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Strike Restraints Doomed

Faced with the combined opposition of administration forces in the senate, President Truman himself and such left-wing republicans as Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, the Case bill and all similar labor measures having enough teeth to be even halfway effective seem doomed. Washington observers are predicting that the Case bill, providing for a cooling-off period of 30 days before a strike is called, court injunctions against mass picketing and sympathetic strikes and placing responsibility for the fulfillment of contracts on unions as well as employers, will never get out of the senate labor committee, except perhaps in a much diluted form.

Speedy action on any measure even hinting at effective regulation of unions is out of the question, according to Senator Ellender of Louisiana and one of the few members of the labor committee seeking drastic and immediate action. Chairman Murray of the committee has announced that there will be full hearings on the Case measure, which is another way of saying that the committee is in no hurry to turn the bill loose even after tearing it to pieces. Other senators excuse their opposition to the bill on the grounds that the question of labor legislation is too important to be written in haste and under pressure of public indignation. But their real fears stem from reluctance to invite political retaliation by organized labor at the polls later this year.

Senator Morse excuses his unwillingness to press for immediate action to bring labor to time with the assertion that "No matter what type of legislation is brought in at this time of hysteria, it will be so emasculated that it will react against the business interests that are forcing it." He also says that the Case bill is a "hodge-podge of restrictions that can cause more disruption in our economy than the stabilizing effect."

The Oregon senator has not forgotten his debt to the CIO-PAC, however. Nor does he explain his position on the question of labor legislation as it ties in with his recently proclaimed intention of affiliating himself with the force within the republican party which would sell the party down the river to the radical elements that seek to deliver it to communistic influences.

OPA Blocks Production

Three specific ways in which OPA is slowing down production and retarding reconversion are revealed in the report of a nationwide spot survey conducted by the National Association of Manufacturers. The report also names specific victims and quotes facts.

The three stumbling blocks placed in the path of reconversion by OPA are listed as slowness in making decisions, inability of small producers to carry losses which large competitors can stand up under, and the necessity of dropping some products entirely when OPA officials fix ceiling prices below the actual cost of production.

Production holdups are described as ranging from door knobs to grease containers, and for periods lasting from five months to two years. Instances of articles which have been forced out of production entirely and off the market range from electric motors to drinking cups for cows.

Cases where some businesses have been threatened with liquidation include a Massachusetts company held by OPA to a \$9 ceiling for an article which had to sell for more than \$10 to cover costs of material, labor, overhead and a 10 percent markup. This company said OPA officials admitted that only large firms have a chance for survival under prevailing price formulas, and that many small plants with limited purchasing power operating on day-to-day profits will be squeezed out.

A Cincinnati firm was refused a 20-cent increase on a vegetable bin which once sold for 80 cents wholesale and retailed at \$1.39. A competitive firm making an inferior article of the same type was given a ceiling price of \$2.95 by OPA. A Pittsburgh company reported that after four months of correspondence it was allowed a price of \$198 for a meter costing \$214 to make, forcing abandonment of the article. These were but a few of the illustrations of OPA blundering listed in the report.

The Russian Election

The recent national election in Russia is interesting as it is a preview of the kind of elections we will probably have in the United States when the CIO-PAC left-wingers come into control of our government. A total of 99,076,353 votes were cast—the largest number in history, out of 99,550,225 persons entitled to vote, almost as good a record as Hitler and Mussolini had.

As is the case with all totalitarian countries, there was but one political party and but one candidate for each position for deputies to the supreme soviet. All the candidates were hand picked by Stalin or his soviet hierarchy. It was the job of the voters to ratify the nominees made for them, not select them. Voting was compulsory and those who registered protest by abstaining from balloting without valid reasons, will probably join the 10,000,000 other political prisoners in Siberian slave labor camps.

The elections from European Russia to the far away Pacific and the Arctic circle were for some 1400 deputies to the council of the union on the basis of one representative for each 300,000 people and the constituent republics. These two houses form the supreme council or the parliament of the USSR. Each candidate is a communist in good standing and if he doesn't obey orders and follow the party line will probably be "purged" as so many millions have been in the past to maintain party discipline.

Stalin, a candidate for the union council, spearheaded the communist campaign with a speech on election eve in which he outlined a new five year policy of armament and industrial development "to guarantee our country against any eventuality."

Isn't "democracy" in Russia wonderful? No free press or assembly, no personal liberty, only one political party, no popular voice in selection of candidates, or policies, an "election" once in a decade and a GPU to enforce programs.

Battleship May Be Near Last Trip

Seattle, Feb. 13 (AP)—The battleship Pennsylvania is in drydock at the Bremerton navy yard being prepared for what might be her last mission.

The big warship is being stripped of much of her valuable equipment and readied for the part she will play in the atom bomb tests in the Marshall Islands and at Bikini this summer.

Commander William M. Kaufman said yesterday "She, along with other vessels selected for the experiment, is going to prove to us whether or not the atomic age has doomed a surface navy."

"There is no better service these old crates can perform," he told a Post-Intelligencer reporter.

Dayton—There were 60 members and guests from Amity, Lafayette, McMinnville and McCoy attended the regular meeting of Naomi Rebekah lodge No. 83 here last week. Five candidates were initiated for the McCoy lodge by the Dayton degree team. Refreshments were served

Popular People

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Tommy Holman appeared in his new corset today as could be indicated by a rather sylph-like contour to his otherwise general condition of rotundity and reported that the family phone rang all the evening with inquiries from friends about how Tom rated a new girdle. "I don't feel any better," said Tom, "after reading that about my sacroiliac. When I heard it pronounced it was bad enough but when I see what it looks like in print, doggone it, it hurts, even with the corset on." It shows the power of words.

There Are Good Ones, Too

Dear Sips: After reading about the "hard Hannah" type of landladies there are in our fair city, I would like to put in a plug for the really fine ones, such as our's is. We have lived in the same house for five years

and our landlady not only has never raised our rent, but has really bent over backwards proving how fair some people are. She had the entire exterior repainted, the roof reshingled, the floors sanded and finished and has always been willing to help pay for any materials we use in redecorating inside. And to top this off she has never stepped foot in our home in all this time unless she was specifically invited. We would rather you didn't use our name, if by chance you refer to this, but thought you'd like to know the "milk of human kindness" still runs in Salem to balance the menu. Here's to more grand landladies like ours. Mrs. (Name on request).

Just to complete the picture, now and then there's a tenant that's not all sweetness and light.

The Latest for Bride's Fathers (Item in Our Favorite Paper) The bride was given in marriage by her father wearing a white satin and marquisette gown with a sweetheart neckline fitted bodice and full train.

The bandstand on the court-house grounds has weathered the recent frosts and rains without looking any worse than it did before. Or much, anyway.

The election in Russia is over with the voters having a choice of voting for the candidate picked for them or not voting at all. If they pursue any other choice they are either shot or sent to prison for from 20 years to life, according to how much vodka the judge had the night before. This is what is known as simplified election procedure and one some dampfools would like to see adopted here.

YW Doings

New officers are announced for the Leslie seventh graders' Girl Reserves as follows: Helen Cadd, president; Joyce Wood, vice president; Norma Jean Hamilton, secretary; Patsy Walters, treasurer; Marie Marquardt, song leader; Bernice Damoude, inter-club council. This group is sponsoring a boy-girl Valentine party this coming Friday evening at the YWCA. There will be games and refreshments. Arleen Garver, Marie Marquardt and Joyce Wood are committee chairman for the party. Mrs. Howard Post is adviser.

The Leslie eighth grade Girl Reserves also are giving a Valentine party, Friday, the event to be at Marilyn Hall's home. It also is a boy-girl party. Mrs. Charles Shaw is adviser.

Second semester officers elected by Parrish ninth grade Girl Reserves are: Eileen Russell, president; Peggy Kuhns, vice president; Penny Glimmer, secretary; Joan Buell, treasurer; Betty Ross, song leader.

Delegates at the mid-winter conference in Eugene this weekend from Tri-Y groups here include: Annabelle Summers, Loyette Moppin, Marjorie Bartholomew, Georgia Ward, Janet Miller, Mary Elizabeth Reinhardt, Lois Burris, Jean Hatfield, Donna Chastain, Pat Macnamara, Shirley Kinnane, Jean Madison, Pat Long, Alice Woodward, Hilda Fox, Beverly Kenney, Deannie Lamb, Charlotte Alexander, Peggy Paxson, Catherine Moran, Donna Savage, Norma Jean Loewen, Marilyn Hill, Lucella Campbell, Mavis Eggen, Pauline Miller, Verlain Walker, Betty White, Marjorie DeTour, Sally Cornelius, Bernice Isham, Betty Lou Edwards.

Bazaar Plans Start

Lyons—The Home Economics club of the Santiam Valley grange met at the home of Mrs. Albert Jullian. Plans were made for the harvest festival and bazaar which will be held at the grange hall in the fall. It was also voted to hold their meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The next meeting to be February 26 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Stevens

MACKENZIE'S Column

Medemblik, Holland, Feb. 13 —From the top of the great dyke which holds back the aggressive waters of the Zuider Zee there stretches out before you on the land side as far as the eye can reach a scene of devastation that is in United Nations records as one of the meanest war crimes of the nazis.

This was the flooding of the great Wieringermeer farm colony of 48,000 acres by dynamiting the dykes and letting in the Zuider Zee.

Three villages and 512 farms were wiped out. The Germans did this without military reason but solely as an act of hate on April 17, 1945, just before their surrender.

But you can't beat the Dutch that way, as Mrs. Mack and I learned with deep satisfaction during a tour of much of the area with Government Supervisor A. Ovinge. Today, only 10 months after the flooding, the great electric pumps of the development have drained the land, and the farmers already are starting to plow for the 1946 crop. To be sure, the snug homes and barns have been destroyed and the farmers with their families live miles away in surrounding towns, but the land hasn't been ruined because, forsooth, the waters of the Zuider Zee aren't salt.

The colony was brand new, for the land was reclaimed from the sea only 15 years ago. The government had built the tidy houses and ample barns and had constructed three villages as well. The colonists rented from the government.

The farmers and their wives were youthful folk just starting out in life. The whole great area thrived with youth, and the birthrate was so heavy that babies grew on every bush.

The land blossomed. The colonists were happy and the government was as proud as punch over its model experiment. Into this Arcadian scene stalked the beast.

The Bosche long had hated the colonists because the latter were anti-nazi and there were many underground workers among them. So the invaders, even though they were about to surrender, flooded the happy Eden. The Hitlerites blew two huge gaps in the tall dyke—and the little Dutch boy's thumb could not cope with that. The flood tore through the openings and covered the land to a depth of 15 feet in places. The Germans did not notify the colony a few hours in advance so that there was no loss of human life and only two percent of the cattle were drowned. But the lovely farm houses and the villages with their handsome churches and public buildings largely dissolved in the waters. Even the trees were killed.

Salem Delegates Off For Salt Lake

Delegates appointed by the governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to attend the Conference of Western Commissions on Interstate Cooperation to be held at the Utah hotel, Salt Lake City, on Friday and Saturday, February 15-16, leave Wednesday afternoon for the Utah capital.

Members of the house are: W. Chadwick, Marion county, ex-mayor of Salem; Carl H. Francis, Yamhill county, mayor of Dayton; Robert C. Gile, Douglas county; R. C. Frisbie, Baker county; George K. Alken, budget director and executive secretary to the governor; Arlio J. Suomela, Portland, master fish warden, state fish commission.

Paul Jackson, field representative of the U.S. office of education, and William McQueen will also represent the state at the conference.

Grover Giles, attorney general of Utah is the general chairman of the conference and chairman of the Utah commission on interstate cooperation.

Burkett Honor Guests

Fairview — Honoring their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Burkett of Beatrice, Neb., who have been their house guests for six weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crannell entertained. Attending were their parents, who are leaving for their home Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Parvin, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sipola, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and William Niemi.

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Brig. Gen. T. E. Rilea

New Ribbon Goes to Rilea

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Award of the army's new commendation ribbon to Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea of Oregon by Maj. Gen. John B. Coulter, commanding Fort McClellan, Ala., was announced here today.

The award was presented to Rilea by direction of the secretary of war for Rilea's exceptionally meritorious service rendered while serving last year as assistant commanding general and director of training at Fort McClellan.

Earlier in the war, Gen. Rilea served in the southwest Pacific with the 41st division and later commanded the army's principal services of supply base in Australia.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To the Editor: I want to commend you on your editorial in the Journal of February 9, "Hoover Sounds Warning."

Editorials of this nature are of great value and while there are a lot of them coming out in all papers from time to time it seems that there is little done about the crime situation other than to let the law enforcement officers do the best they can with inadequate means.

Mr. Hoover advises in all of his warnings that prison reform should be instituted and our laws made more stringent and enforceable.

Our parole system for one thing is very weak, and many hardened criminals are turned loose to continue in their career of crime, and many innocent people, often law enforcement officers, pay with their lives for this weak system.

Crime seems to be thoroughly organized and is evidently helped in its wrongdoing by unscrupulous lawyers who jump to the aid of any class of criminal that enlist their assistance.

The best remedy for this situation is for the lawmakers and the law enforcement officers and our state officers from governor to city marshals to organize and strengthen our laws for better protection.

Our newspapers can be of great help in encouraging a movement of this kind to get more action in addition to words.

Amity, Ore. W. E. TAYLOR

Red Cross Workers Make Sewing Kits

Unionvale—The Red Cross Sewing club made sewing kits when Mrs. A. Launer entertained. She substituted for Mrs. Ed Clow because Janet Clow, 3, was ill with severe cold. Refreshments were served at noon.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Deibel and making hospital jackets to be sent to the Philippine islands will be the work beginning at 11 o'clock.

Dimes Report Made By Stayton Groups

Stayton—V. R. Tuel, head of the 1946 March of Dimes for Stayton, reported Thursday morning that \$385.50 was collected in the city exclusive of schools and theater collections. The high school reported \$20 and the Star theater, \$92.49; making a sum of \$477.

Republicans Hear Lincoln Day Appeal for Honest Program

Abraham Lincoln furnished the text, but no subject for the usual stereotyped flight of oratory, when Frederick E. Baker of Seattle addressed Marion county republicans at the Marion hotel Tuesday night. In a brief and simple plea Mr. Baker urged that the republican party take a definite stand on vital issues and endeavor to put it over by honest methods and not by political ruse designed only to "get the votes."

Lt. Col. Allan G. Carson, toastmaster, by way of humorous illustrations from army life in the Burma jungle, made no denial of the bafflement that faces soldier and civilian alike in post-war readjustment, but expressed a faith that the obstacles would be overcome, and Mr. Baker saw the answer in courageous party leadership.

His subject was "Have We the Courage of Lincoln?" Baker began by asking, "What is the republican program? What is the party's policy? What does it stand for?"

Carrying out the idea of political honesty he said that "When the republican party gets the job of running this government there is one thing the government must do—pay its obligations. The American people must know that a sound fiscal policy is necessary."

Oregon Roads Being Cleared

Oregon highway conditions were generally improved today, with snow and ice cleared from the Old Oregon Trail and the Siskiyou summit on the Pacific highway, the state highway commission said today.

Chains were still recommended for the passes on the Santiam and Willamette highways, while the commission expects to re-open tomorrow the Columbia river highway, which was closed last week by a slide near Multnomah falls. A bridge is being built across the section of highway that was dug out by the slide.

The road report also said: Government Camp—High fog, 26 degrees, 105 inches total snow, packed snow and ice throughout district. Well sand-

Santiam Junction—20 degrees, over cast, packed snow on road is being sanded. Total snow at summit 156 inches, at junction 91 inches, chains advised.

Odell Lake—Light overcast, 17 degrees, 160 inches of snow at summit, packed snow east of McCredie Springs, chains advised. Three short sections of one-way traffic above Oakridge because of washouts.

Siskiyou summit—All clear, 29 degrees.

Independence-Granger highway—One-way traffic a half mile south of Independence because of washout.

Fish Finder Doesn't Pull 'Em Into Boat

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 13 (AP)—The old saying about "poor fish" took on added meaning today with the unveiling of a fish finder that does everything except hook them and pull them into the boat.

The fish finder made its debut on the North Pacific fishing banks yesterday by locating five tons of herring for a Great Northern fishboat.

No bigger than a mantle radio, the gadget tells the depth of the water, the type of sea bottom, and how many fish are in the water below.

It is expected to revolutionize the fishing industry by eliminating long hours of trolling and making fishermen's luck a thing of the past.

Snow From Roof Fatal to Woman

Seattle, Feb. 13 (AP)—A 72-year-old woman, Mrs. Juliette Wright, was killed yesterday when snow slid from her roof and engulfed her, as she was sweeping the walk of her home at Miller River, west of Skykomish, Wash.

The King county coroner's office, in reporting the accident, said neighbors discovered her body, and said forest rangers in the area reported two feet of snow on community roofs.

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