steve Shannon, top notch clown in the rodeo business, have been obtained by Klamath Buckaroo Days officials. It was learned Tuesday when Shannon's contract was verified.

Shannon will perform here all three days, according to O. D. Matthews, president of Buckaroo Days.

Date of the queens' tryout has been set for Sunday, June 15. The annual queens' ball will be held a week later. The contest will be a community affair as held last year, Matthews stated.

WAGE OFFER

SILVERTON, April 29 (AP)—A 5-cent-an-hour wage increase was offered Industrial Employees union local No. 50 last night by the Silver Falls Timber company. The union had asked a 10-cent increase. Officials said they would recommend that the company offer be rejected at a May 6 union meeting, and that negotiations continue.

ROBBERS LOOT SAFEWAY SAFE ON EAST MAIN

Prowlers entered the Safeway store at East Main and Stukel streets sometime between 9 p. m. Sunday and 2:08 a. m. Monday morning, and made off with an undetermined amount of money, results of Saturday's and Sunday's business.

The lid of the safe, which is set in cement in the floor, was removed by the thieves and taken from the building, according to investigating police. It is understood that most of the money was in checks.

According to officers, the thieves left by the rear door as a padlock was found hanging in the hook with the door key in the lock. The store has been robbed several times in the past, it was reported.

Langell Valley

Mrs. Al Gale underwent a major operation at Klamath Valley hospital Thursday morning.

Mrs. Frank Peppie returned home last Monday after spending the past seven weeks visiting her daughter at Chicago and other relatives and friends in various states.

Mrs. Johnnie Campbell of Klamath Falls spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis.

Mrs. Malcolm Teare is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warren Mason of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt and daughters and Mrs. Aline Passino and Patsy O'Connor were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Dearborn.

Mrs. Bill Nicholas of Bonanza spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Reg Thomas.

Harry R. Boyd of Midland spent the weekend at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bill Sullivan.

Lester Moore returned Monday to his home at Buhl, Ida. Mrs. Moore and small daughter will stay several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Effie Gilman.

Mrs. Clede Wells spent Sunday with Mrs. Ben Nork.

Carolyn Monroe, Mike Dearborn and Cal Leavitt and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dearborn and family enjoyed a successful fishing trip on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Revell and Hazel Morrison left Friday to attend a church conference at Hood River.

Two prisoners were brought to the county jail from Sprague River Tuesday, after filing of disorderly conduct charges in Justice Clark's court at Sprague River. They are Raymond Frederick Wegner and John H. Bunch, each held in lieu of \$150 bond.

Officers here said the pair were reportedly involved in a disturbance at a dance hall.

News Behind THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 29 — Naturally this government is not laying out its long range thoughts — the inspirational guide to its policies — fully out in printed words, or letting them drip into microphones. What Mr. Roosevelt's thinkers really think of the world situation can only be expressed officially in words dampened with diplomatic evasiveness. In an effort to present their viewpoint more clearly (their real answer to Lindbergh, the motives behind their recent speeches and announcements) I have consulted competent official counsel and received the following new, and occasionally startling lines of thought:

CAN'T LOSE

The democracies cannot possibly lose this war in the long run. Lindbergh is seeing trees fall, but he has not stepped back to get a picture of the forest. More trees will fall. The Suez may go. Gibraltar will certainly drop, more easily than the Balkans, whenever Hitler pushes that point. So what? What if even England is conquered? It cannot change the inevitable defeat of Hitlerism, if you reason it out fairly.

Everything Hitler has conquered and is likely to conquer is in a realm where geography works his way. In the Balkans as everywhere else on the continent he has the interior line of supplies, the inside track. He still has the inside track as far as the Mediterranean area, Near East and North Africa are concerned. He even has the inside track against England.

England ruled its world empire because it was geographically secure with a superior fleet in the old days. Developments of the bomber and the submarine have destroyed that geographical security.

The line of retreat behind the British Isles is the Atlantic ocean and there, as upon all ocean fronts, Hitler loses the inside track. The situation that has prevailed so far on land in Europe is reversed. The decisive advantage is with the democracies on the seas.

What would Canada do if Britain falls? Australia? Canada has been increasingly aligning herself with our interests. (Mr. Roosevelt has been working on this hard lately.) Unquestionably she would become a haven of refuge for whatever escapes from Britain in event of a defeat there, and will align herself in some independent way with us behind our Atlantic and Pacific fleets.

Where else is there for Australia to go? Certainly not to Japan. Certainly not to try to go it alone and thereby become subject to Japan.

Obviously, therefore, the worst that can happen is a concentration of the remnants of the British empire in joint cause with the United States.

NO CHANCE

Nor will the concentration be limited to what is left of the empire. Mexico is coming in now. Certain South American countries will stick with us. We will become the focal center of all little people everywhere in the world who are against the dictatorial way.

Against this realistic possibility, what chance will Hitler have to survive in the long run? None whatever. He will be trying to wring sustenance from conquered peoples. We will have the resources of the world, behind the yet unconquered geographical defense line of the seas. He will be managing bitter people he has enslaved. We will have a unit founded on self-interest.

SEA CONTROL

British and Americans have prepared for generations for sea warfare. It takes three to five years to build battleships. There is no reason to expect the Brit-

SIDE GLANCES



"When he gets home he raves about the beauty of nature, but all he ever sees is through that camera finder!"

ish will surrender their fleet. They have promised not to. Their interests for the future demand that the promise be fulfilled. Japan has a fleet, but it cannot challenge joint Anglo-British control of the seas, even if the technically skillful Germans take it over. The Germans are just not sea people. They have no heritage from the deep. When they tried to run the Italian fleet, they ran it into disaster in the Mediterranean. Their conception of this war was limited to the continent and superior land equipment. They were not even prepared to attack Britain across 20 miles of channel. In conquered shipyards, using reluctant conquered labor, they have the capacity to make trouble on the seas, but not to win there.

This is another phase on which Mr. Roosevelt has been bearing down quietly for the future. Our shipbuilding capacity is being doubled, will be doubled again shortly. The doubling of our navy was started a year ago. We have the jump, the inside track, in this phase and we will keep it.

QUIET PLANNING
Thus do those who look ahead here convince themselves, amid falling trees, that the axemen of Europe is doomed. It may take three years or five years, perhaps. What is happening on present battlefields can have no effect upon the result. The end of this war is being contrived quietly, without headlines, in American shipyards.

Invasion of this country? Preposterous. The nazis will be fighting defensively, to keep their sea lanes open, to keep Europe from starving, rather than trying to break through the lines of our battleships. Bomb our cities? Some, probably, but not until they can get nearby bases or build aircraft carriers, and even then only in nuisance raids.

Are we to invade Europe, Africa? It should not be necessary. In control of the seven seas, we can afford to wait, out of reach, for a long time, while the fates grind out our inexorable destiny.

Water Throwers Have Busy Day On City Streets
Police Chief Frank Hamm said Tuesday he has information as to the identity of some of the youths who perpetrated water throwing pranks on the city's streets Monday.

He said any further incidents of the kind would result in prosecution.

Several cars were spattered and at least one woman pedestrian received a soaking. The chief remarked significantly that it was "senior skip day" at the high school.

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