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British and American Unions

Vincent Sheean, noted foreign correspondent and author, has an article in the current Saturday Evening Post entitled "They Also Fight," describing the mobilization of workers in Britain for national defense. The unions, though as strong in membership as before, have surrendered temporarily many of their rights, including that of strikes, to speed up production. Mr. Sheean says:

"A worker on any fundamentally important job cannot leave his job. A worker can be transferred from one job to another. . . . Right to strike is not exactly abolished, but it has become so remote . . . that it practically exists no longer. . . . This arrangement, which has been brilliantly successful and has saved England, has not a parallel at any other period or place in human history."

British labor is not slave labor, nor are the workers mere automatons and servile robots, as in Germany, but intelligent, skillful and individualistic. Above all they are patriotic and intent on preservation of their liberties.

One cannot help contrasting the attitude of British trades unions with the attitude of labor leaders in the United States, many of them lawless racketeers and intent on utilizing defense for profiteering. No sooner is one defense strike broken than another one is fomented, and frequently the recently signed contract violated almost as soon as signed.

One of the reasons for the difference between British unions and our own is that the former are much older and hence more conservative, that they are legally responsible for their actions, that officials must account to their membership for dues and expenditures and file a public accounting, whereas in this country labor bosses rule for years by terrorism, amass great fortunes individually, and spend the union revenues for all sorts of extraneous things without accounting. The rank and file in many of our unions have little or nothing to say.

Power Crazed Ickes

Secretary Ickes, in his Spokane speech, declared for public ownership of all power utilities in the northwest, with himself in absolute control, as an essential of defense. He would purchase or condemn all private power systems, with ownership and operation by the federal government—with no home rule for a billion dollar enterprise. Bonneville Administrator Raver echoes the same proposal, putting a time limit of six months to effect the consolidation of the power grid.

Mr. Ickes of course favors his own measure, the Columbia River Authority bill introduced by Congressman Hill, with a one man administrator appointed by himself, instead of a board of three. And as Mr. Raver would probably be selected for the administrator, under Ickes, he also favors such a measure.

The Ickes itch for power is fully as great as the president's own. He is already boss of the Interior Department, which controls the reclamation bureau, the national parks, the department of public lands, the Indian service, the nation's oil and public power resources, the bureau of fisheries and Alaska. Now he is also petroleum czar and itches to control all power production in the northwest, private as well as public and does not hesitate to use his power to penalize objectors and punish regions that oppose his program. He is crazy for power, political and otherwise.

Hitler Uniting Europe

Reports from neutral capitals agrees that in one respect, Europe is more united today than ever in history—"united in a grim and ominous union of hatred binding the conquered and oppressed" against the Nazis, a union that ignores boundaries, racial prejudices and social differences. It unites the nordics of Scandinavia, the slavs of Russia, Poland and the Balkans with the Greeks and the French, the Belgians and the Dutch. All Europe is permeated with hatred.

This hatred of the Nazis is shown in many ways, in demonstrations, sabotage and espionage and is met by death penalties and terrorism, which fail to check the underground stream of hate. In Poland, German papers report an average of ten executions a week in the past year, including public hangings, but not including unpublished executions of hostages in proportion at 100 to 1 of Germans killed. The same story goes for Norway, the Netherlands, France, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Greece.

The hour of uprising has not yet come. The Germans have not exhausted themselves sufficiently in Russia, and the British have not yet started an offensive. Light automatic weapons are finding their way into these occupied lands, and the underground secret organizations are extremely active.

Hitler will eventually reap the harvest his dragon teeth have sown.

Grit for Chickens Topic for Inquiry

Corvallis, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—Because chickens have no teeth they swallow grit with their food and then operate an internal grinding machine. A lot of research has been done on the food but very little on the kind of grit that is best for chickens, Poultry specialists at Oregon State college recently completed one trial to determine what is the best kind of grit to feed broilers being raised in confinement for the meat trade. The study shows that such birds will not eat as much of the common seashell or calcium-bearing grit as they will rock or silica grit.

W. T. Cooney, research assistant who conducted the experiments, concluded that chickens evidently have the ability to detect an unbalanced ration so far as minerals are concerned at least, and hence when the feed ration itself contains adequate calcium, the chickens do not eat much of the calcium grit.

Even though broilers are fed largely on the finely ground mash foods, they seem to do better where grit is provided, Cooney reports. Those receiving no grit graded down to 80 per cent No. 1s as compared to 90 per cent or more No. 1s for the groups receiving grit.

Maybe Zippers Will Disappear

New York, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The zipper may disappear from trousers and dresses. The reason is national defense.

Zippers are made of copper. Copper is needed in the war effort. The decision as to whether the button will stage a big comeback will be made at a meeting this week between the Amalgamated Garment Manufacturers and the office of price administration and civilian supply.

Life's Little Tragedies

By Beck

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Only about a 15 per cent vote was charmed out to cast ballots on the important airport bond issue yesterday. This in spite of the fact that fully 1600 or more voters promised faithfully over the telephone to get out and vote, that there was an ad for the election on every downtown sidewalk and numerous other strategically perfect plans for publicity were put over with a bang. The trouble was, the question wasn't controversial, pretty near everybody wanted it but was certain George would vote for it and so there was no use worrying. If the special election had been called to pass on whether or not parking meters should be installed in the downtown streets polls couldn't have been built big enough to get all the vote cast in the 12 hours allotted. Where the boys slipped up was in not getting a parking meter rider attached to the ballot so everybody would be on hand.

One of our sporadic correspondents writes in to suggest that the ladies hold their afternoon bridge parties these hot afternoons at the bean yards, changing the name to "Bean Parties" and awarding the door prize to the gal who picks the most beans. "This," writes our unnamed and unsung hero, "would eliminate the waste time being spent around backyard fireplaces and also keep the backyard lawns from being trampled up and strewn with cigarette butts." Out of due respect to the life and limb of the writer we leave the name anonymous so he may live to take home his wife from a bridge party another day.

From our Silverton special agent comes word that the latest to venture into our FT & BA with both his ups and down elimininated is none other than E. Z. Kaufman, employe of the Silver Falls Timber company, papa of two of Silverton's fairest girls, Margie and Marciel, and a man who'll do our organization proud. We suppose with our latest member teeth are like money with us, E. Z. come E. Z. go.

Secretary Ickes in announcing the regulations for the coming duck season includes permission for shooting and possession of one wood duck per hunter, thus permitting hunters to possess a bird killed accidentally which otherwise would be wasted. This must come as sad and shocking news to our friend Clarence Byrd who pungled up 25 bucks a few years back for an accidentally killed wood duck. Yea, we know that Clarence must feel, as he reads this regulation, that he was born two or three years too soon or, that at least, there should be a rebate to shooters who shoot accidentally.

Speaking of Mr. Ickes we were just looking over a book prepared by the national park service giving the dates and places for expositions, fairs and other events over the country and included in the same is following notation, "September 10-13, Pendleton Round-up, Portland, Oregon." While probably Mr. Ickes didn't make this error personally, even at that it won't boost his percentage much around Pendleton.

Holm is Hospitalized

Silverton—The Richard Holm and the Reinard Holm families shortened their week-end stay at Diamond lake, returning Sunday, on account of the serious illness of Eddie Holm, son of the Reinard Holms. With official permission the drive home was made in record time. Young Holm submitted to an emergency appendectomy Sunday night with his condition reported as fair Wednesday.

On The Russo-German Front—Arrows indicate main sectors on the eastern front and the possibility, envisioned in Berlin, of a German thrust at Batum, Soviet oil port on the Black sea. Russians, reporting a firm stand east of Kingisepp, acknowledged a German drive to the Novgorod region (1) and an advance in the Gomel sector (2). Odessa (3) was reported under heavy pressure, and Germans reported attacks on Dnieper river bridgehead defense forces. In Berlin, where the quick fall of Odessa was predicated, possibility of a sea-borne thrust at Batum (4) was seen. — Associated Press Photo.

Kelly Says:

Conservation Soon Going Out Window

Farmers Will Be Asked To Multiply Produce

Roosevelt-Churchill Session Back of It

By Paul Dunham

Washington, Aug. 21—Within a brief time the conservation program will go out the window head first. Soil conservation, which has been a life saver for several counties in the Pacific northwest, through the checks, will be a thing of the past. The idea of prosperity through scarcity is to be abandoned. From now on the policy will be to produce, produce and produce.

This new program will be directed at the farmers of the northwest and it will completely upset the plans which have been in operation for the past eight years. Henceforth the United States is to be the feed-bag of democracy as well as the arsenal of democracy. Not again will a slaughter of little pigs be decreed, not a curtailment of any other production. What the administration is striving for is more food; more livestock, vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese and dairy products. In brief, the administration will urge every farmer to get busy and raise all he can.

Farmers Must Feed Them

It will be the business of the farmers of the United States to produce enough for our own army and for the armies of Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and any other nation which may line up with the policies of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill as devised at their conference on the British battleship Prince of Wales. This, in itself, is a large order, but administration leaders are certain it can be filled, if the farmers are given time. There is, as everyone knows, a food shortage in Britain and part of the lend-lease program is to supply foodstuffs as well as airplanes, anti-aircraft guns, tanks and the miscellaneous weapons of war in a mechanized age.

In addition to Britain, there are commitments to China, to Greece, to Soviet Russia, although the soviets are an agricultural nation. Primarily, the soldiers must be fed, then the civilian population. This is the outline now under consideration. Later, when the war ends, the United States will have to feed the millions of peoples of other lands who have been rescued from Herr Hitler's legions, and this will impose a still further burden on the American farmer.

Pasture Changes Rapidly

Unless, of course, there is some price fixing regulation the cost of farm products will soar, both in this country and abroad. The picture has changed since that memorable meeting of the British prime minister and the president. To meet the needs of feeding most of the world, the farmers will be encouraged to cultivate every acre they can and speed up production. The secretary of agriculture, Claude Wickard, urged dairymen of Oregon and Washington to increase their herds several months ago. Pointedly he asked that they furnish more milk; urged cheese factories (of which there are excellent ones in the two northwest states) to operate day and night; proposed that the poultry men increase production of eggs. Much of this advice and suggestion has been followed by the dairymen, but what Secretary Wickard requested was insignificant as compared to the quantities that will be needed. While there is no large number of hogs in the northwest, there has been a notable addition. Cattlemen are now making money; sheepmen are thriving.

Truck gardeners growing tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas and beans are to be informed that the war demands require more than present yields. These vegetables will be canned and dispatched to the army and navy of the United States and Britain. Too many tomatoes can not be raised; there is a market at the canneries for every bushel of these vitamin-bearing vegetables.

Storage Task Monumental

While the "ever normal granary" of Vice President Wallace(advocated when he was secretary of agriculture) will be maintained, it will be the objective to accumulate vast stores of surplus foods. This accumulation is to be distributed in the rescued countries when they are salvaged and while they are endeavoring to get back on their feet. This task will be monumental and is unparalelled in the history of the United States, and to accomplish it all restrictions on crops, much of the soil conservation program and federal regulations must be either revised or abandoned, at least "for the duration."

Little fanfare has been made over the change in policy, but the men who are doing the planning wish to have all the details worked out before the public is informed of the program. Naturally, the farmers wish to produce more than their present allotment and probably will welcome the change. With the exception of tobacco and cotton, the program will apply to farmers of the northwest, as they grow almost everything that will be so badly needed.

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AFL Officers All Re-Elected

Portland, Aug. 21 (AP)—All Oregon state federation of labor officers who were candidates for reelection were returned to their posts, a tabulation of mail votes revealed today.

President Paul E. Gurske and Secretary D. E. Nickerson were unopposed. J. D. McDonald, Portland, was elected vice-president over L. A. Pierre, Astoria.

The following five executive board members were elected without opposition: John O'Neill, Portland, first district; Eli McConkey, Astoria, second district; F. J. A. Boehringer, Salem, third district; James A. Storer, Eugene, fourth district; Joseph L. Ross, Bend, seventh district.

O. E. McKinney, Marshfield, won over John D. Herbison, Marshfield, in the fifth district; G. C. Tatman, Klamath Falls, defeated Charles W. Tower, Medford, in the sixth; Carl Gilson, LaGrande, defeated Thomas Hodgson, Pendleton, in the eighth, and William R. Perrin, Oregon City, nosed out Richard G. Hoover, Oregon City, in the ninth district.

Novelties In the News

(By the United Press)

Hot Dogs

Hollywood, Calif.—John M. Stahl, 59, who has walked 640 miles since July 5, is riding back home to San Francisco.

"I get homesick every time I see a train," explained Stahl, who has visited 17 missions during his walk-for-health.

How About Doc?

Norman, Okla.—University of Oklahoma professors who hold the title of doctor will have to be content with Prof or just plain Mister.

President Joseph A. Brandt thinks the Dr. titles are confusing.

An honorary doctor himself, the new prexy also made it known he's to be called Mr. Brandt or just Joe.

Can't Blame 'Em

Chicago—Sheriffs in the pioneer days of Illinois had a mighty good reason for guarding prisoners closely.

Because, a WPA writers project discovered, it was the law that if a man escaped, the sheriff must "take the offender's place, assume all his debts and pay the fine for which he has been imprisoned."

$8 Opening

Chicago—During every hot spell the last six summers William Pokorny struggled vainly to open a small window of his home. But a burglar came in through the obstinate window, and left the same way—with objects valued at $8.

Japanese Truckers' Insurance Cancelled

San Francisco, Aug. 21 (U.P.)— The state railroad commission Wednesday revealed that a Los Angeles insurance company had cancelled "several hundred" policies on vehicles operated by Japanese truckers in the San Joaquin valley.

The commission said the Commercial Standard Insurance company cancelled the licenses "because this class of business has proved unprofitable over a period of years." The truckers will have to obtain insurance or face cancellation of their trucking permits, the commission added.

Salem Sketches By Will Danch

"He's training to be an expert swimmer like Forbes Mack. Later on when he gets more confidence we'll put the water around him!"

Fire Raging in British Columbia

Prince George, B. C., Aug. 21 (AP)—(Canadian Press)—Fire fighters were battling desperately in the great Beaver lake district, 50 miles north of here, today in an attempt to hold a 100 square mile blaze raging in the forest from sweeping to Fort St. James on Stuart lake, 15 miles to the west.

A number of other fires have been reported throughout the vast north woods reaching as far as the Alaska border. Big blazes near Stuart and Tembleur lakes are believed under control but stands near Klock and Manson creek are threatened by the fires. Smoke is so dense forest officials have been unable to define the area of a number of the fires, despite aerial surveys.

Meanwhile, forestry officials consider closing all mills and logging camps in the area to release more men for fire fighting. Major hope of relief is heavy rains to break the nine-day low-humidity, high fire hazard stretch.

Anti-American Move In Occupied China

Shanghai, Aug. 21 (AP)—An anti-American campaign, purported to be inspired and directed by Japanese military authorities, appeared today to be growing throughout Occupied China as a result of the recent United States freezing of assets.

Reports from numerous points in Central and South China indicate that more than 1,700 Americans are facing increasingly difficult living conditions because of restrictions imposed by the military. British citizens also were affected in some areas, but not as badly as Americans.

Many of those feeling the brunt of the campaign are missionaries. At numerous places missions have been picketed as have American business houses in Shangtung province and in South China.

Americans have been forced in some instances to wait many hours, day after day, before obtaining travel permits at Japanese offices. Travel by foreigners in the occupied area has been restricted since July when the Japanese began a mobilization of men who had been released from active duty in China.

One Swedith correspondent for American and British newspapers has been expelled from Hankow and two British correspondents have been told to leave. All Anglo-American press activities were halted primarily by the Japanese military at Hankow.

Hope Increases For Utah Slayer

Salt Lake City, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—As the day of his execution came and passed, Donald L. Condit, convicted slayer who was to have died before a firing squad at sunrise Wednesday, was more determined in his effort "to beat the execution."

A stay of execution from the fifth district court where Condit was tried for the hitch-hike slaying of Harold Thorne, Salt Lake City salesman, gave Condit additional time to perfect his proposed appeal before the state supreme court.

Ickes and Wife To Have Vacation

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Secretary of Interior and Mrs. Harold L. Ickes today prepared for a two-weeks' vacation in Olympic National park, the forest wilderness in northwestern Washington.

They were guests last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger, son-in-law and daughter of President Roosevelt, and rested from their train trip from Washington, D.C.

Ickes' next speaking engagement is before the convention of the Public Ownership league of Washington and Oregon in Tacoma Sept. 5.

Ickes conferred here yesterday with Dr. Paul Raver, administrator of Bonneville dam. He said he would not visit Bonneville nor inspect any of the privately-owned power plants whose purchase he favors for inclusion in a Pacific northwest public power network.

Dredge Breaks Loose With 14 Aboard

San Pedro, Calif., Aug. 21 (AP)—MacKay radio reports the S. S. Chippewa radioed that a dredge carrying 14 men broke loose in the Pacific ocean at 1 a. m., (4 a. m., EST) and is drifting helplessly.

The Chippewa said its position is 21.12 north and 135.32 west. It gave no other details. It is owned by the Standard Dredging company of New Jersey.

The coast guard said the position reported would be about 900 to 1,000 miles south of here. It added that although the dredge would be subject to whims of wind and waves, it presumably carried food and water. The men aboard thus could survive for days if the craft were not swamped, it added, but they would have no control over the dredge's direction.

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