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New Minimum Wages

The amendments tothe Fair Labor Standards act go into effect today with its revised regulations and interpretations. The original act was passed in 1938 during the depression and almost every provision has now been revised or expanded. But its original intent remains, to enforce a minimum wage to restrict the work week to certain hours and prevent child labor employment.

The principal provisions pertaining to minimum wages, maximum hours and child labor are altered as follows:

1. The minimum wage which must be paid to "covered" employes is increased from 40 cents per hour to 75 cents per hour. While the 1949 amendments increase the minimum wage, the rules governing what constitutes the minimum wage are not changed.

2. The maximum work week of 40 hours, beyond which time and a half "the regular rate" must be paid, continues unchanged. In this respect, however, whereas the original act was silent on the meaning of "regular rate" and the methods by which "overtime" might be calculated, the new amendments furnish not only an elaborate and comprehensive definition of "regular rate," but indicate the methods for computing overtime.

3. The child labor provision of the original act limited the employment of "oppressive" child labor by prohibiting the shipment in commerce for 30 days any goods coming from an establishment in or about which child labor was employed. Under the new amendments there is an outright prohibition against the employment of child labor in establishments engaged in "commerce" or in "producing goods for commerce."

The basic scheme of the act is not changed though there have been changes in definition of items "commerce" and "production of goods for commerce," which have been liberalized, and certain employes removed from application of the law, as for instance, newspaper carriers, and other exceptions in other industries.

Among the exemptions, however, is one class which cuts across and applies to all industries—the so-called white-collar exemptions which include executives, administrative employes, professional employes, local retailing employes and outside salesmen. The law provides that employes who come within these white-collar classifications are exempt from both its minimum wage and overtime requirements. Further, the law directs the wage-hour administrator to "define and delimit" the various white-collar categories, which has already been done. They have been redefined and reclassified on salary basis.

The increase in minimum pay from 40 cents to 75 cents corresponds to the shrinkage of the value in the dollar, for 40 cents in 1938 bought as much as 75 cents does today. The lengthy law is wrapped so much in red tape that comment like this can only touch high spots.

A Hydrogen Bomb

Some time ago Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), in a radio and television speech, stated that our physicists were engaged in trying to make a hydrogen super-bomb which would be 1,000 times as powerful as the plutonium (atomic) bomb.

Johnson's announcement received a great deal of publicity in the press and brought a rebuke from President Truman, who chided congress for permitting secret military information to leak out. What a hydrogen bomb would cost to produce has been variously guessed at from $200 million to over $2 billion. Whether with a debt of a third of a trillion dollars and an administration running $5 billion a year in the red, such a bomb would be seriously considered remains to be seen.

What is a hydrogen bomb? Few know anything about it outside of scientists and their language is over the heads of most of us. So we reprint the simplest definition yet seen from the New York Times:

"The technical problem is utterly different from that of the uranium-plutonium bomb. To produce a plutonium bomb rare uranium 235 must be split to start a chain reaction which ends in converting fairly plentiful uranium 238 into plutonium; to produce a hydrogen bomb, hydrogen must be built up into helium. In this transmutation of hydrogen to helium excess mass is converted into energy, which is what happens in the sun.

"Can we imitate the sun? Only if we have at our disposal heat that cannot be generated by any furnace. The transmutation of hydrogen in the sun occurs at a temperature of 20,000,000 degrees C. To attain this there is nothing for it but to set off a uranium or plutorium bomb. The explosion would be accompanied by heat which for a flash matches that of the sun's interior.

"If hydrogen can be transmuted in this flash it may well be that a hydrogen bomb's radius of destruction would be 50 miles, as some reports that come out of Washington have it, instead of the two miles credited to plutonium. But the estimate that a hydrogen bomb will be 1,000 times more effective than a plutonium bomb is probably an exaggeration. Even a bomb a hundred times more powerful than any we have so far produced is enough to make us shudder."

Outside of the moral issue raised, which exists in the use of the atomis bomb as well, and really in the use of any bomb, which is forgotten under necessity, with its scientific knowledge and technical resources, the United States could probably produce a hydrogen bomb, as its secret has long been known, just as it produced the plutonium bomb, but would it ever be used if produced? Probably not, except as a threat against aggression.

How Attractive Will Oregon Be?

Despite the cold weather, the boys are warming up already to the idea of building 1950 into a record tourist year for the Pacific Northwest.

Travel men from the northwest states and the western section of Canada got together in Spokane to figure out what would likely be doing in the tourist business in these parts this year. That was when the boys came out with optimism and the belief that last year's record of $110,000,000 tourist business for Oregon would be broken.

This section of the nation offers so much to the tourist, and especially to the sportsman. And, fortunately for the individual states, the best way to promote the section is through unified action, which is what has been realized.

There is one thing that should be remembered regarding the visitors, as far as this state is concerned. Oregon can realize, as those travelers come to this state in expected record numbers, that many will be looking the state over as a possible place in which to locate. The growth figures for Oregon indicate that the state apparently sells itself. But that selling job can't be taken for granted.

Visitors should be extended the friendly hand of welcome. One of those visitors may become your next-door neighbor.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Unseen Audience

KRISS-KROSS

Jolson Just About Had to Go Into March Routine in Show

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Diane Bray, who does a creditable pantomime of Al Jolson, came treacherously close to an embarrassing moment during Monday night's March of Dimes talent discovery show at Salem high school.

Diane, a lovely young lady under her black paint and white gloves was to mimic Jolson's actions while a recording of Jolson singing "Swanee" was played over the public address system. Diane carefully placed the record on the backstage phonograph turntable several minutes before her act.

Chris Kowitz, Jr.

Also on Monday night's March of Dimes show was a drum majorette act. Two majorettes were to twirl their batons while a peppy band rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" was played over the amplifyer.

Like Diane, the drum majorettes took care to see that their record was placed on the turntable. The majorettes placed "Stars and Stripes Forever" on top of the "Swanee" disc.

You can guess what almost happened. Only fate caused someone to glance at the turntable seconds before Diane was to go on stage before 1,000 people.

Had not someone noticed the title of the record atop the turntable, Diane would have dashed out on the stage all dressed up like Jolson, only to have "Stars and Stripes Forever" blast out.

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Don't miss a chance to witness the March of Dimes talent show which begins a tour of Marion county Thursday. The show packs a wallop in entertainment as well as a wallop against polio.

The well-rounded display of vaudeville acts plays in Stayton Thursday and Silverton Friday. Next week it hits Mt. Angel Monday, Woodburn Wednesday and Mill City Friday.

Mary Bourke, the gal who wows 'em with her takeoff on Sophie Tucked, actually looks Sophie Tucker, actually looks

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Question — What will happen to the historic Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn when the new courthouse is erected?

Answer — It'll probably come down.

Only chance for the tree's survival would be to set the new county edifice far enough back in the block so that the front of the new building would be back of the tree.

Present plans would have the 73-foot fir yield to the axe.

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There shouldn't be any congestion of traffic in moving baby cribs about the maternity ward at Salem General hospital for the next few days. A pocket-sized traffic cop is riding in one of the vehicles. The junior gendarme is James Hunter, 2-day-old son of Jim Hunter, city traffic patrolman.

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Willamette Valley Lumber company officials at Dallas report that 731 tourists visited their plant during 1949. Guide F. J. Holman must have been putting a literal translation to the old saying of "run 'em through the mill."

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Forces of Communism Draw Closer to Pakistan and India

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The isolated and mountainous state of Afghanistan, heretofore regarded as anti-communist and for generations a buffer between Russia and the Indian peninsula, suddenly has begun orienting her foreign relations toward Red Moscow.

That's a development which easily could create a further threat to the vast peninsula (now comprising the new nations of Pakistan and India) from the swelling communist offensive in Asia.

DeWitt Mackenzie

The reason for this startling shift in Afghan sentiment is due to the heated quarrel between Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan over the territory surrounding the famous Khyber pass which lies between them.

During the British rule of the peninsula this narrow belt of rocky British territory between India's northwest frontier province and Afghanistan was regarded as a "neutral" zone in which lived the fierce Pathan tribesmen. This was by agreement between Britain and her neighbor. The British left the Pathans alone so long as they behaved themselves.

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However, when Pakistan was created as an independent state and took over the northwest frontier province, she claimed she inherited the neutral belt and the Pathans.

The tribesmen meantime have been trying to create an independent state called "Pathanistan," and Afghanistan is supporting this native movement. The Afghans say Britain is backing Pakistan.

Anyway, Afghanistan is turning away from the Indian peninsula and is raising its eyes to the spires of the Kremlin, toward which until now it dared not look. For the first time an official Russian trade mission has visited Kabul, the capital, and Russian technicians are being employed by the government.

So the shadow of communism looms over the towering Khyber pass through which invaders of old made their way into India. However, that's far from being the whole story of the red approach to the peninsula.

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If you will take a look at your maps of Asia you will see that the forces of communism are drawing closer rapidly to the 400,000,000 people of Pakistan and India.

The whole land side of the Indian peninsula is ringed with the advancing red host. The conquering Chinese communists are closing in on Burma. They have an army on the border of Tibet and have announced that they intend to free this "roof of the world" which is asking the democracies for aid to defend itself against the reds.

So the Indian peninsula on its entire extensive land side soon is likely to be in close contact with the communist political drive. And don't think that communists aren't busy within India as well.

That presumably was part of the background which former Undersecretary of State Will L. Clayton had in mind in addressing the house foreign affairs committee yesterday. He declared that "Stalin is winning the cold war" and that if it continues, the year 1955 "will probably find the western hemisphere surrounded by communism."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Poker Game Between Stalin And Mao Has Asia as Stake

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—A secret month-long poker game between an ex-Georgia priest and a Chinese peasant may settle the fate of all Asia. This is the confidential advice given President Truman by Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

The game is in Moscow and the players are Josef Stalin, shrewd and impassive, who sits opposite China's communist boss, Mao Tze-Tung. The prize is Manchuria, the rich northern provinces of China eyed with sharp desire by both czars and politburos for more than a century.

Drew Pearson

Mao went to Moscow December 16. He is still there.

Coded cables to Washington say a stubborn quarrel over Manchuria has prolonged what should have been a brief formal visit. Stalin has proposed an autonomous Manchuria under an out-and-out Moscow stooge, Li Li-San. Mao, on the other hand, is insisting Russia live up to its Aug. 14, 1945, treaty with China which recognizes Chinese "full sovereignty" over Manchuria.

Mao is a tough customer who knows he must show a streak of independence to keep his hold over the Chinese people. Like Yugoslavia's Tito he has complete control over his own army, but if Mao returns home without Manchuria and with commitments to supply Russia with troops, laborers and food, Mao will lose face ingloriously.

While the poker game goes on in Moscow, the Soviet is secretly trying to undermine Mao. Hundreds of Soviet officials, parading as farm advisers, military experts, engineers and welfare officials are moving into the Chinese communist government, and now control its propaganda machine.

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A few days ago at the state department there was a round-table discussion between an American, a Chinese and a Filipino.

The state department man asked "but what can non-communist China do? You have no leaders."

The Chinese agreed, "That is true but we do not need leaders. If Mao sells out to a foreign power the Chinese people will take care of him."

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Life in "GOP"

"The secret republican caucus over reviving the gag-law" in the rules committee showed that there's life in the "grand old party" yet.

House Leader Joe Martin was for the gag, but he didn't try to shut off debate on the hot issue. "Speaker Rayburn," he warned, "wants to get off the spot himself and put us on it. If the Cox resolution reinstating the gag rule passes, he won't have to bring up the fair employment practices bill and therefore won't be criticized by his southern constituents. But at the same time, northern democrats will accuse us of being against civil rights.

"Nonetheless, while I am for FEPC and will vote for it if the democrats give us a chance, I still believe it is in the interest of economy and good government to support the Cox resolution, because it is the most effective way to stop extravagant spending by this administration. If any of you feel otherwise, get it off your chests."

Martin's colleagues took him at his word.

Waving newspaper editorials from his district, Congressman John W. Heselton of Massachusetts declared that his constituents were overwhelmingly opposed to gagging legislation.

"My people like to see issues fought out openly on the floors of congress," said Heselton, "instead of being bottled up in the rules committee so we can't vote on them. I have the greatest respect for Joe Martin, but I'll have to oppose him in this fight."

Rep. J. Harry McGregor of Ohio chimed in: "I'm also unalterably opposed to this gag procedure. If we are going to win elections, we've got to take a stand on all issues instead of dodging them. We're hurting the party by 'me-tooing' the Dixiecrats and passing the buck back to the rules committee."

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Former GOP Floor Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana tried vainly to stem the oratorical tide, chiding his rebellious colleagues:

"I remember when a lot of you fellows who now oppose this resolution to change the rules came to me during the 80th congress urging that certain bills be held up in the rules committee. Some of you are not being very consistent."

However, Halleck's dig seemed to inflame the insurgents further. Representatives Clifford Case of New Jersey and Jack Javits of New York served notice that GOP support of the Cox resolution would "play into the hands of the democratic opposition" in the next election.

Another foe of the "gag rule," Rep. Reid Murray of Wisconsin, lashed out at southern democrats for inveigling republicans into a political coalition against civil rights. Murray, who opposed the oleo tax-repeal bill, was greeted with shouts, "the oleo fight is over," as he took his feet.

"Yes, but the same gentlemen from the south who prompted repeal of the oleo tax are going to give you another licking in this fight over house rules," Murray declared, furiously. "The southerners are always playing republicans for suckers and too often we fall into their trap.

"They're always telling us that they're against the Truman social and spending policies, but they see to it that the south is taken care of first. If you don't believe me, watch what happens when the bill to relieve hardship cases under the cotton acreage-control program comes up in the house.

"Our southern colleagues use us when they need our support to protect southern economy, but that's the extent to which they want to play ball. I'm getting tired of it."

NOTE: Despite Murray's outspoken remarks, which may have been tinged with bitterness over losing the oleo fight, republicans who have been used by Dixiecrats can blame only themselves. Broad-gauged southern house members like Stephen Pace of Georgia, Brooks Hays of Arkansas, Percy Priest of Tennessee, Hugo Sims of South Carolina, Wright Patman of Texas and Tom Steed of Oklahoma — to mention only a few — have played stronger roles against sectional politics than most northerners.

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Classified Ads Help Out Dog

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 25 (AP)—A lost dog found his master through classified ads.

Pug, a frisky fox terrier, left his master's car in downtown Baton Rouge, and strayed right into the classified ad department of the State-Times.

Clerks checked his tags, and united dog and master in jig time.

OPEN FORUM

Working of State Civil Service

(Editor's Note: Letters to the Open Forum must be limited to 300 words and must be signed by the writer.)

To the Editor: Oregonians will always be a strange and wonderful breed of people to me. When they get something on their mind that needs to be remedied, they want action—and right now. Maybe that is how they have built such a powerful state in the short space of a little over a generation.

After reading the article by Mrs. Lewis (on "Save Civil Service System"), I can not help but think how right she is.

The shocking fact is that today getting a state job and holding it depends far too often upon knowing the right people. And it is unbelievable that a good civil service system would give the department head the last word instead of the commission.

I believe I know most of the department heads and I must say I never met a finer group of men. Most of them have come up the hard way. They know out of their own experience the problems and hopes of the men who work under him.

But this experience is too frequently short-circuited because they have not followed through to see that his social consciousness is written into practice and imbedded in the minds of the foremen. To my knowledge, there is . . . one department that . . . when a civil service employee is discharged that $64 word always pops up, insubordination.

HERALD HOUGH,
Route 1, Salem.

Editor's Allergic to Printer's Ink

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 25 (AP)—Allergy, schmallergy, says Newspaper Editor Frederick G. Runyon, what's to do?

Runyon, who works for the Pasadena Independent, is in Huntington Memorial hospital for treatment of asthma.

He is allergic, doctors have told him, to blue grass, cats, dogs—and printer's ink and newsprint.

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo

"Tell him my brother-in-law handles all my insurance"

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hypnotism Can Be Man's Best Friend—If He Doesn't Dog It

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Have you hypnotized your wife or husband? Why not?

This is the best solution of everybody's marital problems yet dreamed up.

A New York professor recently indicated that problems of this nature can be solved by the mumbo-jumbo of hypnotism.

Hal Boyle

He didn't say it quite that way. But he did say that he could hypnotize a gent, snap him out of it and yet still have the guy come back by post-hypnotic suggestion at 3 o'clock the following afternoon to pet a big black dog that wasn't there.

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I say that this opens the answer to all the problems of the western world, which are largely male versus female rather than American against Russian. (The Russians must have as much trouble getting along with their wives as we do).

Personally, fellows, regardless of what you do, I am either going to learn to hypnotize my wife or hire a man to do it for me.

How can a guy afford not to?

You take the average wife. What does she give you but a lot of common sense and "love's old sweet yelp"? She has no real appreciation of the mysteries of life that make existence worth enduring— for the male. Her life is ruled by a crass sense of man's injustice, which is the mixed product of lady loneliness, lady insufficiency, and lady propriety. For all this she blames her husband.

A wife not only insists on being boss, but she demands that she not be alone. This is the fatal foolishness that all dictators get caught with: They never realize that power is a solitary enterprise—that nobody is going to admire them merely for their muscle.

It also is needless to point out that wives are the soft instruments of power in our civilization. Why remark again upon the female fist in the velvet glove? We all have felt it.

Our only possible defense is—hypnotism.

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Personally, I have no desire to fork out $15 to a hypnotist who will mesmerize my wife into calling at my library in mid-afternoon to pat a non-existant dachshund.

Let's be realistic, even if it costs $25—if I can hire a mumbo-jumbo artist who will get her to pat me lovingly on the cheek on the morning after the night before under the mistaken impression that I am a misunderstood Saint Bernard. Well? Bow-wow!

The only danger I can see is that this terrible weapon of hypnotism may fall into wifely hands.

Looking at it that way, boys, our secrets are gone. Our favorite bartenders wil sell us helplessly down the river at the snap of female fingers. Our little white lies will stand out like 5 o'clock shadow at 10 p.m.—or like John Dillinger at an FBI chowder party.

Believe me, friends, hypnotism should never become the poor woman's radar. But it can be man's best friend—if he doesn't dog it.

College Boys – Regardless of Ism

Hong Kong, Jan. 25 (AP)—A Chinese college student in communist Peiping wrote his father here this week:

"I should not call you father because I now belong to the state x x x. I am short of funds and would appreciate a check by return mail."

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