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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

ONE could probably get a first class argument going among CIO and AFL men by asking who came out ahead in the series of strikes and wage settlements just brought to an end by establishment of a 15-cent raise for members of both unions in the lumbering industry in this area.

From a strict dollars and cents standpoint, it appears that the CIO got the better of it. The CIO men worked for two months at a 12 1/2 cents increase while the AFL men were off for three months before getting a 15-cent increase. Then the CIO got the extra 2 1/2 cents to start the new year all even.

However, this obvious financial advantage won by the CIO in the latter months of the year was partially offset by the fact that the CIO men lost their wages for seven weeks in a strike that occurred in the late summer and early fall, and which ended without any change in the wage situation at that time.

AFL men may feel they have won a moral victory by sticking it out in a strike that got them 2 1/2 cents more than was granted in the first CIO settlement, even if the CIO did get the extra raise after the AFL settlement was effected. They may argue that unionists sometimes count their triumphs in sacrifices as well as in nickels.

**Costly**  
IN 1945, CIO lumber unionists lost work for seven weeks in a strike and AFL unionists lost about 12 weeks.

It takes a long time to earn back what is lost in a work stoppage, even at substantial increases in wages. Experience certainly shows that a strike is financially justified only as a last-ditch extreme, when all else has failed, and from every viewpoint it is to be hoped that the time will come when fair settlements can be effected in all cases without resorting to costly stoppages.

One feature of these stoppages that deserves comment is that by and large they were weathered without any serious disorders. The CIO strike in the early fall had a dangerous side-issue in the situation on the Weyerhaeuser road, when AFL machinists returned to work, but that serious situation was finally ironed out with no actual violence. Otherwise, the CIO strike was passed without serious incident, and the longer AFL strike went through to the end entirely without disorder. All of this is to the credit of unionists in both camps, as well as to employers.

We think the experience of the last six months shows a disposition on the part of both unions and management in this area to get along together, giving and taking where necessary to harmony and fair bargains.

## News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—An editorial surveyor has reported 72 per cent of the newspapers approved Mr. Truman's fact-finding solution for labor claims at first, but suddenly turned around and in one week during December, (22 to 29), 65 per cent attacked the plan.

This he considered a strange and inexplicable turnover of public opinion, or press opinion, and he criticized it. He said the change came about when the Truman fact-finding board for General Motors was confronted with the union proposition of going into company profits to set future wages on this basis.

My analyst friend has simply been confused, mon's whom she had not seen for 38 years, and Texas. Woodley is a potato grower.

Bessie Hodges, manager for one and one-half years of the Safeway store, has returned to Merrill after a long visit with her relatives at Wappapello, Mo. Her mother, who has been seriously ill for some time, passed away while she was east. She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Fox by way of Vallejo where Mrs. Hodges visited a sister. She will spend this weekend in Ashland with Mrs. Inez Sowell, former Safeway employe. She will return to work January 21.

William Poe, former manager of Safeway here, has returned from service with the army and has been discharged after several months in Alaska. Mrs. Poe and their two children remained here during their period of service.

## VITAL STATISTICS

GALLAGHER—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., January 13, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gallagher, route 2 box 522, city, a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 3 ounces.

WRIGHT—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., January 13, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wright, 2106 Madison, a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

BARRETT—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., January 13, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens, 3330 Alhambra, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces.

LOVELAND—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., January 13, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Clin C. Loveland, Merrill, Ore., a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 9 ounces.

## Union Idea

THE idea of going into company profits of the past for a wage scale for the future was developed by the union in the General Motors case, merely because the company had war profits and the union wanted bigger wages. In the every-day similar steel case, the same CIO unions have taken an opposite stand because there were no steel profits.

Mr. Truman is now moving to increase the price of steel through Mr. Bowles in order to create money by which the steel companies can raise the union wages.

The simple truth is thus shown to be that the unions want a wage increase—for whatever reasons they can concoct, for the reason of profits in the General Motors case, for the opposite reason necessitating a price increase in the steel case.

This is the essence of the matter, and anyone who indulges himself in any economic reasoning about the matter is wasting his time. Thus the newspaper editorialists are proven by the facts to be right in changing their stand. The Truman fact-finding solution has been headed by union pressure into ascertaining company profits in the General Motors case. These are past profits, based on war business, and the manufacture of different products.

The union would be entirely logical if it demanded a distribution of these profits to the workers. That would make sense, but it is entirely illogical in contending that these past profits should measure the future wage scale, because the same profit is not guaranteed for the future.

Indeed, the profits of General Motors henceforth will be measured by entirely different considerations—the volume of production, the future cost of materials, the extent of sales, the effects of advertising, efficiency, and a thousand other factors. Past profits on war business have absolutely nothing to do with the case.

When the Truman fact-finding was turned into that illogical vein, naturally its advocates turned against it. They could not, in justice to simple reasoning, do otherwise.

## Concede Falsity

INDEED, the unions themselves concede the falsity of the profits basis of establishing future wages by repudiating their own motors doctrine in the case of steel.

A straight-forward, just application of fact-finding would have followed the principle of the brotherhoods example in the case of motors, steel, electrical workers and all others, computing the increase in living costs, measuring what increases in wages had been granted, subtracting these, and proclaiming a just, sound wage increase.

The trouble with the union case and the sympathetic administration handling of it is that no principle has been established. In one case the unions make one economic claim; in the other they make the opposite; and the administration tries to do their bidding in both instances. How then, could there possibly be anything else but confusion and strife?

What the situation requires is the establishment of a just principle, a common yardstick based on simple truths. The war administration had one in the little steel formula. The trouble then was a politically minded government, boldly sympathetic to any union cause, whatever it might be, corrupted the formula by secretly allowing wage increases in the guise of regrading, portal-to-portal, vacations-with-pay, and similar devices to defeat its own formula.

Everyone knows what this strike campaign is—a drive of the unions for a 30 per cent wage increase for any reason imaginable or unimaginable, valid or otherwise.

Frankly I think the comic strips and sport pages are more interesting these days. Do you think the new football league will be better than the old one?

## Merrill

William H. Wynant Jr., recently discharged at Fort Lewis from the army, arrived home Friday morning to join his wife, the former Irene Mattson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wynant. He served in the European theater with the 104th division of Timber Wolves and went through the Battle of the Bulge. He will resume his former work with the O. J. Harris blacksmith shop.

Glenn Hunnicutt, 24, who will have six years' service with the navy next March, spent the holidays here with his family. Twenty-four years old, he has seen a great deal of combat in the Pacific area. He may enlist he stated while here. A younger brother Vern, inducted just prior to the capitulation of Japan, has been sent overseas. He has a wife and two children in Portland.

Capt. Joe Wright of the army is at home in the Miller Hill district and although his discharge will not be final until late winter or early spring he has taken up farming again. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George Offield, Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Woodley, daughter June and Mrs. Woodley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harmon, Malin, arrived home Thursday night after an 8000-mile trip through the midwest and south. They spent some time in Kansas City and the former family home south of Wichita. The family gathered for a reunion Christmas Day. They returned by way of Arizona, New Mexico, where they visited a brother of Mrs. Har-

## Hager

Mrs. Rezona was shopping in Klamath Falls on Wednesday. Douglas Kohler was absent from school two days due to a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Radar eventually found a house to rent so the Radar family moved from here the first of the week. They have been staying with her sister, Mrs. I. Wright, and the children have been attending Henley grade school. Radar has recently been released from the navy.

Betty and La Vada Wright have been having the mumps. Mrs. Tony Gallettie called Wednesday at the Rezona home on Lakeview highway.

Sgt. Francis Hess was calling on the home folks here this week.

Thomas Hess on the USS Makin Island transport ship was home on a few days' leave last week.

Bob and Lorraine Coker finally have their car home after having it at the garage being overhauled since before Christmas.

The Frankford truck was delivering wood in this vicinity Tuesday.

Weekend Visit—Mrs. Blanche Barker, in charge of alterations at Craig's, spent the weekend in Roseburg.

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## SIDE GLANCES

Mr. Truman advocated the fact-finding solution of the experience of the railroad union brotherhoods, who have enjoyed its operation for more than 15 years. The idea of establishing a public concept of the facts, with 30 days' cooling down before strikes, in the case of the brotherhoods, never entered the question of how much the railroads were making.

## Bly

A large crowd attended the basketball game at the gym on Friday, January 4, between Merrill high and Bly. The Merrill team won by a score of 36 to 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison returned home January 2 after spending two weeks in the bay area. They attended the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena January 1.

Beverly Hanan, who has spent the past year with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Vern Hanan, left during Christmas vacation to make her home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and children are visiting at the Basil Hall home. Hank was recently discharged from service. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abel and children, who have made their home at Ivory Pine for several years, have moved to Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stillwell and children of Ivory Pine have moved to Klamath Falls. Stillwell plans to operate a Shell service station on S. 6th.

C. V. Lybrand is spending some time at Brigham, Utah, visiting his son and family. Mrs. C. Lybrand has been in Utah the past month. Mr. and Mrs. Lybrand expect to be able to bring their son Jay and his family home.

Mr. Abbott was a business visitor in Klamath Falls Wednesday.

Going South—G. A. Krause, who has been here for several days from Pasadena, Calif., where he and Mrs. Krause are spending the winter, will leave for the south Tuesday.

## Courthouse Records

Marriage License  
BRAHE-JONES—Paul Anker Brahe, 2014 N. 1st, native of Ontario, resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Mildred Jones, 19, telephone operator, native of Idaho, Dulles, Calif. Complainant Filed.

Nadine Walker vs. Elmer C. Walker, suit for divorce. Charge: cruelty and human treatment. Couple married October 1942, Dulles, Calif. Plaintiff asks restoration of maiden name of Nadine Petzet. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Decree Granted  
Lester L. Davis vs. Irene Jeanne M. Riebling. Charles L. Riebling, Duquesne, Pa.

## WEATHER

Eugene Max. 46 Min. 30 Precip. .00  
Klamath Falls 34 12 .00  
Portland 37 28 .00  
San Francisco 50 13 .00  
Seattle 45 32 Trace  
Medford 50 30 .00  
Red Bluff 61 30 .00

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Mostly clear today and tonight with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Warm, not a portion. Gentle variable wind off coast.

SHREVE—Increasing cloudiness today, with light rains in northwest portion tonight spread to north and west portions Tuesday. Not so cold in east portion tonight. Gentle southeast winds today becoming moderate southerly winds tonight.

## OBITUARY

JOHN PRESTON McCURDY  
John Preston McCurdy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston McCurdy, Malin, Ore., passed away in this city on Monday, January 14, 1946. Besides the parents, little John is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wright, Malin, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCurdy of Okemah, Okla. Graveside services will be held in the Malin cemetery, Tuesday, January 15, 1946 at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Glenn A. Morton of the Community Presbyterian church officiating. Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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## The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

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MADRID, Jan. 14.—There's a sense of keen public expectancy here in the Spanish capital in connection with reports that Don Juan, pretender to the Spanish crown, is negotiating for a return to the throne of his fathers.

These reports were given a sharp fillip yesterday when Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artojo, in a conference with the foreign press, confirmed that Don Juan and his wife would journey from Switzerland to Portugal to visit her aged parents. The latter live in Seville, but are going to Portugal for the meeting.

The foreign minister didn't suggest there was any political significance in this matter. So far as his announcement was concerned it was just a family affair. It was natural, however, that such a visit by Don Juan should be coupled in the public mind with restoration of the monarchy—which doesn't sound like such a bad guess at that.

Any way, that's the highly interesting situation your correspondent and his staff have encountered on dropping out of a wintry sky into the sunshine of Madrid after a flight over the lofty Pyrenees from Paris.

Most everybody in Madrid—likely in Spain, for that matter—is talking about the possible restoration of the monarchy. Rich and poor, aristocrat and peasant, all are rolling this bit under their tongues. And this is true whether they like the idea or whether they don't, because from whatever angle the question is viewed, it's a matter of tremendous importance for every citizen of Spain.

If this column could tell you how opinion is divided, it would do so. However, time alone can do that. Don't forget that much blood has been shed to find an answer. Heaven forbid that it should cost more blood to get a solution.

An astonishing aspect of the situation is that this public discussion is based on information which has been circulated by word of mouth, since the press has avoided the subject.

Indeed, much of the news of Spain itself comes from foreign sources—by radio from America and Britain, or through the bulletins which are issued by the American and British embassies and are given to the government and to the press. The Spanish newspapers don't print this information, but it

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has a way of spreading by the grapevine route and thus soon becomes public property in the far corners of the country.

We had an excellent illustration in connection with the foreign minister's announcement. The Madrid newspapers soon had word of the statement, but because it had been issued officially only the foreign press they discreetly avoided publication.

However, the highly developed grapevine telegraph got into action, with the result that the information was being widely discussed in a very short time.

## Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican January 11, 1906

Two companies are now planning street railways for Klamath Falls.

The city council has passed an ordinance levying a tax of \$2.50 a year for male dogs and \$5 for female dogs kept within the city limits.

From The Klamath News January 14, 1936

Mayor Willis Mahoney announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for U. S. senator on the Townsend platform. He will oppose Senator Charles L. McNary for the senatorial post if he wins the nomination.

City councilmen last night gave consideration to the installation of traffic signals here.

## Home Buying Vets Advised To Wait

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Veterans who want to buy homes, farms or businesses were advised today to wait for the improved clause in the GI bill of rights which, officials predicted, probably will be ready in March.

Robert B. Hurd, chairman of the Oregon Bankers' association committee on veterans' affairs, said the amended act would make loans much simpler and has more liberal terms. He forecast a "landslide of loan business" when new forms and regulations are complete.

Oregon bankers have received information on the new bill, Hurd said.

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