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Today's Roundup

LOCAL business man said the other day that he is convinced there will be a critical depression in this country in six months unless full-scale production is quickly achieved in all the things upon which our standard of living is based.



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The production tie-up is sustaining scarcity in many fundamental lines. Scarcity means excess of demand over supply, and that in turn means constant pressure for higher prices.

Flying In Adverse Weather

SOME time ago, the local chamber of commerce appeared to stick its nose into something it might not know much about when it took a crack at military aviation activity under adverse weather conditions.

It now is evident that the chamber was on the right track. The Fourth Air Force has come out with an order placing rigid restrictions on flying in unfavorable weather, and is particularly designed to stop reckless cross-country flying by inexperienced pilots.

Cross-country flights in December, January, February and March will be restricted to command pilots of 15 years experience; senior pilots with five years and more than 1500 hours of flying, and other pilots having 1500 hours of their credit and a "green" instrument card, or pilots with 1500 hours who have successfully passed an instrument flying check in 90 days.

Several other important restrictions and regulations were set up, indicating a recognition by the Fourth Air Force headquarters of the probability that bad weather and insufficient training have been largely responsible for the numerous accidents that have made the headlines this winter.

News-wise readers may find it enlightening to keep one point in mind while perusing the hot words now being exchanged by both sides, and by the politicians involved. These strikes are all part of the union campaign to force a general 30 per cent wage increase upon the federal government.

Moreover, as a whole, they represent the postwar surge of the unions to enhance and apply their new, great power over national economics, to control all economics. All the other arguments are extraneous points excitedly pushed forward in the heat of bitter conflict.

As the strikes continue and expand, the debate becomes less and less reasonable and further away from the simple, sound, basic principle of common justice—as distinct from one-sided justice.

In such a debate, so few speak for the public interest, which is the paramount interest. Neither unions nor companies has the right to destroy the public's rights to service and goods at reasonable prices and just wages.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—Mr. Truman pricked congress to act on his labor legislation, but at the time he spoke, he had already set in motion the very same machinery for the two national test strikes of the union labor campaign—General Motors and steel.

The fact-finding panel for General Motors was even then completing its work although the company had refused to submit its case. The president was quite angry in private, because General Motors refused to cooperate.

As the inside White House eye saw the situation, the General Motors people were trying to arouse the country through advertising and otherwise against exposure of its private business methods and profits from the union gaze.

I do not want to become involved in this side argument. Technically, I gather the company did not refuse to submit books but promoted discussion of whether company profits should be the measure for setting wage scales, never contending that it was unable to pay any particular rate.

Whatever the sound justice of this matter, the presidential panel went ahead to get what it called "the facts" and my inner agents tell me the panel merely found its work made a little more difficult but not impossible by the General Motors position.

I believe the highest government officials here considered the profits dispute as shadow-boxing and leaned rather sharply to the union side.

But if the profits-gauge for wages was a shadowy melee for Motors, it was the essence of the steel case in which 700,000 men, the largest strike band of the postwar striking season, expected to walk out January 14.

The union plea for increase there has run into the dead-end plea that the company has no peacetime profits with which to pay.

Into this matter (last quarter profits) Price Administrator Bowles is checking for the president, Mr. Bowles has been instructed to complete his report by February 1 and the fact-finding panel will then come in with a decision February 10.

The proposed steel strike, therefore, as soon as Mr. Truman acted, entered the realm of superfluity. Why strike January 14 for a settlement which is promised February 10 by machinery already functioning? Such a strike would only deprive the workers of their wage income for that period.

ADICALS and leftwingers within the union wanted to strike anyway, but the crowd around President Phil Murray could see rather clearly it would be a useless walk-out and early sought methods of avoiding it.

Thus the president's machinery was already functioning without legislation in the two major national strike instances. Its work was only slightly impeded by its inability to subpoena witnesses and require both parties to present their cases. There even seemed a prospect that a cooling-off period would be effected in the steel strike until February 10.

For these and other reasons there seemed little prospect the president's strategem of trying to side-track the public pressure against strikes from the White House to the broader shoulders of congress would be fully effective as far as current strikes are concerned. It is not clear how much speed the legislation might contribute to settlements.

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Now don't bring that up—my radio has been broken for three days, and you have no idea what a relief it is not to have to worry about a lot of imaginary family troubles!

Letters printed here must not be more than 150 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.

PIONEER STORY MALIN, Ore. (To the Editor)—In 1908, John and Dilla Bailey immigrated from Dundee, N. Y. to Klamath county, Oregon, where they homesteaded six miles from Malin, near the Poe Valley market road, on the south slope of Pickett Hill.

The Baileys, always true pioneers, left the latch string out, and they cheered and comforted many a weary traveler as he went on his way. There was hardship, heart ache and loneliness. Dilla Bailey sorely missed her old friends. Letters became fewer and farther apart, and one day in 1910, Dilla painted a word picture which she mailed to the Rev. M. C. Dean and family, in Dundee, N. Y.

Invitation "Good morning to you dear friends at Dundee, I've waited so long that letter to see. My patience is tried to the very limit. So I'll write a few lines, take my home for a theme. 'Tis just a brief sketch of my home in the west. Although it is humble I love it the best. Of any I enter and think I am best— Until I am called to the one where we rest. In the foothills you see my humble domain. On the north, east and west the mountains so plain; On the south is a picture of beauty untold. Whose broad fields in autumn are waving with gold, And beyond is a lake so silvery and bright. From morn's early dawn till the shadows of night. Draw the curtains securely and shut from our sight— This beautiful picture, God-given by right. And then all at once your moon from the east Springs up in its fullness and then comes the feast. The bright sparkling waters of which I have told, Will now greet the eye as a great sheet of gold; And also the light from this ball in mid-air. Then gives you a glimpse of the mountains so fair. Which rise in their grandeur snow-capped all the year, A symbol of purity to us so dear. With us, though the season just now calls for snow— 'Tis spring-like and sunny wherever you go, And for fear the bleak winter with us will soon be, I'll bid you goodnight while this picture you see."

DILLA BAILEY, "Pioneer Woman." Submitted by Nellie C. Whitlatch, Security Ranch, Malin, Oregon.

Visits Daughter—Mrs. Ella Christopherson, Vancouver, Wash., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Sproat of 501 Laguna, for a few days.

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PARIS, Jan. 8—This isn't La Belle France we knew before the war, but a very ill France which has reached the oxygen-tent stage of its crisis and is in that precarious state which no man can say won't get a lot worse before there's a turn for the better. That isn't meant to be a pessimistic estimate. It is, however, calculated to emphasize the truth that France has been badly hurt, both materially and in spirit. This column would be rendering poor service if it tried to evade the seriousness of the position.

The public is looking for the physician who can heal France—but it is another way, for the greater leader who can rescue the country from the political fog in which it is drifting and restore it to former greatness.

General de Gaulle may be that leader. If he is he may give the nation the new political party for which many are yearning.

The trouble now is that France must get through the oxygen-tent stage of her crisis before the real extent of De Gaulle's leadership can be apparent. He is in a highly unfortunate position at the moment, being handicapped in promoting policies by the fact that his mandate as head of the government runs only until June, since the assembly was elected for seven months.

New Constitution The job of the assembly is to frame a new constitution. In June there will be another general election, with a referendum on the constitution.

Then and then only will General de Gaulle know whether he is to be continued in leadership. Thus the few remaining months before the June election are of vast importance to De Gaulle for consolidation of his ground. So far his leadership has been what may be described as somewhat left of center. In other words the socialist program which he has announced is moderate. He contemplates some nationalization, such as of banks and the basic public services, but it is said that the transfer will be slow so as not to damage the holdings of the public in the companies. He proposes to proceed carefully in order not to kill the real wealth of the country, but on the other hand to give an opportunity for readjustment later if necessary.

De Gaulle's followers say that he is establishing controls so that the state can benefit with justice. He wants to control private monopolies, on the ground that the government can't govern if it is controlled by trusts—a very obvious deduction.

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'Pappy' Insists Wedding Bells Will Not Ring Today SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 8 (P)—The wedding bells which Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson had announced were to follow her scheduled Reno divorce will not ring today. Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington insists.

The famed marine corps flier who terrorized Japanese pilots in China and the Pacific "stunned" Mrs. Malcolmson yesterday when he denied he planned to marry her immediately after her divorce from Stewart Malcolmson, General Motors production manager in Australia.

The 30-year-old brunette had told reporters of the marriage plans and displayed a large diamond ring she said Boyington gave her after a New Year's day visit at Reno.

"I am stunned," she said when the flier's denial reached her, and her attorney, Joseph P. Haller, later quoted her as saying she couldn't "understand it."

"I thought at first it was a big joke," she told Haller. Boyington tersely informed newsmen "no wedding plans are in the making" when called at the marine air depot at nearby Miramar. He and Mrs. Malcolmson are just good friends, the Congressional Medal of Honor winner said.

He is scheduled to go on a 90-day leave next week but has no definite plans to meet Mrs. Malcolmson, he revealed. Haller said the divorce hearing, set for 1:30 p. m. today, probably would be cancelled because his client is "too upset to go through with it."

Fund For Testing Of Cattle Mandatory SALEM, Jan. 8 (P)—The 1945 law providing for eradication and control of communicable diseases of cattle makes it mandatory upon counties to provide funds for testing of cattle, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today for Director E. L. Peterson of the state department of agriculture.

Neuner held that where counties failed to appoint veterinarians, the testing should be done by the department of agriculture, but with the cost still to be borne by the counties.

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Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago. From the Klamath Republican January 4, 1906 Bonanza reports sleighing conditions are ideal there. George Blehn has sold a few lots in North Klamath Falls for \$40 and \$60.

From the Klamath News January 8, 1936 The heaviest snowstorm of the winter broke over this region today. City councilmen today explained their defeat of Mayor Mahoney's veto of the telephone company franchise. They said

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