

VINSON URGES WAGE FORMULA MAINTENANCE

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Scattered congressional sentiment in favor of relaxing this country's war time wage controls collided today with the views of Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

"We cannot afford to relax our efforts," Vinson said in commenting on a report submitted to President Roosevelt that for the bulk of wage earners living costs have increased from 29 to 30 per cent over the level of January 1, 1941.

That is the base date for the Little Steel wage formula, which limits general increases to 15 per cent above those prevailing on that day.

While several senators pointed to the report as indicating the need for changing or dropping the Little Steel formula, Vinson said that so long as the war absorbs half the nation's productive

output "we must hold prices at their present level to preserve the purchasing power of the worker's pay envelope."

Saying he was disturbed to note that "after a year of stability, the cost of living has risen slightly but perceptibly in the past six months," Vinson added: "This must stop. The price administrator (Chester Bowles) and I will use special vigilance to this end."

The cost of living report was prepared by a special committee appointed by Mr. Roosevelt several months ago.

"I think this calls for a revision of the formula," said Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), who is pushing a resolution to declare wages of less than 65 cents an hour standard.

"The formula wasn't intended to be an arbitrary standard, but when enacted had a relation to a factual situation. Now due to forces inherent in a war the facts have changed, and the increase in living costs is shown to be 29 or 30 per cent instead of 15. This also emphasizes the need for increasing wage rates in the lowest income groups."

Two other members of the labor subcommittee hearing testimony on Pepper's resolution said they thought a change in the formula was indicated.

"It looks as if the Little Steel formula is on the way out, if the report is accepted," Senator Allen (R-Vt.) said. "I never did think the formula was very fair. It took no account of depreciation in quality of such items as shoes and clothing, which meant higher living costs even though the prices were unchanged."

Senator Tunnel (D-Del.) said that while it is true that a business can't pay more than its profits, it is equally true that an individual can't work for less than his necessities.

"The formula can and must be changed to meet these well-known facts," he said. "We've just got to let the working man have enough to live on, and the employer have enough to pay him a profit."

TWO DEAD, WOMAN INJURED IN B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 20 (Canadian Press)—Two men were dead and a Port Coquitlam, B. C., school teacher injured yesterday, in what police described as a murder-suicide at suburban Maillardville.

The dead are Arthur Otto Schultz, 37, of Vernon, B. C., and George McGunigle, 38, Mrs. Grace Varney, 32, Schultz' sister, was hospitalized.

Police said the shooting occurred when Schultz and his sister went to the McGunigle home, where she had been living, to pack her belongings.

Schultz was found dead in the bedroom, shot through the cheek. McGunigle was lying dead in another bedroom with a bullet hole through his temple, a gun lying beside him.

Mrs. Varney told police McGunigle attempted to choke her and hit her on the forehead. She ran from the house and shortly afterward heard a shot.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

MINATO NOW GUNNER ARMY AIR FIELD, CASPER, Wyo.—Cpl. Alfeo E. Minato, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Minato, Chilquini, is a top turret gunner on a B-24 heavy bombardment crew now in its final stage of training at the army air field, Casper, Wyo. Following completion of his training, he and his crew will be sent overseas to a combat area where they will help take up the fight against the enemy.



Smith Predicts Top Enrollments In Schools After War

COLUMBIA GORGE HOTEL, Nov. 20 (AP)—Edgar Smith, state board of higher education member, predicted here that enrollment in Oregon's six institutions

of higher learning will be 20,000 after the war compared with a peacetime figure of 11,000.

Smith outlined a future school building program at the closing session of the annual Oregon Farm bureau federation meeting, Saturday.

Harold Young, Portland, manager of Oregon business and tax

research, asserted that a state sales tax instead of a state income tax would better balance Oregon's tax structure.

Mae Hoke, Pendleton, was re-elected president; Lowell Steen, Milton-Freewater, was re-elected vice president; Sam Hunter, Milton-Freewater, was named second vice president and member-

ship chairman; Lester Blockland, Island City, was named vice president and member of the executive committee; MacClintock, chairman of the United Farm Bureau Women's

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By EARL WHITLOCK
Never before, I suppose, has it been necessary for us to be on guard against good news. Now it is. Because a constant and growing stream of victories may dull our minds to the probable length of the total struggle and the need for a steady flow of war supplies to our fighting men.



In Germany, the government may surrender, but there will be groups and pockets of fanatical Nazis for months, perhaps for years, who will have to be uprooted and destroyed.

Japan is established in a thousand islands and on the Asian continent and no one can tell how long or how bitterly the Japs will fight. But from past experience with them, they will not give up easily.

These facts we must realize and we must continue to furnish the sinews of war in full measure. What is needed now is not just the first, fine surge of patriotism we felt when the war started, it is the solid, thoughtful patriotism which will determine to lend to our country ALL that it needs—when needed.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS—AND KEEP ON BUYING THEM.



Next Friday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on "Perry Did It."

220,000 Turkeys Raised In Douglas

ROSEBURG, Nov. 20 (AP)—Douglas county's 1944 turkey harvest was estimated at 220,000 birds by J. Roland Parker, county agent.

Despite heavy sale of turkeys to the armed forces, Parker said the supply for civilians during the holidays probably would be ample.

State Christmas Seal Sale Boosted

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 (AP)—Saidie Orr Dunbar, secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, announced here that Oregon's quota for the annual Christmas seal sale will be \$225,000, 10 per cent more than last year.

The sale starts November 27 and ends December 25.

Men Who Get Up Nights Often Lose Their Pep

If you have to get up 3 or more times a night, your rest is broken and it's no wonder if you feel old and run-down before your bladder wakes. Fatigue, Headaches, Backache, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Rheumatic Pains, or Swollen Ankle, due to non-organic basis, you should try Cystex (a physician's prescription). Usually, the very first dose of Cystex goes right to work helping the kidneys flush out excess acids and wastes which may have caused your trouble. So take Cystex exactly as directed and watch for quick help and a rapid increase in pep, more youthful feeling and joy in living. Cystex must surprise and delight you, and satisfy completely or your money back is guaranteed. Don't suffer another night without trying Cystex—only 35c. Tear this out, take to your druggist: be sure to get guaranteed Cystex.

PICTURE QUIZ

ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

1 Before the war, the people of Europe consumed 30 gallons of petroleum products per capita each year. How much do you think the American people consumed?

Check One
23
206
427



2 The largest single oil company in the U.S. does less than 13% of the nation's oil business. How many oil companies would you guess there are in this country altogether?

Check One
87
946
8,267



3 Last year, Union Oil Company made a net profit of \$7,269,199—6.6% on business done for the year. How much did this average per stockholder-owner?

Check One
\$ 231.69
\$ 2,356.22
\$15,632.41



4 Everyone who works at Union Oil has to have "tools"—a desk, a tank truck or perhaps even a \$6,000,000 refining unit. How much do you think equipment costs will average per employee?

Check One
\$ 946
\$ 4,251
\$39,504

HOLY BIBLE

Illustrated From Our Colored Brother

"Don't get mad if I preach the gospel, I'm just like a mail man. If the postman brings you a dun do you fight the man? No! I'm just a mail man for the Lord. Go see the head man—God.

"I'm here to make an x-ray. You may feel good but be affected. I take your picture. You have an affected lung. There's no use to deny it. The picture shows it.

"You may be in the wrong church, but if the Bible shows that you are in the wrong condition spiritually what will you do? I can't compromise. If I'm a doctor and tell you you're not affected when you are sick I am your enemy.

"Some say, 'I can't see how water washes away sins.' The blind man couldn't see how the clay healed his eyes. He didn't need to.

"Jesus said, 'Upon this rock I will build my church.' If you have built on a rock it is a different one. THIS ONE has already been covered. You can't build a second story.

"Some argue that feelings are an evidence of pardon. I once went to a filling station and inquired of the way to a certain place. The station attendant told me I was going the right way. I went on, and after I had travelled about seventy miles I stopped and inquired again. This man told me I had gone out of my way about seventy miles, and that I would have to go back to get to the place where I wanted to go. I realized then that I should have looked at my map and should not have depended on a man's word. Now when I was mixed up I didn't get out on the road and start feeling around on the ground with my hands. Feeling would not tell me the way. The sensible thing to do was to read the map. We will not be lost spiritually if we follow the map—the Bible."

—From M. Keeble's Sermons.

—RAYMOND I. GIBBS, Evangelist.

5 It costs anywhere from \$95,000 to \$230,000 to prospect for oil in a single unproved area. What are your chances of actually getting oil after all this?

Check One
1 in 2
1 in 3
1 in 12

6 In Rome before the war gasoline cost 81c a gallon. In Berlin it was 59c; in London 31c; in Warsaw 40c. World average was 33.7c. U.S. average 18 1/2c. What caused the difference?

Check One
U.S. Govt. Regulation Competition between U.S. Companies Foreign Govt. Regulation

7 Last year Union Oil took in \$110,000,000 from the sale of its products. \$4,500,000 went to the stockholders as dividends. How much went to the employees as wages?

Check One
6 million 1 1/2 million 2 1/2 million

ANSWERS

1 427 gallons per capita, per year. The daily life of the average American is just about 14 times as mechanized as the average European's. Even during peacetime, it takes more than a million Americans working full time in the oil industry to keep the machines of the other 129 million fueled and lubricated.

2 There are 8,267 individual oil companies in the U.S. For their work of finding, drilling, processing and transporting petroleum products to you they average about 8/10ths of a cent profit per gallon.

3 \$7,269,199 looks like a lot of money, but it was divided among a lot of people—31,375. So net profits averaged just \$231.69 per stockholder-owner.

4 \$39,504—That's why, in some industries today, you have to pool the money of a lot of people under legal agreements known as corporations. Very few individuals could finance the "tools" of heavy industry.

5 1 in 12—but by dividing this risk among a lot of people, as Union does (\$230,000 ÷ 31,375 stockholders = \$7.33 per owner), we have enough capital to keep going until we find oil.

6 Competition. No nation in the world has had as many oil companies (8,267) competing for the business. No nation has had less governmental control of the industry. As a result, the cost of "regular" gasoline to you (exclusive of taxes) dropped from 29.7c per gallon in 1920 to 13 1/2c in 1939. And the quality climbed from 52 octane to 78.

7 2 1/2 million—Union Oil employees got approximately \$521 in wages for every \$1.00 that went to the stockholders.

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