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IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS YOU GOT A HEADACHE

A great deal has been said in favor of the little business enterprise and for the little business man. Most of us would like to see the opportunity left open for the man who wants to start a business of himself. When a man starts a business for himself under the present conditions he is inviting a headache. He may not know this until he has this experience, but the experience comes fast and costly sometimes. If you had a business where the OPA had any say, you could never tell when an OPA representative might walk into your establishment and slap a fine on you for some alleged violation and there was no appeal from this violation, at least an appeal was not practical.

A number of smaller businesses too are wondering at the present time just what the score is on the labor relations with their employees. A good many have been laboring under the impression that the labor they employed did not come under the wages and hours act, to wake up with a jolt when faced with a stiff penalty for non-performance of some phase of the act.

There have been many interpretations of recent laws passed, so many in fact that these interpretations added to the increasing confusion of doing business. A good thing to remember is that when asking for either legislative or assistance that may have a monetary value, the government can confiscate or take away rights the individual has by court action or otherwise, but before the individual can get damages from his government he must first get the government's consent to be sued.

F. H. Young of the Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., warns "Walking Time" of your employees on your premises may be overtime when it is "substantial". And that "Whistle" is no longer the measure of wages due your employees. That used by the employees in making ready preparations for their work must be accorded appropriate compensation, under the fair labor standards act. The warning is based on a decision in the case of Anderson et al vs. Mt. Clemens Potter Co., which was decided by the U. S. Supreme court on June 10, 1946, which reversed an opinion of the 6th U. S. Circuit court of appeals.

Industries or businesses coming under the wage and hour act would naturally like to know the rules of the game under the criss cross wage-hour enforcement and supreme court rule.

THE ROAD TO WAR

According to a recent nation-wide survey, 62 per cent of the American people now believe that we will have another world war within 25 years. Only 24 per cent believe that we will have a lasting peace. By comparison, three years ago, when the last war was at its height, 47 per cent of the people felt that a lasting peace was probable, and only 43 per cent were convinced of the inevitability of another war.

The diminishing faith of the American people in man's ability to prevent wholesale murder and destruction on an incredible scale is in itself a terrible commentary on the state of the world. Its origins are obvious enough. We have watched the failure of the United Nations Security Council to arrive at workable agreements. We have seen the trend back to the old balance of power policies which did so much to foment World Wars I and II. We have seen the rights of small nations destroyed and the voices of dissenters violently stifled. We have seen authorities pessimistically forecast that the world may

break down into two great opposed spheres of influence, led by the Soviet Union on one side and the United States on the other.

The challenge this offers to all the nations of the world is the greatest they have ever faced. For, should war come again, it could very well end only in the death of civilization as we know it. The atomic bomb is in its infancy, and the "improved" bombs of the future, compared to those of today, will be like a 1947 car beside the primitive vehicles that appeared forty-odd years ago. Other weapons, of unimaginable scope and destructive power, are in the experimental stage. It is perfectly possible that this kind of scientific progress, once unleashed for war, may mean the ruin of all mankind.

What nation wants this? What government, no matter how greatly it distrusts its neighbors, will assume the awful responsibility for another war? What differences are so important that they cannot be reconciled in the interest of a lasting peace? The very existence of every being, whether he be Russian or American, Pole or Greek, Indian or Briton, depends upon the answers given to these tremendous questions.

THOUGHTLETS

By Carl B. Balch

If Russia believed in free speech and a free press, she would have no need of an "iron curtain." Russia, who poses as the government for the oppressed, appears to us to have the capacity for the rapacity and greed of a semi-barbaric nation.

It is evident from the speeches of Secretary Byrnes and Senator Vandenberg that this nation has a bi-partisan foreign policy. It is a healthy sign and is as it should be.

We surely have a warped press when a popular magazine admits an article to its columns, that states that alcohol does not cause delirium tremens.

Georgia surely has an outmoded method of electing a governor in its primary election law. Last Tuesday ex-governor Talmadge was renominated for governor although he ran second by popular vote. The state has a unit system of voting whereby election is decided on majority vote of the counties.

I often wonder if a large part of the dislike of the citizens of other nations toward American soldiers is caused by the arrogant acts of the American soldiers.

At least America should accord residents of another country the same respect they would expect these same residents to give them if these residents were visiting the United States.

Lamp Making

Lamp manufacturing abounds in extremes. To form the ingots from which filament wire is drawn, for example, one company squeezes together grains of tungsten under a pressure mightier than the combined weight of two dozen loaded freight cars. After the air is pumped from a light bulb, only seven hundred-thousandths of 1 per cent of the normal atmospheric pressure remains inside.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Alcohol From Sawdust Needed

The large plant which will manufacture ethyl alcohol from sawdust is nearing completion in my Congressional District at Springfield. This is the first plant of its kind in America. It will manufacture a needed product of value from wood heretofore wasted. This plant represents a long stride toward greater utilization of wood waste.

Ordered constructed as a plant to produce alcohol for war, the Springfield plant is now considered an extremely important peacetime operation. Vast quantities of alcohol are needed for rubber production and other war-developed peacetime uses. Such alcohol is produced either from grain or molasses. Grain is needed by the hungry people of the world, and molasses must be used for making sugar. Meanwhile, nine large industrial alcohol plants have been closed due to the lack of molasses imports. The amount of grain going into alcohol has been sharply curtailed. In other words, everything we said to the War Production Board, the Department of Agriculture and the War Food Administration, supporting the contention that the Springfield plant should be built, is amply proven by developments.

The Civilian Production Administration (successor to the War Production Board), in a press release dated June 26th, notes the declining production of alcohol from food sources and ends its statement with the following significant paragraph:

"The Chemicals Division of CPA is surveying the possibility of granting priority assistance for the construction of new plants to be used in the production of synthetic methanol, butyl alcohol and ethyl alcohol from any non-food raw materials such as sawdust and paper mill wastes."

Congressional Reorganization

Temporarily of secondary interest in Congress right now is an extremely important piece of legislation known as the bill to reorganize Congress. If this bill passes, it will be known as the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. The bill is the product of a Special Committee known as the LaFollette-Moroney Committee, which, for nearly two years, has been holding hearings and studying the problem of how to reorganize, streamline and bring more efficiency into the Legislative Branch of the Government. As passed by the Senate, the bill provides for sweeping changes in committee organization. In the House, it would eliminate more than half of the standing committees. It would remove private claims from consideration by Congress and provide for the handling of such claims through the courts. It would eliminate Congressional consideration of numerous bills which give consent to the construction of bridges across navigable streams. For the Members of Congress, both House and Senate, this bill would provide a Legislative Assistant for each Member, an increase in salary and a retirement annuity plan which would be largely paid for by the Members themselves.

The bill contains some ninety pages and is too long and technical for any detailed discussion of it here. It represents a long step toward speeding up and improving the work done by Congress without sacrificing any of the essential qualities of our representative system. I refer to this bill as being of secondary importance because the OPA problem is now uppermost in the minds of the Members.

On account of the rather rigid rules of the House, the problem of getting the reorganization bill to the Floor has been an interesting one. Since the bill concerns all committees, including the Rules Committee, makes sweeping changes in the rules themselves, authorizes appropriations, and otherwise covers matters which are under the jurisdiction of several committees, the Speaker was unable to refer the bill to any one legislative committee. He, therefore, has been holding it and has now agreed to let it come on the Floor directly from his desk. In view of the fact that the LaFollette-Moroney Committee actually did the work that is ordinarily done by a legislative committee, nothing is lost in the regular process by having the bill come directly to the Floor without first being referred to a legislative committee. The bill will be subject to amendment on the Floor, of course, but it is hoped that it will be passed sub-

stantially in the form approved by the Senate.

Meat Becoming Plentiful

Unhindered by controls, meat is moving into the market at an ever increasing rate. I have just received a Department of Agriculture meat production report for the week ending July 13th. Here are the first two paragraphs of this report:

"Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended July 13th totaled 327 million pounds, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This production was more than double the 149 million pounds produced during the corresponding week of last year.


"Slaughter of cattle under Federal inspection was estimated at 270,000 head, over twice the 127,000 a week earlier and 9 per cent

above the 248,000 a year ago. Beef production was calculated at 142 million pounds, compared with 67 million last week and 130 million a year ago.

Wherever you are, don't be charged with an error when you think you have put out your fire. Be certain before you leave. KEEP OREGON GREEN.

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