

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Director for Reconversion, John W. Snyder, says that either the worker must get more money or his standard of living will decline. This is a debatable proposition, at least. For if prices of goods and services declined, his standard of living might rise even if his wages remain stationary.

The answer is simple. They mean that a rising standard of living means more radios, more food, more washing machines, more ice cream cones, more bath-rooms, more aspirin, more cus-tome jewelry, more automobiles, more DDT, more Easter bonnets, more linoleum on floors, or rugs, more dentures, more lipstick, more fur coats, more movies, more electric ranges and refrig-erators, more wrist watches. One political campaign reputedly was waged with slogans of "two chick-ens in every pot" and "two cars in every garage."

All these are things. In popular conception the standard of living is determined by an accumulation of things. Its yardstick is the radio or the automobile or the fur coat. But are things the only or the best measure of a living standard? The lesson of religion and of moral philosophy teaches otherwise: "Man's life consisteth not in the multitude of things which he possesseth."

The gadgets of modern living, the abundance of leisure and of entertainments — do they make for human happiness? The statistics of (Continued on editorial page)

R. L. Elfstrom To Move Firm To New Site Robert L. Elfstrom, paint dealer, stated Saturday that his firm will occupy the present Hamilton Furniture location on Court st. as soon as the furniture company moves to its new quarters on Front st.

Klan Cross Burns Again ATLANTA, Oct. 20 (AP)—The Ku Klux Klan, claiming a membership of more than 20,000 in Georgia, is burning its fiery cross again and stirring up new argument over the order born in reconstruction days.

Dachau Nazis To Face Trial WIESBADEN, Germany, Oct. 20 (AP)—Germans accused of atrocities at the notorious Dachau concentration camp will be placed on trial before an American military court at the camp about Nov. 15, it was announced today.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



Magnate Would Solve Ills With Longer Work Week

By John F. Chester Associated Press Business Editor DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 20 (AP)—A 45-hour work week for the nation was proposed by C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, shortly after he returned from a conference with President Truman.

Wilson said he was called to Washington for a conference with Truman and other high government officials at a time when the Detroit labor situation was spotlighting the wage question throughout the country.

Wilson, head of the largest operating corporation in the United States, held a press conference in the Book-Cadillac hotel a few minutes after he flew in from Washington. He did not specifically link his proposal with his conference in Wash-ington but said his talk with the president had been "very satisfac-tory."

Wilson's argument was that high production was the only answer to the nation's economic ills, but that a road block existed in the form of national leg-islation for a national 40-hour week.

He suggested that a flat five to eight per cent wage increase

on the 45-hour week with over-time pay thereafter would give the worker approximately the same take home pay that unions are demanding under the 52 hours wage for 40 hours work. Wilson's organization has been



Charles E. Wilson picked as the target for the United Automobile Workers-CIO demand for a 30 per cent wage increase in the automobile in-

dustry with a strike as an al-ternative. "Personally I am afraid the proper formula will not be reached in time," he said, "and I am afraid that a strike will be the answer."

"If we have to give 30 per cent increase in wages without an increase in selling price, General Motors will run out of cash and we'll just have to shut down," said Wilson. "A lot of people seem to think that if you cut the week down from 48 or 45 hours to 40, you employ more people. That isn't so in our business. We have only certain places a man can work, work stations, machine tools for him to work on, or desks in an office. If he works five days a week, the plant is just idle on Saturday."

"There is no way to hire another 20 per cent of people and have them come in Saturday only. "There will be, more people employed in this country at good jobs, if we work more than 40 hours. At 30 there will be still fewer people employed. If we went to 20 we would all starve and that is independent of how much you pay and how you juggle the money."

Tanks, Artillery Aid Rebels in Venezuela

By G. ALLEN STEWART CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 20 (AP)—Violent fighting broke out in the streets of Caracas tonight and the revolutionary Junta declared it was using tanks and artillery against government forces.

(Radio San Cristobal in western Venezuela said President Isaias Medina Y Angarita had been reinstated in Caracas, after government cavalry had cleared revolutionary forces from Mira-flores palace.

The broadcast said its informa-tion came from radio national, in the hands of anti-evolutionists in Caracas.) The revolutionary Junta warned citizens to remain indoors. Earlier the revolutionists had announced seizure of the country's

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—Ambassador Frank Corrigan re-ported from Caracas that no Americans had been injured in the Venezuelan fighting up to 4 p. m. as far as could be learned the state department said to-night.

main arsenal, and declared they had enough power to crush anti-revolutionary forces reported marching upon Caracas, the cap-ital.

(Radio San Cristobal, still in the hands of forces loyal to Pres-ident Isaias Medina Y Angarita, announced that loyalist troops still were fighting revolutionists "street by street and house by house" in Caracas. The broadcast was heard in Bogota.)

Army Seizes Farben Plants In Germany

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—The United States army has moved in on I. G. Farben, giant Ger-man chemical and munitions cor-poration, "to forever destroy" its stranglehold on German industry and end its war-making power.

Most of its known plants in the American military zone have been seized, the war department announced today. Three of its munitions plants already have been ordered blown up, the American military government disclosed in Berlin.

The war department said an-other early step will be a propo-sal that the allied control coun-cil for Germany outlaw cartel arrangements in general to break up the world-wide combine set up by Farben.

ZHUKOV DECLINES WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—Marshal Georgi Zhukov, com-mander of Russian occupation forces in Germany has postponed his visit to the United States until next year.

BELGIUM TO GET GOODS WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—The United States will turn over to Belgium under lend-lease \$45,000,000 worth of surplus army goods needed there for civilian use, the state department an-nounced.

Senators Ask Priority for Military Issue

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—Three republican senators de-manded today that congress give right of way to the controversial proposal for a single armed forces department.

"Until that question is decid-ed then the problems of peace treaties and postwar armed forces must be delayed," said Senator Austin (R-Vt.), senior minority member of the senate military af-fairs committee.

Similar views were expressed by Senators Gurney (R-SD) and Revercomb (R-WVa) in separate interviews.

Here is a summary of their ideas: 1. Agreement upon formal peace treaties will be delayed until other nations know about postwar plans for the armed forces of the United States.

2. Congress cannot act intelli-gently upon plans or appropri-ations for these postwar armed forces until national defense poli-cies have been settled.

3. These defense plans will hinge upon the proposal for a single department, continuation of the present separate army and navy departments, or possible addition of a third, the air forces.

Okinawa Ships To Be Salvaged

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 20 (AP)—Fleet headquarters announced to-day that 70 per cent of the 184 navy and merchant marine vessels beached during the disastrous Okinawa typhoon Oct. 9-10 may be salvaged within six weeks.

Despite unfavorable weather, 52 ships, including Liberty ships, landing and repair ships, minor combat ships, dredges, tugs and floating dry docks, have been floated from the treacherous reefs bordering the island.

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Salem has the largest budget allocation for construction with \$108,000 reported. Tillamook is next with \$80,000.

Unions To Appeal Decision

Reinstatement of Man Said Threat To Closed Shop

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—A decision which the AFL predicted would destroy the union shop sys-tem was announced today by the national labor relations board, which ordered a sawmill worker reinstated.

Ward Wilmarth, discharged un-der a contract requiring all em-ployees to belong to the AFL lum-ber and sawmill workers' union, was ordered by the NLRB to be reinstated by Portland lumber mills. The firm also was instruct-ed to compensate Wilmarth for pay lost since his discharge, Aug. 21, 1944.

The AFL had asked the com-pany to discharge Wilmarth be-cause he acted as observer for the CIO international woodwork-ers of America in a collective bar-gaining election.

The AFL said two problems would result from his reinstatement: (1) if the AFL refuses him, a non-member would be working in a closed shop plant. (2) To prevent similar incidents, a com-pany would have to investigate union decisions—a power employ-ers do not have.

"We will fight this decision in all the higher courts, for it would destroy the union shop clause in all our contracts if allowed to stand," declared Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the AFL northwestern council, lumber and sawmill workers. "As a first step, the case will be appealed to the circuit court of appeals."

Military Fills Cabinet Posts In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 20 (AP)—President Edelmir Farrell today appointed Gen. Juan Pizarini as Argentina's vice-president and filled four cabinet posts with men regarded as sympathizers with the policies of the nation's "strong man" Col. Juan Peron.

The new cabinet members are Col. Bartolomeo Descalzo, minister of the interior; Col. Amara Av-alos, minister of finance; Jose Asti-gueta, minister of justice and edu-cation, and Pedro Marotta, mini-ster of agriculture.

At the same time it was an-nounced that War Minister Gen. Jose Humberto Sosa Molina had placed Gen. Felipe Urampilleta in command of the Campo de Mayo military garrison, which has shown itself as a great factor in swaying the balance of power in the country's precarious politics.

Ground Forces Are Moving Out Of Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Oct. 20 (Spe-cial)—Inactivation of army ground forces replacement depot number 4 continued apac today, and military officials said no an-nouncement has been received from the war department as to future plans for Camp Adair.

The comment followed dis-closure that Sen. Wayne Morse had telegraphed Salem interests that the war department advised him of "some shifting of troops at Camp Adair but now a new pro-gram for the camp is being de-veloped, at least for the present."

It is known some efforts have been underway to interest man-ufacturers in utilizing the facilities here in event the military leaves entirely. There has been no in-dication of the withdrawal of the 9th service command forces, civil-ian help or prisoners of war.

Salem's War Chest 98% Full Late figures for the Salem United War Chest showed Sat-urday that 98 per cent of the goal, or \$98,102.53 had been raised and campaign headquarters said that the raising of the full \$100,280 would depend on the persistence of the workers.

Japan War Criminal Trials Start Within 60 Days; 500 Held

'Royal House' May Answer For Atrocities

By James Lindley TOKYO, Sunday, Oct. 21 (AP) Not even "members of the im-perial household" will be immune from possible prosecution for war guilt, Col. Alva C. Carpenter, General MacArthur's legal offi-cer, said today.

He made the significant com-ment at a press conference in re-sponse to a direct question wheth-er Emperor Hirohito might possi-bly be tried.

Carpenter added that the mik-ado has not been investigated as an individual, but emphasized if examinations of state papers lead a trail to the imperial household it will be followed regardless of where it leads.

Whether the emperor might be tried has been an international question. Australia's prime min-ister voiced a demand soon after Japan's surrender that Hirohito be tried as a war criminal.

Carpenter declined to say whether any members of the present cabinet of Premier Kijuro Shidehara are on the giant list of suspects.

Strikers Face Cancellation Of Contracts

COOS BAY, Ore., Oct. 20 (AP)—A group of lumber operators warned the striking AFL lumber and sawmill workers today that unless their strike ends by Oct. 26 their working contracts will be cancelled.

The Oregon coats operators, who represent Gardiner Lumber Co., Girdner; E. K. Wood Lumber Co., Reedspart; Irwin & Lyons, North Bend; Moore Mill and Lumber, Bandon; and McKinley Lumber Co., McKinley, sent the formal warning to the AFL Coos Bay area district council.

The action would affect only those firms. The operators said the firms must be notified of a strike end by Oct. 26, and work must be resumed by Oct. 29.

The letter, addressed to P. J. Cruickshank, secretary of the dis-trict council, claimed the strike violated the working agreement, and contended that—under con-tract terms—employers have the right to sue for damages or can-cel the entire agreement.

The union business agent said he would reply shortly.

Great Britain Okehs Charter

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—Great Britain today completed ratification on the United Na-tions charter, leaving only Rus-sia among the big five to act.

The charter requires ratifica-tion by the United States, Rus-sia, Britain, France, and China, which are the permanent mem-bers of the projected world secu-rity council, and by 24 of the 46 other nations which have signed the document.

Football Scores

Table with columns for location and score. Includes Washington 13, OSC 0; Oregon 26, WSC 12; S. Calif. 28, C. Pacific 0; Texas 34, Arkansas 7; Idaho 46, Montana 0; Great Lakes 37, Marquette 27; Tulsa 20, Boston 0; Columbia 31, Colgate 7; Penn State 48, Bucknell 7; Army 25, Melville Raiders 13; Holy Cross 25, Brown 0; Illinois 7, Wisconsin 7 (tie); Minnesota 20, Northwestern 7; Purdue 15, Ohio State 13; Notre Dame 39, Pittsburgh 9; Michigan State 27, Wayne 7; Missouri 41, Kansas State 7; Indiana 22, Iowa 20; Louisiana State 22, Georgia 0; Alabama 25, Tennessee 7; Virginia Tech 21, Maryland 13; Auburn 20, Tulane 14; Iowa State 27, Nebraska 7; Oklahoma 30, Kansas 7; Tulsa 40, Nevada 0; Vanderbilt 19, Kentucky 6; Oklahoma A & M 46, Utah 6; Colorado 31, Colorado College 6; Utah State 13, Colorado A & M 0; Southern Methodist 21, Rice 18; Texas Christian 13, Texas A & M 12; New York 17, City College 9; Brooklyn 13, Massachusetts State 7.

4000 May Be Tried, Panay Incident Open

TOKYO, Oct. 20 (AP)—Five hun-dred Japanese are in custody as war-criminal suspects and the first military atrocity trials in Japan will begin within 60 days, Col. Clay C. Carpenter, chief legal officer of General MacArthur's staff, reported today. As many as 4000 suspects may be tried.

The Japanese cabinet mean-while studied election reforms, but Japanese sources said it had decided to let the next govern-ment—"more representative of the people"—deal with the dis-solution of family-controlled big business monopolies.

The government's first concrete action toward solving the prob-lem was to ask General MacAr-thur for permission to import 4,000,000 tons of food next year—some of it aboard American ships. The permission has not yet been granted.

Colonel Carpenter said that 2000 Japanese already were listed for war-crimes trials, and, the eventual total may be twice that.

Carpenter, a Fort Wayne, Ind., lawyer in civil life, said the in-vestigations are extending "back beyond Pearl Harbor" and may go all the way back to the Japan-ese bombing of the American gun-boat Panay in China's Yangtze river.

Un-American Committee May Be Dissolved

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—A push to do away with the con-troversial house committee inves-tigating un-American activities has been started by its critics.

The action was prompted by a threatened investigation by the committee of news analysts. Op-ponents declared that such a probe would be an attack on "freedom of speech and thought through the press and radio."

Reps. Patterson (D-Calif) and Hook (D-Mich) are leaders of the movement to do away with the committee. They asserted they have support of "a large group of liberals" in the house.

Patterson introduced a bill late yesterday to accomplish their pur-pose.

US to Abandon Stilwell Road

By Leil Erickson NEW DELHI, Oct. 20 (AP)—The famed Stilwell road across Bur-ma, built at a cost of \$37,000,000 to funnel war supplies to China, will be abandoned Nov. 1 as a white elephant.

A U.S. army announcement said today that the historic road, com-pleted after 14 months of engi-neering struggle, could not be maintained economically in peace-time.

The U.S. command in the India-Burma theatre has recommended to the war department that the road, together with a parallel pipe line and telephone line, be declar-ed surplus property after Nov. 1.

Indonesian Ask Truman's Aid In Revolution

BATAVIA, Java, Oct. 20 (AP)—Fighting flared anew in Batavia tonight with at least 13 persons killed as the Indonesian leader, Soekarno, called on President Truman to stop the Dutch from using A-merican equipment to put down the independence movement.

The new clash came after three days of comparative quiet in the capital. The dead were all In-donesians. Two British Indian troops were wounded.

The foreign minister of the "Re-public," in a message to U.S. Sec-etary of State James F. Byrnes, said his government had the "enthusiastic support of the entire population in all parts of Indone-sia" and added "the whole civil administration is in Indonesian hands."

Soeardjo's message to Byrnes asked that the Indonesian native government be represented at the meeting to the far eastern advisory commission of the United Nations scheduled to be held in Washing-ton later this month.

Lt. Van Cleave Killed in Crash

Lt. David Van Cleave, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Van Cleave, was one of 13 killed in an air-plane crash in Texas Friday. The parents have been notified by the war department.

A member of the army air corps, Lieutenant Van Cleave is the second of his family to be a casualty of World War II. His brother, Merrill Van Cleave, was a member of the crew of the submarine Pickrel which has not been heard from since June, 1943.

The navy declared Merrill Van Cleave dead as of August, 1945, and notified his parents.

The body will be brought to Salem to the W. T. Rigdon mortu-ary some time this week.

Industrial Accident Rate at Record Low

A four-year record was estab-lished October 4 when the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission disclosed no fatalities of employes of firms un-der the state workmen compensa-tion law for two successive weeks.

Many Jobs Open in Low Wage Brackets, Young Men Desired

Most of the thousands of job openings in Oregon are in the lower wage brackets, the Oregon post war development and read-justment commission reported to Governor Earl Snell Saturday. In many cases, they said, industries are restricting their new em-ployees to a 45 year age limit and women are not being considered.

The report said a substantial demand prevails for competent mechanics and workers in the building trades in the counties outside the metropolitan area, but the housing shortage is so acute in the up-state communities that workers cannot find dwell-ings to rent and are adverse to purchasing homes at inflated val-uations. For this reason, the report said, many of the workers prefer to remain in Portland.

The report also touched on commerce, public works, civil service and camerics.

Weather forecast table with columns for Max., Min., Rain. Includes San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle, and a forecast for Oregon.