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Washington Viewpoint

It was the writer's privilege this week to hear Joyce O'Hara, legislative representative at Washington for the United States chamber of commerce, in an interpretative discussion of current national and international events. He spoke at Spokane at the western division meeting of the U. S. chamber. Herewith is a brief synopsis of some of the interesting statements made by Mr. O'Hara, a former newspaperman:

The public wants the truth about the war situation. It wants the truth about the state of the national defense program. It is confused by references to materials "on order" rather than "on hand."

In Washington there is realization of the need for a national understanding of what we are trying to do in the international situation. What is needed is a national goal—a theme to rally around. There is a disturbing feeling that the United States is stirring itself into intense activity but still there is no general agreement as to what the ultimate purpose is.

A reassuring factor in the defense situation is the inclination of the president and the inner circle to consult closely with Admiral Stark, chief of navy operations, and General Marshall, chief of staff. These men are of the highest calibre in ability and good sense. Their advice is being invited and used in this crucial hour.

Congress desires to be fair in spreading the tax burden. The ideal tax is proposed as one that will not make the rich richer or the poor poorer. It is an unattainable ideal. No tax bill will ever be devised that does not make the poor poorer.

Most business men are opposed on principle to legislation that would outlaw strikes. They oppose it because it would set up a precedent not in harmony with the principle of free action in a democracy. A "cooling off" period in labor difficulties is an idea that has been gaining favor.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of re-examination of labor's privileges at some time in the not too distant future. There is a feeling that the time must come when we must deal fundamentally with the problems of employee-employer relations to create better feeling and bring an end to unnecessary disruption of activities that benefit both industry and labor.

A prominent man who spent several years in Germany while Hitler was preparing for the present struggle and witnessed the beginnings of Germany's military operations was asked what was the secret of Hitler's success. His answer: "Organization."

CITY BRIEFS

Called North—N. H. Jones, superintendent of the Oregon State highway department shops in Altamont, received word Thursday morning of the death of his brother, J. A. Jones, 75, Jefferson, Oregon farmer. Mr. Jones had been in ill health for some time. Jones will leave for Medford to join Mrs. Jones and they will continue north to attend the final rites which will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in Albany with interment in the family plot.

Card Party—The Eagles auxiliary drum corps will sponsor a pinocle party Saturday at 8 p. m. in the KC hall. The public is invited.

Pacific Terrace Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of Pacific Terrace property holders will be held at the city council chambers Tuesday evening, according to Walter Wiesendanger, councilman from that district.

Purpose is to discuss proposed plans for uniform landscaping of the center boulevard on Pacific Terrace.

Let no worker or capitalist forget that he is just a member of the great society of American people.—Albert W. Hawkes, president chamber of commerce of the U.S.

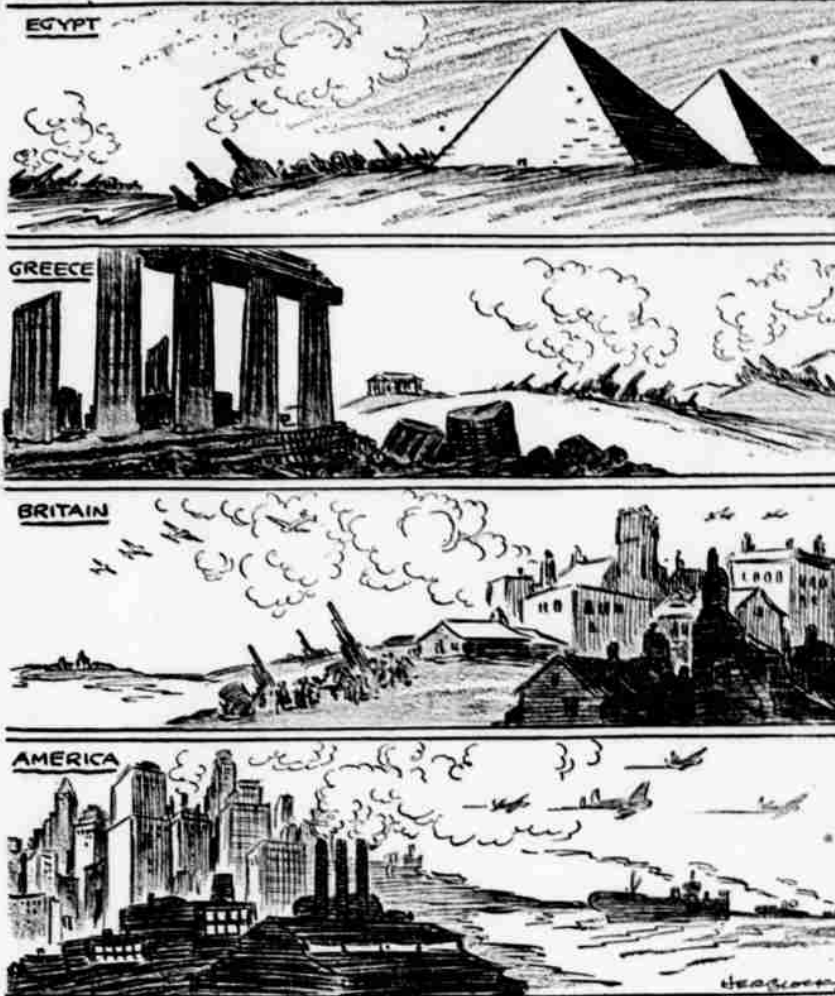
Easiest way to find a tack is turn off the lights and hunt for it barefooted.

SIDE GLANCES



"But we'll keep our engagement a secret until you begin to look more like 18!"

The Struggle for Civilization



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 14—Herr Hess' exploit with a parachute landed on the largest official desks here atop fresh intelligence of Hitler's expanding scheme for further conquests. Der fuhrer and his generals were reported to be concluding arrangements with Vichy to make a German base out of the African spot in which Mr. Roosevelt is most interested, Dakar. He is also supposed to be squeezing from the French a promise of passage through Syria, which would critically embarrass British defense of Suez.

STALIN WORRIED

The same lofty quarters have been advised of a reason for Stalin's recent nervousness. He no doubt has heard the same reports received here that der fuhrer intends ultimately to push through Russia to the Urals (yes, the whole of European Russia).

Stalin has been running around trying to contrive pleasant gestures (such as premature recognition of the Iraq revolt) in hopes of pleasing the nazis. For these reasons the London versions that Hess turned against Hitler because he hates Russia have been swallowed here with a whole tablespoon of salt, and even so, are not palatable. The authorities here are inclined, however, to accept practically anything London wants to say about Hess as another method of aiding Britain. They had no straight worthwhile information, as the White House has publicly stated.

CONFLICTING NEWS

If the conflicting jargon in the world news leaves you slightly confused, you are still in the official boat with the biggest crowd of officials and citizens. Only if everything is clear to you, should you start worrying.

For instance, the administration sent Frank Bane, director of state and local cooperation in the defense setup, to the house public buildings committee to explain the new defense public works bill. Asked by a committeeman how local communities would benefit, Mr. Bane replied: "You will note that the bill states that this fund and this appropriation, if made, will be administered in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the president. The bill also states, however, that the fund is appropriated to provide facilities made necessary by the defense effort. So I would assume that someone will have to determine what facilities are necessary. . . . I certainly imagine that would be in charge of the federal works agency."

sumed and imagined it also was in a fog and rewrote the bill.

CLASSIC

But the classic example of confusion naturally to be expected from the vast hurried defense enterprise is furnished by what has happened to the famous Sunnyvale dirigible base in California. Navy Secretary Knox wrote congress April 22 opposing a bill to establish three new dirigible bases for the 48 new blimps to be constructed. Wrote Knox: "The matter has been discussed with the president who feels that further consideration for the establishment of lighter than air stations should be postponed for awhile."

Sixteen days later, on May 6, Navy Captain Rosendahl told congress the president had approved \$20,000,000 for the three bases, one near San Francisco to cost \$7,500,000. Members asked what happened to Sunnyvale, the old dirigible base in that area. The evidence indicated Sunnyvale had been transferred to the army months ago and could not be transferred back to the navy because the army had spent much money improving it. Instead \$3,000,000 would have to be spent to duplicate the Sunnyvale hangar simply because the army instead of the navy now owns it.

The community looks to our judges for competency, efficiency and impartiality, without which codes merely add to an accumulation of legal futility.—Chief Justice Hughes.

Home From Rome



Beatrice Phillips, daughter of U. S. ambassador to Italy, William Phillips, seems glad to be back in little old New York.

FAIR WEATHER IN PROSPECT FOR AREA

Fair weather is forecast for the Klamath basin Friday despite a minimum temperature which sent the mercury to 33 degrees, one above freezing, early Thursday morning. Maximum Wednesday was 58 degrees. Overcast skies and frequent showers featured the early part of the week and were a boon to gardens which fairly blossomed when a warm sun dispelled clouds.

MOVE MADE TO SAVE AIRLINE CHANCES HERE

Local civic workers and aviation enthusiasts moved quickly to save the United Airlines application for Klamath service from unfavorable disposition by the civil aeronautics board.

The board's examiners this week recommended the application be rejected, reportedly because it would involve new mileage and equipment at a time when civil aviation needs yield to military aviation needs. The board will review the examiners' recommendations before final action.

The chamber of commerce rushed an airmail letter to the CAB asking for consideration of Klamath's situation and pointing out that the United could establish service here without additional mileage if it were permitted to operate one of its regular schedules into Klamath Falls.

Telegrams were also sent to congressional delegates in Washington asking them to intercede in Klamath's behalf. The aviation committee of the chamber of commerce was active in the effort to change the complexion of the local aviation outlook.

The local view of the situation is that the CAB examiners apparently considered the United would establish a shuttle service into Klamath, which would require additional mileage. Placing this city on regular schedule would not have that effect.

MARINE RECRUITING SERGEANT ARRIVES

In the last 20 years automobiles have increased from nine to 30 million; drivers from 10 to 45 million—and traffic fatalities have more than doubled.

Sergeant W. Driggers, US marine corps, formerly on recruiting duty at LaGrande, Ore., has been transferred to Klamath Falls to take charge of the local office, first marine recruiting station here since 1928.

Sergeant Driggers enlisted at Florence, S. C., and has 10 years service in the US marine corps. Nine years of this time was spent on the USS Louisville, a cruiser. During that period the officer visited 13 different countries in the performance of his duties. The promotions and travel is typical of the average enlistee in the corps, Sergeant Driggers stated.

Many unusual opportunities are offered to young enlisted men, the officer remarked. Seventeen vocational schools are conducted and the Marine Corps institute covers 170 courses which is comparable to one year advanced college with credits at no cost to the enlisted men. Offices here are located in the Stewart-Drew building, Room 201. Hours are from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. weekdays, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

VITAL STATISTICS

PONGON—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 14, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pongon, 1029 North Sixth street, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 15 ounces.

BACON—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 14, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bacon, Lakeview highway, a girl. Weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page

Dealers Predict Auto Price Rise

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Portland's automobile row expects a substantial price increase on both new and used cars if a projected 40 per cent cut in production is ordered by the government.

Dealers and factory representatives said that plant overheads could not be cut the same percentage, thus boosting the price on each unit produced.

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