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Every day Supreme Headquarters, the radio, Tokyo, Berlin, Paris, Moscow, London, Stockholm, the press, and valley military leaders, are unable to agree on just what happened on the Western front.

Allied diplomats to study "Far East problems" at an early date. The general public feels all "Far East problems" are not far enough East.

People are still writing 1944 on their checks, banks report, and blame it on carelessness. This is about the only thing since Pearl Harbor that has not been blamed on the war.

YE SLICKER SEX (The Dalles Chronicle) The ladies doling out the good eats, were Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Maupin, Mrs. Earl Griffith and above all things, a man, Arthur Peters. They kept him rushed making hot dogs, to keep him out of the pils.

A metropolitan journalist asserts eastern periodicals arrive there by slow freight. In benighted regions like this, they come that way too, but west of the Rockies, by 16-mule team.

The republican party boasts it spent more money in the last campaign than the New Deal, who have had much more experience in spending. Another outstanding feat was finishing just 52 cents under the maximum allowed by the corrupt practices act.

A Portland Grandmaw is pictured as smoking cigars, to get around the cigarette shortage. Owing to the vileness of the war time cigar, this is a feat comparable to the pioneer women, who fought Indians all night and chopped down oak trees all day to keep a sick hubby from freezing.

The Japanese continue wonderful. Radio Tokyo reveals their ability to extinguish B-29 raid fires before they are started.

WELL, THEY MAY! (Los Angeles Times) "A good-looking girl stopped before a cigaret vending machine. Instantly a line began to form behind her. In a minute it extended around the corner. Then the girl took her comb out of her bag, began prepping up her hair by means of the mirror in the vending machine, and the crowd behind her looked silly."

A band of cattle went through the western suburbs the first of the week, with much pandemonium. An honor pupil of the Fletch Fish of Phoenix school of punning, called them "moost-cians."

"Fred Rennie moved his office to his home and only went to his office when necessary." (Buda (Ill.) Weekly)—Where art thou now, Frederick?

"MAN RUNS AWAY; SHERIFF HOLDS WIFE" (Hillside Red Bluff News)—The law is a lap behind him.

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How About China?

According to the latest report from China the hoped-for rapprochement between the Chinese Communists and Chiang Kai-shek has fallen through because,—we quote:

"The Chungking government is in reality a pro-fascist government, fighting for the war lords and the big land-holders against the peasants, encouraging graft and corruption, not even allowing a free press or free speech in the areas it now controls."

Needless to say this comes from a Communist source! And it is the approved Communist "line",—almost identical with the "line" adopted by Communists throughout Europe against their opponents, wherever found.

ONE might ask how much free press and free speech are allowed in those parts of China where the Chinese "Reds" are now in control?

The answer is NONE! There is no more individual freedom there, no more democracy, than there is in Russia, Germany, or in any other totalitarian state.

But the wily Communists never mention such facts, realizing they would not be popular in democratic America and what these Chinese Communists,—as well as all other Communists,—want today is American moral and financial support.

"Send lend-lease to Communist China, not to the Chungking government for the latter will turn the U. S. guns and planes against the Communists in China, not the Japs."

THERE you are, brethren,—it is the same theme-song all over the world. It is the red revolution within the war.

Some people think this fact should never be mentioned,—it should be hushed-up until Germany and Japan have been beaten.

China today is the best answer to that argument. But for the Chinese Communists who took advantage of the attack by Japan, to virtually join the Japs against Chiang Kai-shek, and thus gain territory and power to their own advantage, the Japanese would never have won the great victories in China they have won.

Instead of a hush-hush policy hastening the defeat of Japan, therefore, it has materially and tragically delayed it.

The way to hasten the defeat of Japan today, as far as China is concerned, is:—

(1) Persuade, if possible, the Chinese Communists to abandon their revolution, place the welfare of their country above their selfish political advantage, and join Chiang Kai-shek against the Japs until the latter have been driven out of the country.

(2) If that can't be done because of the Communists' ruthless "will to power", then give all possible allied aid in arms, ammunition, tanks and planes to Chiang and the Chungking government, no aid, material or moral to the Communists, in short, join the former in theory and in fact AGAINST the latter!

Why Stop Sports?

England is only a stone's throw from the battle front. When the wind comes in from the East, the guns in Holland can be heard.

Yet ever since the war started, and today, the Britishers are putting on horse races and football games very much as they did in the days of peace, and no one over there suggests their abandonment.

In this country with the war thousands of miles away, no more danger of invasion East or West than of a one-legged bullfrog jumping over the moon, all horse racing is suddenly prohibited and it is suggested from high quarters that all 4-H's be put into war work, which would automatically stop professional golf and football.

How come? If England has found certain outdoor sports good for national morale in war why should similar sports not be good for this country? Certainly over there as over here the war does come FIRST.

IT IS all very puzzling and frankly we don't know the answer but our guess is: the fact that England is so near the war and this country so far away has something to do with it.

In sound of the guns and with casualties coming across the channel in every boat, the English people need nothing to arouse them to the fact a war,—and a horrible war,—is on.

With the Atlantic ocean on one side, and the peaceful Pacific on the other, the plain truth is that in spite of the casualty lists and the daily newspaper headlines, it has been hard for the American people, as a whole, to realize such a war is on and they are in it.

This order from Assistant President Byrnes was therefore designed primarily to wake them up to the fact, rather than to answer any crying need for 4-H's in war service, farm workers at the front, or the abandonment of football and horse racing.

ANOTHER angle. There is the matter of war psychology. From the start of this war, the British people, thanks to Winston Churchill, have been told the truth about it.

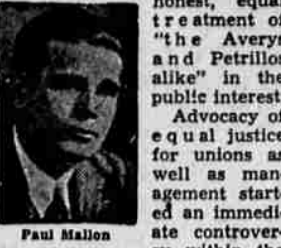
QUITE the reverse in this country. From the time of Pearl Harbor to now, the powers-that-be in this country have gone on the theory the American people can't "take" it. So when the news is bad, it has to be suppressed or delayed until it can be mixed with good news, and when there is a mixture of good and bad news in the daily report, the latter has to be played down, and the former played up.

When people,—any people,—have the FACTS of this war, regardless of their proximity to it, they don't need any artificial stimulus to wake them. When they don't have them,—they do.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 5 — The thinking Mr. Byrnes, assistant president, came out straight for honest, equal treatment of "the Averys and Petrillos alike" in the public interest.



Advocacy of equal justice for unions as well as management started an immediate controversy within the administration. Mr. Byrnes had said one way to accomplish like justice was through congressional enactment of a law opening the courts to both parties.

At once war labor board Davis (who let the Petrillos get away with defiance of his board but got the troops in upon the Averys) said such a law would tie enforcement up in the courts and hinder his purpose of adjusting labor disputes.

Thus the old political game of rag-mag-tag proceeds into a new phase.

At the time Petrillo was defying WLB, and maintaining his victorious strike against its order, Mr. Roosevelt claimed there was no law to make Petrillo obey. Thus the public must pay a few cents tribute on every record it buys forever to Mr. Petrillo, for no service whatever in its interest.

But there was a law which would have brought him to terms — this very war labor board act. True enough, congress did not intend the act should be used to "seize" labor unions as Montgomery Ward has been seized.

Yet the administration stretched the intent of congress to a rather far-fetched interpretation to get the army into Montgomery Ward. Congress said the seizure power should not be used except in "a war industry." The retail stores of Montgomery Ward would hardly seem to be war industries.

The public knows what kind of goods it buys from those mail order and department store houses — garden implements, clothes, practically everything saleable, except war industry products. Yet Attorney-General Biddle legalized the seizure by ruling the stores as war industries.

ECONOMIC stabilizer Vinson established exactly the same government position on the Petrillo strike. He publicly denounced the musician's walk-out as impeding the war effort. Mr. Roosevelt thus could have seized a station by stretching the law no further than in the Montgomery Ward case.

If he had, Petrillo and his unions would have been subject to penalties, fines and jail for not working. Army officers could have moved in upon Petrillo's office, demanding his books, issued orders to him to send his men back to work. It could operate his union or any other striking union in the same loose way Montgomery Ward is being directed.

WHAT the government needs is not a law, but the desire to act, which has not been absent so far.

Some outward signs imply Byrnes was merely allowed to speak his personal mind in expectation that the labor board would block him in congress or otherwise.

I do not think so. The government had got itself into such an unreasonable and dangerous labor situation, something will have to be done.

Take the "Monkey Ward" case, as it should be called, because it has, without doubt, resembled from the beginning a drama in a monkey house more than adult human action.

The reason the government went in there this time was to give the workers a raise. That is the main physical change discernible in the initial action. But the government's excuse for moving was that a strike there was impeding the war effort, or threatening to. Yet it did not move against strikers. It seized the management. The workers cheered when the government came in.

THUS the government has got itself into a position where it must serve the unions, more than the public. If "Monkey Ward" had cheated the public on prices, it would be taken to court. But if it "cheats" the union (not saying it did) the government seizes it.

The unions thus have more power than either the government or the public. They cannot lose. If the WLB decision goes against them, they can do what Petrillo did—hang on until the companies are forced to pay. If they win a WLB decision, the army will enforce the decision.

Even a labor government like

Test Plane Hits Home; Pilot, Baby Die



A test pilot and a 6-month-old baby girl were dead in the wreckage of a Long Beach, Calif. home after a twin-engine Douglas A-26 plane, piloted by chief test pilot Ronald F. Bollinger, exploded in mid-air, plunzeed to earth in heart of the thickly populated residential district.

this one will not long care to play second fiddle to union leaders. The unions are clearly getting out of its hand and power, beyond its legal reach, with a wave of strikes expected by everyone as soon as V-E day.

Therefore, I look for Mr. Roosevelt, one way or another, to seek and get more power, or at least more of legal excuse from congress, to keep the unions in line—his line. He is now a prisoner in theirs.

all such advertising matter "picked up" after the Catholic Legion of Decency reported the city was "flooded with indecent calendars and blotters."

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 5, 1935 (It was Saturday)

President Roosevelt asks four billions for relief. Says balancing of budget to await on unemployment.

Unsettled with occasional rain. High 47, low 39 degrees.

Italy and France sign accord pact that may be basis of peace in Europe.

Supreme court rules NRA order limiting production of oil and gasoline is invalid.

Earl Snell to take oath as secretary of state at Salem Monday. Oaths of office to be administered to Sheriff Syd Brown, Commissioner Otto Caster and constable also.

Snow plows busy keeping Klamath county roads open following storm.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 5, 1925 (It was Monday)

Allies ask United States to join in war debt settlement discussion.

Federal help sought for Oregon coast ports.

President Coolidge upheld by senate in veto of postal bill.

Probable light rains. High 53, low 31 degrees.

Rep. John H. Carkin addresses Kiwanis club at noon luncheon.

Nineteen new members have been received into the Presbyterian church in two weeks.

Medford high defeats Newberg 25 to 5 in poor game at Nat.

THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY January 5, 1911 (It was Thursday)

Longer deer season to be urged before legislature.

Start planting 15,000 pear trees in Coker Butte district.

County tax levy to be 22 mills for coming year.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Nimitz, narrowly escaped death from a Jap booby trap.

Last night, hero Robinson revealed he had been "fighting under terrific pressure." Seems he has just now reached 17, the minimum age for coast guard enlistment.

Closing time for Sunday Job Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 P. M., January 15, 1945, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 300 acres within Section 17, T. 31 S., R. 3 E., W. M. Rogue River National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 3,500,000 feet B. M., more or less, of Douglas-fir, and an unestimated amount of other species of saw-timber. No bid of less than \$4.70 per M feet for Douglas-fir, \$8.60 per M feet for white pine, \$5.60 per M feet for ponderosa pine, \$9.60 per M feet for sugar pine and \$2.10 per M feet for white fir, western hemlock, and other species will be considered. In determining the high bid, the rate for Douglas-fir only will be considered. Bids with rates in excess of those permissible under MPR 460 will be reduced to the allowable maximum in making the award. In addition to the prices bid for the stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$0.50 per M feet B. M. to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.25 per M feet B. M. to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of this agreement, will be required. \$4,000.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon.

Bodyguards Cease Petrillo Patrol

Chicago, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—A 13-year practice of assigning two detectives to serve as bodyguards to James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, was abandoned today on the order of Police Commissioner James Allman.

Detectives were given the assignment at a time when Chicago gangsters were waging a war against union leaders in an effort to get control of organized labor.

Coast Guard Vet Turns 17th Year

Hingham, Mass., Jan. 5—(U.P.) Charles J. Robison, Jr., of Hingham, enlisted in the coast guard almost two years ago. Since then, he has fought in five campaigns, received a citation for bravery from Adm. Chester W.

"Going My Way?" YOU can do the work which is the heritage of all women—the care and healing of the men who fight for them, and at the same time do your bit for your country. As a Wac in the Army Medical Department you can help a soldier back on the road to health. Learn more about this service! Send the coupon below—now. Be a Wac in the U. S. Army Medical Dept. U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION Post Office, Medford, Oregon Please send me, without any obligation on my part, the new illustrated booklet about the Wacs.

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