

Herald and News

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 — Thirty-six hours before Mr. Truman spoke, his speech contained a flat program for a 20 per cent general union wage increase.

As later delivered, the arguments upon which the 20 per cent plan had been based were presented in detail—without the 20 per cent figure.

The arguments contended the work-week for unions had been reduced from 48 to 40 hours; the reduction of eight being one-fifth or 20 per cent of 40. So the unions should get 20 per cent of their demands—without any price increases.

I understand industry served notice it would rebel against such a program. Other reasonable interests would have agreed such a political settlement was impossible of fulfillment as well as a surrender of the national economy to inflation and the unions. (I will below outline the justness of this position). Industry was prepared to contend, furthermore, Mr. Truman had no legal authority to impose such a proposition. Resistance in the courts and otherwise was a prospect.

Proposition Hedged

SO the proposition was hedged in the final presentation—but how much no one yet knows for sure. The common news interpretation was that wage increases should be limited to cases which would not cause a general price increase (with exceptions). Labor, in some instances however, still thinks it means 20 per cent. Thus, the matter may yet require considerable working out.

While a change of administration front to CIO economics apparently has been narrowly averted, the judicious plane Mr. Truman finally reached is one to interpretations perhaps beyond those yet apparent to the public.

The factors behind the decision to eliminate the 20 per cent figure are these:

There is no economic justification for a flat 20 per cent boost. The unions contend their take-home income should be kept at wartime levels in order to maintain national purchasing power. This is not necessary economically—or even advisable from an economic standpoint—for two reasons.

In the first place the spending program of the Truman administration will run two or three times higher than the highest spending of the free spending Roosevelt budgets to stimulate purchasing power as never before.

In the second place, there is already too much purchasing power for the goods available, as anyone can see from the way people are throwing money around.

Purchasing Power Too Great

THE purchasing power is too great for the amount of goods available and will remain so for the next 18 months or more—the projected time for the increase—and probably until goods become freely available. Thus, a wage increase during the period covered by this 20 per cent agreement, can only be recognized as a political appeasement of the unions.

The unions, of course, claim they will not get their full wartime wage under this settlement, because they will lose overtime pay. This is true, but from the economic standpoint, the program means less production than wartime, much less, and therefore continuance of the shortage of goods in the face of already excessive purchasing power.

The second proposition involved is that prices shall not be increased. The wage cost of production cannot be increased by one-fifth without an increase in price! The proposition is an incongruity.

The theory of the unionists is that business has been making rich profits, and the 20 per cent increase can come from that. Wartime profits were based on many factors that no longer exist. The manufacturers had fixed contracts from a single customer, the government. They had the utmost mass human effort, men doubling up on jobs, working 48 hours and more, which cut their costs.

The World Today

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. (Substituting for MacKenzie) AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Americans awoke today to another day of disturbing news, just as they have for many days past. Strikes and any number of troubles great and small!

But the news they might have had today was not to come. Instead of awaiting word of perhaps 200,000 American boys who might have been facing a murderous, suicidal Japanese defense of Kyushu island, thousands were waiting on both east and west coasts for veterans' homeward bound.

Today would have been a crucial day on Kyushu but for the series of fortuitous circumstances which knocked out Japan less than three months ago.

Poised To Strike

Under the schedule fixed before Hirohito hollered quits, MacArthur and Nimitz would have struck against the Japanese homeland night before last. Presumably they would have been ashore today with most of 10 divisions. They would have been the 25th, 33rd, 40th, 41st, 43rd, 1st cavalry, the American, and the 2nd, 3rd and 5th marines. Coming in behind them would have been the 77th, 81st and 98th after a feint toward the inland sea around the strait between Shikoku and Honshu.

MacArthur planned to secure Kyushu for the winter, consolidate, and strike about March 1 directly at Tokyo across the plains east of the city. The assault and immediate follow-through there would have involved 25 additional divisions, and no telling how many more in the following land campaign.

18-Month Campaign

Unofficial reports from the general's headquarters before the end of the war said preparations would be made for an 18-month campaign in Japan. And the effect of the subjugation of the homeland on Japanese armies in China and Manchuria was still a matter of speculation. It was hoped that the beheading of the empire would wither its parts. Russia was expected to see that it did. But none could be sure. The British were loading their boats to cut off the Japanese in Malaya and the southwest. "co-prosperity sphere" when the surrender came.

The Japanese have made it plain what they intended to do. They would have met us with suicide boats, with a kamikaze for which planes and pilots were being saved and with every man who could stand in defense of his homeland.

The news is not always heartening now. But no bobbing, face-down bodies of American boys dot the surf of southern Kyushu.

RUSSIA TO BID FOR STEAMSHIP TRADE

SEATTLE, Nov. 2 (AP)—Russia will make a spirited bid for postwar steamship trade in the Atlantic and Pacific, a Soviet purchasing commission representative who predicted unprecedented shipping between north-west ports and Russia said yesterday.

The spokesman, Pavel Revizorev said he had learned recently his government was considering the construction of fast passenger ships for service to ports on both sides of the United States.

"There will be great demand for American goods in Russia. Many ships will be needed to carry those cargoes," he added.

Revizorev said also more than 100 Russian government representatives would arrive in Seattle today, homeward bound after wartime service in this country. They will board the Russian motorship Smolny here and sail for Vladivostok, he said.

The Russian commission's Seattle office will close Saturday, for transfer to Portland, Revizorev also announced.

Bond Purchase Good For Vote For Queen

PORTLAND, Nov. 2 (AP)—Each \$18.75 war bond purchased from Nov. 5 through midnight Dec. 1 will be good for a vote for Oregon victory queen, officials said today.

Every girl whose name is backed with \$5000 in bonds will become a candidate—eligible for a chance at a screen career.

EUGENE PUBLISHER HEADS BOY SCOUTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2 (AP) New head of the Boy Scouts of America Regional Executive committee, succeeding Reginald H. Parsons of Seattle, is Alton F. Baker, Eugene Register-Guard publisher.

Baker holds numerous Boy Scout awards including the silver antelope for distinguished service to boyhood. He has been active in scouting since 1942.

Parsons is retiring from the committee, which makes up training programs and policies for Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska and part of Montana.

Radio Programs KFJI Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc.

Friday Eve., Nov. 2
6:00 p. m. Gabriel News
6:15 p. m. News
6:30 p. m. News
7:00 p. m. Klamath Bulletin
7:15 p. m. Evening Concert

Saturday, Nov. 3
11:30 Saturday Varieties
12:00 Melodious Melodies
12:15 News
12:30 Yuletide Dance
12:45 Farm Front and Market Reports

1:00 p. m. Jerry Nease Orchestra
1:15 Mocha Stanley Concert
1:30 Football Score
1:45 Associated Oregon vs Washington Ball Game
4:30 Nat Brandywine Orchestra
4:45 Klamath Theatre
5:00 Lee Marcus Show
5:15 Canary Pet Show
5:30 Haven of Rest

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

A LOT of good work went into the effort that brought a federal district court term to Klamath Falls.

It began years ago. A delaying factor was that congressional action was necessary, and we do not want this occasion to pass without saying a word of warm appreciation to Congressman Lowell Stockman, who listened to our story on the matter three or four years ago and began then to lay the groundwork. Senators Morse and Cordon have helped a great deal.

Giving real punch to the effort recently was the work of the Klamath County Bar association committee, including J. H. Carnahan, William Ganong and Harold Merryman. When the lawyers put their shoulders to the wheel, it began to turn. Approval of the state bar group was obtained by the local association.

As a preliminary step, Judge James Alger Fee came to Klamath county and held a session of federal court. This was a significant recognition of the soundness of the argument for a court term here. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg has cooperated in providing quarters for holding the federal court in the circuit courtroom.

We'll round out the bouquet business with a word for the chamber of commerce, which has been in there pitching for a long time on this matter.

Forest Office Question

AS we have said on numerous occasions, the number of federal relationships in the Klamath basin area justifies several important federal offices here. These relationships existed even before the vast extension of federal activity under the Roosevelt administration.

For instance, we still think the U. S. forest service should consider a sub-regional office, or some other set-up here, that would more adequately represent the forest service in a county which has major parts of three national forests within its borders. A ranger's office for just one of these forests is not enough.

Roadsign Mixup

WE'VE done a bit of complaining in this department about roadsigns hereabouts, and now Halloween pranksters have really fixed things up.

Some one lifted several signs from highways in the eastern part of the county and installed them neatly in the southern Klamath basin.

Driving south toward Tulelake yesterday, we rubbed our eyes when an apparently official sign informed us we were approaching the Sprague River junction. That was just north of the Tulelake-Malin junction.

In the town of Merrill, another official sign bears the word "Dairy."

Several signs from the Beatty-Bly-Dairy area were noticed standing against the wall of the Henley school.

We haven't been in the eastern part of the county since the night the witches were at work and do not know if the southend signs were set up out there.

Until the work of the pranksters is repaired, here's another hazard to drunken driving.



EPLEY

OFFICERS NAMED AT REALTORS MEET

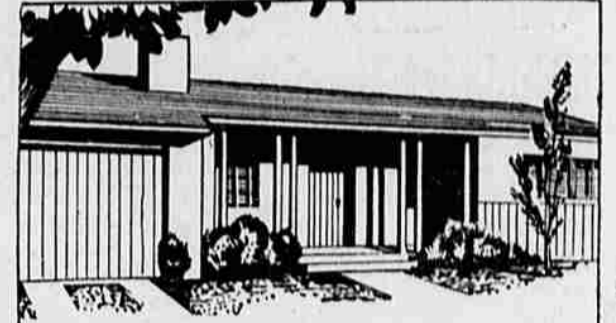
State realtors concluded their 11th annual convention in Gearhart last week choosing A. D. Newman of Portland as the new president.

New officers named were, William G. Hardy, Salem; R. C. "Bogue" Dale, Klamath Falls; and J. Fred Braly, Albany, vice presidents; V. W. Dominicy, Portland, treasurer; Larry W. Home, Portland, secretary; J. E. Estep, Lebanon, director for one year to replace Braly; H. C. Galey, Ashland; Edward C. Coates, Grants Pass; E. M. Chilcote, Klamath Falls; Leo N. Childs,

Service Personnel Invited To Party

All service personnel are cordially invited to a party given in their honor by the young people of the Immanuel Baptist church. The location is No. 11th and High, the time Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Telling The Editor

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TIPS TO POTENTIAL ENEMIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — (To the Editor) — Why in the name of heaven don't our politicians go into the files of every newspaper in the country and send copies of the last 30 days to all foreign countries, to save them the trouble of having their underground agents pick them up? In that way, they will know the easy way, just how, when and where to use their atomic bombs on us when they get ready to wipe us out.

Frank W. Hurd, Route 3, Box 1032A.

ON STRIKES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor):—Please give me a little space to defend my article on strikes in the Herald-News, October 24.

My shoulders are broad and I can take the raps from both employer and union. Operators of several big concerns have called me down on my statements of profits. They say I want the union to take all the profits.

Let's get down to cases: When Henry Ford raised wages to a minimum of five dollars a day, he was patted on the back for it. Nevertheless, he was getting very rich and was selling cars for as low as \$450. Everyone could afford a car then.

Scars, Roebuck stock is around \$143. Is the company going broke? Not on your life! Yet the company is unionized.

The American Telephone company stock has soared to \$185. They must be making money, yet they have not lowered rates or raised wages. These same facts can be said of many companies.

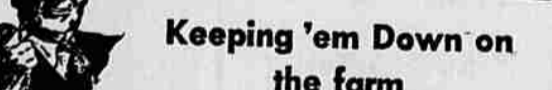
President Truman said a "mouthful" when he said wages should be raised, that it would produce inflation. Harry Truman knows the status of industry, even if he is a democrat. He realizes that we already have some inflation, and are paying too much for many things.

I am not upholding the union



Rev. L. H. Sheets

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Keeping 'em Down on the farm

Rode out to the Jenkins farm the other day—and there was a young Charlie Jenkins—two months out of uniform—driving a tractor as pretty as could be with his one good arm.

"I expect you find that pretty dull after piloting a bomber," I suggested.

Charlie gives me a wide, contented grin. "Dull?" he says. "All the time I was over Germany I dreamt of this—the smell of hay, and the hot sun on my back... and comin' home to

women's voices in the farmhouse, and home cookin', and a friendly glass of beer. No," he says dreamily, "not dull!"

From where I sit, that's how lots of returning veterans must feel. Yearning for excitement? No, just mighty glad to be back with the old familiar things, the day's work, the rewards of home, companionship, and simple pleasures like a friendly glass of beer. No... not dull.

Joe Marsh

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REVIVAL

Rev. L. H. Sheets
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