

The Labor Front Employment Hit by Drop In Purchases

By Victor Riesel

THESE are grim news but true and it won't do any good to look the other way. Jobs are beginning to disappear.

Top executives of the Nation's biggest manufacturing outfits have told me in the past few days they fear they'll have to lay off thousands in the next six months.

There have been high strategy conferences in the East in the past few days between labor leaders and the Congressmen (also Governors) they helped to elect.

WATCH for a new kind of strike—the "s I e t y walkout"—which will hit the steel industry because of Phil Murray's dismay at discovering, while driving about Pittsburgh, that there are areas where big mill fumes kill off trees and vegetation.

WHEN the FBI began checking the background of Walter Fisher's brilliant brother Victor, rumors started that he was to be the first labor man to be appointed a U. S. Ambassador.

WHEN the labor people expect Secretary of State Marshall to resign and be replaced by Averell Harriman who has promised them an appointment, you imagine John Lewis ambassador to the Court of St. James?

Headline Hopping

First Diplomats Tossed Out As 'Ugh Girl' Opens Season

By Ollie Crawford

RUMANIA ejects two U. S. diplomats and we retaliate. That with the baseball season months away, they're already throwing out the first diplomats.

In the diplomatic school you can get expelled for too much homework. We said the Rumanians were "persona non grata," which is a Latin phrase meaning "hit the road."

Washington Background Dewey Wreck Survivors Cheered by Light Verse

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

IT LOOKED extremely doubtful for the Democrats last June. The South was in rebellion, the Wallace boom in bloom.

Defiance gleamed from Harry's eye, A sneer curled his lip, And then his Wall Street charges Came hurtling through the air.

Dr. Cleo Brunetti, the scientist who developed the wrist radio and the proximity fuse, has left the Government.

Washington's art world is in a dither over the Corcoran Gallery's controversial third annual exhibition of works by local artists.

With Christmas shopping just around the corner, the Census Bureau reminds us that we are not as solvent as we think.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer Madame Chiang Discovers U.S. Is Fair Weather Friend

THESE are a lot of Americans who are unhappy because they had hoped that the debacle of the Chinese National Government would bring about a change in American policy and save China from becoming a red satellite.

A FEW days ago Chester Bowles came to Washington to congratulate the President on his reelection. In the course of a conversation with Mr. Truman, Mr. Bowles expressed the hope that some "young, liberal-minded Democrat" would be brought into the President's inner circle.

At the time of Pearl Harbor the Generalissimo could have made a separate peace with Japan and did not. This would have released between one and two million Japanese soldiers for fighting Americans elsewhere.

AT CAIRO, in December, 1943, President Roosevelt promised Chiang Kai-shek the complete integration of China in all its territories. Just over a year later, at Yalta, he gave Marshall Stalin what amounted to control over Manchuria.

Samuel Grafton Tip to GOP: To Save Self, Save World

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

I KNOW how the G.O.P. can save itself. All it has to do is figure out what is necessary to save the country and the world, and be for that.

THE G.O.P. can be saved only when it becomes important to the people that it is saved, and it will become important to the people that the G.O.P. be saved only when the G.O.P. becomes important to the people.

DAILY suppose the G.O.P. did flout a tip on a little liberal color, as it is being asked to do by progressive Republican forces.

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DO NOT intend these remarks to be discussed. I want to put in sharp focus the nature of the problem. The G.O.P. is indeed lost and bewildered in a changed world.

THE signed columns of America's leading writers and commentators, appearing on this and other pages of The Inquirer are presented so that our readers may have the benefit of a wide variety of viewpoints on important issues of the day.

Many of them believe that letting China go is a deadly danger to America. In addition, many of them feel that it is unworthy of the United States to ditch a faithful ally in dire need.

AND on top of this, when National China is nearly beaten and the wife of a faithful ally ally comes to Washington to ask for help, she not only gets nothing substantial but a social brush-off from the American President.

Gossip of the Nation

Walter Winchell

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

A REPORTER Cross-Examines Some Ghosts—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht will again go to trial in a few weeks. He was convicted of being a top Nazi and sentenced to 10 years.

Q: Why do you suggest that... Goering: As one of the greatest criminals of all time, my record would not be complete unless I ratted on my accomplices.

Q: Will the court call Dr. Schacht?... Dr. Schacht: please answer yes or no to the following questions: At the Leipzig Fair, on March 4, 1935, did you say in a public speech: "I assure you that all I am doing and saying enjoys the absolute approval of the Fuehrer and that I would never do anything that does not have his approval?"

Q: Yours was so bad, Dr. Goebbels, that it turned their stomachs in the first few pages of a conversation with Dr. Schacht. I assure myself that he absolutely represents our point of view.

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Louella Parsons Jane Wyman Sought for Gable Movie

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13.

THEY don't know Jane Wyman to play opposite Clark Gable in "Any Number Can Play" for MGM is by no means cold.

Q: Did you tell the Pomeranian Economic Chamber in Slettin on Jan. 19, 1936. "In Germany there is fortunately only one policy, to work with Hitler, for his goals are the highest satisfaction for every member of the people's community?"

Q: Didn't Hitler decorate you on Jan. 30, 1937, with the Golden Party Badge for special services to the Nazis?

Mickey Rooney thinks I am down on him, and that he is in my "black book." That's not true, Mickey. I have known you since you were a little boy, and it's true that I could you when I think you've settled down and are working hard on your stage appearances.

DICK Haynes' brother, Bob Stanton, is writing a Broadway musical for Kitty Kallen. She will return to her work as a substitute as soon as her baby son is old enough to take the care of a nurse.

Gene Autry has branched out into still life business. He has opened a clothing store in Phoenix, Ariz., called the "Gene Autry Brandy Iron" in which he will sell "wacky" Western apparel.

Elaine and Zachary Scott are introducing Elaine's parasite to their friends with a cocktail party.

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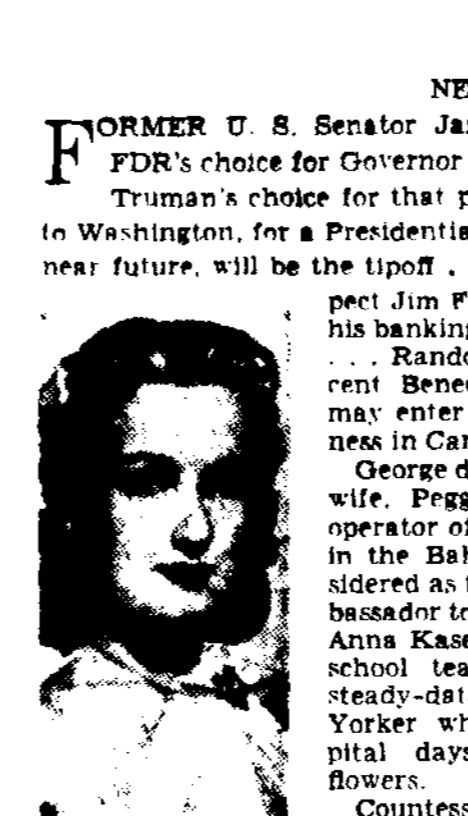
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HJALMAR SCHACHT



JANE WYMAN



NINA FOCH

Countess Wally Toscanini Castibarro to marry Dr. Ghiringhelli, general director of La Scala Opera, according to Milan gossip.

MARY WIGMAN, famous German concert dancer, now teaching school in Leipzig, is trying to get permission to come over here.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



THE ORDER WAS PLACED WAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER... THANKING THE HEAT IS OFF TO TOM FISHER... 1400 MONTICELLO AVENUE, NORFOLK, VA.

Danton Walker

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