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## Trainmen and the Press

The "Trainman News," organ of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, raises these questions:

- Why won't the press of the nation give us space and fair reporting?
- Why don't they tell the public we work seven days a week?
- Why don't they tell the public we don't get overtime for the sixth and seventh day?
- Why don't they tell the public about our families—our children hardly knowing us because we work every day and sleep most the time we are home?
- Why don't the newspapers tell the public about our work that takes us away from church on Sunday so we can earn enough to keep up with the rising cost of living?

The answer might be that the trainmen themselves have made no effort to acquaint the press with their special problems. We assume they work for a living but profess no special knowledge of the conditions under which they work. We know that trains run day and night, seven days a week and assume that men must be working round the clock, seven days a week to keep them running—just like getting out a newspaper seven days a week. As far as this paper is concerned, it has said that the 40-hour week should come for non-operating employees on railroads the same as it has in industry. For men who run the trains, different conditions must be set up because of the nature of the business. This is usually handled by trainmen working a turn-around shift on trains and then having layovers for rest.

Where the press has been critical of railroad brotherhoods is in their readiness in recent years to tie up rail operations in disregard of awards recommended by federal fact-finding boards. The public has no way of writing the terms of settlement in disputes between brotherhoods and rail managers. It has to rely on the fairness and the competence of boards appointed by the president. The public—and the press—would be swift to condemn the railroads if they refused to accept recommendations of the official boards. All would agree that we dare not have a general railroad strike in this country of any long duration. Now let us ask a question of the Trainman News: How may we obtain a settlement of disputes between workers and railroad managers and avoid strikes and lockouts?

## Police Change in New York City

William O'Dwyer got out as mayor of New York City just in time, for probes by a Brooklyn grand jury have exposed a lot of graft in the police department. A few weeks before resigning, O'Dwyer had rather ostentatiously attended the funeral of a police captain who had killed himself after being called as witness before the grand jury. This was the mayor's way of backing up his police department.

Disclosures came so strong, however, that Police Commissioner William P. O'Brien resigned, admitting his position had become untenable, though no question was raised as to his personal honesty. His successor is Thomas F. Murphy who was the relentless prosecutor of Alger Hiss. If Murphy applies the same zeal to running the police department he did in ferreting out evidence and presenting it in the two Hiss trials, New York City is in for a good police administration. The gamblers and grafters will have to run for cover as they did when LaGuardia was bounding them.

## Good Manners and Fair Courts

The Capital Journal calls us critics of Governor Dewey's speech at the banquet for UN delegates when he lambasted Russia, "sentimentalists" and is critical of Justice Jackson for admitting to bail ten of the eleven convicted communist leaders whose bail had been revoked (the eleventh is in jail on punishment for contempt).

One doesn't have to be a sentimentalist to say that you don't carry your hates into formal social events. If you did they would break up in rows. The value of social intercourse is that it helps break down barriers; and anything we can do to get Russia to lower its barricades surely is worthwhile. Dewey's remarks were simply out of place at an official banquet.

As for Justice Jackson he is concerned with preserving the very elements of the American way of life which are under communist attack.

## Unofficial Diplomats Put Officials on Spot, Give Soviet Vehicle for Peace Offensive

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The "unofficial" diplomats have put the official diplomats on the spot again, providing the Russians with a new vehicle for their peace offensive.

From time to time for five years well-meaning individuals and organizations have asked the Russians if they were agreeable to certain nice things which everyone thinks would help toward peace. The Russians always say they surely are.

Then the official diplomats are faced with the necessity of offsetting the resultant propaganda without appearing themselves to be opposed to peace.

Dean Acheson told the Russians and the world six months ago what was needed for peace—treaties with Austria, Germany and Japan; an end to the Soviet use of force and threats of force in international affairs; an end to Soviet obstruction in the U.N.;

Soviet agreement on the U.N. plan for atomic control; an end to Soviet efforts to undermine other governments, mistreatment of foreign diplomats and distortion of western motives in propaganda and diplomacy. Joseph Stalin, Jacob Malik and Andrei Vishinsky never said yes to that.

Their answer was to create a new and worse deadlock over Austria; to unleash military force in international affairs in Korea and then to attempt to obstruct U.N. action on the case; to re-double the drafting of labor for the uranium mines; to seek to undermine the governments of Yugoslavia, Iran, South Korea, Indochina and Tibet in particular, and all the rest of the world in general.

But when a Baltimore group, apparently sincere but still pretty close to the line of the "Stockholm" peace appeals, submits its list, Malik, presumably after conferring with Moscow, is quick to say yes.

Russia, Malik says, would be glad to agree not to be the first to use the atomic bomb; favors general disarmament and outlawry of atomic weapons under a U.N. control system; would like

a top-level U.S.-Soviet conference; and favors free exchange of ideas and information between the countries.

But he doesn't say how. He doesn't say Russia will quit jamming the Voice of America to permit free information. He does not say that regardless of what agreement Russia might make, she could let at Satellite drop the first bombs just as she has used a Satellite to make her first post-1945 war. He doesn't say that Russia will accept the terms for atomic agreement which a large majority of U.N. members has agreed are fair. He doesn't say that Russia's word given at any top-level conference would be any better than heretofore, or that Russian intent, the whole root of the matter, has changed.

Russia has carried her policy so far now that no one could depend upon the results of any negotiations. It will take acts for her to clean the slate.

In the meantime, over the years she has used the Wilkies, the Stassens, the Quakers, the inquiring newspapermen and now the Baltimore group to keep on muddying the waters.

## S. O. S. CALL FROM THE UNIRONED CURTAIN DEPT



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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briskly and competently to assume responsibilities. They are not playboys; they were sobered in the years when life itself hung by narrow margins. They are concerned about civic affairs, about government, and eager to do their part in making America better.

War, a world war, is costly discipline. When one reflects on the cost of the last war in life and substance one realizes the need for what William James referred to as a "moral equivalent for war", some means which would give youth the discipline for personal living and for citizenship without war's fearful cost.

What that substitute is I cannot say. Lacking it, we still may claim what benefit war may give in the way of discipline for youth. And surely we fervently hope that Gray's optimism proves warranted; and that the generation of war-trained youth men and women will order affairs of the country and the world better than those now in seats of power.

## Safety Valve

City 4-H Show Success

The city of Salem 4-H fair held last month was a success. It was our first attempt at a 4-H club affair held only for clubs within the city limits.

For this success we wish to thank the citizens and the Salem Shopping Center for donating its space. We intend to have a bigger and better fair next year.

Mrs. F. L. Wonderly, Sec., City 4-H Leaders asso.

## Hank Would Trade Places With Louis

By Henry McLemore

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—I've been sitting here for hours trying to shed a few portable typewriter tears for old Joe Louis having to fight Ezzard Charles in Yankee Stadium tonight.

From what I read in the papers I gather that most of the authorities feel that the fight is going to be a rather dismal affair, tedious to behold.

I don't agree. I have been looking at Louis fight since he went against Natie Brown in Detroit, back in 1935, and when he is in the ring there isn't room for tedium. When he was a youngster, in his prime, there was high excitement in waiting for the ax to land. Watching him in those days was like watching the spark lick along a dynamite fuse.

As he grew older, and it took him longer to get his victim in the sights, the excitement didn't diminish. For me, it heightened, if anything.

He'll be slow tonight, will o' Joe, both afoot and in his reflexes. And the lights will shine on his bald spot. But don't tell me there'll be anyone sleeping in the Stadium as long as he is shuffling around, with those fists cocked.

My guess is that he'll flatten Charles along about the tenth or eleventh rounds.

## Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was none other than her."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "piano"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Alphabetize, allusion, ellusion, allot.

4. What does the word "vindicant" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with hu that means "to fortify"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "It was no other than she." 2. Pronounce pi-an-o, I as in pit (not as in pie), accent second syllable. 3. Ellusion. 4. To sustain; justify; as, "to vindicate one's honor." 5. Humiliate.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"If we can just keep 'em standing... maybe pretty soon there'll be some more veterans..."

## Comes the Dawn

Immediate effects of first fall shower—many parents found they had to evacuate the Kiddies Klub from the family garage in order to park the car in there. Occupied by the kids all summer most garages were crammed with makeshift forts, doll houses, toys in a state of semi-destruction, a network of ropes and pulleys and left-overs from numerous picnics. Africa safaris and Indian-cowboy wars... Radiators and heating plants in many downtown buildings grumbled, groaned, hissed, gurgled—yawning and stretching after summer-time hibernation.

Wild Huckleberry picking seems to be in full swing in the Santiam canyon. A report straight from the deer and bobcat country, though, reports there is more swinging than picking because the berries are scarce this year. Residents at Lyons say the berries are more plentiful at Elk Lake than at Monument peak—probably because the road rambling up a mountain-side to Elk Lake is better suited for goats, commandos and persons who expect little or no reward—like deer hunters.

With most festivals and queen contests out of the way there are still some things you can celebrate. This week, frinstance, is National Dog Week (for those in Korea who are leading a dog's life), National Sweater Week (if you sweat easily, this is for you. This week is dedicated to Hollywood, where, it seems, women wear little else), and Religious Education week (which should be good for everybody).

Dick Kelm, who went away with the activated Marine reserves recently, returned to say that there is very little difference between the "old" and "new" way of life in the corps. Things which brought back memories of five or six years ago was the usual chow line confusion, the long line up for examinations, the "hup-hup" chant, clothing line-up, and a hundred rumors to fit every situation and vice-versa. Dick noted what appeared to be "a more friendly relationship" between officers and enlisted men—meaning, probably, that now you get gigged with a smile.

Headline reads: "Phone Girl's Bras Conceal Coin Loot"... the poor things were probably flat busted.

## Parking Meter Plan Rejected By State Board

(Story also on page 1)

State board of control members don't want parking meters in front of the statehouse. That's what they told Salem City Manager J. L. Frazen Tuesday when he suggested meters rather than one-hour parking signs as requested by the board. Frazen said parking would be more easily handled if the area is metered.

The board left for later settlement the matter of congested parking at state buildings. Miller Hayden, Salem attorney, appeared before the board to urge the state to take over a collection of approximately 170 guns and pistols, in compliance with the will of the late Donald Wiggins of Salem.

The board approved employment of the Rev. Edward Hastings as part-time Protestant chaplain of the Oregon Boys School at Woodburn. He would receive \$60 a month. Rate for maintenance of institution physicians who reside outside the institutions was fixed at \$40 a month.

Final payment to producers who furnish flax to the state, covering the 1949 deliveries, was approved by the board. The final payment is \$5 a ton for No. 1 flax and \$4 per ton for No. 2 flax. This brings the total payment for these grades to \$50 per ton for No. 1 flax and \$40 per ton for No. 2 flax.

## Benefit Dance Set For Ill Youngster

Friends of four-year-old Johnnie Hinrichsen, 1960 S. Commercial st., are sponsoring a benefit dance for him at 8:45 tonight at the hall over the Western Auto store, 259 Court st.

Johnnie is the victim of a chronic kidney ailment. All proceeds from the dance will go into a fund for his benefit. Dick Johnson's orchestra will play.

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## Traffic Delays Listed by State

Traffic delays were listed by the state highway department here Tuesday involving several roads throughout the state. They include: Columbia river highway—Heavy construction Mondays through Fridays on Dodson-Bonneville section. Possible delays from three to six hours.

Redwood highway—Grading and paving from Cave Junction to state line. Five minute delay possible. Willamette highway—Grading from Lowell past Meridian dam, 30 to 45 minute delays.

Crater Lake highway—Five minute delay because of regrading and paving Cascade Gorge to Prospect.

## Judge Assignments Listed by Justice

Chief Justice Hall Lusk of the state supreme court Tuesday assigned Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding, Portland, to Yamhill and Polk counties to hear a number of cases in which Judge Arlie Walker was disqualified.

Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell, Marion county, was assigned to Multnomah county to hear juvenile proceedings in the court of Judge Donald Long.

Circuit Judge Charles H. Combs, Lake county, was assigned to Klamath county and Judge Arlie Walker to Multnomah county.

The Indians had many dogs when the first Europeans arrived.

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