

For Servicemen's Attention

Roger Babson Discusses Labor Unions

Babson Park, Mass., Sept. 7—(Special Correspondence) — I have today received a telegram from a returned serviceman who has just arrived from Europe. He states that, after paying bills and providing for his board and lodging, he is broke. "But," says he, "I cannot get a job until I pay a labor union 20 dollars or more. Please wire me some money immediately."

Postwar Employment Is Major Question

I am continually being asked "What will the employment situation be now that Japan has collapsed?" I have replied that we will have a slow-down for a few months during the change-over of factories from war to peace goods; but after that we should have a few years of excellent business and fair employment. Certainly, there need be no serious unemployment while people have excess money in their pockets and bank accounts.

Every employer is prepared to take back such returning servicemen as were in his employ when they were drafted. After this, a difficulty will come in deciding who shall next be in line for jobs, the young fellow who never had a job before entering the service, or the man who has been employed in shipbuilding, airplane construction or munitions manufacture? Certainly, many married women and old people will be expected to step aside and return to their pre-war status.

Labor Unions Are "Big Business"

But then I am asked a second question: "How long will this post-war prosperity last?" To this I am prepared to answer: The length of the post-war prosperity depends largely upon the labor union leaders. They can make the prosperity short or they can have it extend over a long number of years, according to how they act. As to what they will do, no one—including themselves—knows. Why? Because the actions of these labor leaders will be determined by the returning servicemen and we do not know what their attitude will be.

There is little real democracy in a big labor union. Members vote as ordered; they have far less freedom than the stockholders of any corporation. Often even the officers of the union are mere figureheads without real authority. The typical labor union today is a "big business" run by dynamic leaders primarily for their own advancement and profit. They make demands and call strikes to have their members think they are doing something.

Returning Servicemen Cannot Be Bluffed

Labor leaders can bluff their present membership which has become docile from browbeating and blackmail. But these labor leaders may meet their match in the returning soldier. He is no nambypamby. Hence, the important question is, "What will the attitude of these returning servicemen be toward the labor union leaders?" If the returning soldiers insist upon the open shop and peaceful collective bargaining, the postwar prosperity can be bright and of long duration with little unem-

ployment; but otherwise, there will be much unemployment.

I do not attempt to guess what attitude these returning servicemen will take. They seem to be influenced much by the feeling of their families. Those who came from homes which are independent—especially white-collar homes—are against union domination. This especially applies to boys from republican homes or from southern democratic homes, including boys from the farms. But those who are returning to homes having brothers or fathers as union members are mostly favorable to the unions.

How To Avoid Unemployment

It is not necessary that the postwar prosperity should be short. It is not necessary that it be followed by another period of severe depression and unemployment. But I fear that these labor leaders who came into power during the war, have not yet learned their lesson, as the telegram above mentioned sadly illustrates. Hence, I am much disturbed and say that postwar employment will depend upon the attitude of the returning servicemen. They should insist upon freedom to work where and for whom they wish, with or without union membership unless they become employers themselves.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Sept. 14 — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beckwith and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Darrell Beckwith, son Bill and daughter Geraldine of Bend, Ore., visited at the George Lance home Sept. 6 while enroute to Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLallen have sold their cottage and acre of land adjoining their new home to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClellan and two daughters of Santa Barbara, Calif. Also Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Mills of Walsport, Ore., have bought the John Cimfi place. Mr. and Mrs. Cimfi and twin sons, James and John, are leaving Sept. 14 for Tule Lake where he has employment for the winter. They plan to return here to locate.

Lloyd Milton of Alaska called on friends here Sept. 7. He and his wife, who have lived in Alaska for a number of years, have been visiting relatives in Rogue River, their former home, and have decided to remain there. Mrs. Milton, the former Laura Childers, left Sept. 7 for Alaska. Their children are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Childers, during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes are the proud grandparents of their first grandson, Kenneth Kieth, weighing six pounds, born Sept. 4, to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Barnes of Pasadena, Calif. The Barnes have two granddaughters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Renkin and grandson of Eagle Point and Mr. and Mrs. John Cimfi and sons spent a couple of days last week at Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller and Mrs. Beth Potter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lance at their cabin on the right fork of the creek Sept. 9, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lance and son Bobby of Gold Hill and

daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hope of Medford spent the evening with them, the occasion being Mrs. George Lance's birthday.

Central Point

Central Point, Sept. 14 — A building boom in Central Point, the greatest amount of building in the history of the town, has taken place in the past year. In comparison with 31 business places ten years ago, the town now boasts 56 with two more under construction and many improvements and enlargements being added to others.

Besides a new lumber yard recently erected on the South Pacific highway near the Southern Oregon planing mill, work has begun on two business structures, one owned by James Ross, to house a sporting goods store,

and the other owned by Roy Jones.

The city Grange Cooperative has been greatly enlarged and capacity of the Sonoma Valley cheese factory has been almost doubled, with opening expected soon. Rebuilding of the Cheney mill, recently destroyed by fire, is well underway, and a garage at the Shell service station was erected recently.

Resulting from the 150 increase in population since 1940, many new homes have been built in the city and a good many more are under construction or contemplated.

A housing project for employees of the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine mill, to be located in Central Point, is being discussed.

The Central Valley Project's features will cost more than \$160,000,000.

SHOE RATION END BETWEEN OCT. 1-15

Washington, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The end of shoe rationing is now expected before Oct. 15.

There was an argument between the war production board's office of civilian requirements and the office of price administration about it.

The latest word from both OPA and WPB sources is that OPA is now willing to drop shoe rationing between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15.

WPB felt that the supply would be coming in by Oct. 1 and that there was no reason to

continue rationing beyond that time. OPA didn't want to do it before the end of the year.

Shirley Temple Plans Wedding On September 19

Hollywood, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—Although she still thinks 17 too young for most girls to marry, Shirley Temple was busy today completing details of her wedding to Sgt. John George Agar on Sept. 19.

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When they announced their engagement last spring, Miss Temple and Sgt. Agar said they would wait two or three years to marry. The war's end and woman's prerogative brought about the earlier date.

Wilshire Methodist church, scene of Deanna Durbin's first

marriage four years ago, will be the site of the full-dress ceremony.

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Every woman in America should know that our country continues to face a serious fat shortage. And victory over Japan won't solve the problem immediately. We must keep on saving used fats in our kitchens!

If you have any thought that saving used fats is one of those wartime chores we can drop, now that Victory is here, please consider these facts and tell them to your neighbors.

America still needs salvaged fats. Not even at the peak of our war effort, when fats were required for mountains of shells and bombs and medicines, in addition to the ever-present need for soap, were our needs for salvaging fat greater than now. Our stocks have been drained by four long years of war, and there isn't enough on hand to meet all requirements.

Don't let "Victory psychology" blind you to this national need! If housewives stop saving fats now, the shortage will become even more critical.

Don't let a single drop of used fats go to waste! Little trimmings of fat left on plates, even the skimmings of soups and gravies are important. It is the consistent saving of these small amounts that counts.

Don't turn in fats that can be re-used! But some fats, such as those rendered from lamb and mutton, are not suitable for re-use. Put them immediately in the salvage can. And, with other fats, after you've got all cooking good out of them, there is always a little left. No matter how little it is, save it.

Your butcher will still give you 4c and 2 red points for every pound you turn in. Save consistently — save every drop you can — every day — until Uncle Sam says the job is done.

Clinton Anderson
Secretary of Agriculture

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