

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Labor's Recent Revolt Called Open Warfare on Truman Administration

LABOR IN REVOLT—The Truman administration has had many and varied difficulties in its history, but few of them ever approached the seriousness of labor's recent revolt against the government's mobilization effort. The decision of labor to withdraw from the wage stabilization board and other government agencies amounted to a declaration of war on the Truman administration.

The United Labor policy committee, composed of 14 top officials of the C.I.O. and A.F.L., ordered the withdrawal. As a result, labor men resigned from 24 advisory posts and other positions in defense agencies, including the military.

Labor made it clear that it felt "big business" dominated the mobilization effort, and that the several labor men in top federal jobs were used merely as "window dressing." The charge of "big business" was directed at Charles E. Wilson, director of the office of defense mobilization, who ignored labor when he first took office.

Labor was especially bitter about the 10 per cent wage formula as recommended by economic stabilizer Eric Johnston. The union leaders were not pacified when Johnston exempted from the wage ceiling all cost-of-living escalator clauses in union contracts written before January 25.

These grievances were serious enough in themselves, but there seemed to be other motivating facts behind labor's revolt. Hidden behind the curtains of petty disagreements was the fear of a labor draft during the present crisis, the same fear that labor struggled against during World War II.

In the interest of mobilization and the well-being of the nation, peace between the administration and labor has become a pressing, desperate need.

HOUSEWIVES' DISTASTE—It has been said by critics of this country that the United States is ruled by women, that our economy and way of life centers around the wives, sweethearts, daughters, sisters and mothers of the nation.

An example of the woman's influence on the nation's economy was reflected in the meat markets of the nation when housewives' distaste of costly cuts of beef caused some real price roll-backs.

A nation-wide canvass revealed that prices were cut from 10 to 25 per cent on the more expensive cuts of meat. And in every case, the price-cutters declared housewives' lack of relish for high red meat prices was the main reason for their action. There was evidence, too, that this trend might continue since meat supplies are abundant and getting more so. The agricultural department is on record as saying "prospects are for a larger meat production in 1951 than in 1950."

Meanwhile, the agriculture department had other interesting statistics for the general public, namely, farm-product prices climbed to a record level in February. The figures revealed that prices paid farmers for all their commodities was 2.25 per cent higher than the old record set in January, 1948, and about 26 per cent above the level prevailing before the Korean war.

However, despite the high level of the farm commodity market, only nine major products were selling at or above parity—the price standard declared by law to be equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products. The products above parity were beef cattle, veal calves, lambs, sheep, cotton, cotton seed, wool, rice and soybeans. Such products as wheat, corn, peanuts, potatoes, butterfat, milk, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, grain sorghums, dry beans, citrus fruits, apples, sweet potatoes, chickens, and eggs were bringing less than parity prices.

CASUALTIES TOTAL 50,675—The people of the cities, home towns and crossroads of the nation were beginning to feel the full force of the Korean conflict. Every day families in communities across the nation were being notified of casualties of war. The latest summary listed 50,675 wounded, missing or killed in action. Of the total, 7,639 were reported killed, 33,041 wounded and 9,635 missing. And while American troops had suffered the greatest number of casualties, the 10 other nations fighting beside U.S. and South Korean troops reported casualties totaling 2,813. The breakdown showed Australia with 48 killed, 200 wounded, 6 missing, 2 prisoners; France with 44 killed, 201 wounded, 3 missing; Greece, 20 killed, 45 wounded, 1 missing; Netherlands, 24 killed, 76 wounded, 2 missing; Philippines, 150 casualties (not broken down into categories); United Kingdom, 145 killed, 442 wounded, 244 missing, 61 prisoners.

WATCHFUL WORLD—As deputy foreign ministers of France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States met in Paris in an attempt to work out an agenda for a big-four conference, a watchful, but pessimistic world waited for announcement of first results.

Considerable doubt existed as to whether or not even an agreement on an agenda could be reached among the four nations. The Soviet Union indicated it would stress the German problem and charge the western powers with rearming western Germany. On the other hand, the United States announced it would direct the discussion to the vast build-up of arms in the Soviet Union and its eastern European satellites, and argue that those arms are the basic cause of the world's ills.

It was believed doubtful, therefore, that the big four could even agree on a list of subjects about which the big-four could talk with any hope of success.

It was also reported the United States would try to put the settlement of an Austrian peace treaty on the agenda, an achievement long sought by this government, but continually blocked by the Soviet Union.

Even if the deputy foreign ministers could reach agreement on an agenda, there exists little hope that the big-four can reach any settlement of the world's ills that will materially decrease the possibility of open conflict in the immediate future.

SPRING OFFENSIVE—The threat of a big spring counteroffensive by the Chinese Communists still hung over the Korean front as United Nations troops continued their push northward. Heavy movements of troops were reported at several points behind the Red lines.

Increasing numbers of Communist trucks were reported moving south into Seoul and the Reds stepped up night mortar and artillery fire from the old South Korean capital. There were also indications that a new Chinese division may have been moved into Korea in preparation for the expected offensive.

Frontline observers pointed out that the Chinese have switched from night to day operations, usually a sign of desperation. There was no indication, however, that either side could chop out a clear-cut victory that might terminate hostilities. It remains a battle of Chinese manpower vs. American firepower.

REDS DECLINE IN EUROPE—An indication that the Communists are losing the battle to take over western Europe by boring from within was revealed in a state department report that said the party had lost a third—1,295,000—of its members in the west since World War II.

The report said there were 1,673,000 Communist party members in western Europe (except Italy) in 1946, and 2,300,000 in Italy in 1948—a total of 3,973,000. The number dropped to 2,678,000 in 1950.

ATOMIC BOMB

Scientist Says It Could Destroy Russia

The often questioned power of the atomic bomb was given a shot in the arm by one of the nation's leading scientists recently when he asserted that American atomic bombs "would destroy Russia" if the Soviets started war in Europe now.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, president of Carnegie Institute of Washington, one of the codevelopers of the atom

bomb, said: "We could destroy not only the key centers from which her (Russia) armies would be supplied, but also political centers and the communications of her armies on the march. Initially equipped with weapons and supplies, those armies might keep rolling for a time, but there would be no Soviet Union behind them as we know it at the present time."



Controlled Economy

RAPIDLY THE NATION is approaching a controlled economy and by June will be operating under a controlled materials plan. There are some who scoff at the necessity of such absolute control and the possibility of war with Russia.

President Truman, who wears the cloak of responsibility of the national welfare, is walking a tight-rope of public opinion. If war does come, it is his responsibility to see that we have something more than a broom-stick army with which to wage that war. If it does not come, it is his responsibility to see that the civilian economy is kept on an even keel. The President's board of economic advisors believe, and apparently the President also believes, that this country is big enough and productive enough to have our cake and eat it. In other words if production is high enough and national income is great enough, then we can at one and the same time produce the armament necessary and still produce the civilian goods necessary to keep our standard of living on a high plane. That is the objective toward which those officials in control of the nation's mobilization efforts are working.

In one decade, from 1940 to 1950, the national income of the country rose from \$81,000,000,000 to \$250,000,000,000. In the same period taxes rose from \$2,600,000,000 to \$26,000,000,000. Profits on American business in 1950 exceeded all previous levels, increasing from \$3,300,000,000 in 1940 to \$43,000,000,000 before taxes in 1950. The estimated national income for 1952 is \$270,000,000,000. To pay for federal expenditures for the calendar year 1951 will require approximately 27 per cent of that income. This percentage, plus state and local taxes, will reach 36 per cent, which economists say is a heavy load, but not unbearable.

Inevitably in the process of keeping the economy on an even keel, some folks and some business will be hurt. And there will be the usual gripes and criticisms, characteristically American. However, if estimates come true, the future does not look too black.

Investment Pays Off

Back in the 1930's the federal government undertook another of those rescue operations called "socialistic" by many. To save the building, loan and savings institutions, the federal government invested \$125,000,000 in the capital stock of the Federal Home Loan Banks. Since January \$46,000,000 has been repaid the government and by July two of the eleven district banks will be owned entirely by their member banks. And on the investment the government has collected more than \$26,000,000 in dividends.

Washington Silhouettes

Alongside the Declaration of Independence and other important state papers in the Library of Congress, now reposes a collection of the great voices in music, including Caruso, McCormack, Schumann-Heink and others. At the presentation of RCA Victor were Rosa Ponselle and the widows of McCormack and Caruso. Someone inquired for senator Kefauver in the senate foreign relations committee, to which Sen. Tom Connally of Texas drawled, "He ain't here, he's out chasing craps-shooters." Senator Kefauver is chairman of the committee investigating gambling. The peaceful white-columned, yellow-walled St. John Episcopal church where many presidents have worshipped at 16th and H streets, across Lafayette park from the White House. The district covered by the Mall from Washington monument to Lincoln Memorial was once known as "foggy bottoms" and from the top of Florida avenue hill on 13th street on some of these early spring mornings the entire area is covered by fog, sweeping in from the Potomac.

RFC Probe Hot

The senate committee headed by Senator Fulbright of Arkansas got hold of a hot one in the probe of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The committee charged some men on the White House staff used this influence to get loans for folks back home. But it turns out that there are on record some 900 letters from members of the congress, including Senator Fulbright himself, who have gone to bat for constituents back home to get RFC loans. Looks like the Arkansas senator threw a boomerang.

VA Reports

The veterans administration has just issued a report showing the tremendous volume of business done by that agency in behalf of the 18,904,000 living veterans under its charge and reported a sharp reduction in operating costs. But Dr. Robert L. Johnson, national chairman of the citizens committee for the Hoover report, has just issued another blast at VA red tape and waste.



ASSAULT ON ENEMY HILL . . . Men and tanks move out on an assault on an enemy-held hill north of Wangkok, Korea. Note soldier (lower left) who has stopped to fix part of his gear. Allied troops were pressing gains all along the front when this assault was made. The first marine division was back in the battle. A new Communist drive was expected, but attacks by the leathernecks near Hoengsong were designed to throw the new Red push off balance. The fighting has been characterized by steady but slow advances by UN forces up to three or four miles a day, no spectacular gains being made recently by any side.



VICTIMS OF AMBUSH . . . Bodies of American soldiers are found by United States troops advancing through the Hoengsong area. These men were trapped in ambush along the Wonju-Hoengsong highway nearly a week before other units found their bodies. The area in which the ambush occurred was heavily defended by the Chinese Communists who were vanishing like will-o'-the-wisps from other areas it was thought they would try to hold.



ANOTHER CLOSE SHAVE FOR ATTLEE? . . . Man under the lather bears a resemblance to Britain's Prime Minister Attlee who has had a few close shaves on votes of confidence challenges, but this man really is an anonymous Austrian, being shaved by Orrille Boehm, lady barber of Vienna who performed a perfect shave in 38 seconds in Austria's annual barbers' contest. Orrille is 16 and has been lathering whiskers and moving them for two years.



THROW AWAY THE TOUPEE, BOYS . . . Albert Roberts, president and technical director of a Philadelphia research laboratory, holds out new hope with an announcement from New York of studies of a new dermatotropic hormone which has grown hair on laboratory mice and two men who had been bald for five years. Hormone in cream and injection form is being offered to physicians and hospitals for investigative purposes. Subject is Billy Sentf, New York hotel employee.



ACCENT ON SPRING . . . A beach ensemble from Paris resembles a tuxedo outfit. The bolero jacket and tight-fitting pants are of white pique with black pique trim. Black sun suit bodice is of grey and green cotton.

Household Hints

After any rubber article has been washed and dried, a coating of talcum powder or cornstarch will help to preserve it.

When you empty a hot-water bottle, blow air into it and then screw the stopper in.

Heat your leftover sliced beef in diluted or thinned tomato sauce to which a bit of curry has been added. This is attractive over mounded, mashed potatoes or rice.

Add flavor to meat by placing strips of bacon at the bottom of the pan. You'll also find it helps prevent it from sticking.

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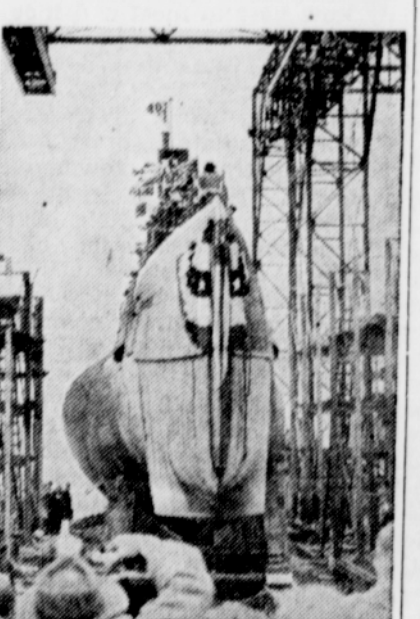
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