

Babson Discusses Labor

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 22—(Special Correspondence)—Having served in Washington as Assistant Secretary of Labor during World War I and later as Director-General of Information and Education, many letters are coming to me asking as to what can be done to prevent strikes. I am replying "Nothing can prevent strikes, but Congress can do something to make them less serious." Upon referring to certain notes which I made at the close of World War I, I find the following conclusions. They are 100% equally true, today, at the close of World War II.

Compulsory Arbitration
Impractical and Unjust
Compulsory arbitration, except in the case of railroads, public utilities, and other monopolistic enterprises, is both impractical and unjust. To talk compulsory arbitration for competitive industry is foolish. It, however, is practical in the case of non-competitive and monopolistic enterprises. Honest collective bargaining should be encouraged in all cases; but it must be on the basis of supply and demand for labor in a free and non-controlled market. But even this leads to a discussion of the justice of inheritance and whether we can have truly "free enterprise" along with the inheritance of property.

Voluntary mediation boards should materially be strengthened and their use encouraged. These boards should consist of three prominent men all of whom have the public's respect—one selected by the unions, one by the companies, and one by them jointly. These men should be given sufficient funds to secure all necessary information within a reasonable time and both sides should agree in advance to accept their decisions as final. It may be possible to have union-company agreements for "cooling off" periods during the limited time that these mediation boards are reaching a decision.

English Custom Should Be Adopted in States
Both corporations and unions should equally be subject to the same anti-trust laws and the same corporation laws which have come to be recognized as standard practices. In this connection, both labor and management should have an equal right to press their views to one another and to the public. Both the unions and companies should gradually consolidate their operations so that the industry as a whole will be negotiating rather than independent companies. This is the English custom and should be adopted in the United States.

It is a mistake for President Truman to get mixed up either with rates of wages or prices of goods. As to inflation—following World War I, we suffered from inflation but very little was done to prevent it. We have taken a great step forward in these past 20 years in recognizing both the advantages and dangers of inflation. Too much inflation should be fought like a prairie fire; but some inflation now must be necessary in view of our tremendous war debt. Certainly, wages and prices should be considered by the same mediation boards if prices are to be fixed for more than a short, temporary period.

Corporation Officials Vs. Labor Leaders

Letters are coming to me asking if the corporations have as good leadership as the big unions? Many investors feel that too many corporation officials have inherited their jobs, while most union leaders have fought their way to the top through sheer ability. These investors would not object to paying large salaries to the heads of their companies provided they have the needed ability. Too many stockholders now seem to be losing faith in the ability of these company officials whom they mechanically re-elect every year by blindly signing absentee proxies.

It is surely up to the stockholders of corporations to get as

loyal and able leaders as the union membership gets. Moreover, stockholders must some day insist that their directors and officials get results for them in the form of larger dividends when, as and if the labor leaders get more for their union membership. Stockholders will some day insist upon annual physical examinations and audits concerning the health of company directors and officials the same as they now have annual financial audits.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Carr Criticized

To the editor: The writer was one of some 150 or more who gathered at the court house auditorium Tuesday evening at the invitation of that splendid old organization of truthful, or otherwise, fishermen, known throughout the land as the Inak Walton League of America, that has chapters in practically every state in the union, as well as scattered members in most countries of the world.

I attended, as possibly many others present did, for the purpose of learning more about the finny tribe, or the Waltonians' hobby. I wanted to know more about their habits out here in Oregon, as I am from Michigan, where we have splendid fishing in lakes, rivers and streams, but no wild mountain streams like the Rogue, where you have to be both an expert swimmer, as well as a fisherman, before tackling the Rogue, and landing a few and to recount to friends for years about the big one that got away.

However, the speaker was not enlightening his audience along these lines, but was giving them a good schooling about state rights in the control of water for every purpose against the nation's rights to develop said rights for the benefit of all, rather than a few individuals, state, or group of states.

The Tennessee Valley program was a sore spot in the speaker's mind, as he kept referring to it constantly. He also mentioned the fact that the Rogue river and valley was in the Columbia drainage basin. Even though it is, I am at a loss to see how a small dam, or dams, properly constructed with fish ladders and creating artificial lakes, would not add to the scenic beauty along the river, rather than detract from it, and in the writer's mind, would improve the fishing. It is easy to make a mountain out of a mole hill for purely political reasons and a congressional election a few months away.

G. H. YOUNG.

Patmont Correction

To the editor: Please permit me to correct an error which appeared in a report of my Jacksonville high school address, published January 20. I am going to Europe as a representative of the Central European Relief Committee, and not for UNRRA, as reported. I now have no connection with UNO.

LOUIS R. PATMONT,
Jacksonville, Ore.

What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

Girl Scout Calendar
Saturday, 11 a. m.—Chorus.
Monday, 4 p. m.—Mariners, Scout House.
Monday, 4 p. m.—Wing Scouts, high school.
Tuesday, 7 p. m.—Pioneers, junior and senior high, at Scout house.

Troop Nine

By Marcia Houghton, Scribe
Girl Scouts of Troop Nine held a Valentine party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Don Stansell, 202 South Orange street. Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, Girl Scout executive, was a special guest.

Mary Anne Stansell, Sally Harris and Marcia Houghton entertained with songs and dances and a Valentine exchange was held. Refreshments were served. Girls present were Sally Harris, Mary Anne Stansell, Sheila Robinson, Barbara Ragsdale, Tressa Barr, Shirley Johnson, Rosalie Mole, Sue Colburn, Charlotte Jones, Donna Smith, Carol Fricke and Marcia Houghton.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

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'New Nudity' Reaches Hands; Summer Gloves Just A Wisp

By Barbara Bundschu
United Press Staff
Correspondent

New York, Feb. 22 — (U.P.) — The "new nudity" reached to hands today as a designer offered summer gloves that are just a wisp of covering.

Mme. Lucienne Harang dreamed up the creations—which bear about the same relation to gloves that a wisp of veil does to a hat. They should facilitate nose thumbing at summer heat, though.

The "glove" is a triangle of material—preferably matched to another accessory—with a hole dead center to stick the thumb through, and the triangle base just long enough to tie around the wrist.

Fingers Free

One angle point reaches up the first finger and the material slides off diagonally across the hand—leaving all fingers free to wiggle in a cooling breeze. This clever mistress of "go with" frillery shows another summer glove with all four fingers but no thumb—for no particular reason we can think of.

Other hot weather gloves are more conventionally fashioned in lace and "brasserie net." Several have elbow length "leg o' mutton" tops to give pretty accent to a short sleeved dress.

In the neckware department, Mme. Harang has come up with some practical ideas for wear now and right on through the summer.

One gilet shown in navy taffeta is simply a hem length strip of material, buttoned around the neck. The long end comes up and tucks through the neck line to form a jabot. The whole is held in place with a belt through the midriff fold. Patent pending, Mme. Harang says.

Directoire Collar

A directoire collar that may be worn backwards, frontwards and upside down for a total of six variations is shown in plaid rayon taffeta and will be coming along in white pique for the summer.

Distinctively cut halter gilets are shown in a variety of styles and fabrics for spring and summer suits. Most of them are ingeniously cut to cover shoulder straps and be perfectly modest and secure with or without a jacket.

IDYLLWILD SOLD

Hemet, Cal., Feb. 22 — (U.P.) — Idyllwild resort property in the San Jacinto mountains was sold today by Dr. Paul D. Foster of Los Angeles to a three-man syndicate which paid more than \$400,000.

VALLEY SOLDIERS GET DISCHARGES

Among those recently discharged from the armed forces are Pfc. Roy Boat, route 2, box 456; Cpl. Robert Dunham, box 397; Cpl. Lawrence Huck, route 1, box 549; S/Sgt. Dale Himelwright, 156 Seventh street; Sgt. Manuel Surber, 591 Fairview street, all of Ashland; T/4 Cecil Logers, box 5, Butte Falls; T/4 John Still, Jr., Jacksonville; Pfc. Clifton Day, Lake Creek; Pfc. James Sutcliffe, route 1, box 244; Sgt. James Denham, box 3; Pfc. James Sharp, route 2, box 245; Sgt. Davis Young, Columbia Orchard, all of Talent; Wayne Turpin, S/c, box 118, Phoenix; Donald Glenn, F/c, Central Point, and Cecil Ireland, Eagle Point.
T/5 Leland Hill, route 1, box 466; Pfc. Leonard York, box 0123; Cpl. Harold Fawcett, 1105 West Fourth street; Pfc. Lee Baumgardner, route 3, box 18;

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REFRIGERATORS	12,755	17,577	28,432	4 days' production
WASHERS	3,068	4,672	6,874	4½ days' production
RANGES	3,056	8,973	8,996	3 days' production
RADIOS	85	5,129	9,401	1½ days' production
TOASTERS		312	2,386	2698 (No shipments were made because production was inadequate to provide samples for dealers).

Out of the 2,485, 138 appliances manufactured in 1944 and 1945, General Electric shipped 98%.

AFTER the war ended, we weren't able to get back into production of some appliances as soon as we had hoped, and production rates weren't as high as we had hoped. A number of unforeseen things like material shortages made the job harder.

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Then, on January 15, 1946, our plants were closed by the strike. Not a single electric home appliance has been built or assembled there since. And, because our warehouses are practically empty, your dealer won't be able to obtain any more until we can get back to making them.

We want to get back to producing as fast as possible. The manufacturing organization is set up; the machines are ready, waiting to be set in motion. These factors will help us to do an even faster job than we did in the months before the strike.

But we can't pick up production quite where we left off. Production lines are too complicated for that. A great many things have been dislocated by the strike.

When the strike is over, and the refrigerators and toasters and radios you've been waiting for begin to come off the lines again, we'll get them into hands of our dealers just as fast as we can. They'll be competitive in price. They'll be General Electric quality.

So, please don't be impatient with your dealer—or with us.

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