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Airline Question

LOCAL aviation enthusiasts and even airline officials say they have no idea what has become of the applications of airlines for operations into Klamath Falls. The applications were presented to the civil aeronautics authority, a hearing was held, and there the matter rests.

What is important now is to bring the Klamath airport up to standards that will accommodate the equipment of a large airline operating into this city. It hasn't been in that condition in the past.

On May 15, we are told, the army engineers will open bids on the CAA development of the Klamath field. When those runways are built, Klamath will be in a position to receive and make use of the service proposed. That was one of the reasons local people gave such solid support to the special levies to provide land for airport development.

While the immediate approval of airline applications is not vital, it is certainly important that pressure be brought to bear to open the way for service when the airport work is done. This is a good time to get going on that program.

Red Fades Out

WHERE have the communists gone? Not so many years ago a fellow stood on the Klamath courthouse steps and raved about the glories of Red Russia. A crowd was there, most of it curious and unsympathetic, but there must have been a few who subscribed to the views of the speaker. In other and larger cities, a Red orator could get a big crowd, and communist demonstrations in New York's Union square and elsewhere became a serious police problem. A whole coterie of pinks were writing communist propaganda and vigorously praising Moscow.

This year's May day demonstrations aptly illustrated what has happened. They were most unimpressive, and organized labor and others who used to give the communists at least the support of a good crowd ignored or shunned them. The literary pinks had long since taken to cover, having been discomfited by the Nazi-Russian pact that made a lie out of everything they had been saying for years.

The opportunistic international policies of Joe Stalin and the part that communists have played in American labor difficulties have had their effects on the Americans who used to give communists support without actually joining up with them. The discovery that Russia, after all, was just another totalitarian dictatorship instead of a common man's Utopia has been pretty generally recognized in the United States.

The Rain Is O. K.

NOT only is it impossible to do anything about the weather except talk, but it is also a fact that in this country, one can usually find something favorable in the most dismal outlook from his window.

Take today's rain. After just a glimpse of bright weather Tuesday, folks hereabouts would have happily welcomed warm sunshine Wednesday. What they got, instead, were gray skies and a cool drizzle. On first consideration, we would say it is all too bad.

But it isn't too bad. The rain is doing wonders for the grazing lands of the big cattle country that forms the hinterland of Klamath Falls. The rain is welcome on the pastures and the farm lands of the settled agricultural areas. Ground that was actually getting too dry to work is now back in good condition. Particularly pleasing is the situation on grain lands.

The business man who wants to sell spring and summer clothes doesn't like it, and we don't blame him. But that warm weather will come and that stock will yet be disposed of. Meanwhile, he can find consolation in the fact that the weather is making for better crops and fatter cattle. And that is important to his business future.

"It takes a long time to spend a billion dollars," said RFC Chairman Jesse Jones. We would like to experiment a little, Mr. Jones.

A Washington congressman told the house that "it is humanly impossible for the most industrious member of this congress to understand, except in a superficial manner, any of these great appropriation measures." Too true.



A new steel helmet, left, offering better protection than the old type, right, is under exhaustive test by the Infantry Board at Ft. Benning, Ga. Designed to protect neck and side of head, it has a fiber lining, which, worn alone, may replace the present overseas cap.

What's the Answer?



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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KNOX DECLARES NAVY READY TO GUARD VESSELS

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Secretary Knox said today that the navy is "ready now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring delivery of war supplies to Britain—if and when it is assigned to such duty.

The navy department chief made the statement at a press conference in commenting on a speech last night by Secretary of War Stimson in which Stimson advocated use of the United States navy to assure a victory for Britain in the battle of the Atlantic.

At the same time, Knox disclosed that the navy was taking over "the seagoing activities" of the coast guard. The process, he said, amounts to a "transfer bodily of the coast guard ships and their crews."

Called "Courageous" Knox was asked by reporters for comment on Stimson's plea for naval action "right now" and he said, "I thought it a forthright, courageous and very enlightening talk animated by a high spirit of patriotism."

Shortly before Knox's press conference, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) announced that Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission had informed that "only eight out of 205 ships that left our ports with supplies for England were sunk in the first three months of this year."

A reporter asked Knox whether the Stimson speech was designed to pave the way for action by the administration to

ward the objectives which Stimson sponsored, and Knox replied "no comment."

KALPINE MILL SECOND TIE-UP SOON SETTLED

(Continued from Page One) resulted in an agreement within twenty minutes.

Work was immediately resumed.

To Prevent Shut Down
A statement from a company spokesman later in the day said that in order to avoid further labor troubles and to avert another shutdown, the Kalpine management felt they were compelled to deal with the AFL.

According to John Wheeler, international representative of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), the CIO will not recognize the new agreement and will await the outcome of unfair labor practice charges against Kalpine which were filed with the National Labor Relations board some time ago, claiming the company refused to bargain on proof of a CIO majority.

The Kalpine plant on March 4 was closed down by a CIO strike which prevented operations for four weeks. On April 1 work was again started when approximately 40 men, some of whom were said to be members of the AFL, walked through CIO picket lines. On April 22, the CIO withdrew their pickets and called off the strike.

Charges Pending
The company on April 3 offered to recognize the CIO as holding a majority of workers "until legal means proved otherwise" and sporadic meetings were held from that date between the CIO and Kalpine.

Still pending before the labor board are unfair labor practice charges filed by both unions claiming the firm refused to bargain on alleged proof of majorities held by each. Boyd said Wednesday the AFL would withdraw its charges.

Also before the NLRB is a company petition for a board-sponsored election to determine which union holds a majority. Meanwhile two more Klamath district lumber mills announced five cent horizontal wage increases to all employees, following the lead of four large mills Tuesday.

The sprawling Lamum Lumber company mill at Modoc Point and the Klamath Long-Bell plant both revealed their increases would be retroactive to May 1, as were the other boosts.

Pelican Bay Lumber company Wednesday posted notices to employees that the firm was planning a wage change to correspond with the average wage prevailing in the basin and that the new scale would be effective as of May 1.

Chiloquin Lumber company at Chiloquin and the Shaw Lumber company were still working on wage revisions. It was understood that the Ivory Pine company was working a 48-hour week, thereby paying time and one-half for eight hours which would bring Ivory's scale considerably above the old 65 cent minimum. Executives of several other mills were out of town but it was presumed the wage increase would soon be general for all lumber firms.

Joe Boyd, of the AFL, stated Wednesday the union looks on the pay boosts as merely an appeasement to employees and contends that the workers should be consulted on every wage revision, either up or down. An arbitrary change robs men of their self-respect, Boyd said.

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SIDE GLANCES



"And he told our husbands he would be too busy this afternoon to make a 15-minute appointment!"

HOT CRITICISM BY WORLD WAR LEADER HEARD

By The Associated Press
LONDON, May 7.—Winston Churchill won today from the house of commons a tremendous 447-to-3 vote of confidence despite a strident charge from David Lloyd George, World War premier, that "Africa has got to do more" if she is to enable Great Britain to beat Germany.

The white-haired elder statesman, in his first outspoken utterance in many months, warned the government against exaggerating the speed or amount of United States aid and declared American war organization traditionally is "full of disappointments" for the British.

"End to Blunders"
He demanded a "real war cabinet" and "an end to the kind of blunders which have discredited and weakened us."

However, Lloyd George cried: "I thank God" for Secretary of War Stimson's speech of last night, and said it was clear that president Roosevelt, by his "changed" attitude, and Stimson both realized the gravity of Britain's position.

Churchill, restive under the old man's hour-long tongue-lashing, retorted that nearly 500,000 British imperial troops now stand guard to defend the middle east and that Britain can count on enough new American ships to help her through 1942 in the battle of the Atlantic.

Nevertheless, Lloyd George was not among the trio who voted "no" on the confidence test. They were Communist William Gallagher, Socialist Denis Pritt and Dr. Arthur Salter, a laborite.

As the prime minister made his way out of the crowded chamber after the vote, groups of members collected around him and cheered him enthusiastically. He paused and bowed.

No Retirement
The prime minister proclaimed, too, a halt to the British retreat in the Mediterranean basin with the flat declaration:

"We intend to defend to the death and without thought of retirement Crete and Tobruk." It is on Crete, big island to the south of the Greek mainland that the British and Greeks are making their final stand as allies; it is in Tobruk, Libya, 80 miles from the Egyptian border, that a British garrison is holding out behind the axis advanced lines.

Strong Points
Confidentially, Churchill declared, "We have every reason to believe we shall be successful" in holding the valley of the Nile, Suez and the mid-Mediterranean island bastion of Malta. With a touch of acrimony, Churchill declared that Lloyd George's speech was not "particularly helpful at this period and not the speech one would have expected from a great war leader."

The prime minister disclosed that General Sir Archibald Wavell, British middle east commander, "has under his orders at the present moment nearly half a million men."

Churchill said he has "received assurances of the construction of merchant ships by the United States which, added to our own large program of new building and repair, should see us through 1942."

After Lloyd George criticized Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden for withholding the fact that Turkey allowed German ships to pass through Bosphorus into the Dardanelles to seize Greek islands, Churchill said "Turkey not being a belligerent had no right to prevent merchant vessels from going through the Dardanelles."

"So far as German invasion of the Balkans is concerned," Churchill told the house, "we had long and ample forewarning of what was in prospect. It is three months since it was stated publicly on the broadcast that the Bulgarian airfields were being occupied with the knowledge of the Bulgarian government by advance parties and agents of the German air force."

Churchill told the house "we need a great deal more help from the United States and I expect we shall get it."

"It might be that the Germans will arrive in Iraq before we have crushed the revolt, in which case our task would be greater," Churchill warned, "or it might be that the revolt went off in half cock in consequence of our landing troops at Basra."

Four Targets for Blow No. 2 of Hitler's One-Two Blitz



If Hitler follows his Balkan conquest with the old "one-two" blitz used last year on Norway and low countries, one or more of the four targets of attack mapped above will be hit. Likely strategy will be to (1) grab Iraq oil or cut its flow at the pipelines; (2) simultaneously or separately try to seize Gibraltar and Suez to drive British from Mediterranean.