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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON MOST people don't realize it, but the new wage bill most granted the miners... Most people don't realize it, but the new wage bill most granted the miners (which John L. Lewis didn't like) makes them the third highest paid wage group in the U. S. A.

Only wage groups getting better pay than the miners are (1) auto-workers and (2) transportation equipment workers, which means aircraft, shippers, locomotives.

Honest Harold

Interior Secretary Harold Ickes is known far and wide as "Honest Harold," but he will be embarrassed to learn why a young lady refused a hitch-hike offer in his automobile.

"No, thanks," was the reply. As the car drove off, the young ladies suddenly recognized the man who had offered them a ride. It was none other than "Honest Harold."

War Labor Row

Some pretty hot words were exchanged privately among members of the War Labor Board during the coal wage dispute. They were chiefly attacks by AFL members, led by George Meany, against the WLB members representing the public.

The Cold Stove

By Dorman Smith



Up. GOP!

Victories In Off-Year Races Show a Political Swing

The Republicans, who reduced Congressional outposts in last year's ambush, have made history and long strides in the off-year elections, and that is a sign of sorts. The simplest conclusion is that the President and his Administration do not enjoy the best wishes of the land.

They did not mark their specific preferences on the ballots, not even in Kentucky, where Republican gains were so acutely prominent. But they might have done so. Thousands might have made their mark by a Republican name, muttering as they did so: "Dread that OPA!"

"Bureaucrats!" "Gas rationing!" "Eggs 70 cents a dozen!" "My husband gone to war!"

The list likely goes on forever, with the signs of a trend about it. And, after so long, almost every American discovers that, after all, he has some complaint. Businessmen who are rolling in their highest income doubtless feel resentment toward the administration because of galling restrictions.

That is not to say, of course, that Mr. Roosevelt is doomed. There are complaints against him, yes. Even strong ones. But, in the long run, the one overriding fact is that the administration has saved the national economy, can, somehow, complain of their individual cases. But, whatever the little causes, they add up to one big current of protest. This is not idle guessing. It is not gossip. It is on record, with the election boards.

Though in a position to count it as they went along, the globe-trotting Senators have neither affirmed nor denied Bro. Willkie's one word.

A Pennsylvania family of eleven is living over a coal bed which has been named magicians say that only the family are on its tricks; which is...

Meany's gripe was that Chairman Davis, Dean Wayne Moore of the University of Oregon, and other WLB members representing the public were dominated by the WLB and Economic Chair Vinson. He claimed they did not approach labor problems impartially, but took orders from above.

Real fact is that WLB members representing the public are so strongly sold on wage stabilization they don't have to get instructions from Economic Chair Vinson. This column was in error recently in stating that Vinson had given "bare-knuckled" instructions to WLB members not to accept the original Illinois coal agreement.

What diplomats are especially watching about the Moscow agreements is the follow-through. While not as enthusiastic as the peacocks in the press, they hope that upon the skeleton worked out at Moscow may be hung some permanent, healthy flesh.

The Russians, for instance, have taken most seriously the special political council which is to function in London. On it will sit the man whose name they have just heard - Premier Stalin - Andrei Vishinski.

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Winifred Rhodes has written a charming book, "The Self You Have To Live With" (Dippincott). He tells us that first of all we must create a satisfactory life for ourselves. It is the mainspring of living is the soul that before we can deal honorably with others we have to deal honorably with ourselves.

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Jesus Christ used a small boy's lunch in performing a great miracle, showing that he can do small things under the blessing and direction of God.

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THE Republican gains throughout the nation on Tuesday, and the Moscow agreement are political realities that must be considered together. Therefore, the move in the Senate to ratify the Moscow agreement in place of the Connally resolution is extremely timely.

Without immediate ratification by the Senate, and in the face of an election that might change the government, that signature agreement is considered doubtful in all four of the separate elements that together constitute the Moscow agreement, two issues are joined together.

Nobody will speculate concerning the value of the signature in respect to the first set of problems. But the second set are pledges of continued cooperation after the war. They are not commitments in any treaty sense, because Mr. Hull was in no position to make such commitments.

They propose continued collaboration, between the four major Allies regarding the war, as sovereign nations, to continue the post-war period, and to establish the foundations for the creation, in the future, of some new international body, open to all "peace-loving" nations.

The acceptance of the agreement would therefore both clear the domestic air, and stabilize the international situation. If the Administration has been repeatedly attacked by American nationalists, it will be attacked by the President's election next year, such ratification would nevertheless give the present Administration authority in international negotiations up to the last minute of his holding office, and would make possible the transfer of authority without a radical break.

The backing of the Administration at this moment would not therefore be disadvantageous to the opposition. It would also, and more importantly, correspond to the wishes of the vast majority of the people, many of whom are highly critical of the domestic policies of the Administration, but not critical enough to wish to overthrow an apparently successful government.

Foreign policies are not determined by partisan whim, but by vital national interests. Thus though the Russian revolutionary regime overthrew the previous domestic order and loyally renounced the same considerations of national interest which determined Tarzian policies and this is a fact that it has tried to do so, and to create completely new instruments of foreign policy - for the Communists. The dissolution of the Comintern is an admission that it is worthless as an effective national instrument.

The Moscow agreement is in no respect a detailed settlement of any large political issue. It is basically an agreement of each nation to consider the national interests of the other, and to seek, through continued consultation, mutual solutions in matters affecting common interests, with the long view of achieving a peaceful and stable world.

We are working out a solution for Europe. But what is Europe? In addition to inventing a plan for Europe, we now seem to have to invent Europe. What shall we be in control of, such as ours that the President can never have his own way, he can have only some of it, and even that only if he gets it out of other people who do not want it, and even to want more than he does.

The reformers will be kicked out and the reforms will stay. Whatever happens, it will not affect the nation's new foreign policy. It is not a revolt against Roosevelt the war leader and world statesman.

It is a question whether this is, for the time being, what it started out to be - a revolt against Roosevelt. It is a revolt against domestic policies of the New Deal, accelerated by the natural movement of Republicans back into their normal territory.

Reforms produce many irritations, and confusion is stepped on. There are maladjustments. Things are better. Labor is better over wage repression. Taxes are high. Reformers go in waves. Then people become tired. Nastalgia is part of it and we're all dreading of a white Christmas. People want a change, back to the way things were, and they get it because the clock does not turn back.

Republicans will not abolish social security, or collective bargaining, or the practice of finding work for the unemployed. Wallace and Dewey are promising that. The usual history will be repeated again. The reformers will be kicked out and the reforms will stay. Whatever happens, it will not affect the nation's new foreign policy. It is not a revolt against Roosevelt the war leader and world statesman.

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Everyday Counselor

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh

LADY, if you keep insisting you must have meat for those dogs, I can only suggest you slice up the big one for the little one, or vice versa!

Of Moscow

The Elections

By Dorothy Thompson

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