

The Union's Santa Claus

One of the most remarkable Santa Clauses of them all is making the rounds of four North Carolina textile villages today, bringing the traditional gifts of the union to the children of workers...

A strike, it must be remembered, while costly to management and to the public, bears heaviest on the striker. It takes a good deal of courage and conviction to walk off a job and face the certain prospect of long weeks without income...

We cannot agree even upon the simple principle that every child deserves a merry Christmas. We must raise upon the children in these four villages and decide, each according to his own lights, whether their happiness is a good or a bad thing...

Taps For Georgie

George S. Patton's faults were as numerous as his virtues: he was arrogant, headstrong, given to lapses of judgment, without any real concept of essential democracy...

he transmitted some of his own complete confidence to the men who followed him. And, as if he had killed it, he had made its supermen, performing feats that more conservative generals regarded with awe and wonder.

Just a year ago, when a desperate German army lunged toward Bastogne, he turned his own heavily engaged army to the north to bring relief to the trapped American forces. In 24 hours he stripped the Third Army front, sent his tanks and infantry ripping into the flank of the invading Germans...

Hauter Is Hauteur

When Commodore Vanderbilt said, "The public be damned," he was insisting upon the right of the individual to the Commodore's time including practically everybody except a handful of well-money boys down Wall Street.

self to the task of increasing their average wage scale, come hell, high water or inflation. Prompted, perhaps, by a number of the days when they saw among the faceless, the organized workmen have indicated that they would prefer to take their increase out of corporate profits, but they have made it clear that they're going to get it, no matter where it comes from.

The scorn of the UAW, of course, was directed against Ford Motor Company, which could hardly be considered a part of the general public, but hauteur is hauteur, and it's one thing to see the scoring of a 124 per cent wage increase to the Commodore's viewpoint. As a matter of fact, in view of the virtual certainty that whatever increase the union finally gets is going to be already overlapped.

From The Baltimore Evening Sun:

An Apple-Grower's Crusade

Senator Byrd, when he isn't legislating, is an apple grower, and recently he said that as an apple grower he just couldn't make sense of the legal obfuscatory he had to deal with in his capacity as a legislator.

periodic sentences he is likely to find himself in pokey one fine morning.

We doubt, however, whether Senator Byrd's remedy of having legislation drafted on the Hill would do much good. The Hill is overrun with lawyers, and when you come right down to it, there is a matter of professional loyalty and ethics involved. Lawyers in private life make their living by being simple, clear-headed, and straight through. Dr. Johnson called the "infrastructures" of mind of their colleagues in Government. It is a kind of economic cycle, and to require Government lawyers to be clear would be to ask them to condemn their profession—to which political mischance may some time force them to return—to a starving existence as notaries public.

Nevertheless, while we don't want to put a lot of lawyers on the welfare we do help wishing Senator Byrd—as an apple grower—all the best in his crusade.

Drew Pearson

Douglas Feared Public Opinion In Jap Dealing

THE Douglas Aircraft people have been gnashing their teeth and issuing denials over the Douglas Feared Public Opinion In Jap Dealing.

This whole matter is most important. It goes to the root of a problem in which the American people are vitally interested—how wars are fought and how they can be prevented. The question is not merely an argument between this column and Douglas Aircraft.

When Douglas was not being sold to Japan, the Douglas people did not want to feel the heat of public opinion. He knew that the public opinion would be against him.

I have now read and photographed much of the correspondence. It shows that Douglas not only sold the DC-3, but the DC-3B, the DC-4, and the DC-5.

For instance, here is a letter from Douglas Vice-President E. B. Dyer, dated August 1939, just as the Japs were shaking the civilized world by unprovokedly bombing undefended cities.

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Quote, Unquote

The APL does not intend to do all in the face of proposed legislation that in any way compels workers to work for anyone against their will.

George Means, secretary-treasurer of American Federation of Labor.

Just What I Wanted!



The 'Economic Bill Of Rights'

THE phrase "Economic Bill of Rights" has a magical quality like "liberal" and "progressive."

Under the Administration's plan everyone who works would, during the lifetime of his earning power, pay 4 per cent of his income up to \$3,000. An employee with an income of \$2,000 per year would pay \$80. One with an income of \$3,000 would pay \$144.

But the main part of the proposed measures—universal compulsory Federal insurance against illness of every wage and salary earner by a tax of 4 per cent on his income up to \$2,000.

THE HIGH PRICE
If the cost of the services of doctors, dentists, nurses, etc., are compared with those offered by the many co-operative schemes in existence, the price is exorbitant—well as compulsory.

CREATION OF WEALTH
The State cannot create anything. Wealth is created by production.

Overdrawn—but the best authorities keep assuring me my money is getting more and more inflated!

Mercury Children We're Fighting With The Atom

PRIME Minister W. L. MARSHALL King of Canada has now added his voice to those who believe that only some form of world government...

IRREPARABLE MISTAKES
Mistakes, perhaps irreparable mistakes, are so easy to make. The destruction of knowledge is elementary. These scientists underscore the War Department's desire to pass on the responsibility.

IN TEN YEARS
Asked when in his opinion other countries could come to the aid of an invader to the world to enter an atomic bomb race, he was boasting in effect, that we were so far ahead that we could stay ahead.

Some interim form of control over atomic energy within the country should be quickly worked out. It will necessarily be a stopgap measure pending the establishment of a world body as the only source of safety.

POWER SHIFTS TO THE WEST
THE power of America is understood by almost everybody in the world today, except Americans. The Lords knew, when in terms of the American loan...

SUFFERING PANGS
In the wake of this talk will sound ungrateful to Americans, who have no strong desire to lend Britain \$4,400,000,000. If it makes her unhappy...

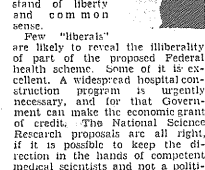
NO COINCIDENCE
It is no mere coincidence that several observers have pointed out that during the same weeks in which this economic pattern has been crystallizing a decision has been made by the headquarters of the United Nations Organization in the United States...

NOTE: We herewith solemnly and with a good deal of emotion, make it our business to announce and propose any legislative attempt to interfere with his right NOT to be a cocktail party guest as vigorously as we have opposed all efforts to interfere with his right to do so. THE NEWS.

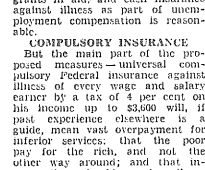
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