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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 21—Government award of 44 cents a day more to Little Steel workers was hailed everywhere as an economic adjustment for "labor." The wage increase formula of this initial war test is presumably to be extended to the Chrysler, General Motors, and a score of other cases pending before the war labor board. The government announces this as its method of handling the cause of "labor," although probably no more than a million workers are involved. Now again, as upon every occasion in which a CIO or AFL union tangles with government, the public will be led to believe that "labor" as a whole is involved.

The whole governmental system, and even the press handling of such news, has encouraged the fallacious notion that this small AFL-CIO minority of the nation's workers are "labor." The war labor board was set up by Mr. Roosevelt to handle only union cases. Even back before the new deal area, congress and the government gave no special consideration to the rights and interests of other workers, excepting these organized minorities. Now when government controls have been extended over all economic life to such an extent that the bread people eat is measured in Washington, the popular fallacy is continued without objection or notice. The newspapers unwittingly perpetuate this reception by publishing both in headline and text about "labor did this" and "labor got that," when they mean only the CIO or AFL.

### UNION MINORITY

There are 50,000,000 workers in this country. No more than 8,000,000 belong to CIO and AFL. The acute interest of the other 42,000,000 in our war economy and in our preparations for a managed post war system are ignored.

The AFL claimed 4,569,000 paid-up members last year and no doubt has more now. The CIO claimed 5,000,000 members but did not mention how many were paid-up, and probably has less than 3,000,000 in good standing.

Latest figures from the McNutt public welfare headquarters here officially place the total number of workers at 50,800,000, including:

War Workers	17,500,000
Non-war	20,500,000
Agricultural	7,800,000
Self-employed	5,000,000

There are also unemployed (meaning unemployable) 2,400,000, and 5,500,000 are in the armed services.

The national income division of the commerce department has figures showing that salaries and wages were paid last year to 33,887,000 workers, skilled, unskilled, white collar, etc., not including agricultural or governmental. These 33,887,000 received much more than half the national income, \$53,701,000,000, or an average of \$1,594. You must add to these the 4,523,000 self-employed who received \$6,160,000,000, or an average of \$1,362 each. Also to be added are 8,973,000 farmers who are workers. According to these inadequate national income figures, they received more than the self-employed (little business men mostly), about \$8,482,000,000, an average of \$1400. (This does not include hired hands.)

### NO CONSIDERATION

There are four representatives of the public on the war labor board, along with four union leaders and four industrial representatives, but no consideration beyond this "public representation" was given to the interest of the great bulk of the workers of this country in this little steel case, or any other. Their interest however is obvious. Whether the 44 cents increase is to cost \$22,000,000 a year for little steel alone, or \$44,000,000 for all the steel industry, or hundreds of millions when the increase is spread to unionized Chrysler, General Motors, and the others, labor will have to pay it. The cost of government contracts will be increased by that amount and the implements of war will drain just that much more from the treasury.

No one will arise to claim the little steel increase was not justified on a basis of the increased cost of living—the yardstick which Mr. Roosevelt has fixed. But any thinking person can see the political sham and economic pretense that enters into a government managed economy which considers only the interests of a minority of workers. If increases to the 8,000,000 are justified by the yardstick, some increases to the other 42,000,000 can hardly be neglected. They cannot live outside Mr. Roosevelt's yardstick. Their rights in a democracy are no less just for their

## SIDE GLANCES



"Another order of peas, quick! I'm losing the war—I have to bring up reinforcements!"

having failed to pay tribute to AFL or CIO for their jobs.

But if this is done and the increases are extended to all, inflation will surely rise in a greatly accelerated spiral, and defeat the purpose of any wage increase. The logical solution dictated by these facts therefore would seem to require a freezing of all, including little steel.

Certainly this governmental pretense of helping "labor" by only helping a few unions will become increasingly apparent and unjust as Washington proceeds upon the path of managed economy into which it rushed at the outset of the war to fix prices, wages and the economic lives of its people.

## MAE WEST AWARDED DIVORCE IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES, July 21 (AP)—Blonde Mae West and Vaudeville Dancer Frank Wallace came today to the end of the marriage they started in 1911, and managed to keep secret 24 years.

Wallace, grey-haired and slight, came to court and withdrew his suit for separate maintenance against the curvaceous former film actress. Then Miss West asked for and received a divorce decree on her cross-complaint.

Judge Alfred E. Paonessa questioned Wallace at length whether he understood that by withdrawing the case he forfeited any right to reinstate it. Wallace said he did.

"I never wanted to bring this suit in the first place," he said. "All I wanted to do was to do my work."

Miss West was on the stand briefly. Questioned by Attorney Henry Herzbrun she testified they were married in Milwaukee in 1911 but lived together only a few weeks. They parted, he said, when they went on tour with different shows.

"I never saw him again until a few years ago," Miss West testified. "I heard he had remarried so naturally I thought he had divorced me."

## Meat Inspector Reports Perfect Beef Record

Not a single beef was condemned out of 496 inspected in the month of June, it was revealed by Dairy and Meat Inspector J. C. Hunt's report to the city council on Monday.

In addition, he reported inspecting 661 hogs, 84 sheep and 194 veal, out of which 93 livers and one hog were condemned. Also receiving his official approval were 50,002 gallons of milk and 1121 gallons of cream.

A free man's right to cuss his government is a right which must be guarded as closely in the practice as in the possession. —Archibald MacLisch, librarian of Congress.

## Telling The Editor

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

About Old Logging Wagon . . . DORRIS, Calif. — (To the Editor)—I am one who knows in regard to the spool cart found on or near Spencer creek (pictured recently in this paper).

The Cooper brothers, Herbert and Ebbert, operated the first sawmill on the river below the old stage station called Cooper's in the early eighties.

Dan Novel made and operated the logging wagon with oxen. My father and brother worked for Cooper Bros.

Dan Novel brought in the logs on the logging wagon for the miller. Later, Charles Withrow put up a mill on the river below Keno, then called Dolen, and he worked there with his oxen logging wagon. Dusenberry bought out Withrow and he moved in to Linkville and was a prominent business man there. Later Bruce McCormack's father (Bruce still lives in Keno) operated it for many years.

Dolen was named after St. Dolen, who came here long before the Medoc war, and Captain Free, a merchant who came to Dolen in 1886, changed the name to Keno in honor of a dog he owned.

The first person to be put in the cemetery was a small child. We had a hard winter in 1889. Stock died by the thousand and the snow was so deep and no feed the oxen died near Spencer creek. Dan Novel died the following year. Only three of the ones left that know about this logging wagon.

It is no cart and never was called a cart, only by ones that don't know.

Emma Otey.

## Moral: Don't Stage A Tug of War With Your Rubber Tires

SILVERTON, July 21 (AP)—Two prominent Silverton farmers were charged in justice court Monday with willfully wearing out their rubber tires during a friendly tug of war on the city streets here last night.

The men, Herman Kuenzi and Walter Harri, accused of staging the contest between a farm truck and a tractor, appeared before Justice of the Peace Alf Nelson today and were given 24 hours to enter a plea. Bail was first set at \$1000 each, but they were released later on their own recognizance.

They were charged under a 1931 law making it unlawful to commit any "indecent or immoral act not otherwise punishable."

## Civilian Finds Out What "Cracking Down" Stands For

SACRAMENTO, July 21 (AP)—A civilian worker at the Sacramento air depot, McClellan field, Monday knew what was meant by "cracking down" as done by a tire rationing board.

The worker, whose name was not revealed by the rationing board, had a certificate for four recapped tires when he was caught traveling "at a high rate of speed."

Rationing board officials, informed of the case, revoked the worker's tire certificate and informed him no more tire certificates would be issued him for the duration of the war.

Hitler can't come close to matching the production of America and the United Nations. —Charles F. Kettering, chairman General Motors Corporation.

## PELICAN NOW

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## SPRAGUE SCOUTS HIT STAMP RECORD

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River Girl Scout troop has established a record for selling war savings stamps. Since the girls started sale of the stamps during the noon hour at Glinger's Sprague River store on July 1, they had sold over \$900 worth and at the present rate of sale the \$1000 mark will soon be passed.

When the larger cities started having a noon hour "white-out," the Sprague River girls decided to try a local campaign. A booth was constructed at the entrance of the store and all customers were asked to invest in the stamps. Manager Dwight Kirecher gave full cooperation to the Scouts and the dimes, quarters and dollars began to roll in. Sellouts occurred so often that increased orders had to be made by the postoffice. No bonds were sold, only stamps. A committee of four girls, Sally Zadow, Joanne Fuller, Velma Lee Poole and Betty Mahaney took turns at the booth.

The campaign will be carried on indefinitely.

## FIR PLYWOOD CEILING REVISED

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The office of price administration Monday revised the price ceiling schedule on Douglas fir plywood to make it conform to the recent limitation order of the war production board specifying grades which may be produced.

The OPA put a maximum price, at the producer's level for a new grade of plywood, called "Sound 1 Side," a grade which was established by the WPB order. Eliminated from the price schedule were some grades whose manufacture was prohibited by WPB.

The ceiling established for "Sound 1 Side" plywood was computed by calculating its relative value compared with other standard grades, OPA said. Other methods of pricing were not feasible it was explained, because the industry has had insufficient experience to determine production costs.

## Wage Boosts in Valley Mills May Be Pattern

EUGENE, July 21 (AP)—George Metzger, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators association, said Monday that he believed Dean P. Howard's recent award of wage increases and differentials in 25 Willamette Valley mills was intended as a pattern for the entire Willamette Valley region.

The war labor board awarded the minimum hourly wage at 80 cents an hour in Class A and B mills.

There are 458 mills in the Willamette Valley region.

If we were to use our victory to impose our own domination we should be descending to the level of our enemy. —Archbishop of Canterbury.

## WAR QUIZ

1. In which branch of the Army is the American soldier who wears this insignia? It consists of golden caduceus with a gold wing mounting.
2. If the driver of a jeep tells you he's going to "pour on coal," what does he mean?
3. Who is Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett?

## ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

1. Soldier is a member of the Medical Corps.
2. "Pour on coal" is Army slang for step on the gas.
3. Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett is commander of allied air forces in southwest Pacific. He has commanded air and combined air-ground forces of the United States and United Nations in half a dozen parts of the world, was recently awarded Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service."

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## Civil Service Suggestion

PERFECTLY understandable was Mayor John Houston's wistful comment at Monday night's council meeting concerning the possibility of having the police chief's office placed under civil service. Mayor Houston has been under a cross-fire of controversy that developed as soon as the public discovered a new police chief would have to be appointed. His normal reaction was to look for some method which would avoid such turmoil over appointments in the future. The civil service plan would remove the appointive responsibility from the mayor's shoulders and make the selection of police chief a mechanical process that could not be influenced by public opinion.

The suggestion is one that needs to be thoroughly studied if it is to be considered as a part of the new charter to be offered the voters in November. Offhand, it may look like a better idea than it really is.

Klamath's entire fire department, including the chief, and the local police department, excluding the chief, are under civil service. Presumably, the reason the police chief was not placed under civil service when the system was instituted was that it was felt desirable to make this office strictly responsible to the mayor, who in turn is responsible to the people as the city's chief elective officer. This relationship would be destroyed if the police chief's office were placed under civil service, and the success of the department would no longer be a direct responsibility of the mayor.

In other words, the proposed plan is a decentralization of authority.

To the public generally, the police department represents the chief function of the city government, and the way it is conducted forms the basis of most opinion as to the success of a city administration. For that reason, under the present system, it is the mayor's job to appoint a police chief who will run the department as a part of administration policy. If we want to keep that plan, and continue this responsibility upon the mayor's shoulders, we should not put the police chief under civil service.

The argument on the other side is that civil service would take the police job "out of politics." An officer, once in, would stay there until he resigns, retires, or is removed for cause. This would be most satisfactory in case an able man held the office; not so good, otherwise. It would give the police department protection against a corrupt mayor, if the people were to make the mistake of electing one.

And so it goes. There are two sides to it, and as we have said, it deserves study before it is decided upon as either the thing to do or something to avoid. When the new charter comes before the people, it will include many things. It will be necessary to thresh some of these things out beforehand, or the whole revision of the charter might be decided upon one controversial issue when it comes before the voters in November.

## Former K.F. Girl Taken as WAAC Officer Candidate

A former Klamath Falls resident, Lorna Kubli, has been accepted as an officer candidate in the women's army auxiliary corps and will report on August 3 at Fort Des Moines, Ia. She has been the guest the past weekend of her aunt, Mrs. William Bonfield of 115 North Tenth street, while on a week's furlough.

Miss Kubli was sworn in to the WAAC in Portland on July 15. She was the second candidate accepted from that area, where she has recently been employed in the survey section with the United States army engineers.

She is a graduate of Junction City high school and of Medford business college, and lived here for some time about four years ago. Thinking over the events that led up to her being accepted, she said, "Well, first I wanted to be of service. But a very honest second, I wanted to meet new people, see new places and learn new things. This is going to be the hardest work I've ever seen—and the finest."

## Doctors Seek to Save Boy Found Chained in Attic

PARSONS, W. Va., July 21 (AP)—Doctors and nurses sought Monday to save the ebbing life of a small boy who "acted just like a little scared animal" after he was found chained in the attic of his mountain home.

A physician reported the two and a half year-old child was in critical condition at a hospital, suffering from malnutrition and body sores, and expressed the belief the tot could not survive.

However, he said the baby was taking a little nourishment and appeared "a little brighter." State Police Corporal G. W. Busch said there was no indication how long the child, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lougary of

## Legion Endorses Removal of Japs

SACRAMENTO, July 21 (AP)—The post war removal of all Japanese from the U. S., a proposal made by the native sons of the golden west, was endorsed by the sixty district of the American Legion.

At their convention here Sunday, 200 delegates also adopted a resolution demanding that congress pass a law making conscientious objection to armed service a felony and punishable as such.

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