

The Path To Prosperity

THE ideal of American industry has always been maximum production and minimum cost, dependent upon the labor and both guaranteeing an adequate return to owner and worker.

The leaders of American industry, however, are not lost sight of the ideal. And the words of its leaders can be taken at face value.

Undertaking a nation-wide "productivity review" the trade magazine Mill & Factory and all the nation's top industrialists in agreement with Secretary of Commerce

hand. Management and labor, since V-J Day, have been far too eager to fight each other, instead of striving for harmony and understanding.

And none of the industrialists could quarrel with the statement of Robert J. Watt, international representative of AF of L.

The difference between words and deeds is considerable. Of course on management side of the question there are disturbing signs of collusion to maintain prices

All those who participated in Mill & Factory's survey accepted this as the nut of our present economic problem. In 1941, after an almost unbroken rise for the past 100 years,

Teaching Is Still A Profession

THERE have been few teachers' strikes. In fact they have been so spectacular that they have led to the fear that the teachers are drifting toward militant unionism in their quest for adequate pay.

"Teachers unions are born of desperation and thrive on catastrophe," Joy Emerson writes in the current NEA Journal.

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salaries, submerge themselves in the trade union movement to a great deal of their independence will be lost. They cannot employ the weapon of the trade unionist—the strike—without also adopting the mass discipline that makes it effective.

The teachers' determination to cling to their professional standards is heartening. At the moment they are, as we have observed here before, bearing more than their fair share of the burden of maintaining the public school system—staying at their jobs even though their salaries are far below those prevailing in comparable professions.

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Another Look At Huey Long

WE are not certain how the late Joseph P. Pulitzer would have looked upon the words given in his name this year, but they seem to us to be in accord with his views. As Miss Morgan writes, at least, he put out of fashion and it is quite appropriate that the committee found the most distinguished editorial writing of the year.

The critics frequently differ with the Pulitzer winners in their literary awards, but they just will agree, we think, that Robert Emmet Warren's All The King's Men had few competitors for first honors in 1946. Mr. Warren is a Southerner and his eloquent and well-employed Southern diction is a choice to tell again the story of Huey Long which has attracted a half dozen of its contemporaries.

his environment. This, we think, gives All The King's Men its special importance. The Huey Long's pass from the scene, but the system that produced them survives.

It seems to us the Huey Long saga can't be recounted too often. It represents an excellent example of the kind of man we can understand Huey Long we can understand the system itself. We are particularly proud of the system itself. We are particularly proud of the system itself.

Another Voice

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The elimination of price controls has had the sorry consequences predicted by Mr. Bowles. But what can we say now except "You were so right, Chester—and we were so tired of it all."

In the Spring the AFL's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the old romance with the CIO. Just as it is, however, these two will be strangers again by June.

'Cat Got Your Tongue?



People's Platform Loan For Mohammed?

Editors, The News: I HAVE sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

Now it is settled that we are going to loan Greece and Turkey \$450,000,000 authorized by the Congress, not for rehabilitation as was first maintained but for the Turkish and Greek armies.

Now, Mr. Truman sent Mr. Hoover to those countries to ascertain how many loaves of bread they needed, and in response to that request Mr. Hoover went and then made his report. He detailed the awful suffering that was prevailing in Greece.

Now, as to the Greeks, they have every kind of a God, both good and bad, but our taste, for instance, is the God of the sea, it makes no difference whether she wants bread or cures we must pay and keep the Greeks going in order to stave off Godless Russia.

OF course, these new and strange gods are going to be expensive and this seemingly large gift is only a beginning, and in the end it will be billions, together with the loss of millions of our brave young men, the noble and grandest soldiers that ever cared for the rights of battle.

Interpretation Editors, The News: MONROE The People's Platform on April 30, P. A. E. is a published statement by the Rev. Mr. Sasser before 30 pastors of various denominations at the First Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Sasser based his opposition to liquor stores and saloons in connection with the proposed aid to Greece and Turkey on the basis of the Bible and the Ten Commandments.

Drew Pearson's: Lobbyists Protect Accused Tax Dodger

WASHINGTON FOR about ten years, Raymond Patenote, millionaire grandson of James Elmore, late owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer, has been voluntarily exiled from the United States. During at least half of that time the U. S. Government has been in the hands of him in connection with an \$8,000,000 tax fraud.

Now, very quietly, Raymond Patenote has come back to the U. S. He slipped in by way of Latin America and has been trying to pry loose \$3,000,000 of his money which the Government has frozen in the vaults of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Despite the fact that the Patenote family is charged with tax evasion in connection with the Treasury Department for criminal prosecution, even while in exile, certain lobbyists are none plucky wits to let the family off.

Canada Revealed Fraud THE charge of fraud against Alford is based on the fact that he went to France shortly after 1930 and prepared a tax return for Mrs. Eleanor Patenote, daughter of James Elmore, stating that her income for the year 1930 was only \$28,236.14.

Later came the war, and under a wartime agreement between the United States and Canada the Canadian Government revealed to the U. S. Treasury that on March 4, 1930, payments were made to the Royal Bank of Canada

Marquis Childs A Test At The Polls

WASHINGTON AN election that is a sure promise in the near future to provide a significant test on at least one of our severe troubles is the most Americans in this time of our "unrest."

It was made of the Democratic victory in the Chicago majority election and of the very close contest in Wisconsin, where the Republican Second District.

What happens in the Third Congressional District of Washington is likely to get even more important.

It is New World's weekly pasteurized article with a banner headline that Savage was a follower of Henry Wallace.

Samuel Grafton Force Versus Ideas

THE Republican New York Herald Tribune makes a bright point when it comments on the fact that the FBI has the money it wants while killing the State Department program in Washington.

POINT NOT MADE But the point the Herald Tribune does not make is that this increased emphasis on the police instead of on the free exchange of ideas is showing up in a remarkable way in the domestic field as well as in foreign affairs.

FOR the blind CHARLOTTE Editors, The News: WE wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Martha Azer for the magnificent job she did in writing up the Charlotte Lions Club program for the visually handicapped.

JOHN L. STICKLEY, President, Charlotte Lions Club. The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, on one side and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name—Editors, The News.

PROTECTING THE Marines A HUSH-HUSH meeting between General Eisenhower and Marine Corps General Alexander Vandegrift took place recently which may affect the Armed Forces Merger Bill.

Hope Diamond On The Loose FOR several hours the famous Hope Diamond and other valuable jewels of the late Mrs. Evelyn Wain Murphy, who died in 1934, were in the pockets of Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy.

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It will come to the choice between a Republican and a Democratic candidate, the Democrats will work for the election on the drastic cuts in Congressional appropriations for public power, for reclamation and conservation. They will put the blame on the Republican majority in Congress.

Republican members of Congress from the great Northwest are interestingly they were to meet the cuts but were powerless to do so. The Democrats, however, intend to make use of the veto in the House which they take as a test of intention on restoring the money slashed out of the Department of the Interior appropriation. On that vote, Rep. Henry M. Jackson was the sole representative from Washington recorded for restoring the appropriation. Jackson is the Washington's sole Democrat in the House to survive last year's Republican sweep.

The election in the Third District should, therefore, furnish something of a test on the Republican economy program. While the Republican front in Washington may seek to qualify their own stand it is clear that the Republican economy program is a follow-up on a full campaign in clipping each request that comes from the Administration. More often than not, the requests are made by an axe rather than a pair of shears.

MORSE LEADS FIGHT Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon has introduced a bill to force the Republicans in the Senate is leading a fight to resolve the cuts in the appropriation for the new Bonneville Dam project. Morse says that the big new aluminum plants actually being built are not nearly as power available as he is frank in saying that the power interests in the East and public power to develop the great Northwest.

One might murmur that something like the same trend shows up in the current Congressional attack on the program of public power between management and labor has been established on a pretty fair basis. The program has been public enlightenment and a gradually enriched body of experience; it has shown, incidentally, there is a veering off in the direction of force.

It is as if a hand had suddenly appeared to knock down or block a discussion; trade union practices are to be disrupted, the closed shop is to be abolished, the right of free association, painfully reached, is to be taken up, and peace is to be made a matter of American opinion rather than of custom and consent. That is the kind of one-way trend of which the Herald Tribune has noted one small aspect, can fairly be traced down this far, I think; for here, too, there is that characteristic new impatience with intellectual procedure that is so common on some quiet day.

RELIANCE ON MUSCLE AND NEW reliance on muscle and a new dependence on force in the operations in climate, pervasive and subtle, and strangely complex. Occasionally, the new reliance on force and our democratic ideas are very good ideas, and perhaps the strongest evidence of our faith in the future, but the cry is discarded, like that of the old days, that there are more to listen than there were some months or years ago.

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