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Weekend Roundup

THESE are trying times, for nations and for individuals. An interesting sidelight on Bruce Baxter's commencement address at the high school Friday was his story of the man he knows who said: "I'm not a personality any more — I'm a civil war!"

How many of us are in that fix? How many are arguing with themselves, finding themselves on one day an isolationist, the next day an interventionist, and the next day something else? How fortunate is he whose mind is made up — finally, definitely, and conclusively — on the great problems that confront this group of individuals known as the United States? Most of us, it seems, are in about the same situation as the nation — torn within ourselves between conflicting sentiments and divergent lines of thinking.

But time is wasting. We know that decision must be made soon, in order to establish singleness of purpose and unity of action. We can't go on indefinitely as a lot of individual "civil wars."

All indications are that the week's flurry of discussion and activity over the South Sixth street situation ended constructively.

Klamath's delegation to the state highway commission meeting returned with a belief that something will be done immediately to determine exactly what is the best thing for the big traffic problem beyond the viaduct, and that decision will be followed by construction.

This newspaper, which has been exploring the highway commission for a long time to "do something" about South Sixth, agrees it is best that action shall follow a thorough study to determine the most logical and sensible course for that action.

But let's not have delay in making that study. Certainly, it is not too much to ask that improvement get under way on South Sixth street in the current construction season.

Following up mention in this column yesterday of the desirability of an aviation defense unit for this community, we urge that the chamber of commerce and other interested organizations look thoroughly into this question. If there is the slightest possibility that something of the kind could be obtained, let's not leave a stone unturned in the effort to get it.

Army engineers have indicated that work will start in June on development of the Klamath airport, for which the CAA has granted nearly \$300,000 in funds as a defense expenditure. We do not know whether the location of an air squadron here would require the construction of additional facilities, but at any rate things are beginning to happen here in the aviation field and it would be of great value to the community to have a military aviation unit located here.

It seems — nay, it was — only yesterday that the 1940 census was being taken. Yet the United States already has 1,200,000 more people than it had then.

That's the estimate of the census bureau, based on immigration and excess of births over deaths. We now number 133,000,000 people, according to this, the best guess.

Somehow that doesn't fit into the picture that has been drawn of a static people which has stopped growing, expanding, progressing. It always was a cockeyed picture.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 words in length, must be written neatly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions follow the usual rules, are warmly welcome.

URGES TRY FOR CAMP

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—As a representative of the labor unions in Klamath Falls, I feel compelled to call to your attention the fact that Medford, Ore., will have a cantonment constructed in their city by the federal government for the housing of several thousand trainees in the national army. Why is it that Klamath Falls doesn't get some such a construction project for this vicinity? Can it be that we don't want to have these millions of dollars of construction work in this territory or is it that we are afraid of the large influx of union craftsmen who would spend their wages with the local merchants?

I sincerely hope our chamber of commerce and all our citizens will wake up to the fact that money, "millions" of it is being spent all around us and we are content to sit by and let it go. After all, aren't we all in this thing to make our living to the best of our ability?

I have telegrams on my desk at this writing, requesting tradesmen to come to work in several localities. They can't get the man needed to carry on the work. I have heard it said that if we got some such project as this one, that we would have a flurry of work during the construction period and that we'd have a slump after construction stops. This is a bunch of foolish arguments, as none of the communities have lost anything because of having several months of real prosperity.

It may not be too late even yet for Klamath to secure something for instance we could have an aviation school for training fliers, or we may yet get some smaller cantonment if our chamber of commerce and its board of directors will make a real effort toward that end. I believe in my opinion, our chamber

of commerce could have made a strong bid for this business, not only could have, but should have. Very little publicity was let out that Klamath ever had a chance. When all that can be said against us is we have colder winters in this section than Medford. This could have been overcome by the issuance of "woolen leggies" for the men stationed here. I haven't heard of much distress caused by our severe weather here for the last several years. With highway 97 designated as a "prior highway" for the movement of troops, we stood in a favored position on this cantonment matter and should have gotten the project here.

In some industries some of the politically powerful corporations have received contracts of such large amounts that it will take them three or four years to fill while other companies that could handle many of these orders just as well as those who are overloaded with orders can have not received any orders at all. The fifth columnist who was responsible for the German people being sold down the river to nazism was the big industrialist, Fritz Thyssen. In France it was the same story, the big powerful financiers and industrialists were in the sellout, they had to a great extent consummated the deal with the nazis behind the backs of the people before the actual armed conquest of France was started.

We have among some of our big capitalists those who have been doing the same thing, plenty of proof of this has come to light.

Can you show where the CIO defense plan will not work if given the active support of the administration? Can you point out any other defense program

"Was It For This We Laid Down Our Arms?"



work here. I know our building tradesmen would rather work at home than elsewhere.
 Respectfully,
 C. D. LONG.

CIO Defense Plan
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—As a member of the IWA-CIO I wish to call attention to the CIO defense plan. I know of no other workable plan that has been offered for the defense of this country and the people who inhabit it. Yet it is a fact that this plan is utterly ignored by nearly all those whose duty it is to inform the general public of such things.

The CIO defense plan calls for the setting up of industry councils for each major mass production industry, composed of an equal number of representatives of labor and industrialists with a chairman representing the government, whose job would be to see that enough plants are kept at production of domestic goods to supply the needs of the people of the nation with a reasonable surplus for emergency, loss etc.; see that the government war goods contracts are so allocated as to give the fullest amount of production possible with our resources in natural supplies, machinery and labor power, that exist in our nation, see that the bottlenecks existing, due to unopened natural resources, shortage of industrial plants and lack of sufficient trained labor for some occupations are over as speedily as possible, see that the laws of the nation are observed as regards labor practices etc., and for the setting up of a national defense board composed of equal numbers of representatives of labor and industry of which the president shall be the chairman, which shall act as a clearing house for the various industrial councils and a supervising head through which industry as a whole can be coordinated.

This would give the nation an organization through which the knowledge and abilities of the workers, management, scientists, government officials and agents and coordinate them in action for the security, defense and well-being of the people of the nation.

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that has been presented which is not full of holes, for the fifth columnist to use?
 John Wheeler,
 919 Klamath Avenue.

Developments in Crete War



The Crete campaign was highlighted by these developments: British claimed their navy was shattering German attempts to send troops to Crete by sea; Germans reported inflicting heavy damage on British fleet in eastern Mediterranean, probably in Crete area; British reported a counter attack against German-held Malemi and claimed capture of Candia and Rethimo.

1942 ALLOTMENT FOR WHEAT GIVEN

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard Thursday established a national wheat planting allotment of 35,000,000 acres for the 1942 crop. This was a reduction of 7,000,000 acres from the 1941 allotment.

The secretary said a reduction in production was necessary because of a mounting surplus and loss of export markets. The 35,000,000-acre allotment is the minimum allowed by corn control legislation.

It will be apportioned among growers on the basis of a formula set up by law. Announcement of the smaller allotment was made as the agriculture department prepared to hold a grower referendum May 31 on marketing quotas for this year's wheat crop. Quotas require the approval of two-thirds of the farmers voting. Division of the 1942 allotment among wheat-producing states included: California 633,922; Idaho 865,173; Oregon 756,281; Utah 211,193 and Washington 1,656,687.

FUNERAL

ROBERT L. PRICE
 The funeral service for the late Robert L. Price, who passed away in this city on Thursday, May 23, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, on Sunday, May 25, at 2 p. m., the Rev. Arthur C. Bates of the First Christian church officiating. Friends are invited to attend. The remains will be forwarded by railway express Sunday at 6:35 p. m. to Woodland, Calif., where the interment will take place in the family plot on Monday, May 26, at 11 a. m.

Maine, Vermont and West Virginia were formed from parts of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia.

Looking for Bargains? Turr to the Classified page

Ward Man



C. F. Steib, above, is the new assistant manager of the Montgomery Ward store here. Steib came here after three years at the Walls Walla store, and before that spent five years at the Portland retail store. Mrs. Steib and their two children will come here shortly from Portland.

CORRECTION
 Raleigh R. Maupin of Malin reported Saturday that he was not the driver of a car involved in an alleged hit-and-run accident, described in a news story Friday. Maupin said he sold his old car a month ago and his name apparently was connected with the accident through the license number.

NOW PLAYING
 Kitty Foyle
 Dennis Morgan
 All 20c No Tax
RAINBOW

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 24—The prospect of the nazis running through Crete and Syria to capture the Suez and the seizing of Gibraltar has been considered realistically in the topmost conferences in and around the White House. Statesmen, as well as people worthy of their blood, cannot afford to read the news like namby-pambers, avoiding what is displeasing. The odds are strongly against the British in the Mediterranean, though decidedly in their favor in Britain. The question is what to do about it.

The White House congressional directors who have been in the front office lately believe Mr. Roosevelt will send up a message or devote his coming cooling-system-side chat (it's too hot for firesides) to a stronger reaffirmation of the western hemisphere defense basic policy—and action to bolster it.

One piece of action being conversationally talked up in these circles would contemplate further safeguarding the vital island approaches of the Atlantic, not only nearby but all the way across to the African coast. The Azores (Portugal) are within the western hemisphere limits which Mr. Roosevelt set in Greenland. The new dividing line cuts through the Cape Verde islands (Portugal). But eastward between them toward the African coast, are the Madeiras (Portugal) and the Canaries (Spain) which are strategically important as ocean-air bases.

It is doubtful that any such action would be taken unless the fall of Spain and Portugal seemed at hand. Also the action might await formal American participation in the war.

FEW TROOPS

The British had been conceded a good chance of holding Crete for some months by most of the military authorities here. Their expectation was founded on the belief that the British would concentrate there the 50,000 to 60,000 troops removed from Greece. Instead the British left only a division with the Greeks. The bulk of the British army was transferred to the Libyan front where the Suez defenses were hard pressed.

DEFENSE SHAKEUP

Signs of the coming shakeup in the defense organization (forecast first in this column, May 6) are multiplying rapidly. Criticism of accomplishments is starting even from sources close to the administration. You will hear frequently in congressional quarters the observation that prodigious criticism and constant reshuffling must be accelerated if results are to be obtained.

Appointment of some new overall head, like Jesse Jones, the commerce secretary, is not unlikely.

PROFITS TAX

The house ways and means committee are bristling mad because all the treasury has recommended for an excess profits tax is the same old treasury scheme which congress defeated last year. Some committee members are trying to get business men to come in and testify en masse as they did last year.

It now looks like there will be a fight lasting several months. Momentary prospects are that a bill will be passed in September, to apply retroactively to January 1.

Innocent Plea Entered on Charge Of Armed Assault

Russell Lee Robison, colored, charged with assault while armed with a dangerous weapon in connection with injuries suffered by Louis Coleman, colored, entered a plea of innocence before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Saturday morning. Coleman is recovering from injuries inflicted on the head and face when struck by a bottle. He is in Klamath Valley hospital.

Robison is represented by Attorney J. C. O'Neill.

Mme. Otto Goldschmidt, Swedish soprano, was known as Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale.

NOW PLAYING!
 Bing Crosby
 Betty Hope
 Dorothy Lamour
ROAD TO ZANZIBAR
 UMa Merkel
 Eric Blore
 CONTINUOUS SAT. & SUN. SHOWS WEEK DAYS 2:15 P. M.

SIDE GLANCES



"If John could only speak to the boss like he speaks to that tire, he'd get some place!"

CITY BRIEFS

Accident—A three-way accident was reported by city officers near the viaduct Friday night. There were no personal injuries. L. L. Sample, 1317 Adams street, Joe R. Lake of 2138 White avenue, and G. H. Frank of Reno, were drivers. Frank was forced to stop his car to avoid hitting a dog. The Lake car stopped and the Sample car crashed into Lake's machine.

Tires Punctured—Earl Smith of the Pontiac garage, Ninth and Klamath, reported to city police the damage done to eight tires on cars in the parking lot. Prowlers took a small bladed sharp knife and punctured the tires, Smith stated.

In Santa Cruz—Mrs. Edward Hall Pike is spending several weeks in Santa Cruz, Calif., visiting with her niece and other relatives and friends.

To Diamond Lake—Grace Rhoades, teacher of the first grade of Riverside school, left Saturday for Diamond Lake where she will spend the summer.

Police Court—Two vagrants, two traffic tickets, one drunk and one traffic warrant, made up Saturday morning police court report.

Bike Stolen—Edwin Hanson, 133 North Tenth street, reported to city police the theft of his bicycle Friday night from near a local theatre.

Radio Gone—Lombard Motors reported to city police the theft of a car radio from a parked car sometime Friday night.

Streamliner Cars Jump Track, Then Climb Safely Back

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 23 (AP)—Amazud railroad men told Thursday how part of a fast passenger train jumped the track near here, ran a half mile partially derailed and then climbed safely back on the rails.

The "City of Miami," Illinois Central streamliner, stopped after the freak mishap early today and a passerby, H. W. Corbett of Columbus, averted another possible accident when he flagged to a stop a Fort Benning troop train just before it rolled into the damaged track.

Section Foreman T. E. Bazemore reconstructed the accident this way:

One or more trucks of the streamliner left the rails at a crossing two miles south of here. The train rolled on at little diminished speed while the derailed wheels sliced off spikes and tore ties. The train roared on across a 150-foot trestle and when it swung into a curve the dragging trucks climbed back on the rails. It wasn't determined just which trucks were involved but none was badly damaged.

LEAGUE NAMES FINANCE BODY FOR NEW HALL

Plans for the proposed community building at Madison street and Shasta way, were discussed Friday night at a meeting of the Suburban League in the Shasta school. At this time a finance committee was named, representatives from each ward naming members.

Ward 1 will be represented by Frank Swift, ward 2, Bruce Shanks, ward 3, Mrs. Bailey Maxwell and Mrs. Russell McCollum; ward 4, Everett E. Metter. The next meeting of this group will be held Wednesday, May 28, at the home of Mrs. McCollum, 3050 Gary street.

Ward representatives will study ways and means to finance the building which is being supervised by A. B. Cummins. Work will start as soon as possible. It was announced at the league meeting.

President Ned Smith named the following on the dance committee: Harry Faister, chairman; Mrs. Floyd Hoover, treasurer; Leon Crapo, Lem Manning and Louis App.

It has been decided to change the time of meeting from Friday nights to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11.

The league expressed appreciation to the California Oregon Power company for the donation of a set of maps of the suburban area.

Ninety-five patches were required to repair damages to wings of an airplane caught in a hailstorm in South Dakota in 1939.

and the "City of Miami" continued its run.
 No one was injured.

Ends Monday
 "This Thing Called Love" and "Along the Rio Grande"

Starts Tuesday
AMERICA'S UNWANTED!
 Nobody's Children
 With Edith Fellows
 Billie Lee
 Georgia Caine

COMPANION FEATURE
 Peter B. Kyne
TOUGH & HANDY
 Frankie Darro
 All 25c Inc. Tax
VOX