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## NEW WEAPON NEEDED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Financial losses running into the billions of dollars and affecting every individual are in prospect as a result of widespread strikes throughout the country. Strikes now are in progress in many businesses and industries. The impending steel strike would affect many operations dependent upon steel. With steel already in short supply for both domestic and defense purposes the strike, if long continued, could handicap our national economy for many coming years.

Here in our own community, for instance, the State Highway Commission is proposing to reroute the Pacific Highway. Three bridges will be required—at Winchester, Roseburg and Shady point. The commission is finding it difficult to obtain steel for normal requirements. The Roseburg project already has been held back because of inadequate steel supplies. If the situation should be made more critical, it may set back the highway improvement in this area by another two or three years.

It is also to be expected that, if demands made upon the steel industry are granted, strikes will occur in other industries to obtain similar or even larger benefits, so we may anticipate prolonged trouble, heavy financial losses, added taxes and increases in living costs.

We do not propose to judge the merits of any controversy. It is not our purpose to say that either side is right or wrong. We do believe, however, that it is time both labor and management started working on some plan to settle differences by something other than strikes.

### "Kill The Umpire"

Even though strikes probably cannot be eliminated, the situation could be materially improved if we could get rid of the "umpire."

One of the worst things that ever happened to management and labor occurred, in our opinion, when the federal government put itself in the middle.

Since the government entered the picture, strikes have been more prolonged and costly. If labor and management were left to their own devices, they would be able to end their fights in much shorter time than now is involved in appeals to the various federal agencies with their armies of investigators, inspectors, referees, supervisors, clerks, etc., all maintained on salaries paid by taxpayers.

The Congress must also kick around labor legislation, adding to the length and cost of sessions, with decisions involving more politics than merit.

In our opinion, the government's position in the middle of labor controversies is an expensive complication adding to economic waste. Neither labor nor management ever is satisfied with decisions. Strikes usually continue longer because of government interference. Delay is caused by appeals and studies. The NLRB ducks decisions which might be politically embarrassing. In the meantime everyone is losing money at a double pace, because of the work stoppages or cut-backs, while paying a heavy load of taxes to support a worse than useless bureaucracy.

Organized labor reached mature strength before the government entered the picture. There is no reason why it should lose strength or weaken its position if it returned to independence. The political support it has sought and obtained is an expensive luxury.

### Protect Bargaining Rights

Labor should never be deprived of its rights for collective bargaining, nor should those rights ever be impaired in any way. There seems to be no alternative for the strike as a defensive weapon. Many minds have tried to devise an effective substitute. Yet the strike is both economically and morally wrong.

It is economically wrong because it benefits neither side. Labor and management both lose in any strike. The benefits won seldom repay, the money lost by laborers.

Morally, a strike is little different than a holdup at the point of a gun. From an ethical standpoint we can see little distinction between using a gun to take a man's pocketbook, and using economic force to seize his capital.

Labor has every right to fight for a just and equitable wage and for suitable working conditions. It has a right to seek a fair share of the profits for which it is responsible. There currently exists no method or procedure other than a strike when its rights are threatened.

Management, on the other hand, can rightfully claim in many cases that demands made upon it are unfair.

This leaves no alternative other than a fight in which everyone loses.

We suppose, under existing conditions, that strikes are inevitable. Labor should not be deprived of a defensive weapon.

It would seem, however, that the time has come for both labor and management to make a sincere attempt to devise some method for handling differences rather than by procedure which violates both economic and moral principles, while seriously damaging national economy.

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For President, That Is



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—Eric Johnston, who vacillates between doing chores for the Truman Administration and being boss of the Motion Picture Association of America, is taking Hollywood underground in its fight against Communists—if any.

Johnston, a few days ago, rallied a number of Hollywood movie moguls into a secret powwow for the purpose of putting the heat on the American Legion, a national commander, Donald Wilson, who has encouraged the Legion's anti-Communist fight. That fight now includes the picketing of a Washington motion picture house for presenting a Hollywood opus loaded with left-wingers and worse. This is the Legion, first effort to picket a theater and it has Johnston and his bosses gnawing on their fingertips.

One other reason for Johnston momentarily abandoning the Fair Deal for the job he gets paid for is that some movie producers are getting slightly daft over the intensity of Howard Hughes anti-Communist fight.

Hughes, boss of the huge RKO Studio, is beginning to clip Communists off the payroll at an alarming rate. Right now, an ex-employee of RKO, Paul Jarrico, is suing Hughes because he refused to allow Jarrico's name to appear on a film after Jarrico refused to answer the 64 question about his alleged Communist affiliations in testimony before congressional investigators.

Hughes has taken the FBI and other government agencies and congressional committees at their word. He thinks Communists and the Moscow stooges who have done everything except actually join the party are dangerous to the nation's security. He has vowed to bounce them when he finds them in his shop, which is more than most of the studios have done. Several of the notorious Hollywood ten were fired, but in name only. Actually, they were allowed to go on writing movie scripts, in some cases, by using the simple subterfuge of another name.

The Legion Commander didn't knuckle under. In fact, the Legion is considering an expansion of its picketing activities, since this hits the producers who love the Reds and their playmates right where it hurts—in the pocketbook.

The Justice Department has borrowed one of Major General Harry Vaughan's deep freezes to store reference to the grief that came into her own life last year through a fishing accident "I have long been of the opinion that fishermen going out in boats should wear lifebelts. How many lives would be saved if such were required by law. It is a subject very close to my heart, having lost my brother, John Allen Adams and my nephew Donald Smith of Elkton Oregon last May while they were fishing. What can we do to arouse our men folk to the danger of negligence about wearing lifebelts while fishing? Let us hope that many read this article and heeded the warning there."

I, too, hope many read and heeded Mr. McBride's warning words, and the warning also in the text quoted from bright red placards put up by the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce in another Scrap about the same time.

The number of sports fishermen who lost their lives in the Bay area last year totalled eleven. This in spite of every effort made by the U.S. Coast Guard, efforts not always appreciated by the venture-some ones who are so sure they know what they are doing.

## In the Day's News

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the boys in the shop said to me: "Any good news today?"

I answered flippantly: "There hasn't been any GOOD news in years."

I was wrong. The copy I held in my hand contained a dispatch relating that Racketeer Costello who for years has beaten efforts to put him behind bars was CONVICTED last night of contempt of the senate and faces ten years in prison.

That is good news. It is ALWAYS good news when wrongdoers are punished. Only by punishing WRONGDOING can we maintain a moral society.

But there was a FLY in the ointment. The dispatch telling of Costello's conviction contained this paragraph:

"Government Prosecutor Miles J. Lane, who finally tripped the Italian-born racketeer, hailed the jury's verdict of guilty as a 'turning point'—he said it is proof that no man, no matter how cunning or powerful he may seem to be, CAN BE BIGGER THAN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF."

I wish he hadn't put it that way. I wish he had said: "NO ONE man can be bigger than THE PEOPLE."

I'm frankly scared of a federal government that is BIGGER THAN ANY ONE MAN. I can't help thinking of Gaiman Par, the enlightened and liberal editor, and publisher of La Prensa, who was driven into exile after his great newspaper had been confiscated by the dictatorially powerful (TOO powerful) government of Argentina.

This dispatch is from New York—and if you read it understandingly you will agree that it is significant of the times we live in: "Everybody STOOD AROUND in the stock market today (Saturday) and did virtually nothing. Prices moved over a range covered by a major fraction either way. Many leading stocks held unchanged throughout the session, and many more didn't even trade at all."

The approaching steel strike was the cause of the doldrums. The strike is set for midnight Tuesday, and the steel companies already have started shutdown operations.

They're wondering if STEEL IS TO BE NATIONALIZED—as in England—for the government has threatened you know, to SEIZE the steel plants if their owners refuse to meet the terms laid down by the government for settling the strike.

In England, nationalizing of steel and other industries followed a vigorous political campaign in which NATIONALIZATION was frankly and admittedly the issue.

There the people deliberately CHOSE SOCIALISM by their ballots. Here SOCIALISM IS CREEPING UP ON BY STEALTH. Our federal government already holds the railroads—and has held them for a long time. By this time next week, it may hold the steel industry.

That would be a long step toward socialism—and yet the American people have NEVER signified by their votes in an election in which that was frankly the issue that they want socialism.

Here in the West, the federal government already owns approximately half of our total land area. In the frightening Santa Margarita case down in Southern California, it is reaching for ownership of the WATER, without which ALL of our land would be valueless.

The federal government already has seized the railroads. It is threatening now to seize the steel industry. What industry will be the NEXT to be seized?

I, for one, don't like the trend. It scares me.

The word "Yankee" was first applied by the Dutch to a shrewd, tricky fellow, according to a generally accepted version of its origin.

## Fish And Floods Or Action That Could Wipe Out Both, Issue On Hell's Canyon Dam

By JOHN KAMES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is it better to have fish and floods or to take action that could eliminate both.

That question—always a controversial one—probably will come up when House Interior subcommittee resumes hearings in May or June on a bill to authorize federal construction of the Hells Canyon Dam in the Snake River.

Indians, sports fishermen and commercial fishers always question any proposal to build dams on Northwest rivers where salmon spawn.

They maintain that many dams cut off salmon runs to spawning grounds.

An engineer testified Thursday, shortly before the week-long hearing recessed, that the Hells Canyon site on the Idaho-Oregon border isn't the best for power production and flood control.

Consulting engineer Holland Houston of Olympia, Wash., said dams at several other sites would be more effective.

He said five dams in the Snake and one in the north fork of the Clearwater, a Snake tributary, could be built for 390 million dollars, which would be the approximate price of Hells Canyon and a necessary power transmission line.

But others say only at Hells Canyon can engineers raise a dam that won't block salmon on their way to spawn.

The six dams would produce more power than Hells Canyon and do more to control floods far downstream in the Columbia, Houston said.

The Idaho Power Co. wants to build dams at the five Snake River sites, which would be flooded by the Hells Canyon project.

The Clearwater project, Koskia Dam, has been approved by government engineers in the long range development program for the Columbia and its tributaries.

Among other dams which Houston rated as better than Hells Canyon from a flood control standpoint is Nez Perce, below the juncture of the Snake and Salmon Rivers.

Nez Perce also is in the government's comprehensive development plan, which would cost several billion dollars.

Houston said these dams would be better because the Salmon and Clearwater Rivers carry more flood waters than the Snake, which is depleted by irrigation.

Another Substitute Advised  
Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho), has suggested still another substitute for Hells Canyon. He wants the committee to consider Mountain Sheep Dam, above the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers.

Dworshak said Mountain Sheep Dam, a half-billion dollar job, would generate more power than Hells Canyon.

When they return to the hearing for questioning by committee members.

## Puppet Shows At Camas Valley Successful

By JEAN YODER

The puppet movies shown at Camas Valley Methodist Church April 2 by their originators Mabel and Les Beaton played to a capacity crowd.

Mabel Beaton, formerly Mabel Brown of Coos Bay, introduced each picture while her husband superintended the work at the theater. The Irwin Thrush of Camas Valley ran the projector.

At the reception following the pictures, many of the Camas Valley people met Mr. and Mrs. Beaton, who live in Rye, N.Y., and were visiting relatives in the Valley. Mrs. Beaton was particularly interested in seeing the new crop of cousins, many of them among the children in the front rows.

An offering for the Camas Valley Church was collected. Mr. and Mrs. Beaton donated their time and the use of the films.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bertraw, Camas Valley News Brief: visited the Ernest Booth family Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mrs. Booth plans to return to Eugene with the Bertraws for a visit.

## Senate Payroll Publicity Sought By Sen. Morse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators got advance notice Saturday they soon will be asked to reopen their own Senate office payrolls for public inspection.

Sen. Morse (R-Ore.), told a reporter he will offer a floor amendment to the annual congressional appropriation bill aimed at full disclosure.

"The official Senate payrolls should be open to voters because they supply the funds," Morse said. "They have a right to know who is employed and what they are paid by each senator."

The official payrolls of all House members now are open to inspection by the public and reporters, but this information has been denied by Senate officials since 1947.

Morse and a few other lawmakers have chided the Senate for investigating almost everybody else, in and out of government, and then dropping an iron curtain over their own offices.

Public Suspicion Growing  
"This and other moves could do much to remove the growing public suspicion that some few officials are not living up to ethical standards on public affairs," Morse said.

Morse said he will offer a rider to the Senate money bill requiring that none of the funds be used unless Senate officials keep a public record constantly available on names and salaries of persons getting the funds.

Morse would go even further by requiring public financial disclosures by members of Congress and all other government officials earning \$10,000 or more a year.

## Crooked Grain Dealer Gets Fine, Prison Term

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Herman Dawson, youthful Fort Worth grain dealer, received a total of \$15,000 in fines and three years in prison for conviction of putting government-owned grain to his own use. Federal Judge Joe B. Dooley sentenced the 36-year-old president of the Plains Grain and Storage Co. to three years each on eight counts of a 16-count indictment, but the sentences run concurrently.

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