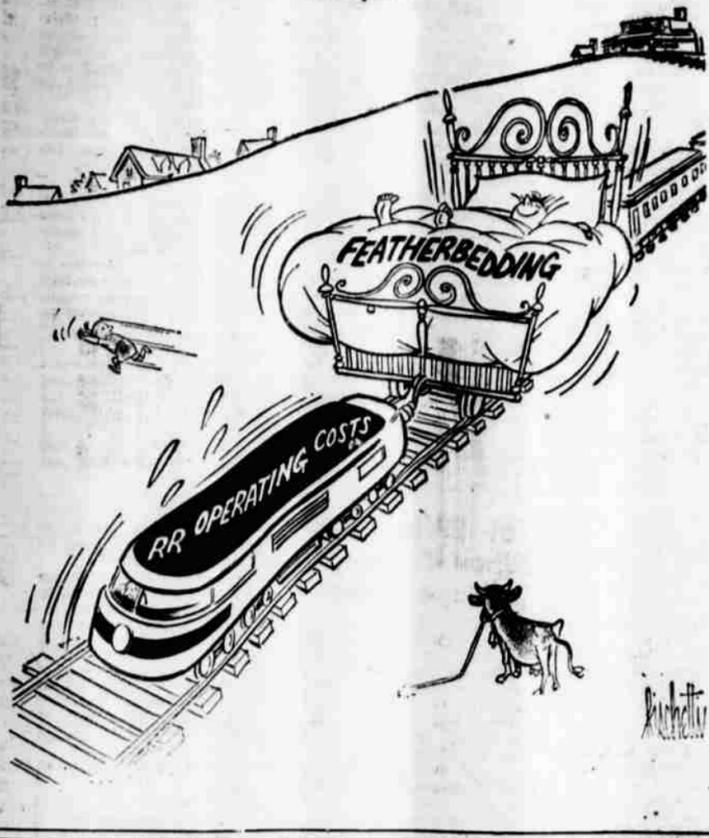


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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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N.W. Personal Income Gains Lag

One of the factors considered by a big corporation before it attempts to offer its goods or services in a particular area or a given state is the income level of consumers in the location selected.

On another scale, investors are being advised to go where the money is, give some weight to the per capita income in the locality where the products or services of the enterprise are sold.

How does the Northwest stack up with other states in the nation on the score of per capita personal income?

According to the National Conference Board figures for the period 1950-58, the per capita personal income figure in the state of Oregon rose from \$1,602 to \$2,006 for a 25.2 per cent gain.

In Washington the per capita figure rose from \$671 to \$2,160 or an increase

of 29.3 per cent; Idaho showed an increase from \$1,279 to \$1,701 or 33 per cent and Montana, \$1,606 to \$1,920 or an increase of 19.6 per cent.

Of the 49 states and the District of Columbia (Alaska was excluded from the study) Washington ranks 12 in per capita personal income; Oregon 18th; Montana, 24th, and Idaho, 36th.

But, perhaps a more critical figure, Idaho ranked 36th in rate of gain; Washington, 41st; Oregon, 46th, and Montana, 49th.

If the investor and the big corporation is looking for growth potential, they may overlook the Pacific Northwest on the strength of such a report. The National Industrial Conference Board figures provide those concerned with economic development of the area with another study guide.

Compulsory Arbitration Dangerous To All

The Supreme Court handed down its decision—and eight to one it was a rare show of near-unanimity for the nation's highest court—in the steel case last week.

The court ruled the steel strike was, in fact, a danger to the defense program. And so steel workers started to put plants into operation all over the East.

Now men will work for 80 days, at least, while union and management are supposed to work out new contracts. And they had better get busy on the project.

Injunction periods have not had the desired effect in the past. The government has invoked Taft-Hartley 17 times since 1948, when it first used the law as a vehicle to head off a threatened atomic energy strike. In 13 of those cases it has obtained injunctions. In only 2 cases is it clear, according to the authoritative New York Times, that the injunction resulted in complete settlement during the 80-day no-strike period.

And in the wake of the steel strike, with Congress due to reconvene prior to the end of the 80 days, there is considerable outcry for compulsory arbitration as a solution to long strikes in industries vital to the nation.

The proposals take different forms. Senator Wayne Morris doesn't like compulsory arbitration, binding upon both parties, but his proposal is essentially that.

There is a very grave danger to all of us, both union man and management, in these proposals. Some other means must be found to handle matters of this type, for compulsion is definitely not the answer.

It is the right of every individual—

and of every group—to try to improve his wages, working and living conditions. But a point can be reached and was reached in this strike according to the Supreme Court, when the exercise of these rights is too expensive for the rest of us to bear.

The danger in compulsory arbitration is simply this:

To settle the strike the government appointed arbitrators must fix wages. Once this step has been taken the board will have to get into the fields of hours, working conditions and grievances.

Determining what wages are fair will inevitably lead to determining what prices are fair.

A government can not begin to fix wages without eventually having to fix prices. And once this is taken it is but a short move to government domination of an entire industry and then an entire economy.

A centralized society, in which the government fixes prices, wages, etc., is a totalitarian society.

And under these circumstances, we are not going to be much better off with a socialist totalitarian society than we would be with a fascist totalitarian society of the Hitler-Mussolini pattern.

Barbs

Any wife's simple definition of success is any other wife's husband.

Better not let your conscience be your guide if you haven't any.

A telephone pole fell on an auto in an Indiana town. Probably in self defense.

It's strange, but the best man at a wedding never is the groom.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Mexican President's Party Gets White House Brushoff

WASHINGTON—The White House has issued a denial—plus an alibi—that four Mexican ladies, members of President Lopez Mateos' party, were turned away from the White House doorstep when they arrived for luncheon with Mrs. Eisenhower.

As frequently happens, the denial only attracted more attention, and a more careful examination of the facts shows that the discourtesy shown the Mexican ladies was worse than at first reported.

Specifically, one of them was Senora Manuel Tello, wife of the foreign minister of Mexico. Long a resident of the United States when her husband was ambassador in Washington, she should have been so well known to the White House as to have been included in the luncheon even if it meant putting an extra chair at the table.

What actually happened was that the official program referred to Mrs. Eisenhower's luncheon for Senora Lopez Mateos as if it included the ladies in her party. But in order to make sure, the ladies asked Wiley Buchanan, chief of protocol. He said he was certain the four ladies were included. It seemed obvious that the wife of the foreign minister of Mexico should be included. However, to make certain, he wrote a letter to the White House. He never got a reply. From the fact that the White House didn't say no, he assumed the four ladies were included, and told them so.

They arrived at the White House, not because their chauffeur was following Senor Lopez Mateos' car, as the official denial alibid, but because the chauffeur was directed to drive there. The limousine then departed. When they were told they weren't wanted, the ladies had to leave in a taxi. A doorman at the White House was courteous enough to call one.

Because of this rebuff, and because they didn't want to be humiliated again, the Mexican ladies took the precaution of phoning Vice President Nixon's secretary to make certain they were included in the dinner he was giving for President Lopez Mateos that night. They were told that they were welcome. They attended the Nixon dinner and found that they were.

Tearing Up Old Glory

The American protest over Panama's failure to stop anti-American rioting was based upon a blunt report by Gov. W. E. Potter of the Canal Zone. He charged not only that the Panamanian police were ordered not to interfere, but that ex-foreign minister Aquilino Boyd, now running for president on an anti-American platform, incited the mob to tear down the American flag in front of the United States Embassy. Then Boyd personally ripped the Stars and Stripes into shreds.

Post Office vs. Western Union

President Eisenhower has cautioned Postmaster General Summerfield not to speed up the mails so fast with his new electronic gadgets that the government finds itself in competition with Western Union.

This was Ike's reaction to the facsimile machine which flashes letters across country in split seconds. It came after Western Union President Walter Marshall squawked to the White House that Summerfield was dancing on the tender toes of free enterprise. Marshall looks upon the letter-flashing device as simply an ad-

HOLD TIRE HEARINGS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A House small business subcommittee will hold hearings here Dec. 9-11 on practices by gasoline wholesalers and retailers in buying and selling auto tires, batteries and accessories.



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vanced form of telegraphy. He pointed out to the White House that private industry has operated the nation's telegraph service since another postmaster general in 1944 decided the telegraph was a toy and withdrew government financing.

The Western Union head even accused Summerfield, a stand-up and-shout defender of private enterprise of introducing "creeping socialism" into the post office.

Despite the yellow light from the White House, however, the irrepressible Summerfield is plunging ahead with his speed-up plans. He is seeking permission from the Federal Communications Commission to flash government correspondence between Washington, Detroit, and Battle Creek, Mich. Western Union has registered an angry protest.

Note: The electronic letter sender was developed by Intelec Corporation which Summerfield hired to help mechanize and modernize the post office. Intelec is a subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph which, like Western Union, is beginning to wonder what its corporate child has wrought.

Washington Pipeline

Shades of McCarthy still hover over the Pentagon! Wilfred McNeil, assistant secretary of defense for the budget, is retiring and a successor has been chosen—Frank B. Little, Jr., New York investment banker. Little has come to Washington to sit in on a high-level budget meeting to decide on the most important finance figure in the entire U. S. government—the cost of our military machine. But he can't sit. He has to wait outside. His security clearance has been held up by an ex-senator, ex-governor Earle Clements of Kentucky recently defeated the forces of Gov. Happy Chandler in Kentucky. On top of this he achieved a more important victory. He chaperoned his one-year-old grandson, diapers, bottle, and all, from Washington to Louisville, unassisted. Purely a stag party. . . . It looks as if the Caribbean might become a new Hollywood. The Cowles family with newspapers, radio and TV stations in Minneapolis, Des Moines, Hutchinson, Kans., Huntington, W. Va., are getting busy TV-wise in Puerto Rico. British interests, headed by Ivor Bryce, will start shooting an underwater spectacular in the British Bahamas next spring. This is the company, Kandu, which already has produced "The Day and the Bridge". The Cuban government also has \$5,000,000 earmarked to set up its own movie industry—if and when Castro ever settles the island back to normalcy. . . . Note—it isn't the climate that makes the Caribbean so attractive—it's the taxes.

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago, Coach Ira Woodie of the La Grande High School Tigers bemoaned the fact that he would lose 10 lettermen from the football team due to graduation.

Stated to graduate the following spring were Victor Bean, Jim Bruce, Bill Cantrell, Ralph DeBoie, Jack McClay, Buddy Reynolds, Charles Rothwell, Don Stitt, Cecil Walden and Charles Young.

Think things were cheap 25 years ago? Wards advertised washing machines at \$39.95; men's dress shoes, \$1.98, and women's dress coats at \$14.95.

15 years ago, a 400-mile-long offensive against German-defended strong points was launched by the Allies. Gen. Eisenhower termed the Allied drive a "knock-out" blow. Plans were mapped here to form a women's division of the La

De Gaulle Says Soviet Weakness Makes Summit Talks Necessary

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Staff Writer

President Charles de Gaulle of France, without saying so in so many words, has advanced the interesting theory that Nikita Khrushchev's intense desire for a summit conference stems in part from weakness.

To this, at least publicly, Khrushchev may be expected to take strong exception.

Other leaders in the West also may not agree wholly with De Gaulle's analysis. But since De Gaulle is recognized as an astute observer with a number of successes in his record and since his conclusions offer another side to a question usually clouded by missiles, nuclear weapons and vast armies, they are worthy of review.

De Gaulle Outlines Theory De Gaulle's main points were these:

—Soviet Russia has not been able to win over the countries of Eastern Europe which it dominates by force alone. These populations, if given a free choice, would reject Communist control by an "enormous majority." —Moscow recognizes that another world war would mean "general annihilation." —The Communist regime in Russia is aging and has lost some of its initial drive.

View Russia as Conqueror Most interesting of all, because of its timeliness, was De Gaulle's comment on relations between Russia and its junior partner, Red China.

Russia "can do nothing whatsoever in face of the yellow multitude which is China," he said, "a people numberless and poverty-ridden, indestructible and ambitious, building up by force of effort a power which cannot be measured and looking around it at regions into which it one day must expand."

To the Chinese, in De Gaulle's opinion, Russia is a white conqueror and therefore has no place in a doctrine calling for Asia for

QUAKES SHAKE ITALY NAPLES, Italy (UPI)—A series of "violent" earth tremors shook parts of southern Italy and Greece Sunday but apparently caused only minor damage.

Grande war finance committee working on the Union County war loan drive.

Miss Mabel Morton headed the women's drive. She was assisted by the following: La Grande, Mrs. George Decker; Union, Adelia Pritchard; North Powder, Mrs. James Wilson; Cove, Mrs. J. E. Mills; Alice, Mrs. Roy Fuller; Imbler, Mrs. Dick Hibberd; Elgin; Mrs. Hanford Reed, Summerville; Mrs. Wayne Frizzell; Starkey, Mrs. Frank Fehman.

"Let's talk dry cleaning"

By Ed Craig

Thanksgiving is a family occasion... a celebration which is uniquely American in its origin and purpose of pausing to give thanks for our blessings. It's truly one of the happiest holidays of the year. We hope your family will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Chances are you'll have a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. As dry cleaners, it just naturally occurs to us that these special meals often mean an unusually high ratio of food and gravy and beverage stains on ties and coat sleeves, blouses and dresses.

Since you'll probably be wearing some of your better finery for this occasion, you'll want to be sure to have it cleaned promptly so it'll be ready for the holidays coming up next month. Don't let food and gravy and drink stains "set" if the clothes are washable, wipe off with a damp cloth—using water only. Never iron or apply heat on a stain. If the clothes should be dry cleaned, DO NOTHING. Never wipe or rub at a stain, for you'll just make matters worse. Removing spots and stains is part of our job. We're specialists at it, and we take pride in doing a job that's just a little bit better. Play it safe... call us to be sure! We have truck—will travel!

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the Asiatics. Much has been written and said in recent weeks of mounting speculations about Soviet and Red Chinese relations. There are two schools of thought.

See Soviet-Sino Conflict

One could be wishful thinking, held by those who see a possible Soviet-Sino Red conflict as an escape from pressures which have kept the West on edge for nearly 15 years of cold war. But on their side is the indisputable fact of Red China's exploding population problem and accompanying fact that these people must expand somewhere or be eradicated. Russia's vast Asian holdings present a natural target.

On the other side of the thinking are those who believe Russia and Red China are playing deliberately plotted roles, placing the world in a huge squeeze between an avowed peace-maker and a trouble maker, and profiting as the world is buffeted between the two.

These also hold that Russia still

is the senior partner, with a measure of control over its Chinese ally.

In any event, whether Khrushchev talks from weakness or strength, it seems best for the West to keep its powder dry.

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