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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS BY PAUL MALON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—The common supposition that this government will use its pressure for the closed shop—even though Mr. Roosevelt said it would NOT—seems to be shared by both business and labor.

The supposition has spread unchallenged since FDR ducked the question again in his labor peace agreement. It started when his arbiter John R. Steelman gave this arbitrary power to John Lewis in the captive coal strike settlement.

But no one seems to have read Steelman's report very carefully. He frequently repeated in it the fact that he was not making government policy for the closed shop. Indeed, it now appears his decision was based solely on the fact that Lewis had 90 per cent of the captive workers and a closed shop in the rest of the mines.

Furthermore, it may now be told that Public Works Administrator Carmody was edged out of his job by the White House a few weeks back because he is the one who first made the government policy favoring the closed shop. He put the clause into all government works contracts. Mr. Roosevelt apparently thinks Carmody got him into this mess.

Another government victim of the issue is the mediation board. It destroyed the confidence of both business and labor by ducking and running hither and thither on the issue. Chairman William H. Davis has had his grips packed to go home for weeks.

Unless Mr. Roosevelt succeeds in getting a strong new war labor board to face the issue squarely and clarify the atmosphere, it is sure to go the way of its weak predecessors.

The president was looking for a tough guy to take charge (as this was being written). While his actions the past few months may suggest he has no policy, I think he knows precisely what he wants a tough war labor board chairman to do.

Apparently he is willing to grant closed shops where an overwhelming number of workers belong to one union, say 90 per cent. He does not want his board authorizing closed shops to unions which have failed to achieve it in effect by obtaining a numerical monopoly of workers in any given plant.

This is likely to be the new government closed shop policy.

HOARDING
Business hoarding has been detected, although the government is not saying much about it yet. Manufacturers' stocks now amount to the colossal total of \$14,000,000,000, the largest on record.

ITALY IN MISERY
Information seeping out of Italy shows living conditions there are worse than in Germany. Bread rationing started Nov. 1 but allowances had to be increased a few weeks later because laborers could not live on what they were getting.

At the outbreak of the war, 1350 business firms left London; 200 returned by November. The Rana Goliath frog, of west Africa, grows as large as a terrier dog.

SIDE GLANCES



"When I get to be a famous movie star in Hollywood I'll send for you, Nellie, and make them give you an acting part, too!"

Clothes and shoes cannot be bought because more than a year's rationing units must be obtained for them.

The critical period of the war is at hand, the period which will determine how long it is to last. If the Japs are successful at Singapore and in the Philippines, it may require 12 to 18 months for us to fight our way back to them.

Today's suggestion of what you can do to help win this war (No. 5):

Don't constitute yourself as a one-man FBI to detect all Jap espionage. Filipinos and Chinese are physically indistinguishable from Japs, so you are apt to hurt our friends more than our foes.

On Saturday evening the Sunday school children and the Young People's league enjoyed a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts and a lunch of cocoa, sandwiches and candy.

CHRISTMAS CHEER
SPOKANE (AP) — Lloyd G. Christmas says he's thinking of changing the last letter of his name to "s."

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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.

Repeats Comment on Murray
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Those in organized labor are being asked repeatedly to forget all their disputed issues with the employers and to cease agitation of a controversial nature, in the name of National unity.

Those men who write the syndicated columns in the papers, newspaper editors and radio commentators, have all been shouting that if organized labor does not do this we are traitors to the nation.

As a sample of what most of these people are doing I quote the opening paragraph of Pearson and Allen's column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round": "CIO President Phil Murray was chief author of the labor-management conference now called by Roosevelt to formulate a voluntary system for industrial peace during the war."

Murray did resign from the mediation board and I think rightly so, though space does not permit going into detail concerning that. But as to Murray's record of trying to work out procedure and methods and to secure the setting up of machinery whereby labor disputes could be settled by peaceful, civilized methods, the record will show that no other man in the United States has done what he has.

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LOGGING NOT TO STOP FOR WINTER HERE

Most logging operations in the Klamath basin will continue throughout the winter, a survey revealed Friday. A few concerns, dependent upon truck logging have already shut down or will halt operations shortly but railroad loggers will continue work all winter.

Weyerhaeuser Timber company (railroad)—will log all winter. Ivory Pine company (truck)—will depend on decked logs and work during early morning and late evening freeze periods. Ewauna Box company (railroad)—will log all winter.

Lamm Lumber company (truck-pumice soil)—will log all winter. Kesterson Lumber company (truck)—will log as long as weather permits.

Big Lakes Box company (truck)—Canby logging operations closed for winter. Algoma Lumber company (truck-water)—will stop logging when Upper Klamath Lake freezes.

Pelican Bay Lumber company (truck-rail)—no report available. The matchless sword of King Arthur in the Arthurian legends was known as Excalibur.

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Weekend Roundup

ANNUALLY at this season the editorial staff of this newspaper prepares a review of the local news of the past year. A feature is the selection of the ten best local stories of the year.

In going over the news of the year, we find that world events of transcendent importance have dominated the news display, replacing in many cases local stories that in other times would have rated more prominent "play" than they received.

When war develops in an area, the hardihood, morale and good sense of the civilian population become matters of definite military importance. We anticipate the people of the Pacific coast will give a good account of themselves in the critical times ahead.

In this connection, we were amused at a statement in Time magazine to the effect that the Far West, separated from the World War I battlegrounds by the Atlantic ocean and the North American continent, is now "in many ways" getting its first real taste of war.

World War I took just as many men, proportionately, from the Far West as from the East. Just as many, proportionately, failed to return, and just as many, proportionately, came back totally or partially disabled.

We were all in that one together, and we are all in World War II together. Right now, however, it would seem that the powers that be regard the west coast in more serious danger than the east. For proof, consider what was done with the Rose Bowl game.

A friend of ours listens to short-wave broadcasts from Tokyo each evening. In Japanese, Chinese and English the propaganda flows from the Jap station. Its purpose, so far as English broadcasts are concerned, is to play on American sentiment, arouse American doubts, stir American prejudices.

But if there is a chance, their bombers are destroying it with great rapidity, and they might as well shut down the radio so far as that objective is concerned. Consider your own reactions when you read and hear the news from Manila, and you will know what we mean.

In far away Durham, Oregon State and Duke football teams are warming up for their New Year's day game, and the sports pages startle us with the news that both sides are "confident" as the crucial test approaches.

Unfortunately for fans who really want the low-down on upcoming games, this writer has left local football forecasting to such experts as Bob Leonard and Lee Jacobs. But after repeated urgings, we are willing to go out on a limb on the Oregon State-Duke game.

This scribe saw only two college football games in the 1941 season. Oregon State played in both of them and won both of them. It will win New Year's day. It's a hunch, fellows, but Christmas left us with no money to back it up—M. E.

Japanese Shot In Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 27 (UP)—Jungo Kino, 65-year-old Japanese, was shot and killed Friday as war bitterness mounted in Stockton's large Filipino and Japanese colonies.

An aged Japanese who said he witnessed the slaying told police he saw a young Filipino fire a shot at Kino as the victim was working in the office of a garage.

Kino died of a single bullet wound in the head. The witness said the Filipino opened the garage office door to fire the shot. Windows of four Japanese stores were broken here during the night. Police redoubled their patrol of the Oriental district in Stockton's west end.

Japanese vegetable growers in the San Joaquin delta areas asked for guards because they feared Filipino workers might attack them. Thousands of Filipinos employed on asparagus and other vegetable ranches—many of them Japanese-owned—live in Stockton.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY
Complaints Filed
Vivian Louise Bailey versus Jacob Everett Bailey. Suit for divorce. Couple married in Billings, Mont., June 11, 1938.

Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses
LENTZ-FRALEY. Donald Vincent Lentz, 24, Klamath Falls, lumber worker, native of Minnesota. Charlene Elizabeth Fraley, 20, Klamath Falls, student, native of Oklahoma.

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ENDS TODAY

CONTINUOUS—DOORS OPEN 12:30
—HIT NO. 1—RALPH BELLAMY "Ellery Queen's Murder Ring"

—HIT NO. 2—ROY ROGERS "RED RIVER VALLEY"

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