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MORE WAR PROFITEERS

A senate subcommittee headed by Senator Blair Moody (D., Mich.) investigating the "gray market" in steel has revealed war profiteering on a gigantic scale which largely accounts for both the steel shortage and high prices, which have stymied building construction as well as crippled war production and made brokers millionaires.

The committee traced "a typical gray market daisy chain" in the shipment of steel, to show how it changed hands and how the price rose from \$5.20 to \$15.75 a hundred pounds. The testimony showed that the price climbed with each new sale, due in part to added freight costs—even though the steel sometimes never even moved.

The brokers told the subcommittee that they dealt in huge quantities of steel. Some consumers testified that they were forced to deal with the brokers in order to obtain a supply of steel to keep their production lines operating.

A 30-year-old broker testified that in six years he ran an original investment of \$1300 of his own money into a business netting him currently an estimated \$280,000 a year before taxes. Seymour Waldman expected his sales to gross about \$7 million in 1951.

Another broker, Isadore Forman of Pittsburgh, said he "saw a chance to make a fast buck" so he started in business about a year ago although he knows nothing about steel production, owns no warehouse and has never seen any of the steel he bought or sold. "There ain't nothing illegal about it," Forman said. "Everybody made a profit, even Uncle Sam. What's everybody screaming about?"

Moody said that there was nothing illegal about the activities of the middlemen who had entered into the steel business, but he told newsmen that he believed the shortages in the vital metal were brought on by the middlemen. "The government regulations certainly should be changed to make them illegal," Moody said.

There was nothing apparently "illegal" also in the scandals of the "influence peddling" for RFC loans, in the bestowal and acceptance of gifts to and by public officials, or in the 5 per cent deals on government contracts, and in other scandals which have been and are being exposed in federal affairs. But they all reflect the decadent morale in public officials.

With all the experience of two World wars, plus the worst of all our wars, that in Korea, it is strange that a busy-body congress has not banned war profiteering or at least curbed it in strategic supplies.

What has happened in steel has also happened in many other vital industries, including pulp and paper as any newspaper publisher can testify as to the effect of both black and gray markets on his newsprint, metal and other supplies.

A STRANGE COMMENTARY

It has been said many times how strange the Korean war is. An event in Portland illustrates that fact. So does the news out of Washington today of the passing of the 100,000 mark in the number of United States casualties in a war that hasn't been recognized as a war yet.

Representatives of the 19 different nations with forces fighting to repel communist aggressors in Korea parade today in Portland. Another group of similar representatives of United Nations fighting forces are parading also in another part of the nation. By their visits Korean veterans are trying to bring home to the American people three points: Emergency need for more blood donations, continued building of defense to save the western world from being taken over by the communists, and the value of United States defense bonds to help finance the war.

How strange it is that the men who do the fighting have to come back to the people back home to remind them that a war is going on across the Pacific! The men who have seen their buddies killed in combat have almost to plead with the home folks to help.

No nation fighting in Korea has yet declared that a state of war exists. The Truman administration has called the Russians, Chinese Reds and the North Koreans a lot of names for causing the war that's going on there, but no one has reached the point of admitting in an official resolution that the fighting amounts to a war. And yet the casualty figures for this nation's men in that war have gone over the 100,000 mark, a figure exceeded in the nation's list of casualties from previous conflicts only by the Civil War, World War I and World War II.

The men marching in Portland today deserve the honors of the city. Although the Korean veterans can't include Salem on their schedule, this city and surrounding area have a proud list of units serving in Korea. There's the Marine Corps battery that left in August last year. The 369th engineers of the army reserve unit have sent many men overseas. Many in the 409th quartermasters left this past summer for duty in the Far East. Earlier army postal unit No. 894 was called up from here. This past spring, Salem area men with the 403rd troop carrier wing put on uniforms again. Navy and Seabee units have had personnel called to active duty. Since August, 1950, 15 officers and 144 enlisted men of naval surface division No. 13-28 put aside their civilian clothes, while four officers and 28 enlisted men from Seabee division 13-9 have done likewise.

And, equal in recognition to the various organized reserve unit personnel called from this area are the men drafted into service.

The officers and men fighting in Korea deserve the highest honors. But what a commentary on current attitudes and thinking that these veterans should have to make a special trip to the United States to remind the people that a war is going on.

Well Wishes to 'Borrower'

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 21 (AP)—A want ad in the Walla Walla high school newspaper today announced: "Someone has 'borrowed' approximately \$9 from Sally Maxon's purse. You are not known. The money is my allowance and was being saved for Christmas money. "If you think you need it more than I—Merry Christmas." It was signed, "Sally Maxon."

1/2-Inch Miss Missed \$150

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 21 (AP)—A thief snipped off Dennis Kneeland's necktie as he walked along a street but missed getting his \$150 diamond stickpin by about an inch.

BY BECK

Recollections



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hal Suggests Thanksgiving Prayer for Korean People

By HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—A Thanksgiving prayer for a Korean: O Lord of our household, we thank thee for the ripe persimmon, the golden gourd, the rice that has ripened in the paddies.

We thank thee for the daughter that is here, the son that is still among us. We pray thy help for the sons who are away. On this day of bounty we also pray thy blessing upon the quaint stranger among us—the American, and his friends. They surely follow their duty.

Dear Lord, it is hard to be a Korean in these days. There is the question of how we should turn. And no matter how we turn there is trouble. We are, O Lord, as thou knowest, a humble farm folk. Our days are measured by the turning sun. The best reward we can hope for is good weather. When the grain ripens, we ripen. When the rice tumbles under storm, we falter.

Our hopes rise or fall with the growth in the fields. Such are we. No people to rise up and boldly change any other people's history—but one who has always been ready to rise to defend our own.

The Russians and their Chinese friends come down from the north to tell a Korean what a Korean should be. And from the south the stubborn Americans and their allies say what a Korean should also be.

It was all Korea then. And that is the way it must be again. A Korean must have a place to die in—and to live in—that he can call his own. He must, O Lord, have a land he can call—his chosen.

Gets Job to Fit Name

Central Front, Korea, Nov. 21 (AP)—Pvt. Herbert Hair, Hollywood, Fla., finally has found an appropriate army job. Hair, just out of the front line, look over as barber in a division command post near Kumhwa. In civilian life Hair worked in his father's barber shop.

Chilling Wind That Blew Over Atlantic Came From Britain

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The chilling wind which blew across the Atlantic these past weeks was the news that the British are in a financial jam again and expect to ask us for more help.

Shattered by the war, they were in bad shape when the shooting stopped. The U. S. gave them a loan of \$3,750,000,000. That was in 1946.

And, starting in 1948, the U. S. added about \$3,000,000,000 in help through the Marshall plan. With this help the British began to get on their feet.

By the beginning of 1951 they were in the black and so confident of clear sailing that they said they didn't need any more Marshall plan aid. But by the fall of 1951 they were in trouble again.

In this country those who disliked the British Socialist government probably blamed it for the downturn in Britain's fortunes, thinking that if only Winston Churchill were running the show he would by some special magic gift lift his country into prosperity again.

Churchill is in power now and almost his first act was to tell the British people, who have been on rationing since the war, that living would have to become even more austere.

But it was neither the Socialists nor Churchill who put Britain into the red again. It was the tide of events, starting with the Korean war in mid-1950 when Britain was just regaining its feet.

With the start of the Korean war this country and its allies, including Britain, began to re-arm. Britain plans to spend \$13,000,000,000 on her rearmament program in three years.

This dislocated the British economy. It put the British in the position of spending more than they earn. In short, they

are living beyond their means now. The chilling part about the news is this: It raises the question of when will all this stop; when will we and our allies reach a point when they won't have to come to us for help and how long can we keep on giving such help, raising our taxes, without going broke?

It would be a wise man who could answer that now. We have to arm to keep the communists from overrunning us, us and our allies.

By the same token, we can't let our allies get into an economic collapse, through their armament program, because of the danger the communists might take over from within if there is collapse.

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Two lieutenants of the wily Mufti of Jerusalem who worked for Hitler and now for Stalin are actively organizing terrorist gangs and an "army of liberation" for Egypt. They are not being deterred by the Egyptian government. The terrorists threaten to murder any Egyptian who works for the British in the Suez Canal zone or elsewhere.

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Senator Taft listened, beamed, but commented: "After this trip, I would say our strength is way over 600 and still going up."

Reason for the optimism are the following reports sent in by Taft managers: Three midwest states which turned their backs in 1948 — Indiana, Kentucky and Wisconsin—are now on the Taft team.

In Indiana, a Dewey state three years ago, national committeeman Ralph Gates, the former governor; ex-sen. Ray Willis, and 68 GOP members of the state legislature are on record for Taft.

In Kentucky, national committeeman Jovett Ross Todd, a Dewey man in 1948, is actively pushing Taft.

In Wisconsin, republican boss Tom Coleman is lining up delegates. Coleman is Sen. Joe McCarthy's friend. . . in Illinois, Sen. Everett Dirksen has dropped "favorite son" ambitions to be Taft's manager. This means Illinois' 60 votes will probably go for Taft on the first ballot.

In Pennsylvania, the three top-ranking GOP organization leaders were photographed with Taft at Harrisburg — State Chairman Harvey Taylor, national committeeman Mason Owellit, and Sen. Edward Martin. The other Pennsylvania senator, rugged, independent Jim Duff, is Eisenhower's biggest booster.

The same story of organization politicos, deserting the Eisenhower campaign to line up with Taft, is true in New England. Taft managers report. At the 1948 convention, Taft received only four votes from the whole area, now is making heavy inroads in Massachusetts, despite Sens. Leverett Saltonstall and Henry Cabot Lodge's preference for Ike. Taft's manager is the energetic new Bedford publisher, Basil Brewer, who figures the Ohioan will get at least eight bay state delegates.

In other New England states, Wiley Sen. Owen Brewster is trying to snatch the whole Maine delegation, but will have to overcome the prestige of Sen. Margaret Smith, who leans to Ike.

Pelchier William Loeb of the Manchester, N. H., Union-Leader, is battling for Taft against ailing Sen. Charles Tobey, while Sen. Styles Bridges sits on the fence.

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BY CARL ANDERSON

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CHANGE IN EUROPE

Fear, Dominant a Year Ago, Gives Way to New Courage

By HARRY FERGUSON

A year ago the most abundant commodity in western Europe was fear.

There was fear that the Russian army would march westward and that ahead of it would come Soviet bombers to punish cities which still were trying to build on the rubble of the last war.

There has been a change in the last 12 months. Fear is still there but it is comparatively short supply. There has been a slow and subtle change in the thinking of people from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.

The other day little Norway sent a tart reply to a Russian note, and that is something that probably would not have happened a year or two ago.

No single man or event has brought about this change in morale. Dispatches from Europe give much of the credit to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has established the headquarters of

a western European army outside of Paris and who has spent much of his time going up and down the continent preaching the doctrine that anybody ready and willing to defend himself can come out of the storm cellars and look the Russians in the eye.

Eisenhower is far from having an army that could defeat the Russians, but he has been able to convince Europeans that you can't lose a war until you have to fight one and that there still is time to get ready.

But the feeling of the people seems to go deeper than military matters. They seem to have lost some of the fear about their own economic future, less fear about bread and butter matters.

The economy of both France and Britain is in desperate shape and some of the other European nations would have gone under long since except for American aid.

But there is no tendency on the part of the voters to turn hopelessly toward communism. The communist party has been soundly defeated in every recent election in western Europe except one. Finland is the lone exception, and there the Reds increased their popular vote from 20 to 21.4 per cent of the electorate. In other western European nations the vote has dropped between one-third and one-half.

Europeans need only to look around them to take courage. In Paris the diplomats of the democracies have been talking tough to the Russians at the United Nations general assembly.

The representatives of the North Atlantic treaty powers are about to meet in Rome to push their plans for containing, or defeating if necessary, a Soviet aggression.

Marshal Tito moved Yugoslavia all the way out of the Russian camp last week when he signed a treaty with the United States which will provide weapons for his army.

The fear in western Europe a year ago was deepest in western Germany. The Russian army stood right on its border. The memory of bombs and bullets of World War II still was a nightmare in the minds of the people.

But here is how fast things can move: Robert Lehr, interior minister of western Germany, now is talking about a plan to outlaw the communist party.

It's Still a Boy's World

Akron, O., Nov. 21 (AP)—City council yesterday tabled without one dissenting vote a proposal to levy fines from \$5 to \$50 against boys who throw snowballs or other objects at buses.

Not even bus driver Francis Greissing, who introduced the measure, attempted to defend it. Police officials said the proposed law would be hard to enforce and that there were existing laws on the subject.

Worthy Orphan of Helena to Get \$8000 From Cruiser Crew

Oneonta, N. Y., Nov. 21 (AP)—Residents of Montana's capital have nothing but praise for the United States navy after receiving from Korean veterans a surprising offer of at least \$8,000 to be given the most "deserving" orphan of Helena.

News of the seamen's big heart was revealed recently in a letter a navyman wrote his wife here.

Gunner's mate 3rd/cl Waldo C. Benjamin—serving aboard the U.S.S. heavy cruiser "Helena"—enclosed a copy of the Helena, Mont., Chamber of Commerce cablegram thanking the crew for their generous offer.

Benjamin said about two months ago some 1,800 men on the "Helena" decided to raise \$5,000 for an "underprivileged" child from the city after which

the cruiser was named. Donations from all aboard soon topped \$8,000.

The cruiser is in Korean waters, where it has been for the past 10 months with Task Force 77.

Ashley C. Roberts, manager of the Helena Chamber of Commerce, cabled the ship's officers the chamber was "proud and happy to cooperate with you in selection of a deserving orphan from Helena." Roberts said the youngster would be waiting on the dock in San Francisco when the "Helena" put in Dec. 11.

"The entire city of Helena is bursting with pride in the announcement of your intentions," said Roberts. "You are indeed a credit to the United States Navy."



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