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Pot Holes to Go

AT long last a contract is about to be let for reconstruction of the "pot hole" highway between Tulelake and Canby, on Klamath's "road to Reno." The cost will be in excess of \$330,000, to be spent by the federal government in bringing the road up to standards acceptable to the California highway department. The state will maintain the completed road.

This road has grown steadily in importance in recent years. It not only connects Tulelake with the Modoc county seat, but it functions as a part of an increasingly used direct route from the North Pacific coast to Los Angeles, via Klamath Falls and Reno.

Twice in the last two weeks, drivers who came to Klamath Falls from the east have reported they found their toughest and roughest road between Canby and Klamath Falls. Since its construction a number of years ago, this road has badly broken up, and it has been a sort of orphan insofar as maintenance is concerned. But all that will soon be ended, and this vital south connection will take its place among the good roads of this region.

This will be helpful in efforts to promote travel through here to Reno and Los Angeles. Many people have already discovered this as the best and most direct route, but a lot of people are not yet aware that Reno is actually west of Los Angeles and Klamath Falls lies on almost a straight line between Portland and the California metropolis.

Objective Labor News

IN a letter to the editor appearing on this page, a correspondent states that "not once have I heard any news commentators or read any newspaper report that 'work held up on defense project because employer refused to pay fair wages' or 'defense industry crippled by industrial autocracy'."

Why radio and press reports are not worded in such a way may be a fair question, from the viewpoint of the correspondent, a union man, and therefore deserves a fair answer.

The reason the news reports merely state that a strike or dispute has held up work is that that is the fairest, most objective way to state it. That is the fact, and the news.

To go further, and attempt to state an opinion on the controversial issue is not news but editorial matter. If there is a strike there is a dispute. It is not the function of the general newspaper or radio to attempt to state, as news, who it thinks is right in the dispute. It is news to tell that a dispute has arisen, to describe the issues and the opposing viewpoints, and to state that work has stopped. To go further with an opinion is editorializing, and that should be definitely labeled as such, by use on the editorial page, as a signed article, or in some other unmistakable manner.

Perhaps it would be made most clear to our correspondent if, following along the line of his suggested news statement, a newspaper carried a headline that read "Defense work held up by unjust demands of employees." He would resent that immediately, and rightfully, yet it might be the honest opinion of the newspaper. Editorizing the news can work both ways, and when a newspaper of general circulation or a radio that seeks to give objective news coverage, ventures to put its own opinions into the news, it is treading on dangerous ground.

There are trade and organization publications, put out in newspaper form, which put a viewpoint into everything in their columns. But they are not general newspapers, and do not have the responsibilities of a general newspaper.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

URGES UNION SUPPORT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Although cynics and pessimists smear and attack the labor movement, organization of workers is still proving to be the correct answer to industrial autocracy. Admitted that labor unions are not perfect, admitted that in isolated cases there are "Pee Wee" Hitters in the labor movement. Good unions are built by good rank and file membership. A "Pee Wee" Hitter could not survive among mill-workers of the Klamath Basin. Precedent has already been set on that issue. The constitution of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers A. F. of L. is such that all activities must be approved by the membership.

Some contend that too great an economic weapon has been placed in the hands of unions as a result of the Wagner Act. A thorough analysis would have to be made by someone who understands the employees' problems and the management's problems and the methods by which these problems have been solved before any authoritative statement could be made concerning the relative fairness of the use of the strike weapon and on the other side, the weapon of hunger. One has the political free-

dom to accept or reject a job, but how do men with families have the economic freedom? Men work whenever they can find a job because they have to eat. In depression years, I saw men bow in disgusting gratitude for the privilege of a job under any condition and for almost any wage. God couldn't have intended for any person to have such a terrible weapon of control over his fellow man. Now the shout goes up that labor has too great a weapon over capital. Pardon me while I sneeze Orris.

It is hoped that relations be-

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The slightest move of every American warship is a deep military secret—except when they arrive in Australia.

The only violations of the navy department order against publishing American ship movements have been perpetrated by the department itself, first last March when some cruisers stopped off at Australia, then a second time just the other day when two more cruisers arrived at the same spot. Official announcements were handed out in both instances, just so the Japanese papers would be sure to get the information.

It is clear Mr. Roosevelt is working on the Japs a coy strategy they will recognize more easily than Americans, because it comes from their own history.

One of their famous battles was the conquest of Mukden in the Russo-Japanese war. Their General Ohshima, in charge of operations, worked out a skillful maneuver in utmost detail. It was based on extending the thin Russian lines out to the breaking point (like Grant earlier at Petersburg). But when the day of the battle dawned, General Ohshima called, not for his sword, but his fishing pole. He spent the day angling in a nearby stream. Such a display instilled his army with the confidence that helped them win.

Mr. Roosevelt must have heard of the story before he set sail from New London last Sunday, leaving his plan of pressure diplomacy behind.

CHANGE

The Roosevelt-Henderson price control plan is going to go through the wringer in congress. The screws have been adjusted for it. When the plan comes out you will not recognize it as Mr. Roosevelt-Henderson's

between management and labor will reach a higher plane than now exists. Management should seriously consider employee problems and likewise employee's should consider the problems of the management. Negotiations should be on a basis of equality. Many strikes have been caused by indifferent managers who were always too busy to meet with employee committees to discuss employee requests and problems. I have yet to see employees fail to appear to discuss and help solve management problems. Many hours have been donated by men in the Klamath Basin to promote the use of wooden boxes. They were ready and anxious to be a partner to the company in this effort. The sale of wooden boxes could be promoted extensively through the many branches of A. F. of L. unions and no doubt will in the near future.

Mr. Orris McCartney's charges against labor unions in my opinion are not factual, as in the paper we read that a strike here and there is holding up production. Over the radio we hear that strikes and impending strikes are crippling the national defense, as in the papers and over the radio news is put out in such a manner that we are led to believe that labor unions alone are to blame for the present turmoil and unrest in industry. Not once have I heard any news commentators or read any newspaper report that said, "work held up on defense projects because employer refused to pay fair wages" or "defense industry crippled by industrial autocracy" and I doubt that I ever will hear it worded in any manner reflecting on management.

A plea to high school students and women of the basin—support our unions—respect picket lines. Students graduating immediately go to work and so it is your interest as well as those

baby. In fact it will be triplets, possibly quintuplets.

A proposal will be made by such lofty congressional authorities as practically to guarantee enactment, requiring one-man control (Henderson's) to be dropped in favor of board direction by three, or five members. It will be the duty of this board to work out policy atop Mr. Henderson's present Opax organization. Whether the change will be worded so that Mr. Henderson can be a member or chairman of the board, or whether he will have the board superimposed upon him in his present position, is yet to be decided.

No less a congressional personage than Senator Carter Glass, who is handling the legislation in the senate, has long favored a board. The idea has gained equally imposing support on the house side.

IMPOSSIBLE

Some London talk about organizing an expedition of 30 divisions (750,000 men) to invade the continent has seeped over here, and apparently reached the ears of non-interventionist senators. The British say American men would be required to fill out the force. This is supposed to be what Senator Wheeler has been hinting against.

Any such help this year is beyond the realm of factual consideration. Assuming that the U. S. navy could guarantee safe conduct (and planes for safe landing) on an expeditionary force requires a stretch of the imagination in view of the limited number of ships available in the Atlantic. But assume that it could, then what American divisions are well enough equipped and trained to be sent anywhere today?

The landing obligation would have to fall on the marines, and they do not yet have enough ready to dispatch anything more than a token group.

In short the idea is impossible of fulfillment.

THEY LIKE TAXES

The notion that the vice president's new economic council is only going to scheme up punitive economic tricks for Mr. Roosevelt to play on the Berlin-Berlin-Berlin axis (it has shrunk lately) has been fostered by officials. But apparently that is not Mr.

of us who are already working to maintain high wages and good working conditions. Unions such as the culinary alliance should be supported vigorously by the women of the community for under union setups girls are not required to cater to the boss for the privilege of working as has been rumored in many cases. Unionism is insurance against abuses of all kinds.

Wallace's idea. All who have heard him expound, know he considers domestic economic counciling to be as necessary as the international kind. Wallace primarily wants curbs on domestic buying power (along lines Henderson outlined to the senate committee this week.) First results of their efforts may show in revisions made

upon the house tax bill by the senate finance committee. Broadening of the income tax base and more consumers taxes are what they want.

MAN OF HIS WORD

PHILADELPHIA—A bargain is a bargain with Saul Artz. Called for induction into the army, the youth said his father

had lost his job the previous day. He received deferment until things were straightened out. Nearly a month later Saul appeared before his draft board, declaring:

"It's all right now. My father's going to work tomorrow. You can send me away as soon as you want to."

NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT!

OMAHA (AP)—Sebastian Nigro charged in district court that straw used by a broom company flies through the air and aggravated his hay fever. He asked that it be abated and sought \$25,000 damages. And that ain't hay.

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