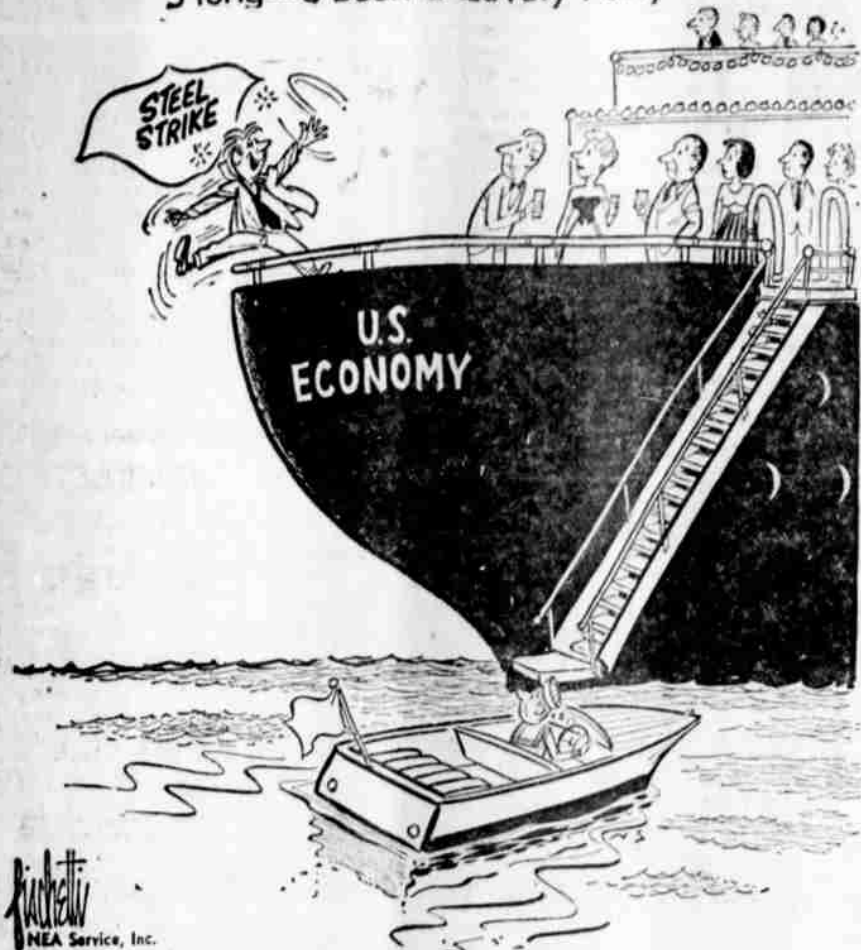


'S'long---S'been a Lovely Party'



EDITORIAL PAGE

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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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Maybe More Than Meets The Eye

So La Grande is about to lose commercial air service. Don't shed too many tears.

Economically, it will be hardly noticed. As a matter of prestige, it will, and it may alter somewhat the Chamber of Commerce brochure.

Dr. William Pearce, local aviation expert, says the move by West Coast Airlines was inevitable and he panned the service rendered this area by the commercial feeder line.

"One could make almost as much time by buckboard to Portland as via West Coast," he says. Give some people a fast auto and an open road and they could get under the wire before West Coast Airlines.

It is expected that more than just loss of operating revenue meets the eye in West Coast's application before the Civil

Aeronautics Board to suspend its feeder line service at La Grande.

It could be politics of a sort, not the type practiced in the bigtime arena, but more of a regional nature.

As another local figure put it: "Watch the airlines put the squeeze play on Baker, Pendleton, Ontario and Boise." West Coast, should it receive approval from CAB, and that seems a foregone conclusion, we lost to Baker officials. "You're next, we lost operating capital at La Grande; either help us perk up business or lose our service."

The same could hold true for Ontario, Pendleton and Boise.

If it's money they are losing at La Grande, they're justified in wanting to pull out. However, there may be other things not yet mentioned by the line.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Congressional Vigor In '41 Banned U. S. Steel Strike

WASHINGTON — Behind the valiant efforts of Prof. George W. Taylor to end the steel strike has been the precedent of Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who kept the railroads and the Railroad Brotherhoods together for 30 continuous hours in 1941 and finally prevented a nationwide railroad strike on the eve of Pearl Harbor.

Morse, then a professor at the University of Oregon, bottled up the railroad presidents and the Brotherhood executives into six rooms in the Raleigh Hotel here until they came to an agreement on December 6.

Neither they nor anyone else except the Japanese warlords knew that next day the Japanese fleet would precipitate war. Had Morse failed, Pearl Harbor would have found the nation in the throes of the worst railroad strike in history.

However, there is one great difference between the powers Morse exercised and those given George Taylor. Taylor is also a University professor (Pennsylvania) and an extremely able labor negotiator. He was responsible for the little steel formula during the war. But under the Taft-Hartley act he has had no power to act as arbitrator or mediator, or even make a recommendation. The Taft-Hartley act forbids it.

On the other hand, Senator Morse was acting under the railroad Labor act, which gives authority to an emergency board to make specific recommendations for settlement.

Senator Morse, recalling the 1941 railroad labor crisis, told this reporter: "Under the Taft-Hartley act, George Taylor has had to run around with his hat in his hand pleading with both parties to let him try to bring them together. He can't do anything unless they agree. This was one reason I opposed the Taft-Hartley act, and proposed an Emergency Disputes act instead."

"This would provide a mediator with the power to render decisions. Both management and labor opposed this on the ground that it was compulsory arbitration. However, when mediation fails and the health and safety of the nation are imperiled, then government has to step in. That's what government is for and that's what Congress may have to re-examine next January."

People-To-People

A lot of people have written that they are acting immediately on the idea of sending copies of the October 5 Life magazine to Moscow with their names and addresses on them as an indication of our desire to get better acquainted with the Russian people.

This is the issue with Khrushchev's photo on the front cover inspecting corn in Iowa. It contains a lot of other photos of Mr. K's welcome in the USA, showing quite clearly that the majority of American people were friendly and just as anxious for peace with the Russian people as Mr. K says the Russians are for peace with us.

This issue of Life also contains some other articles which will intrigue the Russian people—including the papers of Benjamin Franklin, the story of a new Japanese dance troupe at Las Vegas, a wild ride by boat down the Colorado River, photos of our New X-15, and some shots of Nelson Rockefeller politicking at a class reunion at Dartmouth. There are also two crime stories which don't make us look so good, but it never pays to pretend we're perfect.

The above sounds as if I were a public relations man for Life, which I'm not. As a matter of fact the Time-Life combine has panned me unmercifully for some years. I just happen to think that sending this issue to Moscow by the thousands is a good way to act on Mr. K's repeated statement that he wants peace and friendship between the American and Russian people.

The magazine can be mailed, unsealed, for 22 cents ordinary mail; \$3.31 air mail; to Georgi Zhukov, Chairman of the state Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Moscow. I've cabled him to expect a lot of copies for distribution to the Russian people. We'll see if he means business.

How Times Change!

Public memory is short. But some of those who watched the famed televised Army-McCarthy hearings which led to the censure of the senator from Wisconsin, may have had their memory jogged when they saw another interesting television shot of David Schine and his papa welcoming Premier Khrushchev to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. If David and Meyer Schine didn't kiss the Soviet prime minister it was only because Mr. K

SOFT SOAPED

CHICAGO (UPI)—An Ohio factory "soft soaped" its employees into cutting down accidents. The National Safety Council said the factory passed out free bars of soap to all employees with the slogan "Keep your safety record clean."

REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago, the La Grande High School Tigers won their second Blue Mountain League grid game, 58-0, against a smaller Enterprise eleven.

Nine railroad pensioners were honored here. They were Charles Norby, engineer; Frank Pike, engineer; John Carlson, engineer; Charles Norden, section foreman; Peter Biever, engineer; John O'Meara, B & E foreman; William Fergus, conductor; Mrs. Ruth Wodds, agent, and Edward Jacobson, engineer.

Mrs. Martha Cole hosted the Kilcare Klub with bridge. Top winners were Mrs. Florence Stobke and Mrs. Louise Worrel.

... 15 years ago, a major fire flattened 50 city blocks in Cleveland, killing at least 100 persons and destroying \$10,000,000 in property.

The Yanks invaded The Philippines successfully, with the infantry using flame throwers.

Soroptimist Club sponsored lecture at La Grande High School, with Mrs. O. R. Chambers of Oregon State College the speaker. Proceeds derived went to the E. C. Brown Trust of the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland.

Capt. Ralph Floberg, highly decorated La Grande serviceman, paid a visit to his wife, the former Judy Siegrist, and her family here. He was local high school grad and saw service in the Pacific.

La Grande's Tigers remained unbeaten with a 26-0 rout of Mac-Hi.

ANTI-SEMITISM COSTLY

AACHEN, Germany (UPI)—A court Monday convicted tax official Erich Tasche, 42, of insulting West German Socialist Leader Erich Ollenhauer and making anti-Semitic statements. He was sentenced to four months in prison.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

CHICAGO — New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller when asked if he was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination: "I am not now a candidate for the presidency. I but I appreciate your asking me. I was beginning to feel neglected."

WASHINGTON — Rocket expert Werner von Braun in denouncing government indecision in the nation's space program: "If we continue at this leisurely pace, we will have to pass Russian customs when we land on the moon."

WETHERSFIELD, Conn. — Sex slayer George J. Davies in retracting his confession to a second murder minutes before he was executed: "I didn't want to go with this lie on my conscience."

CHICAGO — Edward L. strange, treasurer and manager of the Chicago Daily News Employees Credit Union after confessing he

Ullman In Talk At Enterprise

ENTERPRISE (UPI)—Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) spoke here Tuesday on the theme again of natural resources. He declared that the United States must meet its resource responsibilities "as Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot did at the turn of the century."

Ullman, a member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, said "we desperately need new guide lines and a new and revitalized national policy if we hope to wisely conserve what remains. The mid-century re-evaluation of American resource policies is long overdue."

The congressman had speaking engagements scheduled today and Thursday in Bend and Redmond and Friday and Saturday he planned a visit in Klamath county, mishandled \$225,000:

"I spent the money foolishly on high living."

WASHINGTON — Former President Truman at the funeral of the late Gen. George C. Marshall:

"Honor has no modifying adjectives — a man has it or he hasn't. Gen. Marshall had it."

Non-Surgical Method Cures Hemorrhoids Painlessly

A relatively painless, non-surgical method of treating hemorrhoids (piles) is working therapeutic miracles for thousands who suffer from rectal and colon disorders.

A recently developed electronic treatment is proving more effective than surgery, with none of the after effects of surgery.

The treatment requires no

hospitalization or confinement. Patients show marked improvement almost immediately, and uncomplicated cases can be frequently corrected in as little as 10 days.

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Post Stirred To Action On Obscene Mail

The Post Office Department is frustrated by having to carry and deliver, unknowingly, all manner of obscene mail order material that is sold to teenagers. The filth goes out in plain envelopes. So it can't be detected enroute.

The situation has gotten so bad that Congress is working on the problem along with the Post Office department, trying to devise some ways to curb a trade so vile that, in the words of one congressional group, "it serves to weaken the moral fibre of the future leaders of our nation."

This is something for all parents to be concerned about. It is more than mere pictures of nude women. One women's group visiting in Washington, D.C., were

shown the Post Office Department's "collection" as a shocker. They were shocked. Anyone would be.

The best attack lies in vigilance on the part of parents. Sometimes a boy will send away for something entirely innocent — such as a model airplane kit — and get an advertisement for pornography instead. Such ads in the hands of the postal authorities can lead to arrests. Every postmaster has been alerted to accept with thanks any evidence of this illicit trade and to promise that every lead will be followed promptly. The Post Office Department is thoroughly angered about obscenity in the mails and justifiably so.

Credit Cards Affirm American's Honesty

Most people are honest. This is the reason the present spurge in credit cards is so popular with those willing to extend credit.

There are exceptions, of course. New York City police arrested a young man last week who undertook a lavish tour that touched at such divergent points as Montreal, Havana, and Las Vegas.

The 19-year-old factory clerk took two months off and spent \$10,000—all on a credit card. The card provided such things as hotel suites, clothes for himself and a mink stole for a girl friend. The spree ended when authorities discovered the chap's credit was not good. It is estimated that 85 per cent of credit card holders pay their bills promptly.

Of the other 15 per cent only a small number are crooked. Those deliberately dishonest card carriers are estimated to run about three per cent.

To close down on this minority of free-loaders credit bureaus continue to update their files. These bureaus report on such things as the applicant's largest purchase and his "pay habits"; they are being asked frequently to act as the collection agent for their clients.

The business of credit bureaus and credit card distributors will continue to flourish as long as the great majority of us continue to be honest. The prospects of this are pretty good, aren't they?