

British Economic Crisis Produces Political Storm

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England's exceedingly grave economic crisis has produced—after the manner of this affliction—a political storm which has the country by the ears and is causing Prime Minister Attlee's labor (Socialist) government much concern.

The great conservative party, which was thrown out of power two years ago by the Socialists, charges that labor has divided the country at a time when unity is paramount. Newspapers of all complexions have been lambasting the cabinet. Even the Daily Mirror, long a staunch supporter of the Attlee regime, now declares that the premier has failed to cope with the pressing economic problems. The Mirror goes so far as to demand that he resign.

Whether this storm will clear up quickly remains to be seen. We may get some clarification tomorrow, when Attlee is scheduled to meet with the labor members of parliament in caucus to explain to that critical gathering just why the Goddess of Fortune seems to be mad at Britain's experimental Socialist government.

War-Hangover Blamed

Mr. Attlee most certainly will maintain that the good lady really isn't angry but that the country is suffering from a heavy war-hangover for which his government isn't responsible and which it hasn't been able to overcome as yet. One doesn't venture to predict what further he will say, but it will have to be plenty to satisfy all quarters of his party, because the question of leadership is heavily involved.

The crux of the situation actually is the badly lagging industrial production, and that in turn is due to low coal production. The solution of the difficulty depends in large degree on persuading the coal miners—who finally won their five-day week—to surrender that cherished prize for a time in the interests of the country and return to the old grind—temporarily, to be sure, but still to turn the clock back.

Bevin Holds Key

That's where the question of leadership enters in, and why British newspapers are suggesting that Foreign Minister Bevin may succeed Mr. Attlee in event of the latter's resignation. Bevin is credited with being the country's most powerful leader of the labor masses. He himself came up through union ranks, and he thinks the thoughts and talks the language of the laborer. The union members love him.

Bevin is one of Britain's most forceful personalities, and a born leader. He has astute judgment, and is a good executive. Though sometimes rash in his bluntness, he is a brilliant and colorful speaker, capable of dealing either with an audience of workers or a conference of international states-

men. He is a fighter and likes a good scrap.

Gun-Using Spouse Held to Grand Jury

LAKEVIEW, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—Robert Earl Lee, 32, was held to the Lake County grand jury today under \$10,000 bail today on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Lee's wife is in a hospital with gunshot wounds in the abdomen, leg and arm, and Charles E. Fultz, with a wound in the arm, appeared at the hearing in Justice Tom S. Farrell's court.

Lee denies any knowledge of the shooting.

Fultz told the court that Mrs. Lee and four children had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Fultz since Thursday when she filed an amended divorce complaint against Lee. He said that yesterday morning as he was driving Mrs. Lee to work, his car was forced off the road three miles south of here by a driver who he identified as Lee.

Before the cars had stopped the driver started shooting, Fultz said, and continued as Mrs. Lee ran down the road screaming and pleading for her life.

Lee told the court he had no reason to shoot Fultz and even believed him a different man than the one who appeared in court.

The charge was based on the wound of Fultz rather than of Mrs. Lee.

Woman Arrested on Charge of Slashing

ASTORIA, July 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Irene Reed, 31, was held in Clatsop County jail today under \$1,000 bail on a charge of assault in the slashing of William E. Creech, 46, who is in the Seaside hospital.

Sheriff Paul Keafney said the woman, her 7-year-old son and Creech had been living in Seaside, coming from the middle west about two weeks ago. Creech has been working here as a plumber.

Creech was admitted to the hospital early Monday morning with a deep stab wound below the left shoulder blade and gave no explanation, the sheriff added. Later, after an anonymous telephone call, Seaside police arrested Mrs. Reed.

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Danger of Anthrax Epidemic in Oregon Regarded Remote

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, July 31.—(AP)—Oregon's recent anthrax scare, which had many cattle and sheep men worried, has ended without an epidemic, says Dr. Charles Haynes, state veterinarian.

Dr. Haynes said there is no chance of other animals becoming infected from the animal which was killed by anthrax in a Tigar herd two weeks ago, but Department of Agriculture officials warn all livestock men to be on the alert for this rare earth-borne disease, which is highly contagious and causes death within a few days after infection.

Dr. Haynes said the spores which cause anthrax can live in the ground for 100 years. On the Tigar farm where the cow was infected, there had been anthrax many years ago. Then for a long period there were no livestock on the land. The cow was infected

from spores which had lived in the ground since the first infection.

Humans Susceptible

Anthrax was brought to the United States when Spanish settlers came to Louisiana in colonial times. It has occurred in Oregon at least five times in widely separated areas.

It can be transmitted to humans and can cause death. Animals infected with the disease have high temperature, dejected appearance and bloody discharges from the body openings.

Both the State Department of Agriculture and the OSC Extension Service urge farmers to report any suspected cases immediately to a veterinarian to prevent spread of the disease.

Anthrax is not likely to occur in areas where it hasn't occurred before.

Oregon Farm Facts

The OSC Extension Service is trying to encourage farmers to cut trees off their farms, saying a farmer can clear \$1,000 a year on a 50-acre woodlot. Farmers are advised to order their fertilizer early because they will use more next fall than ever before. The National Safety Council says one out of every 10 farmers will suffer a disabling

injury during the next year. . . . The surplus of farm labor soon will change into a shortage with heavy bean, peach and hop harvests. . . . Farm wage rates on the Pacific Coast are the highest in the country. . . . Oregon's peach crop is 10 per cent greater than last year and 60 per cent above average, but prices have not dropped as low as was feared. . . . Seed potatoes will be short next fall because frosts have cut the yield in Klamath County and Central Oregon.

Estimates by the United States Forest Service place the total stand of Ponderosa pines at approximately 250 billion feet.

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the difference between supply and demand. To increase supply, we now have the greatest number of employees in history on our payrolls—almost 90,000 in the United States, as against about 60,000 prewar. Large new plants are getting into production in Louisville, Evansville, and Melrose Park. A fourth will soon be in operation in Memphis. The men and women now employed are turning out the greatest quantities of IH products of all kinds that we have ever made. These are also the finest products we have ever made, and recognition of that fact is an important contributing factor to the demand for them.

Distribution to Dealers

But even record-breaking production is not sufficient to give your dealer—and other IH dealers—enough products to meet today's demand. We have tried to make the fairest possible geographical allocation of our products so that every dealer would get a fair share, and we know that dealers, in most cases, have tried earnestly to make the fairest possible distribution to their customers.

But we also know that many of our products—far too many—are being resold at inflated prices. The public criticism and resentment of these resales are of real concern to us, as we know they must be to our dealers, because such reactions en-

danger the good will of both the dealer and the Company in any community.

Distribution to Customers

Experience shows that many IH new products are being resold by users who decide they can continue to make out with their old equipment after they have had an inflated offer for their new equipment. To eliminate this, many dealers are taking measures to be sure that equipment purchased is for their customers' own use and is not to be resold.

Nearly all IH dealers, we believe, are now using the basis of PRESENT NEED as their primary guide for the sale of scarce products. The customer whose need is real and urgent is not likely to resell.

What Price Should You Pay?

While it may take a little more time to get delivery, we urge our customers to consider all of the factors mentioned here, before paying more than the list price for any IH product. Any IH dealer or branch can furnish the suggested list price for any IH product.

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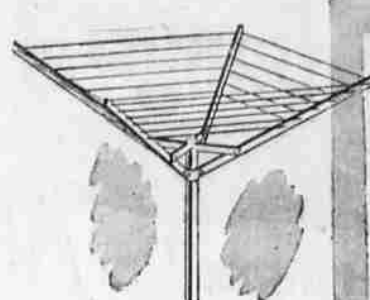


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