

LABOR COURT SUPPORT

This newspaper's advocacy of federal courts to settle labor disputes apparently is not entirely a voice crying in the wilderness. Sen. George Smathers of Florida has made such a proposal, and it was the basis for a recent Gallup poll which found a majority of Americans in favor of it.

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The poll showed that 59 per cent of those queried favored federal labor courts, 21 per cent opposed, and 20 per cent had no opinion. Members of unions and their families also approved, by a slimmer margin: 54 per cent favoring, 30 per cent opposing, and 16 per cent with no opinion.

The poll also indicated that many Americans are pessimistic about settlement of the steel strike within the 80-day "cooling off" period, and that as the strike has progressed, more and more people are disgusted with BOTH sides.—E.A.

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AS A PREDICTABLE result, he has been taken to task by readers of his paper, whose objections he has scrupulously printed in the "letters to the editor" column. Most of them have, figuratively, nailed his hide to the barn door for suggesting that the constitutional separation of church and state extends to the saying of grace in a public school.

WE HAVE no wish to become embroiled in such a controversy. But we would like to point out that religion is a highly personal matter. In America, everyone is free to practice his religion as he sees fit — or to practice none at all.

There are good American citizens of every faith—and of one. (Nearly half of our people—the largest single group—have no church affiliation, some by default, some by choice.) There are Protestants in scores of denominations (including Episcopalians, who consider themselves both Protestant and Catholic), Roman Catholics, Greek and Orthodox Catholics, Coptic Christians, Mohammedians, Buddhists (Zen and otherwise), Confucianists, Jews (at least three varieties), as well as agnostics and atheists.

This diversity is a splendid thing — if somewhat confusing. It is a testimony to America's freedom of choice in matters of religion. And any coercion, be it ever so small — even so small as saying a simple grace at a public school luncheon — tends to detract from this freedom of choice in religion. Or so thinks Bob Chandler. — E.A.

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Esperanto, the "artificial" universal language, has hardly shaken the world. Yet it has a way of hanging around, and growing slowly in popularity. It has been some 70 years since it was first devised. It has not, of course, been adopted as an "auxiliary" language by any nation, nor has it swept into the public schools.

THERE is much to be said in behalf of a universal tongue for this babbling world, which speaks in hundreds of differing languages and dialects. In a world where communication is virtually instantaneous, where international conferences and meetings are becoming more and more frequent, and where tourists are visiting every nook and cranny of the world, the language barrier is a real one.

No nation is going to accept the language of any other nation as an official second tongue. (Can't you just imagine what the Daughters of the American Revolution would say if it were seriously proposed that Russian, say, or even French, were proposed as an "official" second language for the United States?)

A "NEUTRAL" and artificial language has much to commend it. And Esperanto, as the oldest and most widely accepted, would come pretty close to filling the bill. It is fairly simple to learn, has only 16 rules, and permits a wide flexibility of expression. It is based largely on root-words derived from the Indo-European tongues. It already has its own literature and specialized vocabularies.

If the day ever comes when it becomes the "second language" of all peoples, either officially or by common consent, the peoples of the world will be that much closer to a common understanding. And, for "common understanding," one can read "peace." — E.A.

DENNIS THE MENACE



WE GOT ANY MORE FLASH CUBES? ME'N STEW ARE HAVIN' A RAY GUN BATTLE!

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FOUR PICTURES ON NEW PHONE BOOKS

"Oregon Land of Contrasts" is the theme Pacific Telephone has chosen for the Medford telephone directory cover in 1960, according to Manager J. H. Creager. The 1960 telephone book covers will feature four color pictures of Oregon's scenic beauty. Mt. Hood, Crater Lake, the Oregon coast and a wheat field were selected to portray the state's variety.

VANCOUVER WOMAN AUTO WRECK VICTIM

Portland — (AP) — Mrs. Burnie Barber, 47, Vancouver, Wash., died Wednesday from injuries suffered earlier in the day in a three-car accident on the Broadway bridge.

SALESMEN'S ROLE

To the Editor: So, one of our distinguished (?) politicians believes that President Eisenhower is lowering himself into the roll of a salesman? Now that's too bad, because maybe the old boy will amount to something yet.

APES AND HAMMERS

To the Editor: In regard to the "music" controversy, I was certain in the beginning that I was definitely not in a minority and I do believe that if the Mail Tribune were to conduct a poll (I would not be willing to accept the findings of a poll conducted by the radio stations of the Rogue valley because if they are willing to rig the list of most popular records, they'd also be willing to rig the results of said poll and I'm certain such has been the case), we would find that only a very few people really like the type of "music" available on Rogue valley stations.

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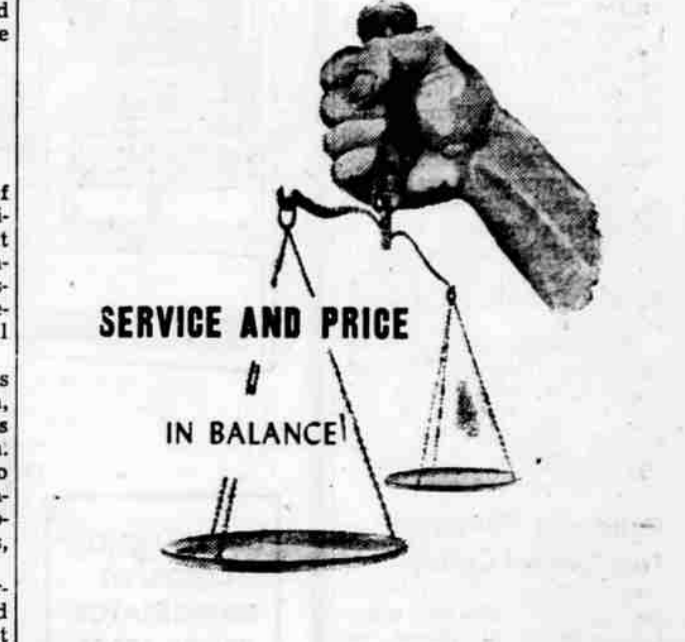
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