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EDITORIALS

THE STRIKE MENACE

Our nation is face to face with labor conditions which threaten its future.

Labor dictatorship which can force men to leave their jobs regardless of their own wishes, the welfare of the nation, and in defiance of government itself, is inexcusable.

After all, it is the men, women and children in the United States whose lives, liberty and happiness are at stake in our preparedness drive. No labor dictator can save them from an aggressor, if his acts cause a breakdown in our defense ability. Witness the fallen countries of Europe.

The public favors good wages, fair hours, the best working conditions, and everything within reason that labor has stood for. But, it will finally turn on corruption and arrogance in labor management which threaten the life of a nation, and the right to work for the safety of home and family.

Hundreds of thousands of boys from homes throughout the land are training for the army. Ask them if they have enough rifles, machine guns, airplanes, tanks, anti-tank guns, anti-craft guns, enough ammunition for practice—enough of anything?

The boys in training are offering their lives for the nation. Strikers who are deferred from military service at high pay, who shut off coal supplies and manufactured products which are indispensable, actually imperil the lives of the boys who are serving their country for \$30.00 a month.

Commenting on methods for remedying this intolerable situation, the New York Times says editorially that the President should permit the National Defense Mediation Board to intervene in any existing or threatened labor dispute on its own motion without having to wait for the Secretary of Labor to "certify" a dispute to it.

Second, Congress should enact a law for defense industries paralleling the Railway Labor Act which requires employers or representatives of workers to give "at least thirty days' written notice of an intended change in agreements affecting rates of pay, rules or working conditions," during which time collective bargaining conferences should be held or the services of the Mediation Board utilized. While no positive legal penalty is suggested for striking in defiance of such provision, it is pointed out that

a negative legal penalty seems essential, namely, that workers striking in defiance of such provisions should lose the right under the Wagner Act to still be considered employees of the company against which they struck.

Concluding its suggestions, the Times said: "While strikes should not be outlawed, neither should they be encouraged by governmental policy. State and Federal labor laws should be revised where necessary to embody the principle that while men are free to quit their jobs at will, they are not free to forcibly prevent other men from taking those jobs. On the same principle employers should not be prevented from offering those jobs to men willing to take them. This means that mass picketing and violence to workers who attempt to enter a plant must not be tolerated by local authorities or by local law. It means also that Federal law should not in effect condone or encourage such violence."

These are moderate suggestions that our lawmakers must heed if they honestly want to curb the strike evil and reduce the danger of irreparable loss to our country.

Economic Highlights

One of the great and as yet unanswered questions of military science is this: "Which is the more vital weapon—air power or sea power?"

Ten or fifteen years ago an Italian strategist developed the theory that the bombing airplane had made all other weapons of war almost obsolete—that the nation with overwhelming strength in the skies could force any enemy to capitulate in a matter of weeks. That theory, which was more or less widely accepted by the Germans, has proven wrong. Britain has been given incredible punishment by the Luftwaffe, with no perceptible break in the people's morale, and with relatively little effect on British industrial production.

Another school, which had many followers in England and in this country, held that the airplane, highly developed as it might be, would be nothing more than an auxiliary weapon—that battle fleets and land armies would still be the determining factors. And that theory has also proven a mistaken one. Germany's air power was her prime weapon in effecting her successes in Poland, the Low Countries and elsewhere. To a very great extent, the Reich land troops simply mopped up, after the air divisions had terrorized populations, confused opposing armies, and made effectual resistance impossible.

One thing the Battle of Crete may do is to supply something of an answer to the long air-power-versus-sea-power argument. It is not a perfect test. But it is the best test that has yet occurred. The British have overwhelming sea power, and British squadrons did yeoman work in scattering and destroying German seaborne transports. The Germans have

overwhelming air power, and their air transports have successfully landed thousands of crack Nazi troops at vital points. German casualties have apparently been high; however, enough men have been safely landed, with adequate equipment, to make the British position a difficult one, according to late reports.

If Britain loses Crete, it will be to some extent, an admission that air power is superior to sea power. Further, it would be an extremely serious loss, and would mean the end of British naval influence in the Mediterranean. If, on the other hand, Britain can hold Crete and win a decisive victory there, it will be a severe set-back for the Germans.

Destruction of the battle cruiser Hood, by the new German battleship Blamarck, must be described as a disaster. The Hood, despite her years, was the fastest and most powerful ship-of-the-line in the world, and was one of the very few ships which could meet the new German super men-of-war on even terms in both speed and fire-power. She was considered virtually unsinkable by some experts, and she was depended upon as a dominant factor in keeping Britain's sea lanes open. The psychological effect of her loss in an engagement in which the German fleet was given little punishment, will be very bad. It is a safe prediction that the British Admiralty will move heaven and earth to retaliate by destroying the Bismarck.

However, even without the Hood, the British have 15 battleships to Hitler's four, so there should be no danger of the Germans seriously challenging British sea supremacy, unless Hitler's captains can perform many more miracles comparable to the bowing-up of the Hood. Best chance Hitler has of materially strengthening his sea arm is acquisition of the French fleet. Only the incurably optimistic now believe that the pro-Axis Vichy government would do much to prevent this. Admiral Darlan, second in command to the ancient and ailing Marshal Petain, is violently anti-English.

Miss Janet Ross is Honored at U. O.

Miss Janet Ross, daughter of S. L. Ross of Grants Pass and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Clatous McCredie, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Childers and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Childers, all of Medford and of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross of Central Point, has been pledged to Kwama, sophomore honorary on the University of Oregon campus.

Basis for membership in the sophomore service honorary is scholarship and service and leadership in campus activities. Miss Ross is affiliated with Alpha Delta Pi social sorority.

Miss Alta Norcross of Ashland visited at the Weaver home Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Berry has sold her home to Chauncey Florey and will move to Grants Pass to make her home. Mr. Florey has rented the property to Nelson Florey.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

In the Matter of the Estate of Cora E. Lewis, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Kenneth G. Denman, has filed his final account as administrator of the above estate with the County Court of said County, and that the Court has fixed the 27th day of June, 1941, at the hour of 10:00 A. M. of said day, and the County Judge's office in the County Court-house in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place respectively for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to the said final account, and you are hereby notified to file objections, if any you have, to the said final account on or before the said time fixed for hearing.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1941.
 Kenneth G. Denman,
 Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM FREDERICK KOSTER, also known as W. F. Koster, deceased.

The undersigned has filed in the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, the final account of his administration of the Estate of William Frederick Koster, also known as W. F. Koster, deceased, and said Court has fixed the 27th day of June, 1941, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the County Court Room in the Jackson County Court House, at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for the settlement of said estate.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to make or file their objections to said final account, if any they have, on or before the time aforesaid fixed for the hearing and settlement thereof.

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 ED KOSTER,
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 O. H. BENGSTON,
 Attorney for Administrator.
 34—May 22, 29, June 5, 12

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

VIOLA MOORE and G. R. MOORE, wife and husband, Plaintiffs,

vs.

The unknown heirs of Elizabeth Beal, deceased; the unknown heirs of Angeline Snyder, deceased; the unknown heirs of W. E. Kahler, deceased; JOSEPHINE KAHLER, the unknown heirs of Josephine Kahler; the unknown heirs of S. A. Pattison, deceased; HATTIE S. PATTISON; the unknown heirs of Hattie S. Pattison; STATE OF OREGON; also, all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants,
 TO EACH AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS EXCEPT THE DEFENDANT, STATE OF OREGON:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and, if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit:

That each and all of the defendants herein be required to fully set forth any and all right, title, estate, lien, claim or interest whatsoever that they, or any of them, may have, or claim, in, to, or upon the real property described in the complaint herein, or any part or parcel thereof, which said real property is situated in Jackson County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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