

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column That's Different"
(By Lans Lemova)

Contagious diseases gradually burn themselves out over a long period of time. Take for instance, years ago smallpox was usually fatal to the victims, or they were left with terribly pockmarked faces. Diphtheria wiped out entire communities, children usually being the ones afflicted. Chickenpox and measles were many times more severe than they are at the present day. But there is one disease that has grown more contagious, until today it is a menace to America. That disease is "strikititis." And it well may be listed as a disease by the manner in which it affects the working public in general.

"Strikititis" makes its appearance, or is contracted by such persons as Mr. John Lewis or Mr. Harry Bridges. Where they acquire it is not generally known, perhaps from foreign countries, from which the latter hails; but nevertheless every so often these gentlemen develop an acute case of this "strikititis" and, being very contagious, it spreads rapidly through the ranks of their followers, many of whom willingly expose themselves to the disease. In fact, the most loyal followers of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Bridges are very susceptible to "strikititis." Those who are adverse to becoming afflicted with the disease nevertheless have it forced upon them.

The trouble with the whole thing is the fact that "strikititis" is something that cannot be cured by the medical profession. It is a disease that never burns itself out but gains strength with the passing of the years. It usually makes its appearance when things are running along in a smooth vein. It is a disease that disrupts an entire nation overnight; a disease that affects the masses, although they are not directly associated with the disease.

"Strikititis" even made its appearance during the recent war at a time when America needed the co-operation of every laborer in the country. But that did not prevent the Union leaders from contracting the disease and spreading it throughout the United States.

"Strikititis" has developed greater strength under the New Deal than at any time in history. This fact may be laid directly at the door of the present administration for Mr. Truman is following in the footsteps of the late F. D. R. in his evident fear of antagonizing labor leaders and losing votes at the coming election as a consequence of doing so. It will, indeed, prove refreshing to the general American public when a president is elected with independence and backbone enough to tell the labor bosses just where to get off, instead of being dictated to by the latter.

If labor unions were conducted along the lines upon which they were first founded and lived up to their principles, were headed by sane-thinking men and not by foreign born radicals seeking to dictate to the government, the general public would be in sympathy with them. But as it is at the present time it has developed into one of the biggest rackets in the United States. In order to work the average citizen is forced to join a union—pay for his job. He is forced to strike whether in accord with the "big stick" or not. Men owning million dollar enterprises are told whom to hire and whom to fire. Regardless of the condition of our country, even with an enemy knocking at our front door, strikes are put on, closing vital war industries.

Yes, unions conducted along the right line are okay for the working classes and meet with general public approval, but when they resort to the present dictatorial methods employed by them, strike during national crises, they lose the respect due them if they were conducted along the proper lines.

With the present compensation given strikers while on strike, they are not the ones who suffer. But their tying up of different industries and enterprises usually work a severe hardship upon the general public and especially those who are not members of a union. With America facing a bright future, the war ended and the boys coming home, what a time to pull general strikes! It is something to give an American citizen a severe pain in the southeast quarter of his anatomy. But people may freeze, or starve, but still the strikes go on, the strikers led like a flock of sheep by wealthy leaders with never a thought, it seems, as to the welfare of the masses.

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 11—Here are some of the proposals which have been submitted to congress to spend more money, just at the time when there is most urgent demand to reduce taxes: United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration \$1,350,000,000, aid to education \$500,000,000, vocational education \$100,000,000, veterans' hospital—yearly—\$500,000,000, food stamp plan \$500,000,000, rural electrification administration \$200,000,000, rural telephones \$50,000,000 aid to build hospitals \$110,000,000, state aid for health program \$200,000,000, school lunches per year \$100,000,000, stream purification \$50,000,000, aeronautical experiments \$50,000,000, public housing subsidies \$60,000,000 to pay \$1,000 to every veteran \$13,000,000,000, federal salary increases \$500,000,000, inter-American highway \$25,000,000, Commodity Credit Corp. \$500,000,000, airports for every state \$1,500,000 covering three years, highway program \$500,000,000 a year for three years. These are only the major bills.

No one knows where the money would come from if all these measures became law, unless from the pockets of American taxpayers. Each of the bills has a pressure group behind it, arguing that their particular measure is for the immediate benefit and welfare of the American people "and for other purposes." One appropriation which will have to be made is an estimate sum for the payment of pensions to veterans of the second world war. This will have right-of-way over almost anything else.

The bill for rural telephones is something new. It is intended to supplement the program of REA, which finances farm cooperatives for the bringing of electricity to the farm. Not of importance in the list is the proposal to increase federal salaries; that is for one year only. The food stamp plan is in anticipation of possible national distress and to make preparation for a revival of the old program used during the depression. Most practical of the measures is that for half a billion dollars a year for highway construction (to be matched by the states), as this work can start immediately and provide a large amount of employment. The highway appropriation is expected to be rushed through congress without loss of time. Each of the 48 states has its road building plans ready to place in action.

It is not improbable that one effect of the Pearl Harbor investigation will be revival of the demand for merging the war and navy departments into a department of national defense. Several members of the house and senate joint committee making the probe are known to be ardent advocates of consolidation, and statements made in the three previous reports on Pearl Harbor indicated that co-operation between army and navy at the time of the sneak attack was not all that could be desired. The army higher-ups are not active in opposition to the plan, but the top rankers in the navy are expected to interpose objections. If the two departments are merged, wind would be taken out of the sails of those who have been advocating a separate department for the air force. If there is to be consolidation it should be complete.

There will be an immediate market for 87,610 planes when men in the army and navy air forces are released, according to a survey just completed by the civil aeronautics administration. These pilots expressed their intention to buy and stated that they have funds on hand to make the purchase. Only a small percentage of the officers and men answering the inquiry intend to seek employment with aviation companies, and practically all of those who are interested in aviation jobs are among the younger men. One-fourth of the officers had no occupation prior to the war and were indefinite as to their plans for the future. An interesting fact shown by the survey is that some 62,000 officers want to remain in the air force, while not a single enlisted man expressed such a desire.

More time is spent in the house criticizing the army for not hastening demobilization than any other subject and hours are devoted to reading letters from mothers and wives demanding that sons or husbands be released even while they are still in training. Representative Reed of

New York has gone so far as to threaten that unless discharges are speeded up he will introduce a bill making compulsory the immediate release of all men who have served as long as two years. Defenders of the army explain that men are now being returned to the United States as rapidly as transportation can be provided and that demobilization is proceeding as fast as individual records can be perfected.

Oregon Coast Program On Air Next Sunday Morning

The Oregon Coast will be on the air Sunday morning, October 14, at 10:15, when "Romance of Highways" is broadcast by Commander A. W. Scott, according to a telegram received by the Oregon Coast Association last week.

The program will be heard on the Coast from such Mutual stations as KALE, Portland; KAST, Astoria; KOOS, Coos Bay, and KIEM, Eureka.

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O. S. C. Dads Club To Scan Past, Future Services At Corvallis

A review of the activities of the O. S. C. Dads club and discussion of plans for the future are part of a Dad's Day on the campus October 13, says President Will W. Henry, Portland, in notices sent to some 2800 dads of this year's students.

The annual business meeting will be at 10 o'clock in the Memorial union building, with the first of two U. of O.-O. S. C. football games this season as the chief recreational attraction starting at two o'clock. Those staying over for the evening are expected to spend the time visiting their sons and daughters.

Because of crowded restaurant facilities at noon, parents who bring their own picnic lunch might have a more pleasant meal, local committee members say.

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Portland Man Died In Curry County While On Hunting Trip

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