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LET LABOR LEAD THE WAY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer is quoted as reporting that the nation is failing to create enough jobs for its fast-growing population. He indicated concern because of an increase of 1,300,000 persons in the ranks of the unemployed in 1949 as compared with the average of 1947-48.

The unemployment problem, about which the Secretary is concerned, could be quickly solved by organized labor if it would direct its influence into creation of more jobs.

The solution would necessitate some changes from existing labor policies, together with drastic alterations in the planned economy by our socialistic-minded administrative leadership. But the solution, we believe, is obvious.

During depression years we submitted to a policy of controlled scarcity. We endeavored to produce an upward trend in national economy by limiting supply for the purpose of building demand. Labor adopted make-work and featherbedding practices for the sole purpose of keeping more people on payrolls.

The war ended the necessity for controlled scarcity in production and featherbedding on the part of labor. But fears remaining from depression days were not easily erased. Many people feared, and still fear, postwar depression. They are afraid to depart from the theory of scarcity and policies of restricted labor.

John L. Lewis, for instance, is holding coal production at the lowest possible level to keep prices high, thus permitting him to demand better wages and working conditions for his miners.

But because of this policy, fewer miners are employed and they are working less hours. At the same time, coal shortages produce corresponding unemployment in steel mills, automobile industries, transportation, etc.

Labor, naturally, should be interested in the most jobs at the best possible wages. But because of depression experiences, and fearful of another depression, it is sympathetic to the theory of controlled scarcity.

It cannot be disputed, however, that improved wages and working conditions are best assured when we have a condition of full employment and competition for labor. If, instead of having 3,400,000 people unemployed, we could have that many unfilled jobs bidding for workers, labor would not be losing time on strikes, featherbedding production, warring on management. Labor, under such conditions, would have everything its own way, without discord, because uncooperative management couldn't get workers.

Labor, however, has seen fit to string along with our socialist-minded political leadership directing planned economy. Planned economy is not compatible with full production.

To keep production on a controlled basis, the federal government has imposed heavy tax levies on corporations. It has placed confiscatory taxes on profits. It has destroyed incentive for investment of risk capital. Yet venture capital is necessary to produce jobs under a free enterprise system. If private capital is not forthcoming to make new jobs, then it becomes incumbent upon the federal government to provide employment through public works. Labor, in the meantime, must battle constantly to maintain adequate wage levels, thereby imposing heavy burdens upon the worker and reducing profits to the employer.

If labor could shake off its depression fears, and would free itself from the shackles of socialistic planned economy, it could, we believe, quickly lead the way to full employment and production. It would have to abandon its sympathy for the "soak-the-rich" philosophy and work for removal of obstacles to investment of venture capital. But with its organization and influence it could quickly achieve these results.

Here in Oregon, as an example, our economy is based upon the wood industry. Our rate of utilization is not more than one-third of the trees cut in the forest. Yet processes and markets are available to utilize virtually all the material. But even if we converted only one-half the wood actually cut in the forests into useful products, we would more than double the number of jobs in our wood industry. Furthermore, we would more than double payrolls, for a great majority of the new jobs would require skilled labor drawing a better rate of pay than collected by common labor.

The opportunities for new jobs existing in the timber industry may be duplicated in virtually any industry. Opportunity for full employment—even for labor scarcity—exists through reversal of existing theories and practices. Labor, which is most vitally affected, holds the power to achieve the desired result.

There Appears To Be Two Schools Of Thought



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

How long were you without power at your house? We had none for 34 hours; from 3:10 Friday morning (our range-clock is our detective) till 1:30 Sunday afternoon. What a glorious sound is water gushing out of a faucet!

However, E J could dip drinking water out of the spring a hundred feet or so away; and dip pails into a nearby tub that the roofs refilled quickly, for plumbing etc. We had plenty to eat—so should we complain?

We thought of, and spoke many times, of the men who must be out in the winter night as well as day working in the cold and snow and wet... as I suppose other users of electric power did too! Plenty of poles as well as lines down "everywhere" the mail carrier said. He has a good bit over 20 miles, part of it over Lorane mountain. "Put up the mail by flashlight this morning!" (Saturday).

Comical to see our six N. H. Reds flapping and floundering down the path; the old hen in the lead tried flying... landed on a slippery board, sat down and slid. Astounded she squawked, rose to her feet and rushed into the woodshed, all the others flapping madly after.

Help On Housing Plans Offered

Rural families who plan to build or remodel a home can have the benefit of a housing workshop to be conducted in Roseburg during February and March.

Margaret Tuller and John Campbell, both rural housing specialists from Oregon State college, will work with Corinne McTaggart, county extension agent (home economics) and J. Roland Parker, county extension agent (agriculture), in conducting the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to help families in working out solutions to the many problems of planning new houses and in remodeling old ones.

Plans for new houses will be analyzed with the family to determine if the house as planned will best meet the needs of the family. A flannelgraph will be used to illustrate the method of analyzing a plan. The housing specialists will also assist families in sketching plans for remodeling of existing houses.

Other subjects, relating to the house, on which material will be presented are planning of storage areas, kitchen and utility room planning, home lighting, selection of a heating system, selection of building materials, construction methods, insulation, cost estimates, and water supply and sewage disposal.

Colored sound films illustrating the application of plaster and wall board will be shown. Another educational film on "The Step-Saving Kitchen" should prove popular to those families present.

Families interested in participating in the workshop should contact Corinne McTaggart, county extension agent (home economics), at the extension office or by writing P.O. Box 512, Roseburg.

A limited number of families will be enrolled, and the same families should plan to attend all four days. It is desirable for both the husband and wife to attend, also any other adult member of the family interested in the planning of his or her room.

Dates for the workshop are Feb. 1, 2 and 23, and March 13.

California Is Elected To Head Livestock Group

MIAMO, Fla. — (AP) — Loren C. Bamert of Lone, Calif., was unanimously elected president of the American National Livestock association Saturday at the closing session of the 53rd annual convention.

At 38 he is the youngest man ever to hold that office. The 1,115 delegates from 39 states also voted to hold their 1951 convention in San Francisco. S. G. Hyatt of Hattville, Wyo., was elected first vice president. Five second vice presidents were re-elected.

Party Leadership Meeting Planned

Party game leadership will be the subject for the recreation leader training meeting to be held at the Riversdale Grange hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. Any organized groups are invited to send a man or woman leader to the series of training meetings.

Jessalene Mallalieu, recreation specialist, Oregon State college, will work with Corinne McTaggart, county extension agent (home economics) in conducting the meeting. A second meeting on party game leadership will be held on Feb. 23. Song leadership will be emphasized at the meeting on March 23, and square dancing on April 20.

The series of recreation leader training meetings is open to a man or woman representative of any organized group. Granges, churches, parent-teacher groups, home extension units, community clubs, schools, and other organizations are invited to send two representatives. There is no charge for the meetings. The same leaders should plan to attend all four meetings if possible.

Miss Mallalieu is coming to the county at the request of the home extension units. Improving the quality of group recreation in the county through better trained leaders is hoped for as a result of the series of meetings.

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In the Day's News

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pen. As between that and bankruptcy, I'll take bankruptcy.

HE thinks we should spend 41 billions more for building up Europe so the Communists can't take it over. I suppose we'll have to spend a lot in the course of time to keep the Communists from taking Asia over. If we get away with it, it will be cheaper than war.

Also we're more or less committed to it.

In addition, our President says, veterans programs and interest on the public debt will take about 12 billion dollars. If you add these figures up roughly on your fingers, without bothering with meticulous adding machine detail, you'll get a total of 30 billion dollars.

THAT is what we HAVE to spend to cover the cost of past wars, our present cold war and possible future wars. That's it. We just can't get away from it.

HAVING added up a lot of figures on our fingers, let's now do a little subtracting.

Our President indicates that at our present rate of plucking the goose we will take about 37 1/2 billion dollars away from it in tax feathery.

Thirty billion will be required for WAR COSTS—past, present and future.

Subtracting 30 billion from 37 1/2 billion leave us 7 1/2 billion—WHICH IS WHAT WE WOULD HAVE LEFT IN CASH FOR RUNNING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES (including farm relief, pensions, social security and all the domestic things we set so much store by these days) in our next fiscal year.

SUPPOSE we were clear and free of debt—as we practically were four or five years after the last world war. In that event, I'm not so sure but what I'd be all out for President Truman's picture of the future which he calls his Fair Deal and a lot of others call the welfare state.

Properly BUSINESS-MANAGED, the swiftly growing mechanical revolution, with its vast increases in production made possible by the machine, could make visions such as the President's come true.

MY personal point is this: With present tax collections (which are high enough to make the money hard to come by) we can take in only about 37 1/2 billions.

We're COMMITTED to spend 30 billions for past, present and future wars and their side issues and incidentals.

That leaves us only 7 1/2 billions to run our domestic affairs with unless we raise taxes staggeringly or go staggeringly into debt.

We're already 257 billion dollars in the hole.

IT seems to me we'd be wiser to refrain from voting ourselves rich until we have more NET

Local News

Meeting Thursday — Pythian Sisters will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Jan. 12, at the K. of P. hall.

Lodge to Meet—Three Rivers Rebekah lodge at Reedsport will hold installation of new officers Thursday evening.

City Council—Beta Sigma Phi City Council will meet at 1 o'clock no-hostess luncheon at the Hotel Umpqua Thursday.

Patch and Chat — The Patch and Chat club will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. N. Boor.

Luncheon Meeting — Rotary Anns will meet at a no-hostess luncheon Thursday from 12 to 1:30 o'clock at the Rainbow Grill.

Meeting Announced—The North side Sunshine club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Emmitt, 120 South Parrott street.

Country Club Women—Women of the Roseburg Country club will meet at a 12 o'clock luncheon Thursday at the clubhouse, followed by the regular contract bridge play at 1 o'clock.

W.B.A. to Meet—The Woman's Benefit association will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday at the home of Mrs. Earl Bridges, 2245 Sunset Lane. Election of officers will be held.

To Meet Thursday—Lady Elks will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the temple. Hostesses include Mrs. Story Lee, Mrs. Ray John, Mrs. A. Copple and Mrs. Mitchell Moore. Pinochle and contract bridge will be in play.

D.A.R. to Meet — The D.A.R. will meet at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, Jan. 16, at the home of Mrs. William R. Anderson in West Roseburg with Mrs. C. L. Branton, co-hostess. Mrs. George M. Brown will have charge of the program.

Joint Installation—Joint installation of Philatelian lodge No. 8 and Roseburg Rebekah lodge No. 41 officers will be held Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock at the L.O.O.F. hall, followed by installation of officers of Alpha Zeta Theta Rho Girls club. Refreshments will be served.

Community Club to Meet—Deer Creek Community club will meet at the Dixonville auditorium Friday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. The committee in charge requests those attending to bring either cookies or sandwiches and their own cups. A program will be presented.

Club to Meet — The Oregon State College Mothers club members and those eligible to membership are invited to meet at 2 o'clock Monday, Jan. 16, at the home of Mrs. H. N. Jacobson, 935 Chapman street, Laurelvood, with Mrs. Earl M. Belle, co-hostess.

Postponed—The Woman's Society of the First Presbyterian church has postponed its meeting from this week to Jan. 19, at 1:30 o'clock at the church parlors. The meeting was postponed on account of the annual church dinner to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 12, at 6:45 o'clock in the church parlors.

Group to Meet—The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at a 1 o'clock dessert-luncheon Thursday at the Methodist church parlors with members of Circle No. 4 as hostesses. The topic will be "The Whole of Love—Is My Answer." The worship will be in charge of Mrs. Earl M. Belle and the program will be in charge of Mrs. F. P. Powell.

Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Don Forbes are parents of a son, born Dec. 29 in Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. The baby, named Paul Scott Abeel Forbes, weighed seven pounds, three ounces. Mrs. Forbes has returned to Roseburg, and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abeel, at 1277 Umpqua Ave.

riches to "nigger" with. That's why I can't get too much steamed up with enthusiasm for the President's big spending program.



Woman Held In Shooting Of Husband Near Tacoma

TACOMA — (AP) — The Pierce county sheriff's office said a Parkland housewife was being held on a charge of first-degree assault in connection with the shooting of her husband early Saturday.

Detective Davy Ward said the woman, Mrs. Gladys Lee, 49, confessed orally to the accidental shooting of her husband, Walter Lee, 49, while attempting to take her own life. County hospital attendants said Lee's condition was fair.

Ward said one shot from a .25 caliber Mauser pistol struck his groin and a second grazed his back.

The detective quoted Mrs. Lee as saying an argument developed after the couple returned home from a Parkland tavern about 1 a.m. Ward said Mrs. Lee called the sheriff's office immediately after the shooting. Bail for Mrs. Lee was set at \$5,000.

FIRST NEGRO CITIZEN

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 — (AP) — Oliver E. Smith, secretary of the Negro Democratic society and a founder of the Urban league, was named the city's "Negro first citizen of 1949" yesterday. The society said he was chosen

MIDGET HEREFORDS SOLD

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 — (AP) — Three midget Herefords turned up yesterday at the Union Stock yards.

The animals, 18 to 20 inches high, weighed a total of 585 pounds and sold for 10 cents a pound.

The animals had been consigned by a central Oregon breeder, who wanted no part of the publicity attached to the ownership of the runts.

en for "his unselfish service in every phase of civic, fraternal and industrial activity."

He grew up in Longview, Wash.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 60 YEARS AGO

BURGLARY AT MYRTLE CREEK

The store of H. Dyer, in Myrtle Creek, was burglarized the first of the week by some one entering through a window, and a box of knives, some clothing and a box of money was taken. A young man was arrested for the crime . . . and bound over to appear before the grand jury. The stolen goods were found in his possession.

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State Capitol Board Wins Expansion Area

SALEM, Jan. 11. — (AP) — The city council took steps Monday to rezone four city blocks north of the state house grounds.

The city move followed a decision yesterday by the state capitol planning commission to ask the state board of control to buy the four blocks. The commission also sent letters to the Salem council and the city's planning board asking for rezoning of the four blocks wanted for

future capitol area buildings.

The commission was spurred into action by a city construction permit issued to Portland builder Robert Coates who planned a seven-story apartment building at 444 N. Summer street. This is within the area of the four blocks involved.

Coates told the commission he was willing to abandon the apartment project if he can be reimbursed for \$31,000 he said he already has invested in the property and plans.

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