

# Sense And Some NONSENSE



By Dewey

The vicious circle is getting larger and larger. Because of the rising cost of living, labor must strike in order to obtain wages sufficient to live, which, in turn, forces prices to take another rise. When will this stop?

Restaurants all over the country have raised their prices on meals until it is almost beyond the reach of average working men to "eat out" regularly. Yet the restaurants are not even collecting what is considered a legitimate profit.

Grocerymen fear that food of all kinds will likewise soon get out of reach of the average person, regardless of his station in

life. This precedes a crash in all prices, and usually comes in a moment. Harken back to 1920, immediately following world war 1, when commodity prices dropped to about one-fourth the price of six months before.

England, with her economic trouble, will not be the heavy purchaser of goods from this nation. Perhaps this will do a bit toward halting the climb of commodity prices, and later will have a heavy and depressing effect on this nation.

As I look at it, the OPA either should have been taken off a year earlier, or not at all. I am not sure if I can explain just what I mean by this, but here's an attempt:

Taken off a year earlier, before the U. S. loans to foreign nations, which helped to skyrocket prices in this country, the law of supply and demand may have equalized itself, or it might not have, yet I believe it would have done much in that way. Now, since price controls are off, the processors, who were not operating at the profits they believed legitimate, raised all commodity prices. Labor immediately obtain a raise in wages, and the race began.

Congressmen, promising lower income taxes for the next year have found that they cannot actually cut, despite the rumors to the contrary. Developments in the world at large have prevented any hope, so things continue to climb. The circle follows that being experienced in England.

During war years people got the idea that they could get high wages for doing little work. Many still believe the same way and naturally cost of production remains high. A willingness on the part of everyone to produce more in the present man-days of effort will do more than anything to prevent spiraling upward of prices.

Traveling over the country in the limited amount I have done in the past four years has convinced me that labor has much to do with the present high price level. This, I know, will be denied, but nevertheless I know it to be true because I have been a laborer, as well as employer in the last 20-odd years.

While I doubt if there will ever be a complete understanding between labor and capital, I do know that neither tries to un-

derstand the problems of the other. Certainly a laborer is due all that is coming to him, but he must remember that capital is also due returns on his investment. Exorbitant profits certainly are not due capital, no more than labor is entitled pay for work not performed.

It looks like someone must get a little hungry before they fully realize the gravity of the situation today. Labor must be willing to perform more, and at the same time, capital must always try to see that labor is fully paid for "what it does."

## Local News Items

An addition is about complete at the home Mrs. G. Sutcliffe purchased from Wm. Spangler. August Johnson had charge of the work.

Dr. Sylvia Challoner and Lou Morgan of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Modesto, left early this week after spending a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cuvier Greene, up the Chetco. Dr. Challoner, an osteopath, expects to build on her property, just across the state line, to open up her office. She has engaged Mr. Greene to go ahead with the building soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Clement, of San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas of Burlingame, California, are visiting at the Spider Clement home. Val Clement, a commercial artist, is a brother, and Mrs. Thomas is a sister of Spider. This week-end Spider and his brother-in-law and sister are going to White Salmon, Wash., where they will help Mr. Thomas' parents celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. With the group is a pet Pitt bulldog, Sir Monnie, who weighs 86 pounds. Spider said Monday that he certainly would miss the bulldog

## Notice To Creditors

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Katherine Rebecca Phillips, deceased, by the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at the office of Hugh C. Gearin, Brookings, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

G. H. JENKINS.

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Hugh C. Gearin, Attorney-at-law, Brookings, Oregon.

when his company departed.

Moore's Variety and Apparel Shop announces that it will move to its new location in the Gray-shel building within ten days. An opening announcement will appear in the Pilot next week. The counters and shelves are being constructed and painted for a new stock of goods which is expected for the opening.

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