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OUR SIDE OF THE "INSIDE"

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg Typographical union No. 785 has flooded the City of Roseburg with a folder entitled "The Inside Story of the Newspaper Strike." If it contains an "inside" story, the story must have been inside the ITU for certainly the facts as represented are not as they are known to the management of The News-Review.

Because contractual negotiations were conducted exclusively by Mr. Edwin L. Knapp, business manager of The News-Review, we requested that he prepare in his own words the true facts of the "nine months" of "negotiations."

Following is Mr. Knapp's statement:

In a folder circulated by Roseburg Typographical union there are statements that are entirely untrue.

Until the composing room crew walked off the job the night of last June 26, all negotiations and consultations were solely with me, as business manager and representative of The News-Review company.

These are the true facts as known to me:

The last written contract we had with the ITU expired Nov. 1, 1947. At the time of contract expiration, I was informed that the ITU could not sign a new contract because of the ban against a closed shop provided in the Taft-Hartley Act. I verbally agreed that we would follow the terms of the old contract, subject, of course, to the laws of the land.

We operated in this way without controversy and with most pleasant relations until the walkout on June 26.

The union's folder states that the agreement expired Nov. 1, 1949.

How did it expire?

Management of The News-Review was never notified that the union wished to annul it. We still were following its terms when the crew walked off the job.

In fact, we were so strictly adhering to the terms of the agreement, which we believed to be still in effect, that we acceded to the contention of the printers that they were entitled to two weeks vacation pay even though they were leaving their jobs. Had the agreement expired Nov. 1, 1949, as now is claimed by the union, we would have felt no obligation to pay out \$1,754.19 in the form of vacation pay to men on strike as provided by the old contract.

Contract Refused To News-Review

In November 1949, the union's scale committee met with me and asked for a raise in pay, but did not suggest any amount. The matter of a contract was mentioned, but it was not discussed at all. No mention was made of teletypesetters.

Some weeks later an ITU representative arrived and I met with him and the scale committee. He informed me that we would have to sign a contract giving the union jurisdiction over teletypesetters, but he said that ITU would NOT approve a contract with either Roseburg or Klamath Falls SINGLY.

For almost six of the nine months mentioned by the union no discussions or negotiations were conducted with me. Then early in June, the local committee came to me and said they were tired of waiting for a settlement at Klamath and asked if I would negotiate with them, this being the first offer to negotiate with The News-Review alone. At this meeting I agreed to pay an additional 10 cents an hour, a base of \$2.25 per hour, but I told them I would not sign a contract giving jurisdiction over teletypesetters. I agreed, however, that we would discontinue use of the teletypesetters and would not put them back in use anytime in the near future unless we couldn't get manual operators and needed the machines for emergency use.

Local Union Satisfied

The local union had a meeting that night and the next morning one of the local committee told me that this proposal was agreeable to the majority, but it was subject to ITU approval.

On June 20, I met with the local committee and two ITU representatives. I agreed that we would put the teletypesetters away and lock them up until we disposed of them; that it was our intention not to use them during the life of a contract. I informed the union that I would not sign any written agreement to that effect without conferring with our president.

Early the next morning the ITU representatives left for Klamath Falls and nothing further was said to me about this matter until ITU members of our composing room pulled their cards at 8 p. m., June 26.

The ITU's folder says that on June 27 we offered a proposal to remove the teletypesetters and give 60 days notice before restoring them to use.

The matter of 60-days notification was never mentioned in any of our talks. This suggestion was presented by a member of the Roseburg Central Labor council (AFL) which endeavored to bring about a settlement of the dispute through compromise. We put our acceptance in writing in a letter to Mr. Frank Ashley, president of the Labor council, but the ITU flatly refused the compromise offer.

The News-Review waited until July 19, while further efforts were made by the Central Labor council to procure a settlement. Then, with no prospect of settlement in sight, it became necessary for us to get members of our advertising and news departments out of the mechanical department, where they had been doing the work of the striking printers. We set July 24 as a final date for return to work, and I personally addressed a registered letter to each striking employee, giving him the opportunity to return to his job if he so desired. None responded, making it necessary for us to undertake the organization of a non-union composing room crew and to refuse further negotiations with the ITU.

Douglas Fir Output Pace Exceeds That Of 1949

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Douglas fir sawmills are running five percent above last year and a new all-time high production mark is in prospect.

That was the statement by Harris E. Smith, secretary for the West Coast Lumbermen's association, on release of July figures.

Although the weekly average in July dropped below that for June, the July weekly average of 184,871,000 board feet was 12.7 percent greater than for the comparable 1945-1949 average.

Production for the first 30 weeks of this year is 17 percent over the 1945-1949 30-week average, standing now at 5,775,026,000 board feet, Smith said.

The all-time production mark was set in 1929 at 10.2 billion feet and this, barring unforeseen developments, will be exceeded this year Smith predicted.

Orders and shipments also are running far ahead of last year. Unfilled orders at the end of July totaled 990,817,000 feet and gross stocks were 628,571,000, Smith said.

How's Business?



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

"Herbs," said the grower there, of smiling as she named the herbs which she had included in a big bouquet of old-fashioned garden flowers. "There's basil, and summer savory."

I didn't have the heart to tell her that except for sage I could enjoy herbs only with my nose! Long ago I gave up—or did I?—trying to have "something different" as promised in magazine spreads of luscious food dishes.

There was the time my Danish neighbor started me on rosemary. She gave me dried leaves and fresh, and a plant as well. How I treasured that plant! I can smell it now although it is four years since I saw it. "It's so good in meatloaf," she said, across the back-fence. "Wait a minute . . . There, try this!" I ate the sample and resolved, come what might, I'd have rosemary flavored meatloaf. I'd use it cautiously, oh so cautiously, and then later on "line the bottom of the pan with the leaves" after I had gradually increased the use of it.

But what happened? As usual I had baked the meatloaf in a tube pan. Somehow or other I had fallen into the habit of baking it thus, then turning it out on a large glass pie-dish, then rimming it around the edge with peas. Pretty mashed potatoes in little piles, (or in another circle if a platter was used,) with a tiny sprig of parsley on each. And a

small maraschino cherry jar in the center in which larger sprays of parsley were put.

To be sure I was accustomed to seeing the parsley treated as it were deadly nightshade or something . . . but I despaired sure enough when the first bite of meatloaf brought a questioning look at me, over the second bite which was now being regarded as potential ptomaine material.

"This meatloaf tastes queer," said the man who will tackle anything under the sun in a restaurant, and tell a hostess without batting an eye that her "piece de resistance" is the best he ever tasted, and won't she give his wife her recipe? And dare said wife to ever "do that" at home! "What's in it?"

I explained about the little hint of rosemary. "What beats me," said the head of the house. "Is why women can't let well enough alone. What's the matter with the meatloaf we've been having?"

I mentioned the "something different" objective in cookery, and that I personally thought the meatloaf was delicious. Well, there was plenty for me—if my appetite for it hadn't been ruined by its reception! Three hungry males "filled up" on mashed potatoes, gravy and whatever.

Which is why I never have tried soup with peanut butter in it . . . and many another recipe guaranteed to be "something different!"

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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on our hands and an unimaginably vast and vital war possibly in the offing, votes to renege or recent postoffice economies and restore mail service in the cities and towns to two deliveries a day!!!!

Why is that bad?
Here is why:

The congress of the United States (the senate is expected to right along with the house in this ticky little postal delivery business) THINKS THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD RATHER HAVE TWO POSTAL DELIVERIES A DAY THAN TO HAVE THE TIME AND ENERGY SPENT IN PREPARING OUR COUNTRY TO DEFEND OUR LIBERTIES AND OUR LIVES AGAINST A GRIM AND POWERFUL ENEMY.

You and I, of course, know better.

What do we care, in a pinch, whether the mailman comes around twice a day with his customary load of ads and blarney bills or only once a day? If we want our mail oftener, we can go down to the postoffice for it, just like grampa and gramma used to. It wouldn't hurt us a bit, and we know it.

But we do know that failure to muster our resources fully in the struggle that may be facing us could mean the end of our way of life.

The trouble is—that in the strange, weird, lousy-eating dream-world that is Washington our members of congress and our administrative officials and employees lose all effective touch with the thinking of the people back home.

To them, Washington becomes the center of EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD. They come to look upon elections as the beginning and the end of all human affairs. If they lose their jobs at an election, that, so far as they are concerned, is the END OF THE WORLD.

In their desperate need to be re-elected (which in their minds is the first essential of everything)

they are willing to try anything that might result in bringing in enough votes to assure them of keeping their jobs—even down to such absurdities as borrowing money (we're running in the hole all the time, you know) to continue two postal deliveries a day as a time when we ought to be using every dollar of our income and every ounce of our strength in preparing to meet an enemy that we must defeat if our way of life is to continue.

I don't think we need to worry about the stamina of our fighting men. That is being demonstrated every day in Korea. But if we can't get a HIGHER QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP than is being demonstrated these days in the monkey cage that we call the city of Washington we're in a bad way.

Oregon Quota Set At 27 For Reserve Medical Unit

VANCOUVER, WASH. — (AP) — Oregon's quota of medical reserve officers for involuntary recall to active duty is 27. Brig. Gen. Rob. A. McClure, chief of the Oregon military district, disclosed.

Officers to be recalled will be taken from the volunteer and inactive segments of the army reserve corps. Quotas are expected to be filled by Sept. 10.

The quota for the entire United States is 1,882, and for the sixth army area, of which Oregon is a part, is 247.

HOSPITAL STILL PICKETED

PORTLAND — (AP) — AFL teamsters planned only sidewalk deliveries at Emanuel hospital today. Non-professional workers are picketing.

Glenn R. Blake, agent for the building service employees, said only oil, medicines and surgical supplies would move through the lines. The agent's union wants a contract and a minimum \$1 an hour wage. The union began picketing after charging the hospital management had refused to negotiate.

Church Of England Issues Rejection Of New Doctrine

LONDON — (AP) — The heads of the Church of England sharply rejected today a newly announced Roman Catholic doctrine that the Virgin Mary went to heaven bodily as well as spiritually.

"There is no smallest evidence in the scriptures or in the teaching of the early church of belief in the doctrine of her bodily assumption," said a formal statement.

The statement was issued from Lambeth palace, official quarters of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was signed by Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Cyril F. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

Their statement said that according to an announcement from Rome last Monday, the Pope intends to proclaim the new doctrine as an article of faith on Nov. 1.

"We profoundly regret that the Roman Catholic church has chosen by this act to increase dogmatic differences in Christendom and has thereby gravely injured the growth of understanding between Christians based on a common possession of the fundamental truths of the gospel," the archbishop said.

This strong statement indicated a further setback to postwar efforts to reach a communion between the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

Proclamation of the doctrine as a new article of faith "will mean that the Roman Catholic church now regards this doctrine as a necessary part of the Christian revelation and will henceforth require all its members to believe it to be true," said the Anglican statement.

"We must at once state publicly that the Church of England does not and cannot hold this doctrine to be a necessary part of the Catholic faith, belief in which may be required of members of the church. . . . The church of England refuses to regard as requisite for a saving faith any doctrines or opinions which are not plainly contained in the scriptures."

California Doesn't Need Northwest Water, Claim

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Poulson (R-Calif) says California doesn't need or want water from the Columbia or any other river of the northwest.

He said in a statement an interior department proposal to send some of the mighty Columbia's water hundreds of miles southward to California "assertedly has the interest of President Truman."

The Californian accused the department of bringing forward the plan "in a desperate attempt to aid the fantastic Arizona project, which would take an enormous share of California's Colorado river water."

"It is a nefarious scheme," he charged. "To rob California of Colorado river water by diverting attention to the Columbia river diversion proposal."

The department never has said just how the water would make the long journey from the Columbia to California.

Paper Mill Workers Told To Demand Raise Of Taxes

PORTLAND — (AP) — AFL paper mill workers were told here to demand that Congress boost taxes on war industries.

Paul Phillips, president of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, said "it is our sons and our brothers who are dying on the battlefields of Korea, and labor wants the profits taken out of war. We are opposed to the creation of another crop of millionaires at the expense of the blood shed by our armed forces."

Ideas Divide On Fee For Use Of National Forests

PORTLAND — (AP) — A fee for use of national forest recreational facilities was suggested here yesterday, but there was divided opinion on whether it was a good idea.

The suggestion was made at the closing session of the 30th convention of the Western Association of State Game and Fish commissioners, by Seth Gordon, consultant to the California Wildlife conservation board.

He proposed it as a substitute to another fee—a use tax on hunters and anglers using public lands. The sportsmen's tax—a stamp-on-the-license idea similar to the present duck stamp—was mentioned by Lloyd W. Swift, chief of wildlife management for the forest service.

Swift said the sportsmen's use tax, not yet proposed to Congress, was something that needed thinking about.

Several speakers said they thought it would be an opening wedge for more federal control of hunting and fishing in the west's vast areas. Gordon said any fee should be against all using the public lands, not just against sportsmen.

Thomas L. Kimball, Arizona state game warden, was elected president. Next year's meeting will be in Arizona at a site he will select.

Three more cases were reported yesterday, bringing the year's total to 27. Three were fatal. At this time last year there had been 13 cases, five of them fatal.

PRICE HIKE SPREADS

ASTORIA — (AP) — Astoria barbers announced today they would follow the lead of Portland CIO barbers in raising the haircut price to \$1.25 next Tuesday.

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