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## THE RIGHT TO WORK

A new labor relations bill has been introduced in the house designed to curb the abuses of picketing and including a section from the Taft-Hartley setting out what is required from the employers. Other labor bills have kept the labor and industrial committees in a turmoil. The committee has not yet reported on the new bill which will probably be amended. Surely the right to work is as fundamental as the right to vote, though it has been denied since the advent of the New and Fair Deals and the attention of the committee is directed to the decision of the supreme court last week which ruled that a state could prohibit peaceful picketing when the purpose of the picketing conflicted with a state's law banning all forms of the closed shop.

The 7-to-2 decision was in line with a series of decisions on picketing rights handed down in recent years. The majority opinion was written by Justice Harold H. Burton, Justice William O. Douglas said in a dissent that an illegal purpose was not clearly shown. Justice Hugo L. Black simply noted a dissent.

The case involved Virginia's Right to Work Law, which declares that a denial of work on account of membership or nonmembership in a union is contrary to public policy. It also provides for damages. When building trades unions of the American Federation of Labor picketed a school construction project, a Richmond court issued an injunction against them. The court also awarded damages of \$190 to the contractor, Graham Brothers. The peaceful nature of the picketing was undisputed. There never were more than two pickets and at times only one. The picket placard read: "This is not a union job." The complaint alleged that as a result of the picketing, union members on the job refused to continue to work there. When the injunction was issued the picketing ceased.

Justice Burton said that "the effect of the picketing was confirmatory of its purpose as found by the trial court." He then added: "Petitioners here engaged in more than the mere publication of the fact that the job was not 100 per cent union. Their picketing was done at such a place and in such a manner that, coupled with established union policies and traditions, it caused the union men to stop work and thus slow the project to a general standstill."

"Such conduct, furthermore, was conditioned upon the fact that some of the work on this job, particularly the plumbing, was being done by a subcontractor who employed nonunion labor, whereas (J. F.) Joinville (president of the Richmond Building and Construction Trades Council) had demanded of the general contractor that the job be 100 per cent union." "Based upon the findings of the trial court, we have a case in which picketing was undertaken and carried on with at least one of its substantial purposes in conflict with the declared policy of Virginia."

"The immediate results of the picketing demonstrated its potential effectiveness, unless enjoined, as a practical means of putting pressure on the general contractor to eliminate from further participation all nonunion men or all subcontractors employing nonunion men on the project."

If the proposed Oregon bill followed the pattern and language of the Virginia bill, its constitutionality would be assured and such a law upholding the right to work without paying tribute to labor bosses, would be an effective way of curbing the greatest monopoly existing in this country, organized labor, which habitually violates the XIV amendment to the Constitution, which reads:

**Section 1. Citizenship Rights of Citizens—Due Process—Equal Protection.** All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## INDO-CHINA HAS A LESSON FOR US

Maybe that far off war in Indo-China, now said to be turning at last in favor of the French and their native allies, thanks in large part to mounting U.S. aid, has a lesson we could apply to Korea and to other points in the Far East where communist aggressions may occur. France is spending a lot of money in Indo-China, about a billion and a half dollars a year, of which a third comes from us. She has about 50,000 French servicemen out there, a considerable part of her professional army, for no draftees are sent. But there are no French units. The French serve as officers, instructors, technical experts. Not many are now fighting at the front. This is done almost entirely by anticommunist natives who are interested in protecting their country from Red invasion and are now doing a pretty good job of it. In fact a better job from what we in the U.S. hear than was done when France tried to carry the ball alone.

After nearly three years of Korean fighting the United Nations are now trying to do this. They are arming and training large Korean armies which have become virtually equal to white soldiers in the fighting there. Needless to say they can be kept in action at a small fraction of what American units cost. South Koreans fighting Chinese Reds have no propaganda value to the Kremlin. White Americans fighting yellow Asiatics makes a rich grist for the Red propaganda mills. And we are only now beginning to catch on to the obvious. Eventually we predict that the U.N., or the U.S., for they are virtually the same when fighting is to be done, will enroll the equivalent of a "foreign legion" of tough professional fighters to repel aggressions. But it takes so long for an idea the British and French have always used in Asia to percolate through to us.

## Community Chest Institute April 15

April 15 has been announced by the Community Chest as the date for their Chest Institute, which will be the second to be held. The first was last year. Main speaker at the meeting to be held at the Senator hotel, will be C. C. Moore, director of the National Community Chest campaign and financial service, New York. Prior to accepting this position Moore was the campaign director in Chicago. Joseph A. H. Dodd heads the state committee working on the institute and members of the Marion county committee are Dr. Robert Anderson, chairman of the committee, Herbert Barker, Harold Robertson and Rev. David Ferguson, Pratum, who is Marion County Community Chest president.

## BY BECK Things to Worry About



## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Roscoe's Work in Life Is Hoisting Women's Skirts

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Roscoe C. Schwartz at 69 holds a peculiar niche in our complex civilization. He plays a keyboard for a living, as does Jose Iturbi, the pianist. But out of Iturbi's keyboard comes haunting music—and out of Schwartz's keyboard comes nothing but strong blasts of air.

The air blasts come up through holes in the floor. They are intended to blow skirts up over the heads of unwary lady patrons of the fun house in the Palisades amusement park, across the Hudson River in New Jersey. Schwarz, a tall greying man with eyes like an eagle, is the acknowledged dean of his strange profession. He has been at it now for 27 years.

"I guess I've lifted the skirts of over six million ladies in that time," he estimated, "and I suppose that is a record." His performance has a classic simplicity. He sits unnoticed in a small booth. As the ladies start to enter the funhouse, Roscoe pushes a button . . . Swoosh goes the air . . . Swish go the skirts . . . The ladies squeal . . . The crowd laughs in delight . . .

Then everyone waits for Roscoe to push the next button and catch the next feminine customer. What do the women themselves think of all this? "Well, sometimes the young girls get annoyed, or pretend to be annoyed," said Roscoe, "but the old girls love it."

Only one out of the millions of lady victims of this prank have ever counter-attacked. "In the old fun house I was out in the open—didn't have a booth," said Schwarz. "I gave one lady the air, and she didn't have much on under her dress. She came back and hit me."

## MORE FUN, ANYWAY

(Albany Democrat-Herald) The McMinnville News Register, product of the merger of the Telephone Register and the News-Reporter, announces it will go daily in April. This will be only the third daily to be started in this state in 15 years. Both of the others went under; but this does not surprise the enterprising and optimistic Bladines, who are now publishing one of the largest, most readable and most successful weekly newspapers in the United States.

The Grants Pass Courier ran successfully as a daily for many years while its territory was smaller and perhaps, less promising than Yamhill county is today. The McMinnville weekly often publishes more pages in its one issue than small dailies do in a week.

The Bladines may not make any more money with the daily than they're making with the weekly—at least, not for some years—but they'll have more fun.

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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Top G.O.P. Wrangle Over Serving Rum in the Capitol

Washington—It has just bubbled to the surface, but two top republicans got into a bitter, backstage wrangle last week over "hard liquor" being served in the capitol building. They were Congressmen John Saylor of Pennsylvania, who wanted to throw a "buffet supper" for his mother, and A. L. "Doc" Miller of Nebraska who called it a "cocktail party" and stopped it on the excuse that highballs would be served.

What caused the ruckus was Saylor's plan to use the house interior committee room for his get-together. As a sub-chairman of this committee, Saylor made all the arrangements at his own expense and sent out invitations to committee members. Among those invited was the committee's crochety chairman, "Doc" Miller, who has been conducting a running feud with his fellow republican sub-chairman. Miller promptly tattled to House Speaker Joe Martin about the cocktail party, then wrote Saylor an amazing letter threatening to "expose" him. Miller's letter was never meant to be published. However, here is what he wrote: "I have your invitation to attend a 'little party' in the committee room . . . on March 19. I want to call your attention to the recent conversation between us . . . when you asked if you could have the use of the committee room for a party. I said in effect that if hard liquor was to be served, I would not give that consent or be responsible for such a party. You replied in effect, 'Doctor, what is a party without a highball?'"

"No Cocktail!" Miller  
"I have talked today with the speaker and Mr. Jim Auchincloss (in charge of the house office buildings), and they tell me I have control and am responsible for the committee room," Miller continued triumphantly. "I know they agree with me that the committee room should not be used for so-called cocktail parties. . . ."

"I am assuming you are using the room for a social get-together minus hard liquor," the letter went on. "If such is not the case, you do not have my permission to use the committee room. If the room is used in violation of this letter, I would expect to take the case to the floor of the house for an airing. The resulting publicity could cut two ways."

**A Little Incident** which happens in the home of almost every married couple—even presidential couples—happened in the White House recently. The president was conducting a group of congressmen through the White House and took them off the customary tour to give them a special look at his own personal quarters upstairs. These consist of a sitting room, with a couple of bedrooms attached. Ike, who gets along with the democrats almost better than with the republicans, took the group up to the door of the sitting room and started in. Suddenly there was a feminine shriek. Inside was Mamie in a black negligee. The startled first lady rushed into the bedroom, Ike grinned, and decided he'd better stick to the routine sight-seeing tour of his new home in the future.

**PERSPIRING DEFENSE BOSS**  
The man who is getting the most backstage brickbats in Washington but probably deserves the most sympathy is ex-General Motors boss Charles E. Wilson, perspiring, persevering secretary of defense. Starting out with two big strikes against him, the opposition of congress and part of the public, Wilson now has another strike against him—the

opposition of the brass hats. But he probably deserves the support of congress and the public as of today. When he stepped into the defense department, Wilson found things just about as bad as indicated by some of the newspaper headlines on the ammunition shortage. His predecessor, sincere, hard-working Wall street banker, Robert Lovett, long had coaxed on the theory that the military could run the show. When branches of the services were at odds with each other, Lovett compromised. When the joint chiefs of staff voted against a second super airplane carrier, Lovett announced that they had OK'd the carrier and asked congress to appropriate the money. When it was revealed by this column and congress that millions of dollars were being wasted by duplicate buying between the army, navy, and air force, Lovett waited three months before issuing an order to iron out this duplication.

These were some of the things Wilson discovered when he stepped into the defense department. He also found that the much vaunted unification program was not working. Many brass hats have simply given up any idea of harmony. On top of this, the tank production program has been partially fouled up, the production of Sabrejets could be a lot better, and other procurement problems have been scattered all over the Pentagon. Wilson has been working at his new job night and day. He's a forthright, honest individual who chafes at red tape and delay. It's still too early to say whether he'll lick the job or if it will lick him. But there's no question that he's working hard for the best interests of the public.

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## BY CARL ANDERSON

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## Sec'y Benson Tells Dairymen Price Supports May Be Out

Chicago (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson told the dairy industry today it had better solve its problems "without the kind of government supports which price your products out of the market."

In a speech prepared for delivery to the American Dairy association, Benson warned the surplus-ridden industry that if present "alarming" trends continue, "butter is on the way out." Benson made it clear that he thinks the whole farm price support system must be revamped. No farmers can "afford to price themselves out of markets," he said. He cited cotton as well as butter prices. "Lose Good Will"

The secretary told dairymen they have lost some of their "good will with the public" because of "unworkable price supports at the expense of the taxpayers." He told them the government expects them to come up with solutions of their problems in the next 12 months. "They have an opportunity," he said, "to demonstrate to the nation that high rigid supports and subsidies are not necessary" for farm prosperity. The agriculture department now owns about \$30,000,000

## Spring Valley

Spring Valley—Twenty-three members of Spring Valley Junior Farmer's union were guests on a modern hayride recently with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dickenson as hosts. The hay wagon was pulled by a tractor, driven by Mr. Dickenson and a portable radio provided music. After the ride the group enjoyed a wieners roast. George, Jr., and Mack Hammond, who have been gone two weeks to Waldport felling and bucking logs, are home again. Poppy seeds are grown in France to produce salad oil rather than narcotics.

## Salem 25 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL  
March 23, 1928  
Until Charles Maxwell, colored, moves to open his projected barbecue establishment at the corner of Hunt and North Capitol streets there is nothing the city attorney can do to block the project.

W. S. Low, Salem street commissioner, expects to pave between 100 and 150 city blocks during this summer.

Gilbert Donker, farmer living between Turner and Aumaville, was splitting oak fence posts the other day. In one big trunk he found a "nigger-head" rock about the size of a man's head and that aroused his curiosity. Inquiry in the neighborhood revealed that Guyan Gibson, owner of the property in 1886, placed the rock in the oak tree fork during that year to mark a property line survey.

Public initiation of 150 members will feature the Tuesday evening meeting of Capital Post 9, American Legion, at Salem armory.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stahlman, whose home was destroyed by fire recently, attribute their safe escape to exploding rifle cartridges. They were awakened by the noise before spreading flames engulfed their home. Their \$3,500 residence near Detroit was a total loss.

Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson on Friday afternoon visited Central Howell school now housed in temporary quarters. Two weeks ago the old schoolhouse was completely destroyed by fire. Classes are now being held in the Congregational church about a half mile north of the schoolhouse site.

**A bit of this-n-that**

—By—  
**GEORGE HUGGINS**      **SID BOISE**

"Which is the most important insurance to carry on a car—collision or public liability?"

Both are important but if you must make a choice it should be in favor of Public Liability and Property Damage insurance. The largest loss you could possibly sustain from damage to your own car would be the total value of the car while personal injury claims of many times that amount might be made against you as the result of an accident.

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