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Basis of Fight on Labor Laws

Top officials of the two leading labor organizations, the AFL and the CIO, have asked the senate to kill the administration's new labor bill, now amended to embrace injunction powers and government seizure of strikes involving national emergencies. They state it makes the bill "absolutely unacceptable" and request the bill be dropped before passed, leaving the Taft-Hartley act in effect for a campaign issue in the 1950 elections, when of course an effort will be made to purge congressmen who refused to accept the dictation of the labor bosses.

Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), democratic leader of the senate, predicts that if congress passes the bill as amended the president will veto it, in spite of the fact that Mr. Truman utilized court injunctions to discipline John L. Lewis and his miners.

Under the Taft-Hartley act the president has proclaimed seven strikes as constituting national emergencies, but in only four of them have injunctions been sought—in the other three cases the 30-day "cooling-off" period was utilized, which delayed but didn't prevent strikes, thereby reducing the effectiveness of the T.-H. act.

The Taft-Hartley law has been continuously hysterically denounced by the chiefs of organized labor as injuring labor—which is the sheerest nonsense. It has not injured organized labor in any way, but has protected the public, when utilized in national emergencies. Its faults can be corrected. In no way has it "robbed labor of its social gains" as repeatedly falsely asserted.

The fact that the ranks of union labor have steadily gained and now number 16 million employees in industry, and also the fact that their political power has grown under the T.-H. act, to such an extent that the executive and judicial branches of government have been in the direction of giving unions more and more immunities and placing management under greater and greater restrictions, show that the attacks on the law are unfounded.

The real source of objection is that the labor law curbs the czar-like power of labor bosses and unions willing to paralyze essential industries for selfish ends. They want to retain their power without responsibility and that is always fraught with evil results to society and to the economy.

Tacitus, the Roman historian of the first century A. D., wrote, "Lust of power burns more fiercely than all the passions combined." Edmund Burke declared, "The greater the power, the greater the abuse." Lord Acton wrote, "All power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." And it is this lust for power that accounts for much of labor turmoil.

Making Insurance Complicated

Oregon's board of control remained mum Tuesday at the time of the formal protest on the award of a contract for liability insurance on state cars to the second low bidder. A letter later stated to Clarence Young, attorney for the low bidder, that the board had signed the contract and was going to stick by its decision.

The decision was made two weeks ago. Then the General Casualty company, represented by Dooly & Co. of Portland, was given the contract on a cost figure \$8,778.43 higher than the lowest bid. The low bid was submitted by the Truck Insurance Exchange, a reciprocal company of Los Angeles, which has had the state's automobile liability insurance for the past three years.

Explanation at that time for this particular action favoring a standard stock company was that the successful bidder had agreed to put three safety engineers at work in an effort to reduce the accident toll of state vehicles. This service was expected to cost \$15,000 and was to be borne by the insurance company.

However, the low bidder, who had been handling the state's business for three years, declared that its company had been carrying on a safety program for the three-year period. And the cost for this service, assumed by the company, was estimated at \$18,000 a year. But despite this safety survey service, a standing relationship with the state, and a bid more than \$8,700 lower, another firm was given the business.

Explanations given by the board of control so far in this matter have hardly been satisfactory. It is a strange move for the board to take without giving the public a more understandable explanation. With an insurance man as one of the three members of the board, it is certainly not a matter of not knowing all the aspects of this type of insurance. But the people of Oregon whose \$8700 was spent "extra" for another company, ought to have a more easily understood explanation.

Russia's War on Religion

Russia is intensifying its war on religion in both the Baltics and the Balkans, the Romanian Catholic church being singled out for destruction or rather communication along the lines of the Russian Greek orthodox church which is now permitted to exist under Soviet domination, with the politbureau selecting prelates and clergy.

In Czechoslovakia, the communist government has seized virtually all church consistories, the highest administrative offices in archdiocese and diocese. Archbishop Beran, the prelate, is a prisoner in his palace and his arrest is momentarily expected.

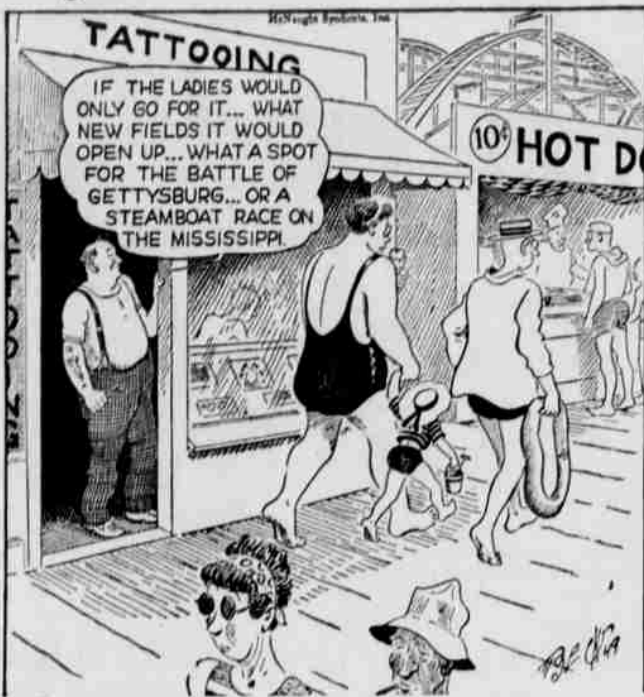
In Romania the communists have arrested Archbishop Aaron Marton of Alba Iulia and Bishop Antonio Durcovic of Iasa, the only two Roman Catholic prelates recognized by the government after its crackdown on church activity last October. At that time all bishops of the Greek Catholic rite were arrested and three bishops of the Latin rite were deported. Alba Iulia is in the Transylvania area and has 320 priests. The church claims 390,000 Catholics out of a population of 3,200,000.

With announcement of the two arrests which eliminated the last of the Catholic hierarchy, the Vatican issued a bitter attack against the Romanian government and the "violent persecution of the Catholic church there," as in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other countries where persecution is underway.

Both the Roman and Greek rite Catholics are being persecuted and the Protestants in Hungary as well, and Czech Protestants will be next on the Red purge list. It is a war against all religions by the Godless communists, and the Moslems' turn may come soon, would have come ere this except for the large Mohammedan population in Asiatic Russia as well as the Balkans.

BY BECK

Big Business



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Made to Order

BY DON UPJOHN

It became evident today what the weather man has been up to in furnishing fall and winter weather around here ever since summer started. He has been saving up his best to use in launching the Cherry-land festival to-day and giving Queen Pat a right royal weather setting in her queen-dom as well as peppering everybody up for the coronation this evening.



Don Upjohn

Yes, so much excitement is being worked up over the festival that even some worms are beginning to arrive in the cherries for the event.

Tripple Trapping

Lebanon—Suspecting that rats were raiding his chicken coops, Warren Wood, of route 1, Lebanon, set a trap and caught the father of the clan, a healthy specimen, measuring 18 inches from nose to tail-tip. For several days after that the bait disappeared from the un sprung trap, so Wood tied down the bait and waited. Last Wednesday morning three young rats were caught with one spring of the trap, all three noses concentrated on the bait. Wood is planning further enticements to snare the matriarch of the brood.

No one can truly get intellectual enjoyment and be lost in

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Just a Bit of Advice For a June Bridegroom

BY HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—To the poor man's philosopher: DEAR SIR, "I am 25 years old. I will become a June bridegroom the last



Hal Boyle

probably wouldn't notice what you were wearing if you showed up in bathing trunks. Don't do it, however—even as a gag. Better arrive in a neat blue serge, freshly pressed if possible. And it is still in good taste—no matter how hot the day—to wear a necktie, preferably one with no Hula girls painted on it.

Authorities differ as to whether you should invite your old girl friends to the ceremony. For my part, I believe you should. The sight of, say, half a dozen of your ex-flames weeping in despair will give your bride a feeling of quiet victory. And, after all, she is the one you want to make happy.

But once she has said "I do," you must begin at once teaching her how two can live as cheaply as—two. Give her a little lesson in thrift.

There is one last thing, my boy—that matter of a job. Just before you drive off in your father-in-law's car, it might be wise to suggest that he start looking at once for employment for you.

It is a sad time for fathers when they lose their daughters, and this task will reassure the old man there is still something for him to do in this world—while you're enjoying your honeymoon, as June bridegrooms should.

And take your bride along, too, my boy. She'll be grateful forever for this little touch of thoughtfulness.

Naturally, my boy, there are a few business details to be straightened out. And it is better that they be arranged in advance so that there will be no hard feelings afterwards. The first thing, of course, is the dowry. You simply mustn't let any affection for your bride influence you in this important matter. More and more parents are finding themselves with daughters on their hands these days, and a good man is getting harder to find. So drive a fair but sharp bargain. Many fathers-in-law still dislike making cash settlements, and it is perhaps wise to respect this old-fashioned prejudice. However, if your bride's dad is any man at all, he probably will be only too glad to present you and his daughter with a newly-furnished apartment, rent-paid for three years. If he isn't able to buy you a new car, too, be big about it—take his old car.

a new world until he becomes a crossword puzzle addict. Take in our own simple case tackling a crossword puzzle occasionally we have been amazed at how a hitherto unknown field has opened ahead. For instance, before taking on crossword puzzles we'd never even heard of the three toed sloth and an apod was as foreign to our vocabulary as sloom, another one we picked up by the same route. Now we toss around such words as ogee and orle with abandon to say nothing of ido, ro and such like. It's sure a vocabulary builder, this crossword puzzle business as sure as there's a shive.

Jumping the Season

Dallas—The first red-ripe local tomato was reported here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black of Polk Station grew what they believe is the first ripe field-grown tomato of the season. It is fair-sized and nicely colored. Of the Early Jewel variety, the tomato was raised from seed they had grown themselves. First tomato was not picked in this area last year until July.

Eighteen degrees at Klamath Falls and the first tomato in Polk county. Most anything can happen in Oregon.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Barkley Stories Soften Vishinsky at Conference

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—When Secretary of State Acheson got back from Paris, he expressed his thanks to Vice President Barkley for his help at the foreign ministers' conference.

Barkley was mystified. It was news to him that he had been helping.

Acheson then explained. At the start of the Paris conference, the atmosphere was cold. Finally Acheson invited Foreign Minister Vishinsky to dinner. But even after cocktails, the guests were aloof. So the secretary of state decided to mellow the foreign minister of Russia with some of Alben Barkley's famous stories.



Drew Pearson

As a result Vishinsky was almost in tears. Even the interpreter had a hard time keeping a straight face. Acheson told every Barkley joke he could remember, and after the dinner was over, Vishinsky put one arm around Acheson's shoulder and remarked: "I may not win anything negotiating with you, but it is certainly a pleasure to visit with you."

One of Barkley's latest stories is about a Kentucky friend who helped him get elected to the house of representatives a quarter of a century ago. After the election, the friend came around to tell him: "I want you to know that I sweat, bled and almost died for you. There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you, and all I want is for you to be a great congressman."

A few years later Barkley was elected to the senate. Again his friend came to see him, and said: "I want you to know that I sweat, bled and almost died for you and I know you are going to be a great senator. There isn't anything else I want from you."

Finally, when Barkley was elected vice president of the United States, his friend came back and this time he said: "When you were elected to the house of representatives, I did my best to help you. When you were elected to the senate, I went down the line for you again. I also sweat, bled and almost died to make you vice president. Now I want you to do something for me."

"What is it?" asked Barkley, worried. "Help me take out my citizenship papers."

B-36 TEST Since the much-ballyhooed battle of the B-36 vs. navy jet fighter hasn't yet come off, the air force has decided to stage a secret B-36 test of its own. These tests have been staged at Muroc base, California, and so far jet planes have theoretically shot down—with camera guns—the giant plane which is scheduled to carry the atom bomb in case of war.

However, this does not yet mean that the jet fighters are superior to the big bombers. So far the B-36 hasn't fired back, has merely tried to escape jets. Since the bomber's guns have a range 800 yards greater than the jets, the final result may be different. The tests have also demonstrated that it's difficult to hold the jets steady for accurate firing at an altitude of 40,000 feet. In contrast the B-36's guns are on a more stable base and can shoot farther. It is also significant that the air force has used its lightning-speed F-86 in the secret tests—a plane that holds the world's speed record and can outfly the navy's Banshee. NOTE—The F-86 was piloted in the Muroc test by Captain "Chuck" Yeager.

JUDITH COPLON CASE ALMOST DROPPED The inside story of the Judith Coplon case is that at one time the justice department almost dropped the investigation. Original tip regarding the good-looking young government girl was picked up, strangely enough, aboard the Polish steamship Batory. The FBI had a plant aboard the vessel and overheard Judith Coplon's name mentioned during a conversation.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



Send your "Odds" questions on any subject to "The Wizard of Odds," care of the Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Air and Naval Exercises Not to be Taken Lightly

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

More than 100 warships—British, French, Dutch and Belgian—are assembling in Penzance bay, on England's west coast, for naval exercises.

These operations are purely defensive, aimed at a aggression from any quarter. The international aspect of this fleet in peacetime maneuvers probably is unique. Mean time, British American and Dutch warplanes are waging over Britain a mock war which is designed as "operation foil." Its purpose is to test John Bull's defenses against an attack with atom bombers—from any quarter. Here again the international aspect is unique.

This is Britain's first major test against atom bombs. The second day of the operation London (which suffered so terribly from bombing during the late war) was "saved" by the defensive air fleet, though several midland and coastal cities suffered "extensive damage." The official referees withheld comment on this, but the British defensive forces were jubilant.

These two operations are being carried out without blare of trumpet, although they comprise a historic event. There is no comment from the governments concerned as to the meaning. The event is left to speak for itself, and broadly it dismises it lightly.

The exercises seem to be calculated to serve two important purposes:

(1) They afford striking advertisement of the determination of the Western Democracies to stand defensively; (2) They provide invaluable defensive experience.

The operations presumably are in part a gesture toward Moscow. Their international aspect serves notice that the Atlantic pact is more than a piece of paper. Russia, of course, expects the pact to be put into operation and implemented, but there are times when actions speak louder than words, and this is one of them.

Indeed, the Muscovites understand action better than words. The current action gets added emphasis from the fact that it is being carried out by four important members of the Atlantic treaty.

From the military standpoint, the air and naval exercises are ordinary horse sense.

Should there be war (which heaven forbid) Britain would be the main base of the Western Allies. Were England knocked out by a surprise atomic attack at the outset of war, it would be a catastrophe which the European Democracies couldn't weather.

Hence the precautionary preparedness—which, by the way, was not carried out to meet the last two wars.

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All Puffed up on Anniversary

Menlo Park, Calif. (AP)—Embarrassed, Charles E. (Dad) Brown cancelled the Browns' 62nd wedding anniversary party. Brown, at 82, had the mumps.

OPEN FORUM

The Robins are Mad

To the Editor: The robins are mad because the cherry growers have harvested their crops! The cherry growers are mad because they haven't got a subsidy. If you go to the right place you can get a subsidy. They will give it to you in the form of a shot in the arm. We cherry growers are just a cog in the gear. This gear runs 24 hours a day, and when it is full, throws one victim out and picks up another, to be ground to pieces.

Who knows who will be the next victim?

Just another year gone by, so "keep a stiff upper lip." I have been a cherry grower for forty years.

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