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Gold Price Inflation?

Recently the senate banking committee investigating the economic power of labor heard Admiral Ben Moreell, president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company quote John L. Lewis, czar of the coal miners as saying that labor would have to "take over the government" if the practice of government-aided labor dispute settlements were continued, referring to the growing practice of government boards laying down the terms of settlement in major labor

The miners' union leader, Moreell said, contended that over a long period of years more men favorable to manage-ment would become members of government fact-finding and arbitration boards than are sympathetic to labor's viewpoint. "Since the government appoints the boards." Moreell quoted Lewis as saying, "the only way labor could protect itself would be to take over the government."

In the present labor turmoil the government has appointed as mediators men favorable to unions and still many of ed as mediators men ravorable to unions and still many of their recommendations are rejected. They have a union loving president and administration and labor has prac-tically taken over the government. But that doesn't sat-isfy—labor chiefs "want what they want when they want it". isfy—labor chiefs "want what they want when the it." The public doesn't count except to pungle up.

The Missouri Pacific strike is for "featherbedding" re-jected by the presidential fact finders. The coal walkout is because the southern coal operators refused to continue royalty payments at consumers' expense for the miners' welfare fund, their contract having expired. The threat-ened steel strike is for a similar welfare fund and pensions at companies' expense. The ordered Ford strike, the elec-tricians' strike are also for fourth round wage boosts plus welfare benefits paid by employers.

The coal strike involves 480,000 miners, plus those in other industries dependent on coal, the steel strike and auto strikes will idle more than 2,000,000. And that in a auto strikes will idle more than 2,000,000. And that in a labor dominated government, with a president refusing to utilize the Taft-Hartley law to halt the paralyzing of in-dustry and protect public welfare. Labor czars are there-fore more powerful than the government.

Traffic in Capitol Group Area

In the heart of Salem, the state capitol group of buildings will conform to the general, modern pattern set by street, especially suited to the construction of the capitol itself, completed in 1939. In growth of cabbages. Last Friworking out plans for future growth of the building day she harvested two mamgroup, the new state planning commission is trying to anticipate locations for future state structures. Certain recommendations have to be made to the state and city

At the commission's Monday meeting, a pattern for traffic in the general area of the capitol group was recommended. In one case, one of these recommendations would change the one-way southbound traffic flow designated for Summer street. Summer street eventually would be split by a mall in front of the capitol, so general traffic flow into the mall section might cause confusion.

The Salem traffic study, as presented by State Highway Engineer Baldock, is flexible enough, despite what critics had to say, to permit adjustment of traffic flow to the needs of the community. Adjustments such as those suggested by the planning commission can be taken up with the state highway department in conference. Then their joint recommendations can be made to the city council for Salem to act on.

A plan as broad and as long-range as the so-called Baldock traffic plan will take years to bring about. Adjust-ments of one sort or another are bound to arise. The capitol planning commission's recommendations are merely an

So no undue concern need be created by the suggested changes in traffic in the capitol group area. Only after joint agreement with the highway department and the city government would adjustments in the traffic plan be accomplished.

In other words, no changes will be made without proper and adequate study. Then the adjustments will be directed toward the needs of the expanded state grounds and the city itself.

Labor Czars in the Saddle

Governors of the International Monetary Fund last week-end, before the devaluation of the British pound by the labor government, voted unanimously to start a study of a proposed higher price for gold, to which the United States assented reluctantly. Inflation of gold prices has long been agitated by the gold mining industry and by American inflationists who point to the billions in profit which would result to the immense stock of gold held by the United States, recalling the profit made when President Roosevelt revalued gold early in his administration.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder immediately declared: "There is not going to be any change in the dollar value of gold. That is positive and will remain positive." His implication was that this country can retain its \$35-anounce price for gold without regard to the Fund's possible future position. Since Mr. Snyder has said that devaluteen the uniformity of Ameritan ation of currency by other countries might ease Europe's dollar difficulties

It will be remembered, however, that Chancellor of the ill cut European garments in Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps on nine different occasions the west through the picturions to ask what happens in publicly pledged that the pound would not be devalued, esque costumes of the oasis Communist countries to teach. But he reversed himself in the hope that devalution would dwellers to the rough coverings ers who venture objectively to

make possible a solution of Britian's problems. So if the inflation pressure becomes strong enough, Snyder, like Cripps, may reverse himself, or resign and permit some one else to put through the program.

We live in a very unstable world and with the trend run-

ning to all kinds of experimental tinkering with economic laws in the furtherance of statism. There is no telling what our politicians will not attempt to secure through pressure for votes. Historical experience in the past seems to be ignored in the futile drive for Utopian mirages.

Fire Hunts Out the Chief

Seattle, Sept. 30 @. Battalion Fire Chief Parke Adams was unsuccessful in finding the fire on the 11th floor of a Seattle hotel, the fire found him.

A smouldering garbage can came up the hotel's dumb-waitafter the mystified chief unknowingly had leaned against he automatic dumb-waiter button



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Wait and See

By DON UPJOHN

There was a minor flying saucer flurry in Salem yesterday when several people are said to have seen one of the objects cutting up its antics. The craze seems to come and go and pops up at various times in various parts of the country until now the nation has been about covered with localities where said saucers have been

seen. Far be it from us to show doubtful credul-ity about all of these flying vis-itations. But there's one ex-tremely unusual feature about the whole business which challenges some explanation. We remember as a

kid when someone pitched a rock day. Some day when one of bucket in no time—including as he added: "There are some these flying saucers comes down leaves. The leaves didn't bothso it can be seen and analyzed from a safe vantage point on the ground it'll be time enough to give credit to these hallucinations.

Tough Harvesting

Lebanon—Mrs. Fred Lindahl, wise in gardening ways, finds the native river bears.

Linrough the enough to help win the war."

But Bevin was dead serious as he added: "There are some the simply in the age of George III. It has a noil nation, but I want to tell you we are not old. We are who is also a state senator is the best Pennsylvania Dutch liar in these parts.

During the lunch, Secretary

Tough Harvesting
Lebanon-Mrs. Fred Lindahl,
wise in gardening ways, finds
the native river bottom soil in her garden patch just outside the city limits on east Isabella moth heads, the larger weighing When ropes and guns didn't 18 pounds, the other, 16½ eliminate the critter, Mr. Ruth pounds. Girths were 40 and 38 said in dialect, a posse went out inches respectively. Her entire after him, cut off his head and cabbage patch contains approxiburied him under a pile of rocks. mately 200 sizeable heads, none weighing less than five and one-trotted on home, carrying his half pounds, she estimates. All head in his mouth. are of the Flat Dutch variety. Unable to harvest the giants by ordinary means, Mrs. Lindahl other minister came in second. was forced to wield an axe in He is the Rev. Clarence Rahn of order to chop through the stalks. Temple.

"Buck" Bradley, High street "Buck" Bradley, High street store owner, it seems is an inventive genius. Not long ago the Bradleys and the Gardner Knapps took to the mountains and the Bradleys gathered in their gallons in no time. Buck had devised a simple huckelberry picking gadget. He took an ordinary quart container, cut down one edge of it and soldered onto it a row of nails, each a foreign office," twinkled Bevin. "Every morning I used to lift up down one edge of it and soldered onto it a row of nails, each a for, if it hadn't been for him, little distance apart. By the simple expedient of scraping his been populous or wealthy in the air he'd holler "What goes ple expedient of scraping his been populous or we althy up must come down." This boy-comblike affair through the enough to help win the war." ish aphorism is just as true to-huckleberry bushes he filled his But Bevin was dead serious

ville won the first annual contest of the Pennsylvania Dutch Liars club yesterday by telling a story about a mean old tomcat who couldn't be killed.

Three days later the old cat

This was judged to be the best whopper of the day, but an-

Seafarer Is Ready to Believe

Rats Leave Ship About to Sink Seattle U.P. Robert Rayfield of Seattle is convinced of the truth to the seafarers' superstition that rats will leave a ship which is about to sink

cer, said he observed a rat scamper across the deck of the vessel and dive into Puget sound to swim for shore Saturday evening. Half an hour later, the vessel struck a dead-head in

the water and sank. Rayfield and Donald Hines, also of Seattle, put ashore safely in a small skiff.

OPEN FORUM

Knowledge of Russia Lacking

To the Editor-Our government is spending large sums of money trying to tell the people of Russia about life in the United States of America. Yet, as a people, we are surprisingly ignorant of the various phases of life in the USSR and seem to show little curiosity. How much do Americans know of the inhabitants of the Rus-

spoken in Russia, where the of-ficial language is less and less understood, save by officials and colonists, as one goes east beyond the Slavic regions.

can fashions and the distinctive stumes current in Russia, from of the nomads.

ed out. Russian "laws" are edicts If we could picture all the designed to enable the rulers Russian classes and races in majority of the people to pro-tect everyone's rights and in-terests.

We have to face,
Such facts should be taught
in all schools, shown periodi-

Compare that enormous ex- cally on the screen and told panse of territory which is Rus- over the radio, sia, with an estimated populasia, with an estimated popula-tion of 180 million, ruled des-

of the relative proportions of the 150-odd races each speaking its own distinct language or dialect with but a slight knowledge of any other, even of the official Russian language?

Can our people contrast the cohesive effect of the nationally spoken and read English language with the immiscible effect of the many languages spoken in Russia, where the ofticularly that of the Golden Next big housing battle in and thus produced a bountiful Horde and subsequent Russian Congress will occur when the crop of half-breed children. history, they might gradually senate considers the Sparkman come to understand with what ourselves obliged to deal.

tions to ask what happens in examine non-Communistic the As has been frequently point- ories of life and government?

the more readily to impose their their everyday costumes, from will on the people; whereas the Baltic to the Pacific, we American laws are enacted by a might begin to comprehend what

Washington, D.C.

Silent' Movies Coming Back

New York UP.—Silent movies are making a comeback, thanks to the noiseless popcorn bag. It is porous and cannot be blown up and exploded or filled with water and dropped from

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

'Ernie' Bevin Got Jovial Reception at Senate Lunch

By DREW PEARSON

Washington-Over steak and apple pie, British and American leaders kidded each other merrily the other day at an off-therecord luncheon given by the senate foreign relations committee.

Senator Vandenberg set the mood by greeting British Foreign
Minister Ernest Bevin with a "Breezy: "Hello, Ernie."

high housing costs.

brackets.

Later Chair-man Tom Connally of Texas pretended to be solemn, but the twinkle in his eye gave him away, when he u p o n for the "few re-

"Whenever the British come over here." Connally declared in his introduction. always feel a little elevated, a little lifted up—a little lighter." ittle lifted up—a little lighter." terest loans under a cooperative This playful reference to Brit- arrangement similar to the gov-

s success at lightening the ernment's financing of rural treasury wasn't missed by electric cooperatives.

"I have heard it said that a parliament manner blood transfusion is good for time when 340 members were both the donor and the donee," absent—most of them attending he retorted with a wry smile. "It relieves the donor of excess to the supreme court—the real blood and relieves the donee by putting new blood in his veins, ant section from the house bill.

"The only worry is whether However, the senate is still to be heard from, and forthright."

"The only worry is whether the blood is of the same type. But there is no concern about Senator John Sparkman of Alathe blood of our two countries based of the same type."

But there is no concern about Senator John Sparkman of Alathe blood of our two countries based of the same type."

est Pennsylvania Dutch liar in During the lunch, Secretary of State Acheson recalled how The Rev. Frank Ruth of Bern- he and Bevin had met in the elevator one evening on the way to a crucial meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky at the Paris conference. Leaving the elevator, the U.S. secretary of state and the British foreign minister walked arm in arm down the long corridor singing "The Red Flag."

This brought a warning from Senator Elbert Thomas, Utah democrat, that Acheson had "better not let the FBI know about that."

"Oh, I can protect him," of-fered Bevin. "Mr. Acheson did-n't know the words. He just went along 'tra-la-la-la.'."

"Barkley used to be a mem-ber of the foreign relations comexplained Connally "but recently he has taken more interest in domestic affairs."

The senator from Texas lost his good humor, however, by the time Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas rose to speak. The speeches had begun to drag, and Lucas suggested: "Mr. Chairman, I think it is about time for us to go. I don't have anything

"Well, if you feel that way, you can go!" snapped Connally, Lucier, another Hunt man, Lucas reddened, but went of the Willamette — near the ahead with a two-minute speech.

The only other difference was over the steak. Senator Bourke

Rellegues a Hudson's Bay

"middle income" housing bill, which recently emerged from the house badly mangled by the And while our high I.Q.'s and real estate lobby, with the aid. The early settlers acquired a their admirers are insisting that of their friend, GOP Represen- "squatters" right," which was communism may be taught in tative Jesse Wolcott of Michi-duly respected but carried no our colleges, do they stop long gan, plus a deft assist from title to the soil. American-Laborite Vito Marcan-

\$1000 Dream Comes True

Wenona, Ill. P-Dream to come true, insists George Brun-

ski-his did to the tune of \$1,000.

The money has been forwarded, he said, to Mrs. Pauline

Shope of Central Point, Ore., sole beneficiary of the estate of a coal miner named Matt Vallerich.

Brunski said Mrs. Shope had visited the home of the coal miner in hope of finding money that folks here believed Vallerich kept hidden. She returned home without the

Brunski said he dreamed of finding some money in the toes

of an old pair of brown shoes. His friends scoffed at his story, he said, but he kept looking and finally found some brown shoes that Vallerich owned.

Out of the toes he dug a wadded money belt containing nine \$100 bills and five \$20s.

However, by some skillful

out to the real estate lobby.

Forthright Secretary of De-

ate 30,000 more civilian em-

ployees from the federal pay-roll, including several thousand

to the fact that not so many fed-eral employees will now need to

be checked.

Johnson will soon elimin-



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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds

Democracies May Make Separate Japanese Peace

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The urgency of concluding a Japanese treaty has developed the startling possibility that the democracies may get ahead with the job without Russia, unless a quick solution of the disagreement

Should this happen, it would, of course, mean two distinct

ther stone adde to the wall di viding the totalitarian states

roll, including several thousand tarian states working on public relations, and the democ-Deep cuts in defense payrolls, racies. incidentally, will lead to the dismissal of a lot of the military and civilian gumshoe worksia's insistence ers making loyalty checks—due that the treaty to the fact that he seemented by concluded by be concluded by

Minis- DeWitt Mackenzie ters Council (America, Britain,

Fined for Mistreating a Rat

Norwich, Eng. (0.8)—Two men were fined 10 shillings (\$2) each here for mistreating a rat.

They tied the rodent to a fence.

EARLY OREGON LAND LAWS

Joseph Gervais Led French Prairie Settlers By OSWALD WEST

While a number of French Canadian hunters and trappers, including Degie, DesOportes, Dupre, Dubrienil, Rivet, Pichett and Montour, together with their Indian wives, settled near Cham-poeg, on French Prairie, at an early date, they could hardly be classed as permament settlers, for they were here today and gone

The actual settlers-the men later. Not before the passage, by who became home builders and congress, of the D. L. C. law, developed a community spirit could Oregon settlers acquire lewhich helped to pave the way gal title to their land claims. which helped to pave the way gal title to their land claims.

V.P.'s "DOMESTIC AFFAIRS" were led by Joseph Gervais,
Senator Connally came up Etienne Lucier, Louis La Bonte, with another subtle crack about Pierre Belleque and Michel La only to see it sold for taxes in the widow from St. Louis when Framboise.

Genuit Genuit Could Oregon settlers acquire lelaw,
Gervais proved up on his claim — thus securing patent—
only to see it sold for taxes in his old age. Gervais proved up on his

In the year 1828, and upon the advice of Dr. McLaughlin, patent to his lands, as did La with Japan without Russia.

acquired patent. by American and Britain, shall tucier proved up and secured go ahead and make a treaty with Japan without Russia.

Certainly Washington and Land of Willamette river bottom land entity accepts the provided of the provided patent.

The land laws adopted by our

Provisional Government regulated occupation only.

The early settlers acquired a

When the United States as-sumed dominion over the Orein tonio of New York.

What few people, except those gon Territory, it became the directly affected, realize is that owner of all lands therein, but the almost one-third of the nation's the provisions of its general families have incomes sufficient land laws did not apply until

She went there first in the Hal Boyle 1930s as a prom-ising vocal student from Wheel-

too long.

But Eleanor

Steber is going back to a happy

this week to the

New England Conservatory of

Music in Boston.

A scholarship enabled her to longer means a salt-shaker remain after the \$600 was gone, waistline. and Eleanor worked as a wait-

ress to pay her other expenses. Today at 33 the lyric soprano

politan Opera and a concert and can influence, too. Opera goers radio star. She has a six-figure like to see graceful and handannual income—and six figure some performers."
incomes begin at \$100,000. On this count Miss Steber can
The reason Eleanor is going afford complacence. She is

Russia and France), whereas the United States and Britain insist that it be handled by the Far Eastern Commission. This commission comprises the eleven countries that fought against Japan-The United States, Russia, Britain, China, The Philip-pines, The Netherlands, Canada, Australia, India and New

The Russian attitude may be explained largely by the fact that the veto is permitted in council proceedings, whereas it is not used in the commission. On one thing there appears to

be unanimity-the need of getting ahead with the job.

The necessity of early action was emphasized recently by

General Douglas MacArthur for the second time.

On the top of that, the conversations in Washington last week between Britsh Foreign Secretary Bevin and Secretary of State Acheson reached the

of State Acheson reached the conclusion that a Japanese treaty is long overdue.

And Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, who is heading the Russian delegation to the new United Nations meeting opening Tuesday at Lake Success, is expected to press for a Japanese treaty—to be made by the Foreign Ministers Council.

ters Council.
Secretary Acheson has indica-ted that Britain and the United States may try again to end the two-year-old deadlock over who

should draft the treaty. And what if this effort fails? Gervais came overland with the Hunt party (1811), later trapping for the Northwest and trappi

he made settlement on a tract framboise. But Belleque apparof Willamette river bottom land just north of the road now leading to the Wheatland ferry.

LaBonte, also of the Hunt party, made settlement on the lands lying on the opposite side of the river from Gervais—on the Yamhill river near the presset tenus of Davien.

Certainly Washington and Lonon can't be expected to agree on that Far Eastern countries like —never to return. His Indian Australia and The Philippines, which had more to do with the came into 320 acres or one half Japanese war than did Russia, of the river from Gervais—on the Yamhill river near the presset tenus of Davien.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Vocal Star Will Return To Old School as Success

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)-Everyone daydreams of going back to his old chool as a famous success.

Few do. The rainbow called renown eludes most of us. And many a graduate hesitates to visit his college in after years for fear the librarian will sandbag him for the \$1.35 he still owes for keepexample of the younger genera-

tion of home-trained American signers. She believes it is no longer necessary for would-be opera stars to study abroad. "We have everything here the young singer needs, including fine teachers," she said, adding:

"Of course, we could use a few more opera houses. "The American singer now is

better-rounded and more versaing. West Va. Her parents had tile—he has good musicianship been able to scrape together only and can act as well as sing."
\$600 to finance her education. And being better-rounded And being better-rounded no

"Opera singers look a lot different than they did 25 years ago," laughed Miss Steber, "We

have a stream-lined crowd at the is a prima donna at the Metro- Met now. And that is an Ameri-

The reason Eleanor is going afford complacence. She is back to the Conservatory is to pretty, has a shape—and keeps it award two scholarships she in shape.

founded.

"I want to help some young artists coming along," she said, "That I came up the American artists coming along," she said, way," she said. "We have everything here—but so few peo-Miss Steber is an outstanding ple realize it."