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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Taft's Anti-Inflation Bill Flaps on Steel, Wage Hikes

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's anti-inflation bill has come home to roost right on the Ohio Republican presidential candidate's high, intellectual dome. The bill is now seen to be totally inadequate to deal with the recent \$5-a-ton rise in unfinished steel, quotations and third round wage increase which this price rise helps along. Where the inflationary spiral may lead from here nobody knows for sure. But in the light of postwar history, it isn't too hard to speculate on.

Last Nov. 17 President Truman sent the special session of Congress recommendations for a 10-point program to control inflation. Point No. 10 was: "To authorize price ceilings on products in short supply which basically affect the cost of living (food, clothing, fuel, rent) or industrial production, and to authorize such wage ceilings as are essential to maintain price ceilings."

Senator Taft took to the air waves that same night to blast this "police state proposal" as meaning "the end of economic freedom." In the next ten days, however, three cabinet members told Congress what they would do with the powers the President had asked for. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson said he would put controls on meat. Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug said he would control oil and gasoline. Secretary of Commerce said he would fix lumber, farm machinery and steel prices.

When it came to a showdown in Congress, however, Senator Taft had his way. The so-called Taft anti-inflation act was a much watered down affair. It granted only three of the President's ten points. They were extension of export and transportation controls for a year and authorization for food production and conservation programs at home and abroad.

For extra measure the Taft bill authorized the government to promote voluntary agreements in industry, business and agriculture for the allocation of scarce materials. But price fixing and wage fixing of any kind were strictly prohibited.

After the passage of his bill Senator Taft said that the President now had all the power he needed to control inflation. How wrong Taft was should now be apparent even to him.

The chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, Taft has had to call in U. S. Steel's President Ben Fairless, Bethlehem's A. B. Homer and others to ask why they did this terrible thing of raising unfinished steel prices at this time.

"We have a serious problem in this rising spiral of prices and wages," Taft lectured Fairless. "How can we hope for no wage increases if we have increases in basic steel prices?"

At one point Taft asked Fairless if he didn't agree that this rising spiral would result in disaster? Fairless had to admit that it would.

Well, maybe the time to have done some worrying about such things was last November. Or a year ago last November. Taking rationing controls off sugar last October was a gamble, but it worked out all right. Congressional committees have spent over three months trying to make up their minds on rationing controls for metals. They have finally decided to take a chance on getting by without controls.

Congress is still monkeying around with rent controls. The extension to March 31 is just a breathing spell in which the congressmen hope they can find an excuse for ending rent controls.

Numerous congressional committees have been stewing about fuel oil shortages, the gray market in steel and the increase in housing costs. It is hindsight and second guessing to say that all these problems might have been solved if the country had been willing to accept price and wage controls. But it's true.

THE SCOREBOARD

Mack Likes Hungry Players, Tries to Keep Them That Way

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—(NEA)—Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy prefers his ballplayers hungry, and down through the years the only manager the Athletics ever had has done his best to keep them that way.

The war and postwar years have been lush, but Mr. Connie Mack still has to break up two championship clubs because he owed the bank money—\$400,000—when Cochrane, Foxx, Grove and that bunch went in 1932 and '33.

Naturally, Mr. Mack hopes baseball attendance will continue to soar. But if things ever get back to what he considers normal, the venerable leader of the Philadelphia Athletics is quite sure that the rich men in the game will rapidly grow tired of paying exorbitant salaries.

"After he had owned the Yankees for 19 years," says Mr. Mack, "Jacob Ruppert asked me: 'Where's all that money they told me there was in baseball?' Alva Bradley told me the Cleveland club lost \$100,000 a year for eight straight years."

Mr. Mack noted how rapidly the affluent Dick Muckerman unloaded in St. Louis when the Browns didn't attract enough paying guests to the ushers.

Mr. MACK sent one of the young A's a contract calling for \$8000. The young man returned it, explaining that a parchment dealing out that little lettuce didn't mean a thing these days. He couldn't live on it, he claimed. He gave Mr. Mack until the following Monday to make another offer.

"It's too bad you can't live on \$8000 a year," Mr. Mack wrote the athlete. "I suggest you waste no more time. Tell your off-season employer that he can have your services all spring and summer, too." The player was the first one in camp here.

Starting his 65th consecutive year in baseball—think of it—the first thing Mr. Mack did was reserve Rudy York a room on the sixth and top floor of the West Palm Beach hotel in which the A's are quartered. Mr. Mack's suite is on that floor.

With Ferris Fain having submitted to a second operation on his right knee, York becomes increasingly important in the Athletics' plans. The huge Indian may have to do all the first-basing.

It will be recalled that York's penchant for falling asleep with a lit cigar in his mouth helped get him out of Boston and Chicago last season. That and the fact that he didn't, or couldn't, get in condition. He was yanked from a burning hotel room in the dead of night in Boston in the nick of time, then brought out the fire apparatus in Chicago.

"With Rudy on the top floor, I'll have a chance to get out myself," laughs Mr. Mack.

Mr. Connie Mack hasn't lost his sense of humor, which is not the least reason why even the worst of the Athletics never got on his nerves.

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Women Branch Out In West

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UP)—Out here in the West, where men are men, women are beginning to move in and take over, despite a three-to-one preponderance of males in some places. Both the city and county clerks

in this county seat are women, as are the court reporters for the two municipal judges. Two members of the fairer sex recently passed the Nevada bar examination and have hung out their shingles in Las Vegas.

The latest blow to male supremacy came with the candidacy of a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Las Vegas to the board of directors of the chamber of commerce.

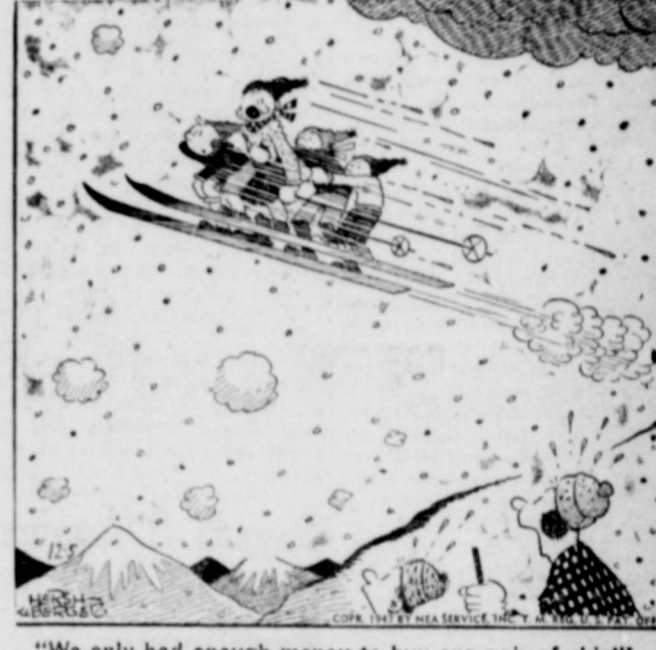
In Catholic history, the "Great Schism" occurred in 1378 when two Popes were elected by rival factions.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



FUNNY BUSINESS



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



ANSWER: Sargasso Sea, 2,500,000 square-mile area of floating seaweed in the Atlantic.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Committee Chairman, Horizontal, and Vertical words.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



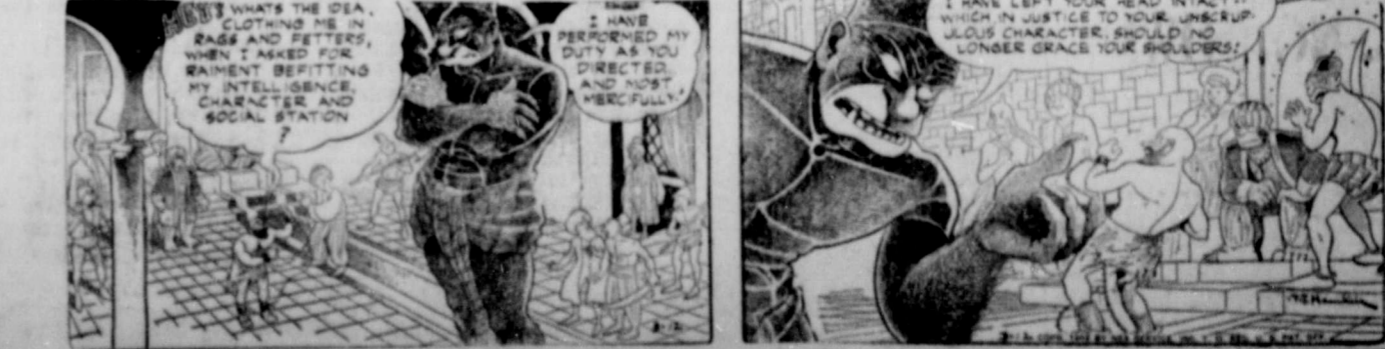
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MINIER, Ill. (UP)—The two-way radio is being used in the hardware business here. Edwin and George Schertz, who own a hardware company, have set up a 50-watt FM station to contact their crews of maintenance and installation workers. Eventually, they plan to equip more than 10 company trucks with mobile transmitter-receiver sets. "We'll use them mostly to answer workmen's questions when they're out on a job," the Schertzes say. The sets also will be used to send repair teams to new jobs.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ranger Times is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT (Unexpired term) H. C. (Carl) Elliott

FOR SHERIFF (Reelection) J. B. Williams

Ask Striks Vote



O. A. Knight, President of Oil Workers International Union (CIO), has sent a nationwide strike vote to 10,000 employees of Sinclair Refining Co. after a breakdown of negotiations in New York. The Union asked general wage increase of 30 cents per hour to oil workers, (affecting some 100,000 O W I U members throughout the nation.) Knight says he feels the Refining Co. will meet their demands and he doesn't anticipate a strike. However, he sent a letter to company officials, advising that present working agreement will terminate on July-1. (NEA Telephoto).

Minnesota Prospers
 ST. PAUL (UP)—Total Jan. 1, 1948, livestock and poultry value on Minnesota farms was \$323,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent over a year ago and nearly 90 per cent more than for the previous 10-year period.

FRENCH REDS, RIGHTISTS BOTH HAVE ARMS STORED

By Dudley Harmon
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 PARIS (UP)—Nearly three years after the war's end, both Communists and right wing groups have "important" stocks of arms hidden throughout France, an authoritative source told the United Press.

The arms include such large-scale weapons as tanks and cannon. Many of the latter were part of the Normandy coast defenses. After the war the government sold them to "ironmongers" for melting down purposes, but part are believed to have found their way into the hands of political groups.

"We know that the Communists have stocks of arms and it is quite possible that right wing groups have also," the source said. Both Communists and extreme right wingers accuse the other of concealing weapons for a coup d'etat. The government has unearthed several caches, usually as the result of a denunciation by a member of the group hiding them. But it does not know how many remain, or if it does, is unwilling to reveal details.

A shortage of ammunition would make an uprising difficult, however, according to information available. Ammunition lags far behind the stocks of arms, chiefly because it deteriorates quickly and is difficult to manufacture outside a factory. "Molotov cocktails" are about the only explosive which can be manufactured "in the home circle."

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During the strikes here earlier this winter, several workers at the Renault factory were injured when "cocktails" on which they were working blew up.

Today an unauthorized person cannot buy arms, under French law. The clandestine stocks on hand some from three sources: Part were seized from Vichy and German sources by the underground. Others were parachuted into France by the British Royal Air Force.

A considerable number came from American soldiers who sold their weapons on the black market. Most are hidden in the country—some were found even in a convent.

Officials of the ministry of the interior deny that any arms are being parachuted into France today despite frequent reports from peasants of "mysterious white lights" and "planes circling fields at two in the morning." They compare such stories to "those flying saucers."

Parliament Party members in the English Civil War of the 17th century were called "roundheads" because they wore their hair clipped close.

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BOSTON (UP)—Despite Arab-Jewish conflict in the hills of Galilee, the American Christian Palestine Committee has begun planting a memorial forest near Nazareth honoring 1,250,000 Jewish children killed by the Nazis.

Dean Howard M. LeSourd of Boston University, director of the committee, said donations for 4,000 trees have been received.

"We hope to memorialize the tragic deaths of the European youngsters by beautifying the hills where Jesus played as a child," Dean LeSourd said. "We have no specific goal for the project, though we would like to have a tree for every child who was killed."

Cedar, cypress, fig and carob trees are being planted, as well as other trees mentioned in the Bible.

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EVANSTON, Ill. (UP)—More people should read for practical pleasure instead for practical purposes, says Jean H. Hagstrum, assistant professor of English at Northwestern University.

Hagstrum said there was an increase of 10 to 15 per cent in the nation's reading during 1947, but a decrease in the reading of fiction.

"If the present trends continue,

the art of reading for pleasure, is likely to die out in America," he said.

"The danger is that people look upon reading more and more as a utilitarian function," Hagstrum said. "Practical reasons, such as the housing shortage or psychology, are all right but they should not choke out reading for pure enjoyment."

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Hospital News

Larry Munnerlyn has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Mrs. R. B. Wymer has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she has been a medical patient.

Dorman Wayne Anderson of Olden, who was treated for a broken knee, has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Joe Daskevich, who has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital, has been released.

Mrs. J. W. Burch has returned to her home in Notrees, Texas, from the West Texas Hospital where she received medical treatment.

Naomi Stedman of Olney has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

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Twelve Die In Crash



Firemen use searchlights to examine wreckage of a Delta Airlines plane that crashed on takeoff from the Chicago airport. Four crew members and eight of the nine passengers aboard were killed. (NEA Tele-photo).

Howard H-D Club Winner Of \$15.00 Contest Prize

The expansion and exhibit committee of the County Home Demonstration Council sponsored an expansion and exhibit contest for Home Demonstration clubs beginning May 1, 1947 and ending Jan. 1, 1948. A prize of \$15.00 to be given to the winning club. Contest was judged on score card and story submitted by each club.

The Howard Home Demonstration club was winner. Highlights of club report and score card follow.

Report was submitted by Mrs. Cora Sparks.

The Howard Home Demonstration club was organized Feb. 9 with 5 members. 13 new members were added during the year. Four communities Mountain, Tudor, Desdemona, and Greenhorn were reached by planned expansion. The club president attended all but one council meeting and the council delegate attended all council meetings. 15 of the 18 members attend council at least once during the year and 42 visitors attended during the year. Some members attended each training meeting by the Home Dem. Agt. and gave the demonstration back to the club.

The club carried out every program planned for the year. Programs included lighting, Party refreshments, New Foods, foundation plantings, personal grooming, machine clinic and use of attachments, improvements of lawns, making of corsages, frozen foods, selection of electrical equipment. In study program studied social security for Farm Families, and carried out the reading program of THDA.

The club had 21 meetings during the year with attendance of 201. "We tried to make each meeting interesting and entertaining," says Mrs. Sparks. Almost every member has been on the program and all members have served on a committee.

The club had a social once a month for families and club members. The achievement event was held at the October Family night. In expansion work club also sent a box of clothing to a destitute family in Talcoban, Leyte, P.I.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Morgan and children in Gordon Thursday evening.

Eston Harbin of Snyder spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Carter and family.

News Items From Morton Valley

Mrs. J. R. Hale is visiting her son, Red this week. Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Hale are the parents of a son, born last week.

R. W. Murray of Carbon, visited in the home of Mrs. I. J. Tyrone last Sunday. Mrs. Murray, who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. I. J. Tyrone returned to Carbon with Mr. Murray where she will visit.

Mrs. C. T. Brockman and daughter visited Mrs. Brockman's father, W. W. Manning Saturday afternoon.

Buster Wheat, who has been a patient in the Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado,

Charges Russia With Aggression



Lashing out at Russia, Jan Papanek, Czechoslovakia's chief United Nations delegate, formally asked that the United Nations Security Council charge Soviet Russia with aggression in his country as a result of the Communist coup there. (NEA Telephoto).

is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wheat and family. He will go to Legion to the Veterans Hospital this week-end for a check-up.

Cpl. Bobby Lee Emfinger who is stationed at Fort Mason at San Francisco California, arrived Monday night for a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Emfinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix of Ibe visited Mr. and Mrs. John Nix last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and little daughter of Lubbock visited Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Thompson last week-end.

Miss Dorothy Jean Tankersley spent Monday night in Eastland with Miss Wardene Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Casey and children of Ranger visited in this community last Monday evening.

Pfc. G. W. Tankersley and family visited relatives here last week-end. Pfc. Tankersley is stationed at Camp Hood. His wife and sons will remain in Ranger for six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockman Jr., of Ft. Worth visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockman Sr., and family last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Merriman, and Dorita Harbin visited Mr. and

Mrs. Rena Parsons is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. E. E. Warren has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she underwent minor surgery.

Mrs. Steve Gideon and baby son, which was born Wednesday, March 10, in the West Texas Hospital, have been removed to their home.

D. E. Turner of Eastland is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Ellen Cole of Gordon has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Don Hamilton of Cisco is a patient in the West Texas Hospital where he underwent major surgery.

Mrs. Joe McIlvain is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. E. C. Huff has returned to her home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital where she was a medical patient.

C. J. Renken has undergone major surgery at the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Roark is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Personals

Pat Owen of Eastland was visiting in Ranger today.

Mrs. James Campbell and daughter, Carol, of Hugo, Oklahoma, are guests of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Adamson.

Bill Guess has returned to Levelland where he is working, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guess.

Mrs. S. B. Baker and Mrs. J. J. Kelly have returned from Amarillo where they attended the wedding of their granddaughter and niece, Barbara Baker, to Mr. O. W. Wright. The formal wedding took place in the Presbyterian church.

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Will Van Geem, who has been quite ill, is improving. He is at their home on West Moss Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Allison and little daughters, Carol Ann and Dana Kay, have returned safely to their home in Downey, California, after their visit here and attended the funeral of his uncle W. I. Allison. They visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Geem, West Moss St.

Mrs. Ebbie Lee and son, Eugene of Lamena, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Butler.

Mrs. Maud Lisinbee of Cisco was a guest in the home of Mr.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME

Jeanne Crain Dan Dailey

and Mrs. C. M. Murphy Sunday and was present for the birthday dinner honoring Mr. Murphy.

Mrs. Will Van Geem was a Memorial Wells visitor Thursday.

Mrs. R. F. Jones, North Seaman Street, has been ill with a cold.

Mrs. Charlie Fetti and brother Ed Sanders of Dallas were recent guests in the homes of Mrs. Frank Castleberry and Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Miss Verna.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry are expecting their children home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright of Kermit were recent guests of her sister, Mrs. Jess Taylor.

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