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Let's Call a Halt

The steel strike called three weeks ago by the United Steelworkers has shut down approximately 90 per cent of all production. This is a strike that was unwanted by the workers, by the steel companies, and by the paying-public. But the union heads have gotten the feeling that if they do not get wage increases for the workers periodically they will be replaced by someone who will. It has never occurred to them that they might educate the workers that they were already well off in being the highest paid of any organized workers in the United States, and that without an increase in the output, prices will keep spiraling and cause other products to rise in cost and create a vicious circle of both wages and prices increasing—that we call "INFLATION."

One of the most alarming ideas advanced as a reason for the wages being increased was that the steel companies had made so much money during the previous period. If McDonald, who heads the union, believes this alone is a good reason, he is advocating socialism. If the worker shares according to the profit take, he should share in any losses that might occur during any other period.

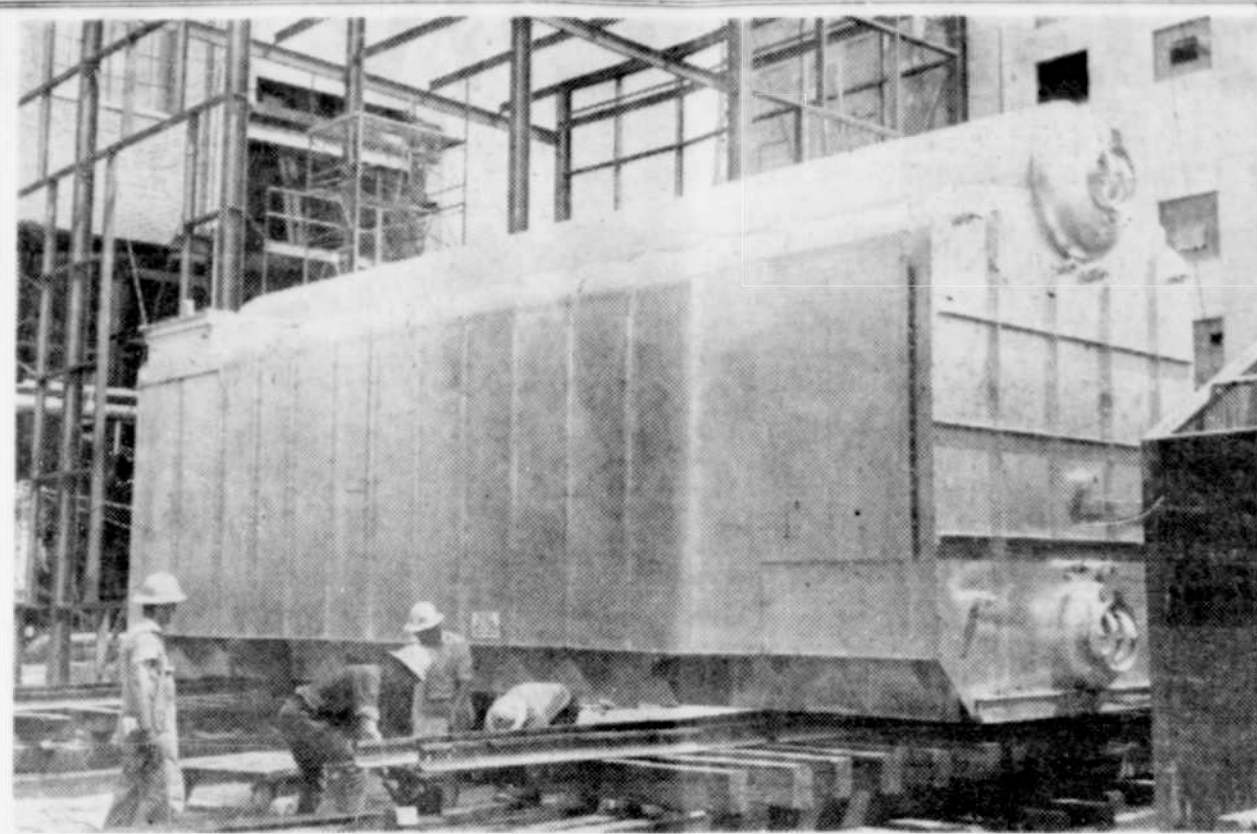
Paying wages based on previous profits would certainly create havoc for our economic structure. Should the BEET GROWER pay more for having his crop thinned or hoed this year than last because he made more money? Should the grocery clerk or bank teller be paid more because the boss worked harder, managed better, advertised more effectively and thereby netted more money? Shall LABOR also take over MANAGEMENT?

The steel industry has indicated that it intended to hold the line, unless forced to do otherwise by some government body stepping in and making a settlement mandatory. This is just what the union wants, and most observers think will happen. They think it will mean a slight increase in wages for the union, thereby saving face for McDonald, make steel prices higher and again saddle the paying public with the burden. This is a form of the creeping inflation that some economists think might be a good thing for us. A recent note of encouragement was a news item of strikers going back to work for the same wages after being out 13 months.

We do not know if the price of steel is higher than it should be. If our anti-trust laws are working properly, competition should take care of it. We are not opposed to unions as such but are opposed to increases of wages when not justified and made just so that the union heads will hold their jobs, or that political parties be in a position to be helped at election time.

We feel it is time that you ask your elected representatives to show enough courage to enact federal laws that will control the lawless elements of both the unions and industry. Public sentiment can do the job—remember the pension deal proposed some years ago, and more recently the decision of the U. S. Senate to open its payroll records for the public!

—T.M.B.



A NEW BOILER is moved into position at White Satin sugar factory as the plant's expansion and modernization program continues. The gas-fired boiler was shipped nearly intact by rail, and then "walked" into its permanent place at White Satin. Workers are, left to right, Raymond Pierce, Jack Moran, Lester Oden, and Delmer Points. —Schoen Photo.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Editor

Nyssa Gate City Journal

Recently Boise voted NOT to form a conileum district. If that election had been held this side of Snake river, about 320 people would have voted for it and 315 against it. The five majority would have forced all of us to be taxed to pay \$1,000,000 in bonds and interest. I am not sorry for the people who stay at home and sit on their hands when a bond or district election is held. But I do sympathize with the rest of us who may have voted and yet could be taxed to death by a small but determined minority.

Idaho has much better bond election laws than we do. It takes two-thirds majority over there to saddle a bond issue onto the tax-paying public. If two-thirds of the people want anything, they must really be willing to pay for it.

I remember when my daughter-in-law was on the election board when our school district voted \$34,000 in bonds. "Mother," she said, "only 17 people came out. They voted for those bonds. Of course, we needed that extra vote... but just think, \$2000 a vote! Somehow, that just isn't right." And it isn't right.

Road districts, school districts, union high school districts, fire districts, drainage districts, sewage districts, port authority districts, irrigation districts, cemetery districts, and now, maybe a bug district if the growers of

alfalfa seed feel strongly enough that their alkali bees are getting assassinated by poisonous sprays—all have the power to tax us. They are all right if enough people, at least two-thirds of the people, vote that they really need them. But they are all wrong if they are put over on us by a small and determined—and selfish—clique, has too often been done under our Oregon law. Idaho's law on this subject is much better than ours, I say again.

Now here is a subject that Granges, Farmer's Unions, Farm Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, all sorts of organizations who want to help the taxpayer, could set their teeth into. That would be of more account than reading last meeting's minutes, then adjourning to eat pie. Uphold the hands of our state senators and representatives on this subject. You know what they think.

OK, let's go!
 —ANNA D. S. PRATT

The Editor
 Gate City Journal
 Nyssa, Oregon
 Dear Editor:

At 2:50 p.m. on July 15, 1959, on U. S. highway 30 west of Meacham, Ore., my husband, Warren Kiltz, was involved in a motor vehicle accident. He was traveling east on a motorcycle when an automobile also going east collided with him. As a result of this accident, he lost his right leg and received other severe injuries which will completely alter his life. The other parties to the accident also of course have suffered great mental anguish.

Unfortunately, because of the lack of witnesses, it has been very difficult for us to determine the exact cause of this accident. There were several cars following the automobile which collided with my husband. The occupants of these cars all stopped at the time

of the accident and without exception, rendered valuable outside help. Because of his critical condition and the necessity of rushing him from the scene of the accident, it was not possible for anyone to obtain the names or addresses of these witnesses. They may reside anywhere.

I know that witnesses to any kind of highway accident or other tragedies are reluctant to involve themselves by coming forward with their stories. It is my hope, however, that persons who witnessed this accident will read this letter and now that they know their accounts of this accident are needed will come forward to help us. My husband is a twice-decorated combat veteran of the Korean war.

All mail concerning this accident should be addressed to Box 44, Pendleton, Ore. My husband and I and our two little children will be very grateful for any information.

Sincerely yours,
 Jeaneen Kiltz

To the Editor:

We would like to use the Journal columns to thank the following Nyssans for support given the American Legion Junior baseball team: Frank Morris, Ken Renstrom, Earl Bingham, Stringer Brothers, Damon Savage, Ray Huffman, Chet Sage.

Ham Chadderdon, Walt Ford, Jack Anderson, Eimer Jaques, Don Moss, Marv Jefferies, Fred Bennett, Bob Wilson, Bob Thompson, Harold Brendle, Tom Eldredge, Ed Mason, Don Graham and Shay Bybee. We would also like to thank the Eagles lodge.

—Ralph Lowe, Manager
 Dale Bingham, Coach

To sell, buy, rent, hire, etc., use The Gate City Journal classified page!

Rev. Foster Resigns; New Pastor Called

The Bible Missionary church called the Rev. Billy Hoof, Jackson, Miss., as their pastor, in a Sunday action. The Rev. Hoof will succeed the Rev. Lowell Foster who resigned to accept work in the evangelistic field as a minister-at-large throughout the United States.

The Rev. Foster has been pastor of the local church since its beginning as a revival at Fifth and Main in December 1956. The following month the group moved to the IOOF building until the pres-

ent building at Second and Beech was completed enough for church occupancy in November 1957. The Rev. Hoof will arrive in Nyssa to assume his duties sometime within the next few weeks.

CHRISTIAN MISSION CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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Church school Sunday mornings 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.

Young people's choir practice each Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.

The associated women's societies meeting Thursday afternoon, Aug. 13 at the church. Ruth circle is hostess. Mrs. Henry Moore will give the devotions, and Mrs. Charles Witty will show pictures and tell of her trip to Mexico. All ladies in the church and any others who might be interested are invited and urged to attend.

The Mariners' group will hold a picnic in the Parma city park following services this Sunday. Mariners members are urged to invite their friends to enjoy the dinner and swimming afterwards.

Methodist Church News

The Rev. Paul Ludlow, Minister
 Thursday, Aug. 6 (today), 2 p.m.—Woman's society of Christian service general meeting in the social hall. The program will be presented by Mrs. McPartland and the devotions by Mrs. Knoedler.

Friday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m.—Young adult fellowship will meet in the social hall. Clyde Snider will be the speaker. Refreshments and a social hour are planned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Devin. All young married couples are most cordially invited.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 9:30 a.m.—Church school for all.

11 a.m.—Worship service. Sermon topic—"Good and Evil in the Kingdom."

7 p.m.—MYF, MIF and older youth meetings at the church.

Episcopal Church Notes

St. Paul's of Nyssa Welcomes You!

Sunday, Aug. 9—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

9:30 a.m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

9:30 a.m.—Church school.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so generously fought the haystack fire and kept it from spreading to the buildings on the farm.—Hirai Brothers.

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Plastic Bag Use By Health Board

By Dr. Harold M. Erickson
 Oregon State Health Officer

We have just received a supply of an excellent new leaflet called "Plastic Film: Correct Use and Mis-Use," which will be available for free distribution through our office and those of local health departments around the state.

This leaflet was published by the Society of the Plastics Industry in cooperation with several national health, safety and industrial organizations, and of course is designed to help prevent any more tragic suffocations of children which have been so much in the news this year.

The leaflet makes two major points which should be remembered by every parent of small children: plastic film is not a plaything, and it should be destroyed once it has served its intended purpose. If not destroyed, the leaflet points out, children playing with the ultra-thin limp film could become enmeshed and suffocate.

Fortunately we have not yet had any such accidents reported in Oregon, although dozens of such fatalities have been counted elsewhere in the country by the U. S. Public Health service and the National Safety council.

As a public agency, the State Board of Health obviously does not recommend for or against the use of plastic or any other product which is safe when properly used. Protection of children against a plastic bag seems to me to be the province of parents, although the industry and health organizations certainly have the duty of calling potential hazards to their attention.

There are already countless products which potentially endanger children: medicines, cleaners, insecticides, polishes, electricity, and so forth. Potential danger is no reason not to use new and worthwhile products, but it is a very good reason for parents to think carefully about what they allow their children to play with.

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