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Strike Mediation

Following submission to and approval by the president of the report of the textile strike mediation board, the executive has called on strikers to return to their jobs and textile manufacturers to take back employes without discrimination to aid the government to carry out the steps outlined by the mediators, which call for:

Creation of a textile labor relations board for the "more adequate protection of labor's rights under the collective bargaining and other labor provisions of the code."

A study by the labor department and the federal trade commission to determine whether increased wages are economically feasible.

Regulation of the stretch-out—the practice of increasing the number of machines tended by individual workers—by a second board, acting under the textile labor board.

An investigation by the labor department to settle the question of differentials between minimum wages prescribed by the code and compensation of skilled workers.

The president regards the board's report as an instrument to lasting peace in the industry and this is the opinion also of the secretary of labor. The board asserts that the findings and recommendations are fair and reasonable and meet the basic sources of the difficulty, and provide a sound basis for that "united action of labor and management contemplated by the recovery act and recovery program."

It is to be hoped that both the owners and unions accept the proposal of peaceable adjudication and cease their bloody conflict which entails heavy costs to both and to the general public. The strike has gone far enough to show that neither side can hope for conclusive victory and mutual concessions are necessary to end a disastrous struggle. Mediation is the logical way out.

This rule of reason might well have been invoked before the strike, but stubbornness on both sides prevented it. It seems the psychology of labor troubles that there must first be a test of strength to gain objectives, until the strike fever runs its course.

Price Fixing Fails

The great majority of northwest lumber concerns have petitioned the NRA for abolition of the price fixing sections of the lumber code, holding that universal chiseling makes it impossible of enforcement. They declare that unless their petition is heeded, "the entire code is going to be lost."

Yet these lumbermen themselves drafted this code and insisted on the inclusion of price fixing to save the prostrate industry, and what revivial the lumber business has had, has been credited to the code, and only last month the West Coast Lumbermen's association adopted a resolution declaring a majority of its members favored it.

Some 80 percent of the companies are admittedly selling under lumber code prices. This is due to the fact that the code fixed prices so high that a consumers' strike followed and to get business to pay overhead charges, price cutting followed, along with racketeering which penalized honest business.

Price fixing in the smaller occupational codes has proven a failure, and it seems likely to fail in the larger industries. American industry is loth to regulate itself because we are a nation of individualists as well as law breakers. Codes are an experiment and their unworkable features, as proven by experience, must be abandoned to retain their workable features, and there are many of them. Those codes that excluded price fixing have had no such revolt of the chiselers.

Radio Favorites

One reason why the efforts of Senator Dill of Washington to induce the broadcasters to establish a news service in rivalry to newspapers, is likely to fail, is that the radio listeners do not care for it. The brief resume of important events furnished by the press associations now satisfies public demands. Polls conducted in numerous radio surveys prove this fact.

The latest survey was conducted for Radio Art, a trade magazine, and replies to questionnaires sent thousands of radio listeners in many cities as to the type of radio programs preferred, showed that musical programs had an overwhelming preference, with dance and jazz preferred to classical music. Sport broadcasts were second on the list, drama third, comedy fourth, with news, educational, religious and domestic programs the least listened to of all.

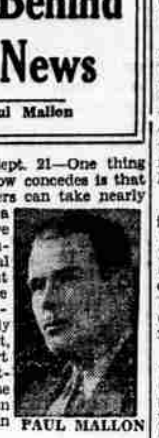
In answer to the query as to the most disliked programs, domestic programs were the most unpopular, personal advice next, the political broadcast next, followed by children's programs, foreign broadcasts, religious services and educational instruction.

These expressions are a correct reflex of popular tastes and prove the people want light stuff on the radio, want to be amused and not instructed. All of which shows that a good many advertisers are wasting their money, for the less advertising a program contains, the better it goes over.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 21—One thing everyone here now concedes is that these New Dealers can take nearly anything with a smile. They have been able to conceal their real feelinigs about some of these democratic primary results only with great effort, but the effort never was greater than when the man Bilbo won the other day in Mississippi.


PAUL MALLON

You may not know Mr. Bilbo, but you will. He will become a United States senator next January. For the following six years he will be a national character surpassing Huey Long. He has promised it.

As one astute New Dealer remarked after hearing of Bilbo's victory:

"All the senate now needs to become a minstrel show is a brass band. Bilbo and Long are the two best end men in politics."

Technique — The secret of Mr. Bilbo's success is not what you may think. He is not anti-New Deal. Nor does his election mean that Mississippi has gone berserk. He made a good reform record in his first term as governor and still is supported by many of the best families in the state. As well as the backwoodsmen.

The best authorities on politics there seem to agree his victory can be traced to two things: (1) The unpopularity of his opponent and (2) Mr. Bilbo's promise of all things to all men.

His political technique is amazing. He has been accused of nearly everything under the sun and a few things over it, and he never denies anything. Indeed, he makes a virtue out of most accusations.

For instance, a tale is told about how one of his opponents in a gubernatorial campaign accused him of being too much of a ladies' man. He chose to make a reply at a women's political rally, where he said in effect:

"The man Bilbo (he always looks at himself objectively) is fifty-two years old. He has been accused of being a ladies' man. He does not deny that accusation, but says that any man who is fifty-two years old and is still a ladies' man is the kind of a man you want for governor."

Background—It is also whispered that, in another campaign, he was caught in a rather embarrassing position because the candidate for whom he was campaigning was dying. Mr. Bilbo did not bat an eye. Said he:

"I would rather vote for a man in a graveyard with a good respectable name than the rest of these puddinheads who are running around dead but won't lie down."

Some of the newspapers in his state have said some things about him in fighting words. He has been on both the receiving and sending end of bribery charges. One newspaper once commented on the fact that he hid in a barn from a court subpoena by expressing commiseration for the animals in the barn. To all of which Mr. Bilbo turned the other cheek.

When a jury absolved him in a malfeasance case, he took occasion to say that perhaps the judge, the prosecutor and some other people thought him guilty, but he sided with the jury. Also, he is the man who made that groundless assertion in the 1928 campaign that the republican presidential candidate had danced with a negress.

Gulp—The New Deal attitude is illustrated by what Chester Davis (AAA administrator) said in jest. He thought it spoke well for agriculture Secretary Wallace's political acumen that, in six months, Wallace was able to develop a man capable of winning a senatorial nomination.

The truth is the New Dealers would not give Bilbo a good job. In order to take care of him, they gave him a desk in the AAA and permitted him to clip newspapers at a salary of $6,500 a year, a fact they may later have cause to regret.

Nevertheless, Mr. Bilbo will probably vote with the New Deal in most important matters. He will go wild carefully and only on his pet subjects, such as the cash bonus, and the redistribution of wealth.

But his election and some of the others mean a tempestuous and amusing congressional circus this winter.

Ohio — Another spot which has caused the New Dealers to be less happy than their public statements indicate is in Ohio.

The New Deal generalissimos here have heard that democratic senate Candidate Donahey will make a speech to the state convention shortly promising to defend the constitution. Private polls have indicated Donahey will win in November. Private information indicates he will support the New Dealers only when he thinks they are right, which may not be as often as they expect.

The serious point about the Bilbo case, the Donahey case and the Upton Sinclair case in California is that Chairman Farley is trying to take them all under his wing and it is beginning to look as though the wing may eventually become bigger than the chicken.

Newcomer? — Certain agents for President Roosevelt have been working on the inside the last few days to get Calvin MacGruder (another Harvard law school man) appointed to Garrison's place as head of the national labor board.

Steam—You will shortly hear the railroads beginning to blow off some steam for their rights. The young men high in railroad organizations have been stoking the boilers on the Q.T. for some weeks now.

That is the real reason the resignation of J. J. Pelley as president of the N. Y. N. H. and H will be announced soon. Announcement has been delayed because of an inside row regarding his successor. He will head a new national railroad group organization to be called the American railroad institute. It will supersede the two old inadequate rail trade organizations.

PERFECT CASE OF EXTORTION ON HAUPTMANN

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—During questioning of Bruno Richard Hauptmann concerning the Lindbergh ransom money, Acting Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan declared today in police lineup:

"I can understand this man's denial, but we have a perfect extortion case against him," the inspector said. "There is no doubt in my mind that he will have to answer a more serious charge.

"There is not a bit of doubt in my mind about this man. This case just proves good of cooperation between all agencies, the treasury department, department of justic, postoffice department and police.

"We have just arrived at the conclusion this morning that it is not complete by any means."

Sullivan then paid tribute to the members of the police force and added:

"I want to add a word of respect for another group of men, the newspapermen. I respect them for their confidence and if anyone is entitled to respect for their fairness and decency, it is the representatives of the press."

Hauptmann was then led off the stand and taken to another part of headquarters prior to his trip to the Bronx for arraignment in West Farms court.

Hauptmann's appearance on the stand was a climax to the usual parade of petty suspects. He was brought into the lineup room before the other prisoners, but he was the last to be called to the stand.

He appeared greatly agitated. A uniformed policeman walked at his side; a plainclothesman followed him. The prisoner tottered as he walked to the stand.

As Sullivan fired questions at him, Hauptmann blinked in the strong glare of the spotlight, focusing his gaze on the floor. He seemed to have difficulty in hearing his inquisitor who frequently had to repeat his questions.

Hauptmann spoke with a strong Teutonic accent.

JOINT PROTECTION BONNEVILLE DAM

A mutual agreement between the Washington trade and industries board and the Oregon industrial accident commission for protection of workmen and employers at Bonneville dam in the Columbia river, was effected the past week it was announced by T. Morris Dunn of the accident commission, who just returned from Olympia.

The construction of the dam necessitates crossing and re-crossing the state line by workmen on assignment, and injuries which may result will be handled either by the Washington board or the Oregon board according to details of the mutual agreement, Dunn said. The 60-foot center strip in the middle of the river was also divided by the agreement.

The accident commission also reported three fatalities and 704 accidents in Oregon the past week. The fatalities were Glen S. White, timber worker at Willamina; Peter Shubert, Portland laborer, and Frank Alto, Seaside, timber faller.

Albany Merchants Show Merchandise

Albany—Albany merchants will stage their annual fall opening Friday evening, with a feature of the event being that prizes will be given merchants by the people who will judge their window display by balloting. Two ballot boxes are to be placed on the streets and ballots are to be clipped from a local newspaper to be used by the citizenry in voting the three best window displays.

Less than one per cent of Lapland has been put under cultivation.

LIQUOR AUDITS DECLARED CLEAN

Individual audits of liquor commission stores and agencies are "unusually clean," state department officials said today. Reports received reveal that operations have been conducted in businesslike fashion, it was declared.

Books of the Eugene store show that sales from its inception to August 22 totalled $38,515.10. Resident permits issued during this period numbered 1506 and non-resident permits 308. Purchases amounted to $43,514.71. There was a $351 markdown in stocks.

Albany store sales from April 19 to August 2 totalled $9935.35. There were 455 resident permits sold and 44 non-resident. Stock purchases aggregated $12,850.60.

Sales of the Astoria store from its opening until August 9 amounted to $10,689.90. Resident permits numbered 1188 and non-resident 211. Resident permits cost $1 annually, and non-resident ones 50 cents. Astoria purchases for the period covered totalled $36,182.63. Markdowns aggregated $461.65.

PAY FOR MAYOR IS BILL'S PURPOSE

Petitions emanating from the Salem Trades and Labor council are being circulated proposing a measure that would make the mayoralty of Salem a salaried office. It calls for a salary of $2400 a year.

Sponsors of the petition hope to have it on the ballot at the election November 6. To do this it will be necessary to have 1447 signatures 30 days before the election.

The petition has been submitted to City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz for approval as to form. It was prepared by the legislative committee of the council, members of which are E. G. Burrell, chairman, Joseph Darby, Phillip Fisher and Shannon Hogue.

CORN HOG CONTRACTS SIGNED BY FARMERS

Dallas—Most of the Polk county corn-hog contracts were signed during the past few days. A few farmers found that they could not sign their contract because of the heavy cuts that had been made in them.

The 262 contracts were allotted a total of 8,000 pigs by the federal committee that reviewed the contracts. A few contracts were seriously cut and others only a little, depending on the evidence.

The board of directors of the corn-hog association held a meeting Saturday to lay plans for completing the program and arranged for the measuring of the corn fields that are under contract and checking on the hog production of each farmer who signed up. "The completed contracts will go to Washington within the next three or four days," according to Ronald Hogg, president of the association.

Shaw—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherman and family motored to Grand Ronde Sunday to the Clair Humphrey home, combining business with pleasure.

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Zentz Given Fine

Dallas—Fred Zentz, brought into justice court Thursday on charges of being drunk and disorderly with destroying public property, was sentenced to pay a fine of $30 or serve 15 days in jail on each count. Zentz went on a spree recently and broke 11 panes of glass in the jail before being subdued.

Jefferson — Henry Seehale of Prineville is visiting his sister, Mrs Hugh Bilyeu, and brothers, F. E. Seehale and Charles Seehale.

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