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Will Employment Run Out?

The number employed in this country, including those in the armed forces, exceeded the magic figure of 60,000,000 in July according to report of the census bureau. The civilian has included 58,130,000 employed, which is 4,000,000 more than last year, and the military establishment accounted for 2,640,000 more.

Administration leaders who pressed hard for the full employment and increased unemployment compensation bills surely did a bum job of guessing. Reconversion director John W. Snyder, now secretary of the treasury, parroted figures some one had given him to the effect there would be 8,000,000 unemployed in March and "high unemployment" the rest of the year. There was considerable unemployment the early part of the year—greater than it should have been because of numerous strikes.

Secretary Wallace, whose goal of 60,000,000 jobs was thought attainable only by exercise of considerable government paternalism, admits his target has been reached, but he merely postpones the day of trouble. The full employment now is due to inflationary pressure and is not to be considered as stable.

At that, the secretary of commerce is probably correct. Business is working hard to catch up on deficiencies of the war. Overproduction will not continue at its present feverish pace for many years. Overproduction may soon arise in numerous lines which will prompt layoffs of employees. When veterans wind up their "terminal leave" and recess for GI education and hands for jobs, unemployment rolls may rise. High prices put brakes on demand.

Secretary Wallace doesn't think the resulting bust will be as bad as some economists anticipate, but he thinks that when it comes the matter of full employment will arise as a political issue, with demand for deficit spending by government to maintain payrolls. That would mean a continuance of "inflationary" pressures.

Such is the temper of the times that probably no government would try to live through a period of depression, as did the Hoover administration. Instead there would be an easy resort to public spending, though the initials might be changed from WPA. No one has figured out just when this rope will end, but government will continue to play it out when the going gets tough.

Autos for Legless Veterans

If congress doesn't look out it will find itself bogged down with demands for special legislation for veterans until benefits are disproportionate and discriminatory. This thought is prompted by the recent action of congress in appropriating \$30,000,000 to buy automobiles for veterans who have been disabled by loss of one or both legs.

Naturally such cases have a strong appeal to the sympathy of the public, and what congressmen would dare to vote against an appropriation for relief of such persons? But as the Astorian-Budget points out, buying these cars will excite the envy of other veterans such as the armless and blinded. It adds "when the legless veterans have worn out their new cars they will perhaps believe the government ought to buy new ones."

The Budget thinks the \$30,000,000 might have been spent to better advantage in rehabilitation and vocational training for the injured. However, other funds are provided in liberal supply for such purposes.

Legislation for war veterans should be comprehensive and not special, for once the latter practice gets well started congressmen will vie with one another to introduce special bills until legislation becomes an out-matching game. The country wants to deal fairly with those who have suffered in the war, but it wants also to deal equitably with all classes. The new car purchase for legless veterans looks too much like a Christmas present for a particular group.

Modernizing Celilo

A conference of Indian agents held in Portland last week passed a resolution asking congress to appropriate money to construct a new village for the Indians at Celilo falls. They would like to have modern housing units, a museum, school and arts and crafts center. One agent calls the housing at Celilo a disgrace and an eyesore, because the Great White Father has failed to provide conveniences and modern sanitation for the Indian fishing village.

Presumably progress must ultimately drag the red man into its train by the suction of its jet propulsion. But for white folk who travel past the picturesque village of boarded miscellany its transformation into a modern village would destroy all its attraction. Now its very primitiveness is the bait which causes the motorist to slow down or stop, despite the mixed odors of drying fish and Indian living. Neat houses, with petunias in the front yard and garages for cars would make the village just another community.

Since the Indians themselves seem to want to spruce up, it probably isn't fair to preserve their present squalid tenements just to satisfy the curiosity of white tourists. We can't help wondering, though, who will do the job of sanitary policing when uplift reaches Celilo.

Fifth District, Missouri

Congressman Slaughter on whom President Truman had put his finger for political massacre succumbed to his opponent in last week's primaries. This gave the president's nervous advisers great relief, because they had feared damage to Truman politically if the man he opposed had won out.

New republicans are centering fire on the democratic nominee in that district, their object being to defeat him and then use the item as evidence of Truman's weakness.

These situations become sort of "Casey-at-the-bat" affairs. They are treated all out of proportion to their real significance. There are many other factors in a congressional race than a president's endorsement, yet this alone gets prominence.

We have an idea that when the people elect a congressman in the fifth Missouri district next November they will be voting on a congressman and not on a president in 1948.

Miller Freeman, Seattle publisher, is sponsoring a unique organization: Society for the Preservation of the Cigar Store Indian. Its uniqueness consists not only in its purpose but in its buoyancy for it plans to exist without initiation fees or monthly dues (Other clubs should study its success in levitation). Another singular fact about it: At the breakfast at Victoria Sunday morning the order was "All communications in Chinook, by smoke signals or sign language." Whether there are any wooden Indians in those parts which merit preserving we do not know. If there are, let us know so we can give the new club a job.

Athens, Alabama, took a turn at news-making following its Tennessee namesake. The Alabama outburst was just an unprovoked race riot led by white hoodlums.

Athens, Greece, isn't much better than its American counterparts when it comes to local disorders. The government was born in a season of fighting and terror and rules by strong-arm methods. Communies and royalists are at bitter odds and the poor Greek citizen is still poor.

Paul Mallon's

BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—The acrid struggle of Mr. Truman and the congress over OPA seems to be settling down into a middle ground moderation of policy — which means a new level of economics, a puzzling, uneven surface.

The administration looks upon it as an upswing. Some of its leaders have been giving out figures suggesting production is being restored in general, although it is lagging behind in basic industries. Those figures, however, were old by three to seven weeks. The latest figures in which current confidence can be placed, however, show progress is being made—but laboriously.

Carloadings and electrical power production are up. As electrical power production is a key to industrial activity and carloadings suggest actual distribution to the markets, a measure of genuine confidence, slight though it may be, is being restored, as is evident in the continuous stock market rises of the past week.

Produce Came to Market

Congress was certainly right about the relaxation of food prices bringing meat and vegetables to the market. Although these were scarce and almost unobtainable in my neighborhood a few weeks back, both are now plentiful. The luxury of a roast beef is available. The higher prices have drawn supplies into the market for the consumer. It now remains to be seen if the rest of the congressional theory will prove justified, namely that a plentiful supply will result in lowering of the current terrific costs, such as has been the case before in an orderly American economy.

Yet there are many points to be ironed out, or rather adjusted, in fixing the new economic level. (Actually there is no such thing as a level because the varying economic elements are constantly shifting and I use the word only figuratively.) For instance, one of the largest shoe mills in New England, the J. P. McElwain company, had to shut down its mills because leather was being hoarded, thus causing unemployment.

Leather Was Hoarded

The truth of the matter is leather was being hoarded, no doubt in anticipation of higher prices, and as soon as proper steps can be taken by adjustment of the price level or otherwise, to draw the supply out of hoarding, the unemployment will be adjusted to the strong market demand. Such defects are temporary at most and require only proper handling.

Furthermore, the largest companies like U. S. Steel and General Motors have given out recently their second quarter statements, suggesting the strikes and shortage difficulties have required them to draw heavily on their reserves to keep in business. Steel reported its reserves had dropped from the \$100,000,000 size built up during the war to \$26,000,000 which it said was its part of the strike costs.

Wage Drive Withdrawn

But union labor has withdrawn its newly organized campaign to start a clamor for a wage increase. The latest weekly figures show steel production is going up although it is still slightly under last year. Thus the new trend in this line also is upward and satisfactory despite the depressing angles in the news.

So the elements for success of the new policy are noticeable, although the difficulties and dangers of inflation are tremendous. The job of Economic Organizer Steelman will be the toughest one in government. Mr. Truman has promised him a balanced budget, but at the known tremendously high level which absorbs greatly from the substances of the new economics. Here again, however, the prospects offered by some of the congressmen returning home for the November balloting favored a tax reduction next year which would help to restore balance to that feature.

4 Tons Bananas

'Melts' in Dallas Store Rush Hour

Woodrow Jones, proprietor of the Woody's Corner grocery, announced "bananas—4 tons—come and get 'em—all you want" residents took him at his word. The sale opened at 7:45 a.m. from the back end of a truck with Jones and a helper cutting up the bunches. For two hours the line filed past the cashier's stand and by 9:40 the sold-out sign was hung. Late comers were greeted with the old song, "Yes, we have no bananas." The crowd was estimated at about 600.

Returned to the store, the scales broke down with the first attempt to use them. Jones said "Guess they couldn't take it any longer."



Wrong Kind of Lead

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT

Maxwell Shannon, charged with negligent homicide, trial continued to 10:30 a.m. August 14.

Gail Drawson, charged with seduction, trial set for 2 p.m. August 14.

Charles Meyers, charged with larceny, trial set for 9:30 a.m. August 14.

Don O'Brian, pleaded innocent to charge of larceny; preliminary examination set for 9 a.m. August 14.

Scott Bremmer, charged with driving while intoxicated, trial set for 10 a.m. August 13.

Melvin Glen Burdick, failure to stop, fined \$1 and costs.

Orville August Jansenius, no operator's license, fined \$2.50 and costs.

Bernard Lawrence Jarvis, violation of basic rule, fined \$10 and costs.

Everett Deloss Taylor, violation of basic rule, fined \$15 and costs.

Roy Lloyd White, violation of basic rule, fined \$15 and costs.

Theron O. Ashcraft, trailer overload, fined \$10 and costs.

Kenneth W. Ford, violation of basic rule, fined \$10.50 and costs.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Myron G. Mergell, 319 S. 18th st., running traffic light, fined \$2.50.

Mrs. Sarah Pallesen, 1417 N. Cottage st., charged with reckless driving, found guilty and fined \$25.

Tearle J. Conway, 1590 Market st., no muffler, fined \$2.50.

Harold H. Horn, Lynnwood, Calif., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Bertel T. Fisher, Warren, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

J. M. Devers, Jr., 1665 C st., charged with reckless driving with liquor involved, posted \$50 bail.

Robert W. Palmer, Astoria, violation of basic rule, posted \$25 bail.

Walter T. Sanders, Los Angeles, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Mrs. Orville Joffe, route 1, box 13H, Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

Walter L. Saunders, route 2, McMinnville, running traffic light, posted \$2.50 bail.

Tony Manning, Jefferson, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

Freda K. Mitchell, Lebanon, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Ernest R. James, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Glenn R. Titus, route 2, box 132, Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Frederick A. Kibb, 25, laborer, and Reka Crawley, 22, both of route 3, Salem.

Myron S. Balloun, 22, dry cleaner, and Shirley Porter, 19, clerk, both of Salem.

Leslie Dale Marcy, 22, U. S. navy, route 6, box 121, and Joyce Hannah Ochse, 20, student, 116 Marion st., both Salem.

Samuel E. Heth, 29, student, 1796 Chemeketa st., and Pearl Z. Wiegand, 26, clerk, 295 Market st., both Salem.

Harold Witley Karn, 22, city employee, route 2, box 59N, and Rose Mary Taylor, 18, housekeeper, route 5, box 1886, both Salem.

Petrus Feakens, 43, laborer, route 6, box 583, and Phyllis Pedelski, 39, 892 Winter st., both Salem.

Kenneth B. Mathieson, 22, upholsterer, Silverton, and Joyce Hackett, 19, beauty operator, 555 N. Winter st., Salem.

PROBATE COURT
J. A. Moser estate: Order admitting will to probate.

Emma C. Haverland estate: Order appointing administrator, Maynard T. Haverland, and appraisers, Arthur Peters, Esther Werner and Beattie M. Ekofson.

Henry D. Bomhoff estate: Order approving final account.

Clara A. Clark estate: Order appointing Mae Whitehead executrix.

300 Appear at Nisei Banquet

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—(AP)—Three hundred persons attending a banquet honoring 70 Nisei veterans and six gold star mothers were told last night Japanese-Americans can aid in establishment of democracy in Japan.

"The Japanese people are realists," said Col. Elliott Thorpe, commander of the Monterey, Calif., army intelligence school. "They don't apologize for the past, but they are turning to America now and saying 'if you have something better, we'll take it.' If we don't give them something better they will take something else."

No One Hurt in Three Crashes

No injuries had been reported by today as a result of three minor auto collisions in Salem Sunday.

Police reported the following collisions: At Court and Church streets at 12:15 a.m., cars driven by Jean H. Brown, 140 Elma ave., and Ralph V. Johnson, Amity; at Court and High streets at 4:30 a.m., cars driven by Dennis A. Miller, Albany, and Ray C. Bever, 280 Pine st.; at Trade and 19th streets at 5:40 p.m., cars driven by Frank S. Bowers, route 3, Silverton, and James E. Mennis, route 7, Salem.

Communists Pained by Ads

PORTLAND, Aug. 12—(AP)—There was a most pained person in Portland tonight.

Earl Payne, secretary of the Oregon communist party who learned, after William Z. Foster, national communist secretary, had berated the "atomic diplomacy" of the U. S. in a speech last night, that ads cancelling the meeting had been inserted in both Portland papers.

"I would very much like to know who put in those ads. Someone tried to sabotage our meeting," Payne declared.

Groups Object To Transfer

SEATTLE, Aug. 12—(AP)—A congressional subcommittee received testimony today from both operators and union representatives against the proposed transfer of Alaska fishing industry control from the department of the interior to the territorial administration.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Henry Jackson of Washington's second congressional district, earlier had heard officials of two Alaska steamship lines recommend a government subsidy for their new ship construction and continued government operation of their ships. Representatives of the Alaska Steamship and Northland Transportation companies, both owned by Skinner Eddy corporation, told the congressmen that a "deliberate slowdown" by labor had created "impossible operation conditions."

MARKET RECORD BROKEN
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12—(AP)—All-time north Portland livestock market records were broken today when a load of choice 1,157-pound fed steers sold for \$22.00 per hundredweight. The previous high, \$21.50, was paid last Thursday.

treatment, asks for lien on an onion crop valued at \$1500, Marred at Port Orchard, Wash. Feb. 9, 1946.

Mildred Hinkle vs Grover C. Hinkle: Non-military affidavit filed.

L. M. Grier and W. T. Grier doing business as the Valley Credit Service vs George Robert Groh and Velda Gene Summers: Amended motions of defendant Groh filed.

Esther E. Demarest vs Lloyd C. Demarest: Satisfaction of judgment.

Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Washington, D. C. vs Charles L. Hurley and others: Sheriff's return of sale of personal property on execution.

Minnie M. Kelsey vs J. F. Sauvain and others: Answer of defendants admitting and denying.

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Seen Bubbles?



This is Dorris Williams, route 3, box 6147, Salem, and her lost dog, Bubbles. The picture was taken in Visalia, Calif., before the Williams family moved here two months ago. Bubbles was shipped via Railway Express and hasn't been seen since he broke out of his crate at the Salem S. P. depot July 5, and Dorris wants him, badly. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Bubbles is asked to notify Desmond Long, Salem manager of Railway Express agency.

Social Security Rate Retained

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Legislation forestalling an otherwise automatic increase in the old age retirement payroll tax and making several other important changes in the social security law was signed Saturday by President Truman.

The bill, which cleared congress just before adjournment, freezes the payroll levy through 1947 at the present rate of one percent each on employees and employers.

Under another section of the bill, the families of World War II veterans will get social security survivors' protection for three years without charge. The new law also provides compensation for an estimated 300,000 maritime workers previously not covered.

Jews Pour Out Of Poland

NACHOD, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 12—(AP)—Hundreds of Jews continued to pour into Czechoslovakia today from Poland, despite prospects they would be unable to reach Palestine.

The Czechoslovak government has been asked by Britain to halt persons attempting to get to Palestine illegally. There was no indication of Czechoslovak policy, except that a refugee train tonight was shifted westward towards the American occupation zone in Bavaria. There were 280 persons aboard.

Czechoslovak border control authorities said about 600 Jews per day were coming from Poland.

CANADIAN DOLLAR RISES

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—(AP)—The Canadian dollar was up 1/4 at a discount of 3 7/16 per cent in terms of United States funds in closing foreign exchange dealings today. (Ottawa foreign exchange board rates 1.00-1.00 1/4 PC dis.). The pound sterling was unchanged at \$4.03 1/2.

TYPHOON NEARS JAPAN

TOKYO, Tuesday, Aug. 12—(AP)—A typhoon "of severe intensity," north of the Marianas islands and moving in the direction of Iwo Jima and Japan, was reported today by the U. S. army's weather station. The storm was moving northwesterly at a rate of ten knots.

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State Highway Debt Halved In Three Years

Oregon's state highway commission will be on a pay-as-you-go basis within a few years, Gov. Earl Snell declared in a statement which indicated that bonds of the commission have been reduced from a peak of \$51,000,000 to \$4,000. The highway debt has been reduced by half in the past three years, the governor said.

"We are confidently looking forward toward a tremendously expanded program of building, reconstruction and development," Gov. Snell continued. He said the highway commission is in the best financial condition in its history with post-war construction contracts of \$9,000,000 awarded since last November.

"For 28 years we have been paying on the financing for highways," he said, adding: "By the end of this year a total of \$51,650,000 of principal will have been paid with more than half of that amount representing interest. Since the inception of the commission, \$81,248,000 has been repaid to investors in principal and interest."

Gov. Snell said a total of \$37,000,000 is available for construction and maintenance operations during the current year but not all this work can be done because of shortages of materials and building restrictions.

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