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The Other Side of Our Prosperity

The Associated Press wire clicked off a story this week that does not belong to 1948, somehow.

The story comes from New Hampshire, the granite state with roots deep in American history; a state whose patrimony consists of white birches and covered bridges and the fine New England stock in its population and the century-old shoe factories and textile mills from which the people derive their livelihood.

The story comes from Nashua on the Merrimack river, a town settled in 1652 and now about the size of pre-war Salem. The chief industries there are two 116-year-old textile mills operated by Textron, Inc., a Rhode Island company. About 3,500 workers are employed at the mills and the welfare of Nashua's 33,000 population indirectly depends on those mills.

This week Textron announced that the mills would be closed in December, around Christmas-time. In this and other recent shutdown in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia, Textron has thrown 10,000 people out of work.

In this year of "full employment," high wages and high prices, that story about 10,000 workers who were suddenly told they wouldn't have any jobs after Christmas just does not seem consistent. We, in the rich and rapidly-developing west, seeing new plants open up and new homes go up and new workers come in, feel that prosperity is not around any corners—it's here.

And that you see, is the point. It's not here. But it's not in New England. It's not in Nashua where thousands of families are wondering how they are going to keep up their payments on that new car or the new baby or the new washing machine.

Textron explained that the New England mills aren't efficient enough. And taxes in New England are too high. And people expect decent wages, besides. So Textron is going to build new plants in the south and in Puerto Rico, where taxes and wages are low and the workers will be grateful for what they get.

It's consistent, all right. Heartbreakingly so.

That story from New Hampshire is just the other side of the glowing picture we of the west have been seeing. A businessman in 1948, as in 1930, has to be efficient; and the expansion here and in the south that testifies to his efficiency simply means that Nashua, New Hampshire, can go shrivel up. The century-old mills that can't compete with brand new plants can become picturesque points of interest. And the workers—well, just ask the next family of migrants where they are from.

On Premature Funeral Orations

You do not have to ask for whom the bell tolls.

Already the radio commentators and newspaper columnists, who never granted United Nations much life expectancy in the first place, are proclaiming the death warrant in solemn notes of I-told-you-so.

As the delegates in Paris make ready to tackle yet another problem—the Berlin mess—which stems back to the last war and for which UN machinery was not designed, the prophets of gloom are preparing the sepulchre. United Nations, they intone, will get a decent burial alongside the other great white hopes of mankind—League of Nations, for one.

Trouble with all this mortuary effusion is that United Nations has not failed—not yet. As a Christian Science Monitor writer points out, if we want perspective, we need to see only the problems but also the achievements. Actually the UN charter assumed that the allies would settle the problems growing out of the war.

UN has made some political progress in Palestine, Greece, Indonesia, Kashmir and Korea. It was helped reduce tension and avert major conflicts in those strategic areas. Its economic achievements by the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Economic Commission for Europe, International Trade Organization and International bank are not paltry by any standards. Its humanitarian successes are recorded on behalf of refugees, children, disaster victims, education, the free flow of information and non-self-governing peoples.

The Monitor resume continues:

"We can say of UN—its achievements are unprecedented in the annals of history—but only a hint of what can come.

"Its failures are grave and dangerous, but not yet decisive.

"Its problems are massive and desperate, but not hopeless.

"Its machinery is adequate, but filled with unexploited-potentialities.

"Its prospects are better—much better—than the headlines suggest.

"Whatever its future, UN already has wrought a basic contribution to the advancing cause of eventually inevitable world order. Nothing can destroy that."

Of course, United Nations itself is destructible. At the moment, it is even extremely vulnerable. But the record stands and the orators now previewing the obituaries are barking up the wrong corpse.

If UN, as a world organization dedicated to the cause of peace, does break down, you will not need to ask for whom the bell tolls.

It will toll for all mankind.

While organized labor is still talking about defeating members of congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley act their campaign gives no promise of success. Already 235 of the 246 congressmen who voted for the bill have been renominated. A few may fall by the wayside in the general election, but the big majority will be reelected. The conclusion is that labor wasn't hurt as badly as it has advertised by the T-H law, or else the public felt it was time a crimp was put in union power. Both are probably correct.

British labor is finding that a socialist government is no magician. Wages are frozen although living costs have mounted; but the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told the trade union congress recently that the way to higher wages was greater production. Increase in money wages is of no value unless it can procure more goods or services. When these are increased and distributed the standard of living rises. This is true no matter under what "ism" the economy is working.

Henry A. Wallace says the progressive party is here to stay, and said it wouldn't do a fadeout as did the Theodore Roosevelt and Bob LaFollette versions of progressivism. Wallace is an optimist. The party will probably disintegrate. But there will always be agitators, malcontents, forward lookers in a democratic society. They may be irritating but they keep the old parties from growing stale. Even fleas keep a dog scratching.

By a two-to-one vote the circuit court of appeals has upheld the provision of the Taft-Hartley law which requires labor union officials to sign non-communist affidavits before their union can be recognized by the NLRB. Better reserve judgment on this case though until the supreme court makes its 5-4 split decision.

Must be hard running for president and competing with baseball league windups, world series, and football for public attention.

Kremlin Sets Timetable for Anti-Tito Drive

By Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—The comfortable Crimean dacha of Josef Stalin, according to reliable reports, has lately been receiving a steady stream of satellite Communist leaders.



Romania's Ana Pauker was the first to make the pilgrimage, shortly after the Belgrade conference. Bulgaria's Dimitroff, Hungary's Rakosi and Czechoslovakia's Gottwald followed her, to pay homage to the aging dictator and to receive his orders. For some reason no Polish leader, so far as is known, has yet made the pilgrimage.

The dacha has doubtless been the scene of discussions of Berlin and the question of succession to the dead Andrei Zhdanov's post in the Cominform has probably also been considered. But the chief purpose of the satellite pilgrimage to Crimea, it is believed, has been to settle the fate of the belligerent Marshal Tito. And from information now available, a fairly accurate picture of Stalin's timetable for Tito can be pieced together.

The timetable has already been upset by the Moscow talks of weeks ago of Yugoslav General Arso Yovanovitch. Tito's war-time comrade-in-arms, as he attempted to cross the Yugoslav frontier. Yovanovitch, it has now been learned, had been chosen by Moscow to become the instrument of Tito's downfall, and his successor. He had served with the Red army and was considered entirely loyal to the Kremlin. Accordingly, arrangements were made for him to leave Belgrade on the plane of Madame Pauker, Tito's arch-enemy, at the end of the Danube conference. He was then to be groomed to lead an anti-Tito putsch, with the full support of the Kremlin and the satellites.

Yovanovitch Slain

The plan misfired. The O.Z.N.A., the efficient Yugoslav secret police, discovered what was up before the Pauker plane took off. Yovanovitch tried to escape but he was caught and shot, not, it is believed, by a simple frontier guard, but by a special O.Z.N.A. task force. But a substitute for the dead Yovanovitch will doubtless be found, perhaps among the Yugoslav officers now in Moscow, and trained in the role he is to play.

This role will of course be much easier if Tito is dead. Therefore efforts to assassinate Tito will be redoubled—Trieste Communists loyal to the Kremlin have already been instructed that it is their duty to kill Tito if the opportunity arises. The O.Z.N.A., too, certainly have its hands full in protecting the life of the Yugoslav dictator.

Meanwhile, the economic squeeze on Yugoslavia by the Soviet sphere will be further tightened in an effort to weaken Tito's hold on his subjects. In Rumania, Albania and Romania have cut off supplies including the oil which Tito desperately needs. If necessary, the Kremlin will certainly order the extension of this blockade to all the satellite countries, although this will be economically unwise, especially to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Anti-Tito Putsch Due

When the time is ripe, the anti-Tito putsch which was to have been led by Yovanovitch will be ordered by Moscow. It will be led by the substitute for Yovanovitch designated by the Kremlin, and supported by some Yugoslavs as well as the Kremlin can muster and partisans from all the non-Slav satellite states.

Such are almost certainly the Kremlin's plans, which have now been conveyed to the satellite leaders in Crimea. Their scope suggests how very painful a thorn in the Kremlin's side Tito must be. The plain fact is that the Kremlin considers a wholly reliable Yugoslavia strategically essential in case of war. But what are the odds for Tito's survival? It is pretty obvious that for economic reasons alone Tito cannot indefinitely hold out against this kind of pressure from the east, without measure of economic support from the west.

West Ready, Willing

In general it may be said that the attitude of the western powers is that of being ready and willing to make any reasonable arrangement with Tito, without thrusting unwelcome friendship upon him. Already, the first tentative approaches have been made. When an oil ship appeared recently in Trieste harbor, Tito's loyal Slav communists in Trieste approached British Commanding General Terence Airey and American political adviser Robert Joyce. A deal was concluded and Tito got some precious oil. Moreover, contact has been established between the Tito regime and the Western diplomats, including American Ambassador Cavendish Cannon, where previously the westerners were wholly isolated.

Tito has the wherewithal, including copper and bauxite, for fairly extensive trade with the west, provided he is willing to trade. And, bar a wholly unanticipated reconciliation with Moscow, the pressures which the Kremlin is already bringing to bear will certainly force Tito to turn more and more to the west for economic support. That support should be, and almost certainly will be, forthcoming. No one suggests that Tito has suddenly become a simon-pure democrat. But in the context of the grim struggle which is now in progress, we must support Tito simply because it is our interest to support Tito.



"A Punt and a Prayer"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Sen. Charles L. McNary, Townsend is a big farmer, believe it or not. He and a son have 600,000 chickens, and he grows fruit and vegetables for nearby city markets. Others included in the train list were Stanley High, who did the church roundup for FDR in 1936, Edwin F. Jaecle of Buffalo, Senator DeLapp of New York state, and Elliott Bell, New York state superintendent of banks. Some may go along to greet the local politicians who are always eager to get aboard; but those mentioned help out on the heavy planning which a candidacy requires.

Oregon republicans were well represented on the Dewey train: Ralph H. Cake and Mrs. Marshall Cornett, members of the national committee; Jim Rodman of Eugene and Mrs. John Y. Richardson, chairman and vice chairman of the state committee; Neil Allen, Grants Pass, former chairman; Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer; Ed Boehnke, Lane county chairman; Kelly Owens and Mrs. Helen Ficke, Marion county chairman and vice chairman; Steve Anderson, president of Young Republicans. And candidates—Douglas McKay, Earl Newbury, secretary of state, Howard C. Belton; Senator Guy Gordon and two congressmen, Harris Ellsworth and Walter Norblad. All were busy doing a lot of gabbing over state politics, though I heard no one start to parcel out the collectorships.

At Portland the auditorium was filled, with many standing outside—a very good showing considering the fact it was the noon hour. Dewey made a good appearance and a good talk. Clearly he is not "stirring up the animals." He is looking ahead to occupying the White House, and the prospect is sobering. Consequently, he is making his plea for unity both on the foreign front and at home.

This type of speech carries no "arousements." The audience derives no satisfaction out of vocal jobs at the opposition. Caution marked the content of his address; but Dewey gives the impression of competence. No longer austere, the Oregon primary campaign seems to have made him informal, but that without sacrifice of dignity.

It is never safe to regard an election as won until the votes are counted. But the prevailing apathy is a pretty good sign that the people have made their decision and are only awaiting November 2 to record it.

Adult Classes Enrollment Up

Adult education and college extension classes at Salem school district's night school increased by 157 students Monday night, bringing this year's total enrollment to 340.

George Porter, supervisor of adult education, said 60 more students have enrolled in adult education classes and 97 more in the extension work. The classes are held at Salem high school.

Porter also announced that a new class in woodworking will be started Tuesday at West Salem junior high school. A full enrollment is expected the first session, he said.

Most States Report Common Highway Problems at Meeting

Oregon's problems of new highway construction and maintenance are similar to those of most other states throughout the country, W. C. Williams, assistant state highway engineer, declared Monday on his return from the annual convention of state highway officials at Salt Lake City.

Several officials of the Oregon state highway department, attended the sessions including R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, who will not return until later in the week.

Three principal problems are the acquisition of necessary materials, operating personnel and adequate funds, Williams said. He said reports at the convention showed that the western states are out in front on current highway construction with Oregon ranking near the top.

A report by officials of the Oregon highway department—covering the three year postwar period—placed Oregon's highway construction revenues at \$51,000,000 of which \$40,000,000 represents federal funds and \$11,000,000 state money. Construction contracts awarded aggregate more than \$40,000,000 or 80 per cent of the total money available. The national average is 32 per cent.

Williams said contracts aggregating \$18,000,000 have been completed with \$23,000,000 under contract. Contracts totaling \$10,000,000 still are to be awarded under the present three-year program.

For the next two years, starting July 1, 1949, there will be available for highway construction in Oregon approximately \$21,200,000, with prospects of an additional \$5,000,000 of forestry funds. A substantial part of these funds will come from the federal government.

At the next meeting of the Oregon highway commission in Portland November 3 and 4, contracts involving \$1,500,000 will be awarded, Williams said.

Williams said all state highway officials at the convention predicted a substantial increase in the number of motor vehicle registrations, with parking a serious situation everywhere.

The original Greek Olympic games were held over a period of nearly 1,200 years.

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Distributors Differ on Benefits Of Gas Allotment Boost; Ration System Used by Most Stations

Whether Friday's 20 per cent boost in gasoline allotments was a substantial help to motorists was a debated point in Salem Monday. Some distributors said the situation was still tough, while others said the boost would be a great aid in tiding stations over until October 1.

What will happen when Friday arrives is one of the biggest puzzles—though rumor had both cuts and increases stated in the supply. The problem is the outgrowth of the oil workers' strike in California.

Most stations continued to "ration" their allotments to regular customers and in limited quantities, but at least one chain reported it makes no restrictions. Most were still closing early after selling the day's supply.

Distributors said that some stations which had exhausted their quotas, formerly 75 per cent of July deliveries, were now able to reopen for a few days. But the supply was still not up to September's normal, and the slicing of deliveries has caused more people to keep full tanks and keep more gasoline than normally.

Salem area residents wondering whether to chance a motor trip

to southern Oregon were encouraged Monday by Harry Scott, just back from a motorcycle dealers' meeting over the weekend in Medford.

Scott said gas was in plentiful supply in the south of Oregon, where he encountered no restrictions on purchases. He reported gas station men there have noted a big decline in tourist traffic since the oil strike and quotas there, as here, are based on a heavy tourist month.

Greyhound Bus Depot Moves Location Today

The Greyhound bus depot will move to a new location and have a new manager at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. They leave the site used as a bus depot in Salem for the past 20 years.

The buses will load in the 400 block of North Church street, in front of a rented store building at 476 N. Church st., which has been remodeled and redecorated for terminal purposes. It is in the same block as the new Greyhound building, expected to be completed late this year.

Bert W. Riebe, Greyhound district passenger agent at Medford for the past 2 1/2 years, will assume the local terminal on a commission basis. He will be aided by Mrs. Riebe, former Patricia Follon, who resided in Salem for several years.

The bus line, beginning under the name of Oregon Motor Stages (not the present line) and became Greyhound through purchase and consolidation, has operated at the Senator hotel since 1928. W. W. Chadwick, owner of the hotel, recalled Monday. For the past several weeks, while the hotel is being remodeled to provide a coffee shop, bus operations have been through a trailer in the block, according to C. T. Reaney, who has agent.

Scholarships Awarded to WU Students

Six Willamette university students have been awarded national Methodist scholarships for this school year, it was announced by the board of education of the Methodist church Monday. The awards come from the student loan and scholarship fund and cover tuition costs and fees up to \$400 per academic year per person.

Three of the six students have received the scholarship before and one, Edith Mae Fairham, Salem, is receiving it for the third time. Vee Aldene Good, Newberg and Florence Nell Goodridge, Camas, Washington, are receiving the award for the second time.

Those receiving the scholarship for the first time are Stanley Earl Aschenbrenner, Grants Pass, John E. Kaemmer, Raymond, Wash., and Ted Loder, Milwaukie.

Election Notices Sent to Marion County Precincts

A total of 1,720 election notices went out Monday from the office of Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd to election clerks and judges in the county's 92 precincts.

Meanwhile Judd said that over 1,000 voter registrations had come into his office since the May primary. He had no exact figures computed but estimated that a good number were not new voters but were voters who had changed addresses.

The registration books, he reminded, close on October 2. The record general election registration in this county is 40,444 set in 1940. A record primary registration of 38,982 was set last May. Judd said the possibility is strong that the 1940 general election registration record will be broken this fall.

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Vote Canvass Confirms New School Union

Recent formation of union high school district 6 in the vicinity of Hubbard was confirmed Monday when the Marion county school district boundary board canvassed the September 16 election.

The official tally showed that a proposal to dissolve the district was defeated by a total of 293 to 211 among the six districts voting. Unofficial returns reported the night of the election showed the move defeated by a vote of 394 to 211. The correction was made Monday when Donald district's negative vote tallied out to one less than the unofficial complaint.

Four districts which vetoed the proposal include Hubbard, 181 to 14; Aurora, 71 to 56; Broadacres, 27 to 15, and Donald, 66 to 30. Those districts favoring the measure were Butteville, 60 to 13, and White, 36 to 35.

Judge Upholds Demurrer on Franchise Suit

A second demurrer filed by Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd against a suit seeking to bar a Salem Electric franchise measure from the city's November ballot was sustained by Marion County Circuit Judge E. M. Page Monday.

Judd's first demurrer was filed against the original complaint brought by Portland General Electric company and Joseph H. Randall. After a hearing Judge Page upheld the demurrers of both Judd and City Recorder Alfred Mundt.

Later an amended complaint was filed, which omitted an attack on the constitutionality of the franchise measure present in the first complaint. The suit seeks a court order prohibiting Judd from placing the measure on the ballot and from advertising the issue to the voters.

Another suit attacking the constitutionality of the franchise measure also is on file in court.

Union Hill Grange Has Booster Night Program

UNION HILL—Booster night was observed by the grange Saturday, with Mrs. O. W. Humphreys presenting the program. Weycome and address were given by Julius Krenz, master. Mrs. Floyd Fox read a message from the national master. Eleven charter members and three past masters were present. Guest speaker was Mrs. Mildred Norman, state grange deputy.

Those taking part in the program included Charley Mulkey, violin solo; Mrs. Marion Miller, essay; Patricia Jones, piano; Clara Humphreys, marimba; Donald Jaquet, Robert Humphreys, Wesley Darby and Richard Krenz, debate; Betty Humphreys, accordion; Vera and Joyce Savage, piano duet; Lucille Jaquet and Wesley Darby, skit; Leland Humphreys, guitar; Harry Humphreys, travel talk.

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