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TRUCK STRIKE

Charles V. Stanton

The current strike of AFL teamsters will have one favorable aspect. It will cause the public to realize how important the trucking industry is to our national economy and way of life.

Though the strike is only a few days old, many businesses and industries already are affected, some critically. Some manufacturing plants reportedly are preparing to shut down for the duration of the strike.

Our production machine is geared to truck transportation. Few manufacturers make all the parts entering into their products. An automobile, for example, contains hundreds of parts all made by separate factories specializing on one or more components of motor vehicles. Manufacturers rely on commercial truck lines to deliver these parts to the assembly lines. When the transportation link breaks the whole production machine grinds to a halt.

Even the newspaper is affected.

The strike has caused cancellation of several advertisements previously scheduled for *The News-Review*.

Merchandise Supplies

A firm handling a food product can't get its merchandise to its local dealers. If the dealers do not have this merchandise, there is no reason why it should be advertised. Another business, planning to offer premiums to customers, is unable to get the premiums to its representatives, so its introductory campaign is postponed.

Cancellation of these advertisements affects the newspaper financially. Also affected are the dealers and representatives of the firms who lack the means for distributing their products.

These cases furnish an example of the way in which both transportation and advertising affect our lives.

Our business and production systems are very complex and closely related. When any cog in the machine fails to function, the effects are widespread.

Few people, however realize the reliance we put in truck transportation. Until something happens to the trucking industry we don't fully appreciate our dependence upon it.

It was only a few years ago that we were tied to railroads. Our population was centered within a comparatively few miles of rail lines. Then, with the coming of the automobile, we began building roads. Settlements developed at considerable distance from railroads. Highways opened up vast areas which previously were able to support only limited population.

Truck Industry Developed

Improved highways made possible the development of the trucking industry. The growth of that industry has been a modern industrial miracle. Strong rivalry and competition has developed between the trucking and railroad industries. A very substantial portion of the country's freight is handled by trucks. And though the motorist may fume because of the great number of huge transports on the highways, he finds, when the trucks no longer operate, that they are vital to his comfort and welfare.

I have no opinion of the merit of claims involved in the current dispute. I do know, however, that both sides will lose, for no one ever benefits from a strike. A strike is like burning up dollar bills, their value being lost forever. Losses suffered by business and industry, can never be recovered.

It is to be hoped a settlement will soon be reached. The Pacific Northwest took enough beating last year from the strike in the lumber industry. This year promises to set new production and economic records. But those prospects can be critically dampened if we experience prolonged labor trouble.

The truck strike does not confine its damages to the disputants. Because of our dependence upon the truck industry, the strike affects every business and individual everywhere. Both sides, naturally, count upon this situation to develop favorable pressures. But both labor and management should realize their responsibility to the public and to the national economy and do everything possible to hasten an end to the dispute.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Anybody can be an unsuccessful author.

All you have to do is sit down and write a book. If nobody publishes it, you are automatically unsuccessful. And if somebody does publish it, the odds are at least 99-1 you still will be an unsuccessful author.

Successful authors are as rare as successful inventors. Whether successful or not, actual authors tend to be melancholy, dyspeptic individuals ridden with a feeling of persecution. They are sure their publishers are scoundrels, and that the entire world is linked in a gigantic conspiracy to drop their latest book down a deep dark well of silence.

The real way to win happiness in the literary field is to become an expectant author—and remain one. An expectant author is one who has a book in mind, or partly under way, but never quite gets around to finishing it. He has all the pleasures of authorship, but suffers none of its pangs or penalties.

I have been an expectant author for 20 years now, and can't think of a more satisfying hobby. It brings you much more prestige and personal satisfaction than if you actually did bring out a book. The most wounding question an actual author hears—and he hears it all the time—is the blunt demand, "How is your book doing—how many copies has it sold?" This is like asking a proud young mother how many teeth her baby has when it still has none at all. An expectant author writhes under no such torture. His brainchild never has to suffer the insulting

verdict of the market place. The most direct question anyone can ask him is, "When is your book actually coming out?" And you can easily parry this by frowning and replying, "Not until I polish up that last chapter, I'm afraid."

But, by and large, people are amazingly solicitous toward an expectant author, just as they are toward expectant mothers. He usually gets nothing but sympathy. Since word has got around that he "has a book under his skin," he is invited to the literary teas and cocktail parties and meets real authors and publishers on equal terms. They may be morose and worried over book sales, but such affairs are a real delight to him. Writing a book is hard work, but talking about writing a book can be quite relaxing.

As a matter of fact, over the years people get mixed up about your actual status. You have been an expectant author for so long they forget this and come to believe you have written a number of books and are a successful author. They even become a little jealous of you. I never try to correct this impression.

The safest subject to talk about when you are merely a potential author is book titles. Every author

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Eighty per cent of the American people want the United States to stay in the United Nations. Only 5 per cent think the U.S. should pull out. The other 15 per cent haven't made up their minds.

Only 7 per cent of the American people have never heard of the United Nations. Of the other 93 per cent 80 per cent can name one or more of its purposes.

The major image of the United Nations in the minds of the American people is that it is an organization intended to keep the peace.

In the way of improving the U.N., 85 per cent of the American people think the veto should not be used to keep nonmember countries from joining, 54 per cent think the U.S. should be given control over atomic energy, 49 per cent think the U.N. should be given more power to control the armed forces of all nations, only 17 per cent favor a stronger world government organization, and only 7 per cent favor the admission of Communist China.

THESE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS of a new compilation of over 100 polls that have been taken on U.N. issues during the last 18 years by seven public opinion research organizations.

The studies were made by Stephen B. Withey and William A. Scott of the University of Michigan Survey Research Center.

As a result of those studies, it is possible to make a fever chart on how American approval and disapproval of the U.N. have fluctuated since its creation in 1945.

The U.N. started off in 1946 with about 40 per cent of the American people supporting it. This dropped to 25 per cent by the end of the year when Soviet Russia began to throw its vetoes around and it looked as if the U.N. would be a big flop.

AMERICAN APPROVAL ROSE gradually to 50 per cent by 1949. Right after war broke out in Korea in mid-1950 and the U.N. stepped into the picture to check Communist aggression, support rose to 65 per cent.

U.N. support dropped to 30 per cent when Communist China came into the war and it became a stalemate.

Since the signing of the Korean cease-fire agreement, American support for the U.N. has risen back up to the 60 per cent level.

Over this same ten-year period, disapproval of the U.N. as expressed in American public opinion polls has declined from its high of 55 per cent after the Berlin blockade by Russia and after Red China entered the Korean war, to 20 per cent today.

In general, Professors Withey, Scott and their associates conclude Americans who have favored getting out of the U.N., and the number who favor staying in have remained about the same over the ten-year period.

COLLEGE GRADUATES and people of high income are found to be more dissatisfied with U.N. performance. These are the people who know more about world affairs, think about them more and have higher ideals on what U.N. should be.

Americans who are dissatisfied with the U.N. record to date are reported as two-thirds in favor of strengthening the U.N. to one-third in favor of U.S. withdrawal.

The long-term growth of Amer-

Southern Douglas Veterans Slate Memorial Service

A Memorial Day service will be conducted by the veterans of Southern Douglas County May 30 at 11 a.m. in the All Vets' Memorial Building, at Tri-City.

The services this year are sponsored by Fallon Post 123, American Legion and Thacker-Walker Post 7752, V. F. W. of Meritt Creek, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans. The services are open to the public and anyone is invited to place a bouquet or wreath at the memorial cross. Flowers may be removed after the ceremonies.

The Rev. Harold Russell will give the main address. Master of ceremonies will be Walter McFarland. Ministers from Days Creek and Tiller will give the opening and closing prayer. Gun salutes and taps will be given by the Myrtle Creek explorer scouts.

Those interested are asked to assemble at 10:30. Immediately after the ceremonies, the group will go to Primer Bridge to cast flowers on the water in honor of the deceased who were in the Navy. Ceremonies will be held in the building in case of rain.

has trouble with titles.

"Don't know, quite what to call my little opus," you say, offhand. "I rather lean to 'The Will of Ecstasy,' but I suppose it will probably end up 'Joy Swamp.'"

But conversation at a literary tea can sometimes get you in a ditch. During one such gathering someone asked me what I was working on, and on the spur of the moment I answered airily:

"Oh, I'm toying around with a little volume on self-improvement. I think I'll call it 'How to be a Man in a Woman's World.'"

"Sounds good," said a publisher. "Let me have first look at it, will you?"

Well, believe it or not, I had the very devil of a time getting rid of that publisher. He kept hounding me for months to deliver the book.

That's the biggest danger an expectant author meets—a publisher who actually wants him to sit down and really write a book. This is a temptation it is necessary to fight down manfully, or your whole way of life will be ruined. If you want to stay a happy, cheerful, well-balanced expectant author you have to make up your mind firmly to take the credit—and let the cash go. Publish a book and you merely become another one of the herd.

ican opinion in favor of some form of world organization is noted. In 1937, some 23 per cent of the people thought the U.S. should join the League of Nations. During World War II 70 per cent thought there should be some form of world organization.

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

The bill which started out to be a law to create a system of compulsory military training came out of Committee as a voluntary training bill. As reported to the Floor it was principally for the purpose of strengthening the military reserve system.

Although not compulsory so far as requiring service by boys between the ages of 17 and 19, the bill does require a reserve obligation of up to 7½ years by those who volunteer or are drafted. I reported some of the details of the bill in a weekly letter a few weeks ago.

The bill ran into considerable trouble on the Floor. Some disliked it because it was not a genuine U.M.T. bill. Some objected because it had too much compulsion in it (the compulsory service in the reserve). Some Members expressed the opinion in debate that enactment of the bill would be detrimental to the National Guard.

The debate also revealed that there is actually some confusion in the minds of Committee Members themselves as to just what the effect some of the provisions in the bill might be.

After two days of debate the House simply decided to defer further consideration to a later date. That action did not kill the bill—it can be brought up again at any time. It seems likely that the Committee Members and proponents of the bill will a little time to study the record of the debate and the objections, perhaps with the idea of doing some revising.

When I read the bill and the Committee report I felt it was a reasonable piece of legislation which would create a strong reserve system and I was prepared to vote for it but after hearing the debate it seems to me the bill should have further technical consideration by the Committee and its staff experts.

It is never safe to predict what the Congress will do but I am going to risk predicting that my bill (and the others like it) stop bogus mining claim filings on public lands will be quickly passed by both Houses of Congress.

When the House Interior Committee opened the public hearings on the bill, the hearing room was nearly filled with people who were there to give testimony. The Chairman asked how many witnesses wished to appear in opposition. No one was opposed to the bill.

As I have previously reported, the pending bills represent a satisfactory compromise of the differences of opinion as to how the desired results could be achieved which have so long prevented the passage of such a law.

When the majority leadership of the House insisted that the Alaska and Hawaii statehood bills should be considered in one bill, and that the one package had to be voted upon without any opportunity for amendment I opposed the gag rule on the Floor and voted to send the combined bill back to Committee. I believe these two statehood bills should be considered separately and under separate rules which would permit amendments. On that basis I think each one might pass. It seems likely that an effort will be made to do this—perhaps early in the session next year.

57 Myrtle Creek High Students Receive Diplomas

Fifty-seven Myrtle Creek students received their high school diplomas this week at a commencement in the Myrtle Creek gym, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

The Rev. Wayne Brown gave the invocation and the Rev. Dorsey Dent the benediction. Salutatorian was Virginia Eskridge and Linda Weaver gave the valedictory. Myrtle Creek High School band played the introduction, the recessional and processionals.

Dr. Robert Clark from the University of Oregon gave the main speech, "Tune of the Hickory Stick." His remarks to the largest graduating class in history were summed up with the contention that "Education is essential to a Democratic society."

Mrs. Harry Lampert, Myrtle Creek PTA president, presented the PTA scholarship to Linda Weaver. Linda, also received a scholarship from the University. Other scholarships were announced by R. J. Kave, high school principal. Larry Henderson received a scholarship from Oregon State-Hermosa. Sellick, one from Marv-hurst College and Paul Hatcher received a scholarship from Oregon Technical Institute.

Supt. Al Neet presented the graduation class, and Clark Stokes Jr., school board chairman, presented the diplomas.

Five-State Conference Of AFL League Called

SEATTLE (AP) — A call for a five-state conference of the AFL Labor's League for Political Education at Boise, Idaho, was announced here Tuesday.

Evan M. Weston, president of the Washington State Federation of Labor, said the session has been set for June 25 by the national head of the League. The states involved are Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Patterson Says He Hasn't Made Up Mind On Whether To Run Against Sen. Morse

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Republican leaders, who look upon Gov. Paul L. Patterson as their hope of defeating Sen. Wayne L. Morse next year, won't find out until next fall if the governor will run.

The governor says he hasn't made up his mind yet, and wouldn't announce if he had.

"There are a lot of questions that have to be answered before I decide if I will run against Morse," Patterson said. "And even if I had made up my mind, which I can honestly say I haven't, I wouldn't make any announcement before next fall."

Last January, the report got out that President Eisenhower had asked Gov. Patterson and Arthur B. Langlie of Washington to run for the Senate.

At that time, Patterson and Langlie had breakfast with the President at the White House. The request was supposed to have been made at that time.

"Politics wasn't even mentioned at that breakfast," Patterson says. "We talked with the President about the Formosan resolution, which had just been passed by Congress, and about education problems. That is all."

"The President never has asked me to run for the Senate," Patterson said that much of the speculation centered more on Gov. Langlie than it has on Patterson.

The reason, he thinks, is that Langlie, who says he won't run for governor again, will be finishing his term next year. But Patterson's term won't end until after the 1958 election.

Patterson didn't elaborate on the questions he wants answered before he decides whether to run.

The governor said that everywhere he goes, people ask him if he'll run. Every Republican politician who drops in at the Capitol says that Patterson, who won an easy victory for re-election last November, must run if the GOP is to defeat Morse.

While the Republicans are still dazed over the election of Democratic Richard L. Neuberger to the Senate last year, they realize they must work as they have never worked before.

The other day, a Multnomah County Republican official said: "We've a tremendous job to do. We're behind the eight ball now, and it's going to take superhuman work just to pull up even with the Democrats."

There's another angle to this political picture. It is: What will Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry do? Newberry, a Republican, can't run for re-election because he's served all of the time allowed by the Constitution.

He loves politics. But he hasn't said if he wants to run for office again.

If Patterson doesn't run against Morse, Newberry might make the race. But it's doubtful that Newberry would run against Patterson in the primary. Newberry did that a year ago, and Patterson defeated him badly.

On the other side, the Democrats are extremely confident.

Let's keep the facts straight. The compies are merely chang-

ing their tactics. Their ultimate purpose remains the same: TO MAKE THIS A COMMUNIST WORLD.

Still — Talking is cheaper than shooting. Let's talk as long as we can. Maybe we can keep on talking until its fundamental internal rottenness SPREADS and destroys the whole structure of communism. But let's expect no miracles.

I suppose you're upset and disillusioned and considerably worried by the ruckus over the polio vaccine situation. Everybody is. It looks like something that promised to be beautiful and wonderful is winding up in a mess.

Here's a bit of advice: Let's be patient. It took more than 100 YEARS for Edward Jenner's smallpox vaccine to banish the deadly fear of smallpox. His first successful vaccination was in 1796. A century later, smallpox was still feared unbelievably.

We're trying to make the Salk polio vaccine successful in about 100 DAYS.

The modern world moves fast — but not that fast.

VOTES SPECIAL FUND

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The World Health Assembly voted Tuesday night to set up a special fund to be used in attempting to drive malaria from the earth. Governments will be asked to contribute to the fund in addition to their regular allotments.

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