

Babson Discusses Labor

Have We a Patriotic Congress?

Babson Park, Mass., March 13.—In a lifetime of active concern in helping solve the problems of Management and Labor, I have always been on the side of those who have been working to raise the workers' standards of living. I have always believed in collective bargaining. I recently told some employer friends that they better get ready for a day when the closed shop may be installed in our major industries and when Labor may be represented on the boards of directors of such corporations. This is the present trend.

Slavery Looms If Allies Defeated

Democratic capitalism must be dynamic. It cannot stand still if it is to succeed against the inroads of other systems that are abroad in the world today. Furthermore, I realize that the hard-won advantages which the workers in this country have achieved over the years must not be thrown away. I say this much as a good friend of all concerned and as a former assistant to the secretary of labor during World War I.

The grim fact confronts us, however, that we as a people are today fighting for our very lives. The continued existence of all the values we hold dear is at stake in the global war which now encompasses us. If the United Nations are defeated, the status of the American working man and woman will be degraded to that of slave labor. This is what some congressmen seem to forget when they insist that, in this grave emergency, we must continue to grant labor the forty-hour week. They even appeal to a willingness to extend general wage increases and otherwise permit labor to entrench itself even more strongly than before.

Short-Sighted Solons Cause Most Worry

I believe that such labor leaders as Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of the A.F.O.L., are honest and sincere men. There are racketeers in the labor movement just as there are racketeers in business and in the professions. I'm not worried about those fellows. It's the short-sighted attitude of a majority of congressmen that I'm concerned about. This short-sightedness becomes almost criminal when congress permits labor leaders even go so far as to call strikes in war industries in order to enforce labor's demands. Congress should at least immediately adapt the Canadian wage system. I sincerely hope congress will again hear from home as they recently did when voting themselves pensions.

The only argument I have heard advanced in favor of continuing labor's special privileges at this time is that other selfish groups are doing the same thing! We hear a lot about war profits and "the selfish insistence of the farmers" in demanding still higher prices for their crops. I am opposed to excessive war profits. I am also reasonably certain that Secretary Morgenthau and the present pro-labor congress will syphon these profits out of corporation treasuries by the 1942 tax measure.

Paid Farm Leaders Fought by F.D.R.

This administration is not friendly to the stockholders of America and no one knows this better than our labor leaders who have waxed fat since Mr. Roosevelt was first elected. As to the paid farm leaders, their short-sighted selfishness is being stoutly fought by the president. In fact, he will, I believe, veto the farm parity bill if it passes in its present form. He is getting tired and disgusted with all paid lobbyists whoever they represent.

Our most dangerous foe today is not Hitler. It is not Japan. It is our own refusal to give up our selfish privileges for the duration of the war. From the evidence at hand, I regret to say that labor seems to be one of the worst offenders. The Russian people and the Chinese people are winning their battles because they are sacrificing everything to the common purpose of defeating the enemy. When we cease to think and act as labor union leaders, or as farm union leaders, or as corporation officials and begin to act as our embattled forefathers did at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, we shall begin to win this war. Then—and only then—and not one day sooner.

Labor Main Cause Of Inflation Era

Even apart from primary patriotic reasons, labor must realize that, by insisting on the retention of its favored peacetime

hours and wages status, it is bringing down upon all of us the full fury of inflation. Leon Henderson is absolutely right in his stand against wage increases, higher farm prices, and other attempts to hasten the inflationary spiral. The retention of the forty-hour week is only an oblique insistence on further wage advantages. It marks the point at which overtime pay starts. I know workers are perfectly willing, anytime, in war or peace, to work 48 or even 54 hours a week. It is solely a question of wages that is involved.

The decreased output of consumers' goods means that for the duration we all must accept the reality of a readjusted standard of living. If the workers, by insisting on direct wage increases and the forty-hour week, push wage schedules skywards, they will merely be trying to lift themselves by their economic bootstraps. Their wage dollar will buy less and less of more and more articles. No system of fixed prices can prevent universal bootlegging.

Wage Increases in Stamps Advocated

When wage increases are absolutely necessary, they should be paid in the form of defense stamps and bonds. There are two good reasons for this: (1) It would help stop up the surplus purchasing power that would otherwise go to speed up inflation. (2) It would provide a grateful cushion for the workers later on against dislocations of the early post-war unemployment period when such bonds, converted into cash, would come in very handy. In fact, I believe more of present wages should be paid in defense stamps.

Labor is making a fundamental mistake if it insists that peacetime prerequisites are permanently endangered if they are temporarily waived as part of the total war effort. I believe that some sort of legislation suspending the work-week limitations contained in seventeen federal laws should be enacted. Such a repeal can—by the legislative act itself—be confined to the duration of the war. After the war is over the former provisions would automatically become effective again. Such action would carry out the expressed wishes of the president in his last address to the nation when he asked that continuous and maximum war production be maintained. I frankly think that the house of representatives blundered when it rejected this



PEACE REIGNED IN AUSTRALIA—THEN—Continued Japanese raiding stabs at Australia have brought about all-out preparations for war, when it comes. This is a view of Brisbane, a city of 326,000 and capital of the state of Queensland.

proposal some days ago. I hope the senate will revive it.

Remember France—And Pearl Harbor

Let us not forget that one of the things which paved the way for the defeat of France was the insistence, just before World War II by the pro-labor Blum government, that French workers should retain their so-called "social gains." This was the crazy attitude of the French government and of the French workers even in the face of the gathering storm. Those same French workers are today laboring 70 and 80 hours a week at a mere pittance of a wage, turning out Hitler's war production. Were those workers able to speak to the millions of members of the CIO and of the A.F.O.L., what would be their message today? I know what they would say. They would say—"For what does it profit a worker to keep his forty-hour week for a little while, if he loses thereby everything he holds dear, including liberty itself?"

High School News

by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Thelma Kaplon

Featured on Medford high's regular Friday radio program this afternoon was John Baglien and his oration on "Americanism, the Protector of Liberty." Ned Liebman, newscaster, presented his regular weekly round up of school activities. Jim Tucker acted as general announcer. Highlight of last week's program was an interview with Jiro Shimodo by Ned Liebman of the recent Southern Oregon Hi-Y conference.

Southern Oregon's first Hi-Y rally, last Friday and Saturday with Medford high acting as host, was considered a success by all attending. Guest speakers for the conference included: Dr. Walter Redford, president of S.O.C.E., who discussed "The U.

S. Citizen on the March"; the Rev. Victor Phillips, Methodist minister from Klamath Falls, who spoke on "What Every Citizen Needs"; and Everett Harding, northwest association area executive, who discussed "Hi-Y in Today's World."

Club presidents of schools represented included Warren Holbrook, Medford; Dick Fennell, Ashland; Gene Allison, Grants Pass; and Bill Kennedy, Klamath Falls. The presidents from Marshfield and Roseburg were unable to attend.

Last Saturday night, following the Medford-O.S.C.E. basketball game, the Order of M held a dance in the girls' gym to raise funds for the organization's pictures in the 1942 Crater. The gym was decorated in a patriotic manner, displaying red, white, and blue emblems. Order of M members in charge of the affair were: Marc Jarmine, Warren Holbrook, and Curt Hopkins.

An interesting review of school activities for the past three months was presented at a regular A.S.B. business meeting this morning, after which district regents of the D.A.R. presented \$7.50 to Opal Barnhart, second place winner in the D.A.R. state-wide print dress contest, and \$2 to Masa Kayama, who received first honorable mention. Miss Helene Leach, vocal instructor of the high school, led the students in several selections before A. S. B. President Don Shanahan adjourned the meeting.

COLLIER'S COSTLIER
New York, March 13.—(AP)—The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company said today that Collier's, Weekly magazine, would advance its single copy price from 5 to 10 cents and the yearly subscription rate from \$2 to \$3 effective with the May 9th issue.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank those who were so kind and sympathetic and also for the beautiful floral offerings during my recent bereavement. Mrs. Will Jackson.

ALL MUSICIANS OF SENIOR HIGH IN CONCERT MAR. 20

The entire senior high school music department, under direction of Miss Helene Leach and Mr. Wilson Wait, will present a pageant-concert on March 20.

Some of the numbers to be included in the program are: a concert version of the opera "Faust" by the entire chorus; "A Dirge for Two Veterans," a modern and timely composition that is scored with drums and trumpet accompaniment, to be presented by the boys' chorus; and the romantic "Lady of Shalott," which will be sung

by the girls' chorus, with pantomime stage pictures. The band will play a group of contest numbers and marches, among which is "Pax and Labor." With the stirring "Pomp and Circumstance March," by Elgar, the chorus and band will conclude the program. According to Miss Leach, the department feels that this pageant-concert will be the finest achievement of the year.

There will be a nominal admission charge and tickets may be obtained at Pruitt's melody shop, at the senior high school office, or from any member of the music department.

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