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A Fourth Round of Wage Hikes

The CIO executive board has called for an immediate fourth round post-war wage raise for CIO unions, which include steel, auto and electrical workers, demanded price reductions from industries and asked all dissenting left wing board members to resign. President Murray warned that if communist line CIO leaders, such as Harry Bridges, continue to defy such CIO decisions they will be purged. At the same time grave concern was expressed over unemployment, which was declared extremely critical in many areas.

On wages, the board was not specific. In line with CIO policy statements of the last few months, the resolution said that "unlimited price increases and profit taking" have weakened consumer purchasing power and caused slower sales, falling production, and rising unemployment. Building purchasing power, it said, must be done through wage increases, price reductions and smaller profits.

This is typical labor leader logic. High prices are largely due to the high production costs, forced by increased wages and forced overtime and diminished production due to shortened working hours, as well as labor slow-downs and wild-cat strikes. The present Ford strike is due to speeding up the assembly line in a single department to lessen the cost of production and is in violation of the contract signed by the union. At first it was disapproved by the union officials and then ratified through mass pressure.

The fourth round pay demands of the big unions have not been formally decided on. The economic situation is different from that prevailing when previous rounds were made. Those were "cost of living" rounds. But in the last year living costs are down 3 percent from the post-war peak of August, 1948.

Moreover, "recession" or "disinflation" have created resistance to any general wage increase at the present time. The sellers' market no longer exists and increased costs cannot be passed on to the consumer, for industry is under pressure to reduce prices.

The strategy for the fourth round tends to put less emphasis on wage increases and to stress the "fringe" demands of earlier years, increased social security costs, paid by the employer in higher wages, which will be resisted as an addition to permanent fixed costs.

It will be resisted especially because congress now has before it a comprehensive program to extend social security benefits of all kinds, which will add many millions to national costs. At the same time there is afoot this movement to set up industry welfare funds to accomplish the same purpose. These plans, directly or indirectly, have to be financed, of course, by the general public, just as does the federal system of social security.

It will create a system of industrial security programs side-by-side with the government's own, cause confusion, raise production costs, complicate collective bargaining and increase strikes.

'It Still Stinks,' Says Sprague

State Senator Frank H. Hilton, a member of the senate assessment and taxation committee, has proposed in a letter to Governor McKay that he take legal steps to prevent Ray Smith, Portland republican, and Robert Maclean, Waldport democrat, from taking office as tax commissioners, to which they were appointed by a "deal" between Secretary of State Newby, republican, and Treasurer Pearson, democrat. They replaced Commissioners Earl Fisher and Wallace Wharton. They overruled Governor McKay on the appointment.

Hilton cited a state law dealing with qualifications of tax commissioners as basis for legal actions against the appointments becoming effective June 4, date when the terms of Fisher and Wharton expire.

The law states that "each commissioner shall be skilled and expert in matters of taxation." Hilton implied that Smith, who resigned Wednesday as secretary of the Portland Eagles lodge, and Maclean, farmer and auto court owner, are not qualified under the law for the positions.

Hilton proposed that the attorney general should start proceedings to enforce the law.

These appointments are popularly regarded as opening maneuvers for the 1950 campaign for the governorship nomination. Newby gives every indication of being a candidate against McKay and Pearson has been boosted as the democratic aspirant. Senator William E. Walsh calls it "the beginning of the civil war."

The Republican state executive committee had recommended a Portland tax attorney, Carlisle Roberts, for Fisher's job and Wharton was endorsed by Wm. L. Josselin, democratic state chairman.

In a letter to former Governor Charles A. Sprague, Pearson denies any deal with Newby for fixing up the bi-partisan state, reaffirmed his statement that he did not wish to reappoint Fisher and Wharton "for personal reasons," and denied his candidacy for governor. He said:

"Also, I wish to reiterate that I am not a candidate for governor. The appointments to the tax commission were not political and I am personally very proud of them. The results of their work will speak for itself and I have no apologies to make."

Now if Secretary of State Newby will make a similar denial of gubernatorial candidacy, there will probably be harmony in both parties. But Sprague is skeptical. He declares in his newspaper:

"Personal reasons" are quite inadequate to justify ouster of Wharton, who has demonstrated his competence, to replace him with a man with no experience in the important and technical field of taxation. No, Walter, the gangup with Newby still stinks.

Televised Surgery for AMA Meet

Los Angeles (AP)—Operations on human patients will be televised in full color for the first time this summer.

The new technique will be part of the annual meeting of the American Medical Association to be held in Atlantic City in June.

Black-and-white television of operations was first tried in Baltimore some years ago. Last year, it was successfully demonstrated at New York City and later at a medical meeting here.

BY BECK

Life's Big Moments



ALWAYS FAITHFUL

Dog Aids Injured Master

La Grande, May 19 (AP)—A man, trampled by his saddle horse and rescued with the aid of his small black dog, was being treated in a hospital for pelvic fractures and head injuries.

Iva Cantrell, 59-year-old railroad worker, was rounding up cattle at his Five Points ranch Sunday when his horse threw him, and stamped on his head.

Unable to walk, Cantrell sent his four-year-old dog to the house, a quarter mile away. He tried to crawl after the dog.

The dog hurried itself at the back door, but Mrs. Cantrell thinking it had run away from the round-up work, ordered it back to the pasture.

The dog raced back and forth from the door to the pasture until Mrs. Cantrell realized something was wrong, and found her husband.

His condition was reported serious.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

U. S. Will Not Join Pacific Pact Until Dissension Ends

By DeWitt MacKENZIE
(U.S. Foreign Affairs Analyst)

There likely will be some heart burnings, but need be no surprise, because Secretary of State Dean Acheson has ruled out—at least for the present—any American participation in a Pacific defense pact similar to the Atlantic treaty.

The conditions on which the Atlantic alliance is built are quite different from those existing in the orient. The secretary took note of that fact when he holds a news conference in Washington:

"While it is true that there are serious dangers to world peace existing in the situation in Asia, it also is true, as Prime Minister Nehru of India stated to the press the other day, that a Pacific defense pact could not take shape until present internal conflicts in Asia were resolved."

In the first place the Atlantic treaty covers a theater which represents the greatest immediate threat to the western democracies. True, the orient in due course may present an even greater menace—a fact which we most certainly can't ignore. However, since we already have made a start in Europe, that must be our main immediate concern.

Then, too, the Atlantic treaty covers a compact front, presenting a far more formidable defense. The picture in the orient is far different. Many of the countries in that huge area are torn by revolution—China, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia. Chief of these, of course, is China with her population of five hundred millions. As Secretary Acheson points out, the dangers of Asia are those revolving about the present conditions of that country.

How would you apply a defense pact to such a hotchpotch of violence and potential violence? What wouldn't Uncle Sam be letting himself in for if he signed a mutual defense pact with such an aggregation? It strikes me he likely would find himself in the position of the Libyan wrestler Antaeus of ancient days.

Anteus was the son of earth and none could throw him because he gained fresh strength every time he touched his mother. Along came Hercules, however, and conquered the Libyan by lifting him up so he couldn't touch earth at all.

Likewise our Uncle Sam might soon find himself hoisted by a Pacific defense pact.

His Twins Please Grandpa

Batesville, Miss. (AP)—An 82-year-old grandfather who is too old to work said today he couldn't see anything unusual about his 41-year-old wife's presenting him with hefty twin sons.

The proud father, W. T. Thompson, pointed out that he and his wife have three other children, haven't they? The oldest is 24. The youngest is two. The one in the middle is five.

The twins were born at the Thompson home 15 miles from here last Saturday. The news just reached Batesville yesterday.

The boys were not even weighed in at birth, but today they tipped the scales at 5 pounds 8 ounces each.

Now They're Convinced

Seattle, May 14 (AP)—Mrs. Harry Day promptly convinced hospital attendants Friday they were wrong when they suggested she go home because her baby was "not due for some time."

Mrs. Day, 27, scarcely had reached her home after being persuaded not to enter the hospital when she was in excellent condition—and could stay.

Off-Again—On-Again

Molalla, Ore. (AP)—Molalla's on-again-off-again daylight saving time appeared headed for "on-again" today.

Mayor Clyde W. Kendall said he would proclaim daylight saving time official at 2:01 a.m. Wednesday, even if it necessitated calling a special meeting of the city council tonight to decide the issue.

Kendall said a recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce last night had prompted his decision to put the city on DST.

Previously Molalla had followed Portland in taking up daylight saving time April 24. Then three or four days later, largely on protests from farmers, the city reverted to standard time.

Saves Dollar by Dollar

Spokane (AP)—Charles R. Yester, a Spokane service station operator, bought a new car yesterday.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Real Estate Lobby Suffers Setback at Private Dinner

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Hottest backfire the real estate lobby has suffered in its battle against public housing didn't get into the newspapers. It occurred at a private dinner in Washington in honor of Sir Harold Bellman, British housing tycoon.

The dinner was given by Mrs. Frances Freed, widow of the late Alle S. Freed, a big construction tycoon who built the Buckingham Apartments across the Potomac in Virginia. At the dinner were Edward Carr, ex-head of the National Association of Home Builders; Oscar Krueitz, president of the National Savings and Loan League; and Morton Bodfish of the U. S. Savings and Loan League, the latter indicted for violation of the lobbying act.

Sir Harold is chairman of the Abbey National Building Society—British equivalent of the Savings and Loan League—so his American friends were all set for an evening of oratorical fireworks against public housing on both sides of the Atlantic.

The British financier got a big hand when he blasted at "stringent government controls" on private housing construction in his country. Suddenly, however, the applause died like a busted light bulb.

Figuring he would also blast public housing in England, and thus provide ammunition they could use against the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing program, the dinner guests began asking about the dangers of "socialized housing" in America.

"I can't agree to that," replied Sir Harold. "Of course, I would rather not comment on your American program for public housing, because I do not feel it proper to do so. But I can tell you that the British program has worked out satisfactorily. In fact, as I see it, it's the only way to provide adequate housing for low-income groups."

Minnesota's jack-in-the-box Senator Hubert Humphrey has come up with a new symbol for the GOP in place of the traditional elephant. At a democratic banquet in Pittsburgh, Humphrey suggested that the new symbol for the republican party be the mole.

"The mole," Humphrey explained, "only blinds in the darkness and is blinded by the sunlight."

"That is typical of the republicans," explained the senator from Minnesota. "They are just discovering the yesterdays today, and are unwilling to recognize that there will be any tomorrows."

Out in Seattle, republicans are scheming to run a woman against bachelor Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington next year. They figure the only candidate who can beat the handsome senator is Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, state superintendent of education, but there is some worry that Mrs. Wanamaker at heart is a democrat.

The Wardman Park hotel in Washington refused to let Dr. Ralph Bunche, the Negro diplomat who mediated the Palestine dispute, speak in one of its hotel rooms. The Middle East Institute had reserved a private room in which Dr. Bunche was to hold a roundtable discussion with a small group of experts. But when the hotel discovered that Bunche was a Negro, it cancelled the reservation and returned the money.

The Chinese nationalist government has moved half a billion dollars in gold reserves to a secret hideaway in Formosa. The gold was moved in the dead of night. President Truman will name George P. Shaw, now ambassador to Nicaragua, as ambassador to El Salvador. The Russians are making exhaustive preparations for the foreign ministers meeting. The American embassy in Moscow reports that lights in the Russian foreign office have been burning until 5 a.m. for the past week.

Foreign Minister Vishinsky reports on the job about 2 a.m. and doesn't leave until about 8 p.m.

That's What the Sign Said
Jersey City, N. J. (AP)—Central Railroad of New Jersey ferry boats between here and New York have little boxes containing literature screwed to the wheels.

On each box is a sign: "Please Take One." Railroad police today are looking for 12 missing boxes, taken by literal-minded passengers.

School for Expectant Moms & Pops

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington (AP)—If you are modern, you take the prospective baby sitter with you to the school for expectant moms and pops. I went to one of these schools conducted by the Red Cross.

There sat half a dozen couples expecting an event. And there also were some grandmas and grandpas and mothers-in-law and bobby soxers—all potential sitters who were expecting a lesson in baby handling.

The teacher, pretty Miss Lillian Adams, told all the folks about how to hold a baby when you want to wash, diaper, powder and perfume it.

She used a doll during the demonstration. It was a special one which let out a squeak whenever it was pinched or stuck with a pin.

Miss Adams' first trouble came when a grandpa tried his hand at putting on one of the new-fangled diapers. It was called a kite fold, "with square." Gramps, who said his name was Harold Stoddard of Alexandria, Va., was following instructions. He was a little cranky about it, since, at 70, he claimed to know the "old-fashioned" way.

The book said: "Keep the thumb on one corner, fold over two sides to make a long 'V' shape. Turn down remaining flap to form triangle. Lift thumb from corner and bring point to edge of opposite side. Makes comfortable thick center panel."

Mr. S. did everything right but the pin-sticking, which the instructions didn't mention. Before Miss Adams knew what was up, he was running around the place with diaper and doll pinned to his necktie.

The worst part about these courses is that a guy who wants to learn something has to crook his neck over the shoulder of somebody who has no business being there.

I was trying to take notes (having on business being there myself) over the shoulder of a man who was an expectant-expectant father. A friend of a friend of his, he said. And he was the one who asked the silly question which ended the session.

"About this oil you use for the skin?" he asked. "Do you use the same oil for summer as you do in winter?"

The nurse kind of gave him a cold stare.

SEMLER EXTENDS TIME FOR CREDIT PAYMENTS
More Liberal Budget Terms Now Available

Good news for those who need new glasses is announced by Harry Semler, head of the Semler Optical Offices. The Semler Credit Plan—renowned for its many liberal features—is now offering easier terms and allowing payments to be spread over a longer period of time.

"At this time when high living costs and holiday expenses have left so many short of cash, I am happy to offer this easier and more helpful credit plan, absolutely without interest or extra charge," says Harry Semler. "I want everyone to have the glasses they need, regardless of how small the payments they can afford."

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Men Now Exceed Women In Plastic Surgery Cases

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—More men than women are giving themselves a change of pace today by getting themselves a change of face. They get a new outlook on life by going to a plastic surgeon to have an objectionable facial feature remodeled.

"Since the war we have more men than women patients," said Dr. Gregory L. Pollock, a pioneer specialist in this form of human sculpture.

In the last 30 years he has operated on some 5,000 persons. Among them were the widow of a U. S. president—she had her face lifted—and scores of society, theatrical and movie celebrities.

Dr. Pollock is something of a Broadway notable himself. He went from booking to bobbing. As a youth, before he went to medical school to learn the art of how to hook noses, ears and bosoms, he worked as an entertainment booking agent. Many of his old clients later became his patients.

The science of plastic surgery has undergone significant change in three decades. At present it is a mushrooming branch of medicine, allied in some ways to psychiatry.

"When I began there were only a handful in the field," recalled Dr. Pollock. "Now there are more plastic surgeons than you can count."

"It used to be a hush-hush matter, done in strictest privacy. People were ashamed to admit they wanted to try to improve that rattle."

One of the great developments in plastic surgery has been the creation of cartilage banks.

"With cartilage we can take a patient worried over his receding chin and make him look like a bulldog if he wants to," smiled Dr. Pollock.

Plastic surgeons now operate on babies two days old (cleft palate) or women and men past three score and ten (wrinkles that rattle).

You were right! ...that day has come

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