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MACHINERY AND JOBS

By Charles V. Stanton

Travelling to Klamath Falls last week we found the highway construction work in progress south of Canyonville to be startling in its immensity. The landscape is being remade. Feats of engineering and construction in progress there appear almost impossible. One cannot help but think back to the days when roads were laboriously scooped out through use of horse-drawn Fresnoes, surplus dirt shoveled into wagons, with much of the labor performed by pick and shovel men.

Today huge bulldozers tear down mountains. Great earthmovers scoop up surplus and haul it away to fills. Air compressors rattle and roar as they drill holes for powder, replacing the old hand drill and sledge.

A competent driver of a bulldozer, the operator of a power shovel, a jackhammer handler or any other workman operating equipment will make more money in a day's time than five men would have received in the old days. It is not because he is stronger or more intelligent. It is because he has TOOLS. The contractor has invested money in equipment and has employed good men to operate his machinery. Because the machinery will do more work in a day's time than could be done by antiquated methods, the contractor can pay better wages.

Investment Deserves Consideration

We read recently that it costs an average of \$20,000 to give a workman a job. The \$20,000 investment buys the machinery or tools necessary for that job. Because the "boss" has spent his risk capital to make low-cost production possible, he is able to pay higher wages.

In late years there has been an increasing school of thought that profits are evil; that the man who performs the labor should get all the benefits. We wonder how many of those who stress the evils of profits ever consider the amount of money required to furnish a man with employment and the right of the investor to a fair return for the risk he has taken.

Of course, there can be extremes. A workman should be compensated as well as any job will permit. Excess profits should be distributed. But, on the other hand, draining away profits, or holding them to an unduly low level, will destroy inducement for risk investment and thus reduce employment opportunity.

Machinery Makes More Jobs

It has been amply proven that labor saving machines create more jobs. Because we can build more miles of highway through use of power equipment than could be constructed by hand labor, we find more people buying automobiles. As more vehicles are placed on a road, it becomes necessary to make it more nearly adequate. Then, with improved traffic facilities, more people use that route, buying more vehicles for that purpose, so, again, we must do more building. The same cycle is true in any industry.

Yet we find great numbers of workmen who fear new production methods, new processes and new machines. We find widespread "makework" and "featherbedding" practices developed through fear of unemployment. We find resistance to every new production method because workmen might be replaced.

If that resistance had been successful in the past, we still would be building roads by the pick-and-shovel method. We still would be hauling freight by railroads and horse-drawn drays instead of by motor truck. We still would be hand-picking type for newspapers.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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we have in uniform only ONE is carrying a gun and shooting at the enemy. The other five are back in the rear, feeding and supplying the ONE who is doing the shooting.

Competent observers on the ground in Korea are telling us that for each soldier in the front line the Communists have NOT MORE THAN TWO SOLDIERS IN THE REAR!

If you'll figure that out, either on your fingers or on your adding machine, you'll find it gives the Communies more than TWICE as much fire power for each hundred recruits.

How come?
Well, it's this way: We feed and supply our soldier better than any other soldiers in the world, either now or ever in the past. We're proud of that fact.

But this is the point:
Out of each six soldiers recruited, we have ONLY ONE ON THE REAR. Out of each six recruited, the Communies have TWO on the firing line and only four in the rear.

That's one reason why they outnumber us so heavily ON THE FIGHTING LINES in Korea.

Probably you're still puzzled by this front line-rear area ratio. It's like this:
The Communies EAT LIGHT AND

LIVE ON THE COUNTRY. All they need is a little rice in their pockets and ammo for the guns.

Our boys eat well AND CARRY IT ALL WITH THEM.

That's why the Communies are able to get twice as many fighting men on the fighting lines as we can.

Let's go back to Genghis Khan and his Mongols, from whom these Communies were now fighting in Korea are descended. THEY ATE LIGHT AND MOVED FAST, and eating light and moving fast they killed the disciplined fighting men of the age of chivalry.

Back in those days, the armored knights had to have a lot of men in the rear to supply them. Genghis Khan's soldiers, who carried their commissariat tied on behind their saddles, had nothing to do but fight.

In principle, it's the same as driving men, women and children before the Communies the other day. KNOWING WE WOULDN'T SHOOT AT THEM. By that trick, they got over the bridge.

In the same way, by eating light and thus being able to put TWICE AS MUCH FIRE POWER ON THE FIGHTING LINE, they gain an advantage over us.

It's certainly something to think about in this war we're getting into.

Oregon Legionnaires May Withdraw Bonus Backing

PORTLAND, (AP)—The Oregon American Legion convention, scheduled to meet in Grants Pass in September, probably will withdraw support of the proposed state bonus for veterans of World War II.

That's the opinion of Samuel M. Rowe of Grants Pass, state Legion commander, who said the organization would give no active support to the bonus measure between now and convention time. The bonus measure, placed on the ballot as an initiative, will go before Oregon voters in the November election.

Legionnaires endorsed the bonus at their last convention, but Rowe

said their promise to work with other organizations to put the measure on the ballot had been fulfilled.

He said the recent National Legion convention voted to withdraw support of any new veterans' benefit legislation, except extension of the GI Bill of Rights to soldiers fighting in Korea.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, however, pledged continued backing of the state bonus. L. R. Henderson, of Portland, state commander, explained: "If the nation is going to call World War II men back into service they will need this money more than ever."

The Jeering Section



MIDSHIPMAN ROBERT FREDERICK PRAMANN, USNA, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pramann of Rt. 2, Box 91, Keasey Road, Roseburg, was a member of the 1950 Midshipman summer cruise, and served aboard the destroyer USS Warrington. Here Midshipman Pramann is seen taking a reading from a sextant while on the training cruise from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. Mr. Midshipman Pramann is scheduled to graduate in 1951.



By Vivian S. Martin

If only our recent guests could have seen the big chinook we saw the other evening down at Curran! They never saw a fish while they were here except the ones I cooked for my locker. All our nephews cared about was "some of that Oregon trout." We had been sending him literature and news pictures for several years: "Come to Oregon and catch some real fish!"

Of course they catch fish in the state of Texas and they looked quite real in the pictures they sent us snapshots with Chet, his dad and two brothers holding same. They have a fishing camp in Old Mexico; also are only 65 miles from the Gulf, and the Harlingen canal recently pictured in colors in the Stevestep is not too far from them. But despite all that I assured him if he would just "come to Oregon." So he came with a sportsman's collection of gear. Now it was up to us.

One resort proprietor after another that day assured him "the trout aren't biting right now." They just aren't catching any. Chet, who fishes for fish, and not for fun only as I do, wasn't interested. Finally we came to a resort where the owner was or had been, a ranger. "Only getting strippers here," he said. "Been taking some big strippers—when they can get the frozen pilchard." They were not getting bait that day.

Well, Chet appreciated "their honesty" for time was important. He had to get back to McAllen before too long. He had been three weeks touring then, and there was still Yellowstone and a few other places. The ranger did assure him he would "catch plenty in Yellowstone." Chet was very nice about not reminding me how I had promised trout. Except for a few hours in the Rogue, one sportsman found little satisfaction in Oregon this time. But he "will be back" and when he comes back he will get the fish—"no foolin'!"

When EJ heard about the strippers being so enthusiastic he got up at 3 the other morning—I did, too, but went right back to bed. If I did get a stripper—well, I preferred catching up on my sleep. And when EJ came home he wished he had gone back to bed, too. No bait. As long as he was there, he fished a few hours with what he had. "No bait—and not even a catfish!" It goes that way sometimes.

Increased Labor Will Upset Reds' Claim, Forecast

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif.—(AP)—The labor force will increase about 6,000,000 in this decade in expanding production to meet Russia's challenge to capitalism, an economist says.

Summer H. Slichter, nationally known Harvard economist, made this forecast at the Stanford business conference.

"The need for the expansion of the economy," Slichter said, "is accentuated by the efforts of Russia to overthrow capitalism and to spread Communism throughout the world."

"Resistance of the United States to Russia's attempt will absorb an increasing amount of production."

"If the United States is to keep its standard of living rising, and at the same time is to keep itself strong enough to deter attacks, output must increase substantially."

Slichter discussed at length the capacity of the economy to grow. The needed expansion in production, he said, depends upon the increase in the size of the labor force.

His estimate of an increase of 6,000,000 workers in a decade, he said, assumes an increase in the proportion of women workers.

The needed growth, he continued, could be retarded by a lack of capital, but he doubted that this is likely. If capital per worker—now about \$7,000—were to increase one percent a year for ten years, he said, the needed increase in capital would be \$50,000,000,000 or about two percent of the net national product.

Northwest Fir Industry Ready For Role In War

PORTLAND, (AP)—The Pacific Northwest's great Douglas fir industry is prepared to absorb tremendous demands, if necessary for lumber, for military needs, a spokesman for West Coast Lumbermen's association said.

As military orders began pouring in, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the association, said all have been absorbed immediately for shipment. Mills have given top priority to such requirements.

Douglas fir mills, which cut about a third of the nation's lumber, have sharply increased output since abandonment of government controls 2½ years ago, Simpson said. Indications are that more than 10 billion board feet—an all-time high—will be cut in 1950. In 1945 production dropped to around six and a half billion feet, and the number of mills to 986. There are now around 1,700 producing mills in the region.

"The great, renewable rain forests of the Pacific Northwest, with a backlog of more than 400,000,000 feet of prime saw timber, are ready and willing to assume any demands of the government," Simpson said. "Backing up these vast stands of virgin timber are some 11 million acres of growing young forests."

"We will pour into the nation's powerful defense establishment all the lumber for its foreseeable needs and still have left over billions of feet for the domestic front: for housing, commercial, farm and industrial demand."

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Americans Told Of 7 Ways They Can Assist FBI In Curb On Saboteurs, Other Enemies

WASHINGTON, (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover told Americans today how, in seven ways, they can help the FBI curb saboteurs and other domestic enemies in the present military emergency.

The first and most important step: Call the FBI quickly with any information you may have.

Hoover emphasized that his FBI is not interested in malicious gossip or idle rumors, nor in "what a person thinks." But, he said, it most specifically wants facts on actions "which undermine internal security."

President Truman called on the American public last Monday to channel any information on spying, sabotage or other subversive activities to the FBI.

Like the White House, the FBI cautioned against private attempts to investigate evidence of such activity, saying it should be left to the highly organized FBI machinery which is set up for that purpose.

The FBI has long had special agents in each of its 51 field offices assigned to the specific task of sifting and relating such evidence, with the Washington headquarters serving as a clearing house.

The Hoover statement noted that a close system of cooperation between the federal bureau and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation is already functioning in this field.

"The internal security of the United States can be assured," the director asserted, "with the cooperation, aid and assistance of every law-abiding person in our nation." Suggestions Listed

"1. The FBI is as near to you as your telephone. The first page of every telephone book in the country lists the nearest office of the FBI. You can communicate with the FBI by telephone, letter or call at your nearest office."

"2. Feel free to furnish all facts in your possession. Many times a small bit of information might furnish the data we are seeking. If you have any information of sabotage, espionage, or subversive activities, contact the FBI."

"3. The FBI is interested in receiving facts; we are not interested in what a person thinks, but what he does which undermines our internal security. Avoid reporting malicious gossip or idle rumors."

"4. Do not circulate rumors about subversive activities, or draw conclusions from information you furnish the FBI. The data you possess might be incomplete or partially accurate by drawing conclusions based on insufficient evidence grave injustices might result to innocent persons."

"5. Once you have reported your information to the FBI, do not endeavor to make private investigations. This can best be done by trained investigators who have access to data acquired over the years on individuals engaged in subversive activities."

"Hysteria, witch-hunts and vigilantes weaken internal security. Investigations involving internal security require care and painstaking effort. We all can contribute to our internal security by protecting the innocent as well as by identifying the enemies within our midst."

"In cases involving espionage it is more important to identify spies, their contacts, sources of information and methods of communications than to make immediate arrests."

"6. Be alert. The greatest defenders against sabotage are the loyal American workmen who are producing the materials and weapons for our defense. They can be the sentinels of defense in every walk of life."

"7. The forces which are most anxious to weaken our internal security are not always easy to identify. Communists have been trained in deceit and secretly work toward the day when they hope to replace our American way of life with a Communist dictatorship. They utilize cleverly camouflaged movements, such as some peace groups and civil rights organizations to achieve their sinister purposes."

"While they as individuals are difficult to identify—the Communist party line is clear. Its first concern is the advancement of Soviet Russia and the Godless Communist cause. It is important to learn to know the enemies of the American way of life."

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