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ONE-SIDED COMPULSION

"It is regrettable that the strike at the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at Kearny, N. J., should have ended in government seizure of the plant. Imperative as it was to get the plant going again, this particular method could have been avoided. The President, no doubt, could hardly have repudiated the recommendations of the Administration's own National Defense Mediation Board. He therefore places the responsibility for the seizure on the company for refusing to accept those recommendations.

"It may be argued, indeed, that it is the duty of both workers and employers to accept the decisions of the board, even when they feel those decisions to be not altogether just. But this assumes impartiality on the part of the board and a determination not to allow either side to exploit the existing national danger to its own advantage. Unfortunately, the decisions of the board have revealed a steady tendency in one direction—no lay off strikes by accepting the major demands of the strikers.

"The board also recommended in crucial cases the disruption of long-standing arrangements which should have been maintained during the emergency. It has refused to follow the wise example of the National War Labor Board of 1917, which adopted a statement of principles for the guidance of itself, of industry and of the workers. One of these principles provided for the only fair and sensible course when it froze existing closed or open shop arrangements in any plant for the period of the war. But in the Federal Shipbuilding case (as in some previous cases) the present board attempted to impose a limited closed or union shop where one had not previously existed. It recommended that any employee who is a member of the union, or hereafter becomes one, must maintain his membership in good standing or be discharged. It is this recommendation alone that the company rejected.

"There is a serious implication of the government's seizure of the Federal Shipbuilding plant which cannot be overlooked. That seizure can only strengthen the suspicion that the recommendations of the national Defense Mediation Board have become a form of compulsory arbitration—a one-sided form, however, which bears against the employer alone. By not accepting the recommendations of the board for the settlement of the strike, the company loses its plant. But no equivalent punishment has been meted out to any labor union which has refused to abide by or even to wait for the board's decision.

"John L. Lewis successfully defied the board even though it had handed down a recommendation enormously in his favor, and had not only supported an increase of \$1 a day in wages in the Northern bituminous mines, but one of \$1.40 in those of the Southern mines, to wipe out a long-standing differential. Mr. Lewis insisted on clauses . . . which the board recommended should be omitted . . . and he got them. In the case of the North American Aviation strike, the government 'crack-down' was not against the union which defied the board. The company's plant was seized, and the union was well rewarded for its strike by a recommendation by the board under which the company was asked to pay record-high wages for the aviation industry on the West Coast, and to grant the rebellious union a clause under which workers, as a condition of continued employment, had to retain membership in that union.

"What must be the eventual outcome of a system of one-sided compulsory arbitration of this sort, in which the government 'crack-down' on one side for rejecting its recommendations, but in effect rewards the other side for doing so?"—The New York Times.

DISGRACEFUL WAR PROFITEERING

The act of 1,250,000 railroad workers in authorizing a strike because impossible wage demands have not been met, presents the country with a dangerous defense problem.

The railway workers have deliberately refused mediation and arbitration. They have held tenaciously to wage demands which, if accepted in their entirety, would cost the railroad the sum of \$900,000,000 a year—more than 20 times the average income of the railroad industry 10 years ending 1940! They have said, in effect, that if the railroad and the government mediation board do not capitulate, a defense program which the very life of free, democratic government in the world may depend, will be brought to a standstill.

These railroad workers are the highest paid major working group in this country—and that means they are the highest paid in the world. Their hour and working standards are unsurpassed in any industry. An elaborate, government-enforced arbitration system exists to protect them against any injustice. Their wages are higher than in the boom year of 1929 even as their living costs are lower. Yet they vote for a strike—despite the need for accelerating the arms program, despite the President's declaration of an unlimited national emergency which demands the full, the unqualified cooperation of every American.

No one needs to be told what stoppage of rail transport would mean. The vast bulk of war production, no less than normal production, must move by rail and by rail alone. Thus, a railroad strike in this country would cripple the United States and his Axis then a dozen military victories in Europe. It is impossible to exaggerate the gravity of this situation; 1,250,000 highly paid, highly favored workers are threatening an out and out holdup strike against the safety of 130,000,000 Americans. This is a disgraceful example of war profiteering.

LOOK AT THE FACTS

Those who urge socialized medicine seem to bind themselves to facts. For the plain truth is that our system of private, independent medicine has been responsible for practically all of the great medical discoveries and advances of modern times.

It was independent medicine that discovered vaccination, developed abdominal surgery, and has practically abolished diphtheria and typhoid. It is independent medicine that has put tuberculosis, a disease which was once considered incurable and the harbinger of certain death, "on the run." It is independent medicine that has reduced childhood deaths and illnesses to but a fraction of what they were twenty or thirty years ago. And it is independent medicine which is making great strides in combating other bacterial killers.

Under a system of socialized medicine, the doctor is simply a creature of the state. The competitive urge—which makes for progress in every field of life—no longer exists. There is little opportunity for advancement. The security of his position depends on pleasing the politicians in power—not on the success with which he handles his practice. That is not theory—the history of socialized medicine in the many countries in which it has been tried, tells the story.

Americans have become the healthiest, longest-lived people on earth.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

Editor Allen Andrews, publisher of the American Eagle at Estero, is a friendly, kindly soul and can usually be counted upon to cooperate fully in any constructive effort.

Ordinarily he leads a calm and peaceful existence and it takes a lot to get him worked up to the point of flinging an editorial harpoon at anyone.

But even the worm will turn, we are told, and likewise the meekest and mildest of men can "stand just so much."

Last week, opening his mail, Allen found himself wading through a mass of press releases. Reaching over to pull the wastebasket a bit closer so that he could handle them in the routine manner, his eye caught to catch the words "waste paper."

Staying the hand that was automatically editing the mimeographed sheet to the yawning receptacle, he took time to read and ponder over the following appeal from his government:

"Washington, D. C.: Waste paper now joins the nation's parade of defense needs, it was announced Saturday night by officials of the office of Production Management.

"A national collection campaign, conducted by the waste paper consuming industries and supported by the OPM, will begin this week in New York City, Chicago and Milwaukee. Thereafter the program will spread to other cities . . . households, small business houses and industries will be asked to save waste paper."

Allen looked at his desk all cluttered up with official looking envelopes all stuffed with gobs of carefully folded sheets of "waste paper." Then he gazed upon his trusty waste basket, filled to overflowing with similar material. It was too much. Shorting like a corker, he yanked the offending message back from oblivion, spread it out before him, and reached for his battered typewriter.

Allen, along with other patriotic fellow citizens, had voluntarily contributed his share to the national aluminum pile; to the extent of his ability he was buying Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps; he had even gone along with Harold Ickes and his screwball gas-saving program. But when his government deliberately bombarded him with gobs and gobs of waste paper and then admonished him to please save it for 'em, that was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Choosing language "fit to print" with difficulty, that humble country editor pointed out that from countless governmental departments, "bureaus, boards, committees and commissions, he received a never-ending flow of so called "news" releases. So much, in fact, that if some enterprising statistician were to gather it all up and lay it end to end it would probably reach from hell to breakfast.

Practically every governmental bureau today has its own publicity men whose job it is to sing the praises of the particular activity with whom he or they may be employed. Their job is to disseminate propaganda and publicity material that the experienced "news hawk" and news gathering agencies won't handle. To justify their existence they must keep typewriters clicking and multigraphs humming.

As Allen points out, if the "waste waste paper" campaign were started in Washington and instead of dumping tons and tons of this trash in the mails each day, trucks could be sent from office to office and bureau to bureau to collect and bail it as fast as it comes from the mimeograph, it would probably go a long way toward solving the paper shortage, would be just as effective from the standpoint of results, and at the same time would tend to relieve the overburdened mails.

Clothing his editorial peeve, Allen says: "Calls from Washington to the people of these United States will have little effect while wholesale waste of perfectly good paper is permitted to continue from state and federal departments. Under existing circumstances, such an economic policy is like saving at the pigst and wasting at the bughouse. First stop this weekly avalanche of press dope that nobody reads, and there will be little need to call on business men and housewives to save the waste paper that accumulates in homes and places of business."

Koo - Koo

By - Poters



"Pardon me, Miss, but your bathing suit is showing."

Tuneful Comedy Is Coming To Theatre Here Sun. and Mon.

With five new tunes added to a story that was already famed for its meritment, "Kiss the Boys Goodbye," the Paramount film version of the Broadway stage comedy, arrives Sunday at the Park Theatre.

The film stars Don Ameche and Mary Martin, and features in its superior cast such always-welcome

entertainers as Oscar Levant, the musical genius and information expert of radio's Information, Please; Virginia Dale, one of Hollywood's comeliest and most talented singers and dancers, Connie Boswell, the singing star of the Bing Crosby radio hour, and Rochester, temporarily forsaking his boss of radio and films, Jack Benny. The film is especially endowed with good luck, for it was directed by Victor Schertzinger, the man who has given us such topnotch film musical and laugh bits as "Road to Sing-

apore" and "Road to Zanzibar." It need hardly be pointed out that all this is indeed an impressive array of talent. Incidentally, the five new tunes heard in the picture are the products of the music-writing ability of the same Mr. Schertzinger who directed the comedy, and the considerable lyric-writing talents of Frank Loesser, who has penned the words to many a hit number. In case you've forgotten, Schertzinger happens to be the fellow who wrote such memorable songs as "Marquita," the music for such pictures as "One Night of Love" and many others.

The songs which have been concocted by the Messrs. Schertzinger and Loesser are "Kiss the Boys Goodbye," "Find Yourself a Melody," "Send in My Shoes," "I'll Never Let a Day Pass By" and "My Start." No doubt we'll hear them sung by the lyrical larynxes of Don Ameche, Mary Martin, Connie Boswell and Rochester, who, incidentally, has a dance to go with it, according to information reaching this desk. Of course, we can also expect Oscar Levant, pianist extraordinaire, to tickle the ivories in his inimitable fashion.

Citrus Growers Had Meeting Thursday

Members of the Avon Park Citrus Growers Association and others met Thursday night at the Tourist Club house and heard W. L. Burton talk on the "Fits of the Citrus Industry." Mr. Burton has made an extensive study of the citrus business and believes that Florida has a good chance to capture the orange market if production costs and freight rates can be cut. He had charts showing how citrus fruit is consumed among the different classes of the population. Visitors included County Agent Louis Alamyner and District Robbs of Sebring, A. J. Abner of Babson Park and others from Babson Park and Frostproof.

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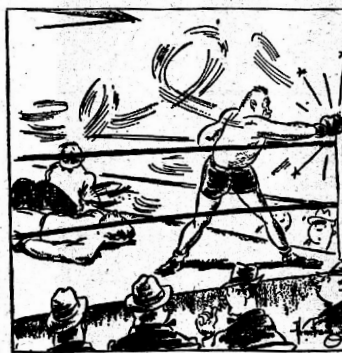


By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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1. Approximately how many members has the British house of Lords?
2. What is a euphemism?
3. What is meant by the French phrase 'a la vie'?
4. What was the nationality of the traveler Marco Polo?
5. Nemesis, the avenging deity of the ancient Greeks, was represented as what, man, woman, or beast?
6. What river supplies the water by which the Panama canal locks are operated?
7. The science of pomology deals with what?
The Answers
1. Seven hundred and forty.
2. A mild name for something disagreeable.
3. Opposite.
4. Italian (Venetian).
5. Woman.
6. The Chagres.
7. Fruit.

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