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New York, Sept. 19—When Mr. Byrnes, our secretary of state, recently evinced some skepticism regarding the elections to be held in some Balkan countries and the kind of government that would follow, he was promptly twitted by our communists and other heirs to the Roosevelt hypocrisy who wondered why he hadn't been as much concerned over the same considerations in his native South Carolina. This was a reference to South Carolina's poll tax.

"A" men have an editorial voice for the constitution provides that the international president "shall have full supervision over the policy of the official journal." In some unions the ruling bosses levy on the rank and file for money to glorify themselves in print and to promote their political aspirations and, in some cases, communism.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 19—This is it, the postwar show-down on the power of the unions. Behind the initial strikes bestirring in Detroit and spreading through the country is a general uprising for a 20-30 per cent wage increase.



west, steel, rubber, the A. F. of L.'s international machinists, largest of the A. F. of L. unions and even the moderate, well-run railroad brotherhoods.

are held for such a convention in November, by which time the fires now visible may be in full blaze.

THE only excuse I can find for the delay is that the labor leaders wanted to get some free rides to Europe this month. They passed word around they were going over to "line up the communists." ("Tart observers suspected a "with" had been omitted before the word "communists.") And all agreed there was a grave question of who would line up whom, and whether the line would be prone or erect.

Yet the developing strike situation plainly shows this is not a condition to be settled by one plant or even one industry. The unions are tactically presenting their campaign piecemeal, plant by plant, and no doubt are planning settlements on that basis, but the points raised are national in inflationary import.



Olive Barber's Letter

Was I seeing aright? Was that really a pile of feed sacks in the car trunk? We had just returned from a trip to see the son and I was helping unload. I made a quick investigation. Yes, sir, sacks! I grabbed a greedy armload. A yelp of warning came from behind me.

For I was taught the value of feed and flour sacks in a hard school—the Depression. Farm women the country over had been my class mates. Turn them, shake, wash and bleach them. The twine with which they were sewed would string next summer's peas.

Certain brands of feed and flour were especially favored during those hard pressed days and I wonder if the feed companies ever knew this was because the lettering on some was more easily eradicated than on others. Yet all sacks were used, whether the lettering came out or not.

B. F. DAIRY PRICES
San Francisco, Sept. 19—(AP) Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 43 1/2, 92 score 43, 90 score 42 3/4.
Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2.
Eggs: Large grade A 55 1/2, medium grade A 40 1/2, small grade A 41 1/2, large grade B 40 1/2.

PEARL SNATCHER PLIES HIS TRADE HERE
Unrest in France worries Premier Laval.

JACKSONVILLE PLANS TO PURCHASE BARNUM RAILROAD
Deer hunting in county now at its peak.

DEL RIO ORCHARD SHIPS 40 CARS OF PEARS FROM ROCK POINT
Sams Valley school opening delayed by county fair and non-arrival of books.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
September 19, 1911
Rich ore discovered on Thompson creek near Applegate store.

FALL HATS FOR WOMEN SHOWN BY LOCAL MILLINERS, CAUSE THE HEADLINE WRITER TO OBSERVE, "THOSE NEW HATS ARE AWFUL, MABEL!" WITH CROWNS A FOOT HIGH "TERMINATING IN A ROUNDED POINT."
Toggerly Bill prepares to move into new quarters.

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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
In the Japanese language, "Ohio" means "good morning." Tokyo assures, that no honor is intended to Ohio, nor offense to the 47 other states, whose names do not mean anything in the Japanese language.

Washington, D. C., for the twentieth time warns the nation, "sugar will continue scarce until well into next year." Many can remember when it was so plentiful hoodlums poured it into gasoline tanks, to put auto engines out of commission.

A Pasadena preacher predicts the end of the world will be Friday. As yet no California promoters have started selling grandstand seats for the colossal event.

HINT OF ROMANCE
(Del Norte Triplet)
"Butch Ferris has left Klamath to make his home with his son-in-law and daughter in Washington. We will miss our good friend, but trust he will not be too lonesome for his Klamath friends, as we learn there is an attractive widow now living across the street from him."

Several returned and discharged GI's are home. They vow it will take a special act of congress, and a passport to get them out of southern Oregon again.

Practically everything has stopped growing around here but infants, weeds, and suspicious.

"Yreka was about as dead Sunday as a town of its size possibly could be without having been abandoned, evacuated or obliterated by an atomic bomb."

'SO ROLLS THE OREGON'
(Oregon Voter)
"I am told Oregon scoffed at a voting machine because the salesman was too cocky, whereas California and other states find them time-saving, fool-proof, modern. I know of no other state where secretaries, wives, visitors and politicians are tolerated on the house floors, as in Oregon."

The late fanatical Japs, is still as fanatical in defeat as in war. He is now fanatically falling over himself to be polite, and fanatically selling American forces gee-gaws and what have you at fanatical prices. They will go three bombed blocks out of their way, to bow from the waist and hiss a greeting to soldiers and sailors. And, all the reports indicate the conquerors, are just as palsy-walsy, and everybody is giggling.

A new plastic auto, goes 40 miles on a gallon of gas, splits the wind at 100 MPH, and has only one wheel in front. The last mentioned feature, means corners heretofore daredevilishly turned on one front wheel, will hereafter be dramatically turned on none at all. The pedestrian still has two legs to use in adroit dodging.

SPRUANCE IN TOKYO
Pearl Harbor, T. H., Sept. 19 (AP)—Adm. Raymond Spruance was in Tokyo today and prepared to assume command of all American naval forces in Japanese waters, relieving Adm. William F. Halsey. The navy announced that Halsey will leave Japan for the United States about Sept. 20.

THE ELECTRICIANS' Union makes an absolute distinction between skilled electricians and factory workers. The factory workers are so inferior that one skilled electrician, or "A" class member, has a voting power equal to an entire "B" class local which may contain a thousand factory workers.

It goes without saying that this union, in common with all the others of the Roosevelt following, is a poll-tax union. No worker may vote unless he is up to date in his dues and assessments and not only that but, as in all such Roosevelt subsidiaries, he, if delinquent, forfeits his right to work.

These "B" members have to pay ten cents a month for the support of the union's official publication which need not, however, express their views and may flout them. In fact, not even

OFFICIALS and employees of the electricians union, retired on pension, must give up their freedom of opinion, speech and petition. Such pensioners "shall do nothing directly or indirectly to injure the I.B.E.W. or its members," and, of course, the union remains the judge whether honest criticism, intended to redress wrong, is injurious.

The president may suspend the membership and the right to work of anyone who "in his judgment" is working against the union's welfare. "Creating dissension" is one such offense. These, too, are standard verbotens and punishments found in most constitutions of the Roosevelt unions which, nevertheless, clamor for "freedom" in South Carolina where such restrictions made little progress, even during 13 years of the New Deal.

STRANGE as it may sound in an inflation geared administration, high official backing has heightened the national dilemma—but not backing by Mr. Truman. My inside information shows conclusively the president, while favorable in general to a high-wage, high-price policy, knew little of the developing ins and outs of this situation.

He certainly did nothing inside, or out, to encourage it. His director of economic stabilization, William H. Davis, however, held an unfortunate off-the-record press conference about two weeks back which was practically an invitation to the unions to demand even a greater increase. While he did not permit direct quotation, the press unanimously reported he thought wages could be increased 50 per cent "without increasing the price of manufactured goods." Nearly everyone spoofed this incredible assertion as petty political poppycock except the union leaders, who seized it as a handy handle.

THAT much is known. If Mr. Truman wants all the facts about sub-rosa troublemaking, he should call each member of the war labor board on the carpet and ask if he has talked lately to union leaders, advising that now is the time to go after wage increases.

BEFORE these developments the unions, particularly the radicals, had been campaigning exclusively on the unemployment line. All their propaganda focused upon getting legislation from congress. It is true, the campaign was not proceeding satisfactorily and failed to generate much public enthusiasm, although Mr. Truman was behind it. The sudden switch back to the line of wage increases, strikes and shorter hours (the miners' John L. Lewis is especially hitting this latter theme for his wage increases) caught the administration with its shoes off.

As legislation, the bill is both harmless and useless, but its proponents are leading the people of the country to believe that this legislation will guarantee jobs for everybody. It will do no such thing. It will, in fact, provide for doing anything that cannot, to a large extent, already be done.

AUTO TRAFFIC HEAVY. I made a trip East by automobile, and found traffic quite heavy and accommodations for the night stops difficult to obtain. Apparently the end of gasoline rationing released a lot of pent-up desire to travel and lots of people are using the highways. I endeavored to find out how soon an adequate supply of tires for civilian travel will be available, but there seems to be no information on this subject yet.

RUSSIA RUTHLESS BUT WANT PEACE SAYS DR. SPROUL

Los Angeles, Sept. 19—(AP)—The Soviet Russian government, "although ruthless," will follow the road of peace, as its only practical course, Dr. Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California, predicted today before a student assembly on the Los Angeles campus.

Invasion Proof
The tremendous distances, topography and huge population of Russia are factors that make its successful invasion practically impossible, Sproul said.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Civil Service Thanks
To the editor.—It has been found necessary to close the office of the United States Civil Service representative, effective today.

TEN YEARS AGO
September 19, 1935
(British and Italian navies concentrate in Mediterranean as world war spark feared.)

SLIGHTLY CLOUDY. High 88, low 48 degrees.
Gov. Martin asks adequate ground for new state capitol.
Rattlesnake coiled on dock.

Letter From Washington
By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

FORCES REDUCED. Every member of Congress, both House and Senate, is receiving many requests from parents of servicemen, and from servicemen themselves, for information relative to release from the service. As this is written, there is not much additional specific information on this subject than is already generally known.

However, both the Army and Navy are working rapidly to release personnel. Senate and House committees are now investigating service demobilization, and are inquiring as to why the announced reduction is being accomplished so slowly.

MISLEADING TITLE. The bill which has had a lot of publicity under the misleading title, "Full Employment Bill" may reach the floor of the House within a few days. This bill is, in my opinion, the height of demagoguery. It is not a full

employment bill—it isn't even an employment bill of any kind. It does not provide for, or guarantee, the employment of anyone, except possibly a few additional government employees to compile statistics.

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of calculated cruelty. He said he never heard of anyone living there longer than six months. He said the Japanese stripped him, burned his body with lighted cigarettes, and thrust them up his nostrils when he refused to answer questions.

Japs Made Shanghai Bridge House Hell Hole for Interned Opponents

By Albert Ravenholt
(United Press Correspondent)
Chungking, Sept. 19—(AP)—The Japanese converted the "Bridge House" in Shanghai from a comfortable, modern apartment house into a prison hell hole of filth, starvation, torture and death. It was disclosed today.

Liberees reported that tortures in the Bridge House were of two kinds—violent, for quick results; or long and drawn out for sadistic pleasure.

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