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News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Labor's anguish at failing to get another wage increase out of the war labor board has been described in the press reports as "bitter."

It was an ordinary, regulation bitterness—and restrained. Labor Leaders Green and Murray fulminated indignation. It was a routine indignation. No one got shot—and no general strike was called.

Things are not always as they seem. With a presidential election day three weeks away they are apt to become less and less what they seem.

For some weeks prior to the WLB report pleading insufficient data to enable wage action, the best labor reporters were able to write from Washington that the Roosevelt coterie thought another wage increase granted just before election would be too raw. Indeed what could be gained by it, in the way of votes, and even wages are a secondary consideration to this most vital electoral matter here now.

FDR's Pocket

THE CIO is already in Mr. R's pocket, at least the leaders are. The AFL is fairly well split, but labor, as such, is counted definitely for Roosevelt. This is not enough to win.

The votes of white collar workers, business people, farmers and others are those for which he must campaign, the ones he must lure. What better appeal could be made than the decision of WLB?

My studied and informed impression is that the wage increase now denied will be granted after the coming election. I, furthermore, have sound and full reason for believing the increase will not be 17 cents an hour in the steel industry (labor never really expected that) but will be around half, probably 7 or 8 cents.

I think the labor leaders dealing with Mr. Roosevelt on the matter have for some weeks expected this delayed conclusion to their plea, whether they obtained their knowledge from a wink and a nod, or a promise.

On the surface, it was made to appear WLB had handed the president a blazing potato, but that is not true either. The public members of the board, you will note from details of the action, decided to hold the question open for further investigation.

The White House, to save itself the embarrassment of immediate action or comment, had the report sent directly to its economic stabilizer, Judge Vinson. In this way, the potato, rather cold as it is, can be fumbled comfortably about the government until after election.

One superficial phase of the development betrayed some genuine bitterness, but this was possibly a personal rather than a labor matter. The caustic protest of labor's four members on WLB was written by AFL's George Meany and signed by the others.

Only Half

WHAT Mr. Meany thinks of the majority decision against him is only half what he thinks of the board chairman, William H. Davis.

Away back in the John L. Lewis captive mine dispute with the board, Mr. Meany was out of town. An ardent supporter of Lewis, he wanted to vote by telephone, a customary consideration these boards privately grant ordinarily.

Davis refused to let Meany record himself, and although the story never got out to the public, Mr. Meany has overlooked no opportunity since then to let his indignation run concerning anything Davis does.

The political fakery surfacing the whole affair is, in my opinion, conclusively penetrated and exposed by the failure of the labor members of the board to resign and blow up the whole board set-up.

If they do not get their general wage increase after election, you may be sure this is exactly what they will do. They will mean their indignation then.

So also with the Petrillo demonstration, refusing to accept Mr. Roosevelt's request to allow the two big recording companies to make musical records. Why Jim Petrillo is one of the closest labor friends Mr. R. has. He enjoys the run of the White House, as few do.

For Mr. Roosevelt's re-election he would do anything—even to rejecting a request. Also he would even change his mind just before election, and ingloriously accede if that action could make Mr. Roosevelt any more votes.

This is politics, my friends, not marbles.

SIDE GLANCES



"Call him back! We have been without help at home for so long he's forgotten where he is and is clearing the table!"

Market Quotations

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Scattered stocks continued to display modest rising inclinations today, although numerous market leaders were neglected or chilled by light profit cashing.

WHEAT

CHICAGO, Oct. 16 (AP)—Grain futures markets were irregular today, with holding fractional gains, wheat fluctuating in a narrow range near the previous close.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Oct. 16 (AP-WFA)—Potato prices 144; on track 210; total U. S. shipments Saturday 987, Sunday 96; supplies moderate for good quality.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16 (AP-WFA)—Cattle: 1100. Generally active, early clearance; four loads Oregon grass steers \$12.00-12.50; three loads medium to good grass steers \$11.00-12.00; she-stock good to 25 cents higher.

Advertisements for 'DON'T JUST GRIEVE', 'Hunters!', and 'John H. Houston REPRESENTING THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY'.

WHEAT MARKET SHOWS LITTLE FLUCTUATION

PORTLAND, Oct. 16 (AP)—Portland's wheat market for the week ended October 15 showed only small cash values fluctuation compared with the previous week, with ordinary classes unchanged to 1/2 cent higher and protein hard whites down 1 cent to 2 1/2 cents a bushel, the war food administration reported today.

Completion of the harvest and threshing of Oregon grain in small areas met favorable conditions. Much grain has been seeded and early seedings are germinating well, but in many areas the soil is still too dry.

Courthouse Records

MARRIAGES
HELL-MCCLAY, Thomas H., 20. S. Mariner, Klamath Falls, Oregon, resident of Klamath Falls. Marilyn Jean McClay, 17, telephone operator, Native of Minnesota, resident of South Milwaukie, Wis.

OBITUARIES

RODNEY EUGENE BAILEY
Rodney Eugene Bailey, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey of this city passed away Sunday, October 15, 1944 at 7:30 a. m. after a long illness.

FUNERALS

EDWARD SEELEY
Edward Seeley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert Seeley of this city passed away Sunday, October 15, 1944 at 11:35 a. m. Surviving besides his parents are Mrs. E. Seeley of Myrtle Creek, Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of this city, both grandmothers.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF JUDITH AULENE LEMKE, A MINOR BY JIM V. JAMES, AND RUTH G. JAMES, TWO BROTHERS OF SAID MINOR.

Advertisement for 'DANCE' featuring 'Every Wednesday 8:30 to 12:00 AMMORU MUSIC BY BALDWIN'S BAND featuring MARY MAHONEY and PAUL SWIGERT'.

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 welcomed.

SWAT FOR MYER

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.—(To the Editor)—Re Thursday's paper: So, Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, denounces anti-Jap feeling to uphold his argument. I've been reading such drivel from his desk for some time now but do not find anything in the Constitution that enjoins us to harbor the offspring of vipers in our midst. Can the director guarantee us no "loyal" Jap had a hand in "Pearl Harbor"?

Granting a race so intrinsically treacherous constitutional rights in the first place was sponsored by just such misguided idealism and yet certainly heaped upon the way for that fateful December 7th. Since liberty does not mean license, it seems to me such a people automatically barred itself by that infamous act for certainly I never noticed any "loyal" ones warning us, nor did anyone else. However, I definitely did notice some of them "telling us off" in this column until they were corralled.

Granted there are a few Japs fighting for Uncle Sam but they are in such minority I take it Mr. Myer thinks nothing of the safety of 130,000,000 people. I'm also wondering if he expects the boys to come home and fight Japs here too? In such an event it would be amusing if they forgot to look twice in their households.

Executives like the WRA chief pull down nice fat checks while spouting idealism, but Westerners as a whole don't like to have such rot shoved down their throats. Nice going, Dillon; you'll get your check but not your wish.

Since Dillon Myer is forever putting in a plug for the Japs here, why not hand in his resignation and go live with them in some relocation center? Minus his fat check he could console himself with farm produce. I for one don't ever want to see another Nip and I believe most Americans figure on doing the job right—right now. The surest way to prevent future wars, Mr. Myer, is to remember a nit makes a louse; if they stab you in the back once they'll do it again.

I never heard of the "Remember Pearl Harbor League" but more power to it. We need such organization to combat the stupidity of some of our Big Moguls who claim they are trying to prevent future wars by forgetting to root for the home team now.

Elizabeth Alice Thies, P. S. The few "loyal" ones, Mr. Myer, do not obliterate the memory of our starved, wounded, tortured and dead.

SWEETHEART'S PRAYER
I turned away from my loved one, And looked out over the placid bay, My hurt was leached and heavy, For soon he would go away.

He asked if I would wait for him, And I said it would be done, For Uncle Sam had called him, To a war that must be won.

I stand all alone tonight, And gaze out over the sea, And vision battles you must fight Before you return to me.

The waves roll over the drifting sand, Like lonely broken waifs, And I pray to you tonight, dear God, Oh please! Please keep him safe, Billie Lou Pitman.

ROBERTS DIES
MILWAUKIE, Oct. 15.—Thomas Roberts, 80, founder of Portland's Roberts department in 1892, died at his home Saturday.

ROBERTS, born in South Oregon, served on Oregon warship boards. His widow, Mrs. Roberts, and three nephews survive.

First rubber raincoat worn by South Americans, who sneered their with liquid rubber.

UMW SUPPORT OF DEMOS WELCOMED

BY ERNEST B. VACCARO
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—Senator Harry S. Truman, Democratic vice president-elect, said here today that the best way to help the "demos" of John L. Lewis' Mine Workers for him to support the democratic party.

He was asked to elaborate a press conference on his statement yesterday that Lewis would be "taken back" into the party. "Oh, there's nothing to it," he said. "Somebody told me that Gov. Dewey had read out of his party and I just want him to have no place in it. It would be very much in the best interests of his organization to support the democratic party."

He told a reporter that he never had sought the support of the Pendergast political organization in Missouri, and that the "scandal" did not involve the organization until three or four years after it entered the state.

Sen. Truman declared Gov. Thomas Dewey, his presidential nominee, was familiar with the facts of the "scandal" when he says for the first time that the organization did not prepare for war.

"The republicans fought and nail against these positions," he added.

Grant to Build New School Approved

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—A federal grant of \$125,000 to build an addition to the school at Sutherland, Ore., has been approved by the Education Board.

The school district in Sutherland will provide \$125,000 for the new structure, the result of Sutherland's jump from 471 in 1940 to 1200.

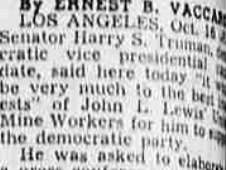
The federal works agency so granted \$29,800 to the schools.

GOP Registrants Lead in Douglas

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16.—Publican registrants lead with 2316 in Douglas county, while the latter group has a 7.2 per cent increase to 66,000. Publican's 3.2 per cent to 1942 general election 3, 1942 general election 3, 1942 general election 3, 1942 general election 3, 1942 general election 3.

There are 7836 registered, 5520 democratic publican gain since 1942 that of the democrats is 1320.

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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

SPEAKING last week at New Orleans, Vice Presidential Candidate Harry Truman said it is inconceivable to him that the south would vote for Dewey and Bricker.

We are inclined to agree since we have learned that a soldier voter from one southern state, now at a local military installation, received a soldier ballot that DID NOT EVEN HAVE DEWEY-BRICKER ELECTORS LISTED ON IT.

On the ballot received by this enlisted man from his home state, South Carolina, were places to mark the X for Roosevelt and Truman, only.

There was a notation at the bottom, noting that electors listed on the ballot were all pledged to Roosevelt and Truman, and generously offering to send another ballot with other electors listed if the voter would WRITE IN FOR IT!



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Secrecy Gone

THUS, a Dewey-Bricker voter has to go to the inconvenience of writing in for another ballot.

But that is not the worst part of this startling political arrangement. From here, it appears it DESTROYS the secrecy of the ballot.

The voter, if he wants to vote for Dewey, must disclose his intention by sending in his name for a second ballot. The southern political who send out one-sided ballots could easily make a notation of that request, and see to it that the "perfidy" is remembered.

No wonder Harry Truman talks with such complete confidence down south!

Want to Bet?

THIS remarkable South Carolina procedure, we understand, does not show up in other state ballots from the south received at the installations here, although there are many stories of strange political conditions down there.

Incidentally, the South Carolina ballot was definitely a general election ballot. When we told an unbelieving acquaintance about it, he said it must be a primary ballot. A recheck showed it to be the ballot for the general election.

We are taking all bets that South Carolina will go for Dewey and Bricker. Don't crowd.

Separate Projects

A TELEPHONE inquiry this morning discloses that some people are confusing the Klamath veterans' memorial park proposition, to be on the November ballot, with the new cemetery project.

There is no relation between these two plans. The cemetery project was voted in May, and there will be nothing on the November ballot relating to it. The November measure authorizes acquisition, by exchange and purchase, of an area adjoining Link river and Lake Ewauna, to be developed as a city park. It carries a levy that will raise about \$70,000 in five years.

That word "memorial" in the names of both projects seems to be causing the confusion.

OPA SETS CEILING ON OIL PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—Specific ceiling prices for petroleum products in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona will go into effect Thursday, the office of price administration announced today.

The new prices, replacing "freeze" type ceilings, will apply at all major distribution levels except retail at service stations. They will, however, "cause some changes in the existing prices of a few sellers," OPA said, adding that the general level will "remain about the same."

Among the ceilings was: Specific dollar-and-cents ceilings established for tank wagon sales of P. S. (Pacific specification) 200 fuel oil to all purchasers in Seattle and nearby areas. These are 8.55 cents a gallon on deliveries of 150 gallons or more; 8.55 cents for 39 gallons or less. For Bainbridge Island and the area due east of Lake Sammamish and extending as far east as Summit an additional half cent a gallon is permitted.

Advertisement for 'A Gem of Thought From Idella's' Jar Lids, Bernadine Mason Regular Size, Pkg. 5c. AT IDELLA'S 4846 S. 6th. What A Gal!

Portland Seeks Ban On Late Spook Shows

PORTLAND, Oct. 16 (AP)—A plea to ban post-midnight "horror movies" which juvenile authorities claimed were keeping 10 and 12 year olds on the streets all night long lay before Mayor Earl Riley today.

The "spook shows"—a brand-new addition to the list of juvenile temptations—draw three-block lines of youngsters, six abreast, officers said.

Police Chief Harry Niles and the Portland Federation of Women's clubs joined in asking that these pictures be eliminated—at least until after the war.

Average Tinhattar Earns \$3000 in Year

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 16 (AP)—The average full-time shipyard worker in the Portland area earned \$3001 last year, the state industrial accident commission report showed today.

A survey of 65,000 tinhattars showed that—despite reports of \$100-weekly salaries—less than one of every 20 received more than \$4000. About 20 per cent earned more than \$3000.

Average in the lumber industry was reported as \$2378 annually for full timers. Counting part-time employees, the shipyard average wage was \$1843, and the lumber wage \$1758.

Washington Argues Change in Ballot Instruction Wording

SEATTLE, Oct. 16 (AP)—Opponents to the changes made by Secretary of State Belle Reve in the voting instructions to appear on Washington hand ballots and absentee ballots conferred last night on possible legal action to force the issue into the courts, the Post-Intelligencer declared today.

Attorneys objecting to the changes asserted the new wording prohibits scratching of a straight ticket to vote.

The paper quoted opponents to the change as saying: "The statutory wording in use for years tells the voters they may cast a cross-ballot, after voting a straight ticket. Mrs. Reeves' ballots definitely tells them they may not."

"And when the wording of a ballot is in conflict with the provisions of the election law the courts must be consulted for an opinion. This is too serious a matter to be put to rest with a casual statement by Mrs. Reeves that she will issue supplemental instructions to election officials."

VITAL STATISTICS

ALVARDO—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., October 15, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Alvarado, 3748 S. 6th, a boy. Weight 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

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