

## The American Way

NO SLOW DOWN IN RUSSIA  
By Maurice R. Franks

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While here in America we scap with each other and slow down on the job of production through indulging in many an unjustifiable strike, Russia is bending every effort to do the one thing that may be the means of her ultimate victory. She is producing day and night such commodities as automobiles, radios, shoes, washing machines and many

more items, and is turning them out at a cost with which it is almost impossible for us to compete.

Russian workers, averaging ten hours of work per day, produce ten hours' worth of goods. They do not slow down on the job. They cannot. They are not allowed to. They must produce. And they produce these commodities on a pay basis far below that of American labor. The American worker receives \$8 per day for supposedly eight hours' work, amounting in most cases to approximately four hours of actual production—the Russian worker receives the equivalent of about \$2 for ten hours' work, which in his case is the equivalent of ten full hours' promotion.

Let us not be fooled by propaganda which suggests that America can loaf her way to prosperity. It simply can't be done. Nor should we embrace the fatuous notion that we Americans are so loyal to ourselves that we will buy only American or union made goods. The truth is that we, like all persons on this earth, will seek the market that offers us the most of what we believe to be the best for the least outlay. With American production, through all-out insistence upon high wages and short hours, rigged to force high commodity prices, we are in danger of dropping behind our foreign competitors in the production race.

It is obvious that if Russia—or any other country for that matter—can produce the same commodities that we do, while maintaining a lower economic standard as reflected in wages, hours and selling prices, she will be in an ideal position to do business with countries unable

to afford the commodities produced by us.

As in the case of the automobile, the Russian himself has not attained a standard of living that permits him the luxury of owning one. Today he has to do with the dire necessities of life, and an automobile, a washing machine, a radio, etc., are luxuries not as necessary to his way of life as they are to Americans who are accustomed to a higher standard of living. Therefore, Russia is geared to produce commodities for the world at enticing prices. And now having up-to-date machinery, with her 189 million people as against our own 139 million, she is well equipped for the task.

The epidemic of strikes we have experienced has given a decided handicap to the competitive team, the Russians. If our labor leaders, who should be the coaches of our production team, were to utilize the brains with which the good Lord endowed them, they would see this and go everything within their power to get their team, the workers of America, to "play ball" with the captains, the employers. And if they do this, we will be able to keep on producing in the future, as in the past, the best and the most for the least, by consistent, conscientious, tried and proven productive efficiency.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moody are living in Medford where Mr. Moody is employed at the Community hospital. Little Wayne Lee is staying with his grandmother during the week for the time being.

## Locals

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tracey went to Diamond Lake Tuesday planning to stay for three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tracey, and Ernestine Lisenbee, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Bohner to Lake of the Woods, Sunday, to visit Doreen and Marilyn at Scout Camp. Other girls at camp from Central Point are Cherri and Marriet Wheeler, and Loretta Anderson. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Downing visited Diamond, and crater lakes, and Lake O'dell Friday returning home via Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Loretta Kime, Columbus, Ohio, has recently come to Southern Oregon and will locate in Central Point if she can find a suitable location for a beauty shop. Mrs. Kime formerly lived in Oregon, having operated a beauty shop in Portland.

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Mrs. Edna Craig is ill with the flu this week.

Mrs. Lyle Seymour and Mrs. Joe Krupp left by bus last Thursday for a two-weeks visit to Albuquerque, New Mexico and Rocky Ford, Colorado.

### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final

Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled court has fixed the 26th day of August, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the Court House at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof.

DATED and first published this 1st day of August, 1946.

George W. Neilson,  
Administrator of the Estate of JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, Deceased.  
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