

The Labor Front Employment Hit by Drop In Purchases

By Victor Riesel

IT IS 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.

Jobless' new plans must be as grandiose as his well rehearsed Shakespearean thunder—for his challenge to the nation's own workers.

I GUESS this is what you call a police state. Those anti-Communist pro-Communists who run the CIO's Electrical Workers (E.W.) union at a big Westinghouse plant in Wilmerding near Pittsburgh, have called on the capitalist police for protection.

Seems that the leftists are being hooded so vigorously by the membership each meeting that they need police to guard the union hall now. The anti-Communist members have been receiving guidance from civic-minded men who don't belong to the union.

So now whenever an outsider slips quietly into the meetings to advise the non-Communist membership the lefties start shouting to the police who politely refuse him admittance.

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

So strongly does Murray feel about the safety of his men that he has written into the steel contracts the most explicit clauses giving them the right to strike if they believe their lives are involved.

Just a few weeks before the tragic Denver (30 miles from Pittsburgh) mine killed 36 people there the steel workers struck the local plant and the company agreed to eliminate fumes inside the mill. There's a strike on now in a big company where a defective train is being used. It managed a last week.

What Phil Murray fears most is the use of fluorine in steel making. U. S. Steel and hundreds of the big companies are gladly cooperating with the union. Where they don't, the steelmakers will strike.

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The whole move began after Eric Johnston proposed such appointments in his latest book, "We're All in It."

However, the labor people expect Secretary of State Marshall to resign and be replaced by Averell Harriman who has promised them an appointment to the post.

Imagine John Lewis ambassador to the Court of St. James?

Washington Background Dewey Wreck Survivors Cheered by Light Verse

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. GOV. THOMAS E. DEWEY recently was a guest of the Cable Rock Survivors' Association, composed of reporters who were with him when his 1944 campaign train was in a wreck near the Oregon-Washington line.

For the occasion James C. Hagerty, Dewey's press secretary, composed a humor parody on "Casey at the Bat." It was entitled "Dewey at the Bat" and ran, in part, as follows:

It looked extremely doubtful For the Democrats last June, The South was in rebellion, The Wallace boom in bloom. And so when Gen. Ike said "no" and Douglas did the same, They sadly turned to Harry, and Harry he was game.

Defiance gleamed from Harry's eye, A sneer curled his lip, And then his Wall Street charges Came hurtling through the air. His cries of "boom or bust" were Heard, and others of despair, Right through their campaign. Spokesman that charged a headed sped, "Ain't our style," said Tom to Earl, "Strike one," some voters said.

Dr. Cleo Brunetti, the scientist who developed the wrist radio and the proximity fuse, has left the Government. His resignation from the National Bureau of Standards recalls the fact that he never even received one copper, or alloy penny, for developing the fuse which revolutionized anti-aircraft fire.

An official of the Bureau of Standards reveals that Brunetti sold the fuse to the Government for \$1 and other valuable considerations.

However, when Brunetti made an effort to collect his dollar he was told that no money had been appropriated to pay Government inventors, regardless of the importance of their inventions.

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

The gallery's trustees have purchased three works by rejected artists and only two of those selected by the jury as worthy of being displayed.

The works selected from rejected artists are part of a large group resting in the sarcastically named "Salon des Refuses."

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

The Federal, State and local Government debt averages out to \$1848 for each man, woman and child in the Nation, the Census Bureau sadly informs. The three Government divisions owe nearly \$271,000,000,000 last June 30.

Maj. Gen. A. C. McAuliffe, commanding officer of the 101st Airborne Division, which made military history in the Ardennes Forest, will celebrate Dec. 23 by deluging the city of Bastogne with nuts.

The occasion will mark the fourth anniversary of the McAuliffe's classic reply to a German surrender ultimatum on Dec. 22, 1944. The reply was "Nuts."

The expression "Nuts" has so captured the imagination of the burghers of Bastogne that they have renamed their town the "Nuts City." Men of the 101st will appropriately shower the city with nuts on that day.

—Edited by John C. O'Brien.

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

China is the most conspicuous case.

MR. TRUMAN has to date not only refused to discuss Chinese politics with Madame Chiang Kai-shek, but has given her a brush-off such as no wife of a head of state has received in Washington for a long time.

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. Even if the measures it decided upon weren't perfect, it would be all right—so long as the people felt that there were sincerity and objectivity behind them.

The trouble is the G.O.P. isn't figuring out how to save the world, but only how to save the G.O.P. In 1948 this is a ploy game project. In a world in which empires are wobbling, new nations being born, old ones dying, what does one political party matter?

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.

There is some speculation, for example, that Senator Knowland of California might replace Senator Wherry of Nebraska as the Republican floor leader. That would be a change, but not one sensationally important to the people.

I don't even think they would notice. If such a change would, of course, reverberate loudly in G.O.P. councils. That's just the trouble. The G.O.P.'s own reactions are different from those of the world in which it operates and in which it seeks to win elections.

It regards as stupendous what others regard as of no great moment. It gets all shy and reluctant when it is asked to put on a little color of liberalism, quite as if it were being asked to walk naked down Fifth Avenue under the noonday sun.

BUT suppose the G.O.P. did finally put on a little liberal color, as it is being asked to do by progressive Republican forces. So what? Mainly, these forces seem to be confined to the companies of Harvard Radcliffe, Wellesley and M.I.T., which swing rather little weight in the Republican National Committee. But let us imagine that the G.O.P. does yield to its progressive associates, so what? That would not automatically give the next election to the G.O.P. It would not show that the G.O.P. was ready for leadership. It would show that the G.O.P. had finally carried the Republican Party, 18 years late.

Fundamentally, the G.O.P.'s trouble is that it misreads the world. It feels that the world is hesitating about liberalism, because it itself is hesitating.

It feels that the world is waiting with bated breath to see whether the G.O.P. decides for liberalism, when, as a matter of fact, the world has made its own decision on this point long ago. It feels that to put on an overcoat during the winter is here marks it down as a leader of men and of fashions.

I 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. It is a world in which, Madame Grafton, the best decision is a world in which the party that wins the mid-term Congressional elections does not win the Presidency. It is a world in which the G.O.P. is no longer grateful for a few crumbs.

It is, finally, a world which would regard a mild G.O.P. swing toward formal liberalism not as a sign that the G.O.P. had gone liberal, but as a sign that the G.O.P. still cynically believed that the only reason for liberalism was to get votes, and it was acting on this belief.

I repeat, I know how the G.O.P. could save itself. That would be by attempting to save the Nation for the world. The first step would be to get the G.O.P. to lead by itself, and to sink itself deeply into the general problem of mankind. That may happen, but I do not believe I will undertake to hold my breath until it does.

Opinions 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.

These viewpoints often contradict one another. They have no connection with the editorial policy of this newspaper and, in fact, may represent exactly an opposite opinion. The opinions and views expressed belong solely to the writers.

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. It would have placed the Generalissimo in a very worse situation than he is in now. The Japanese would have wiped out the Chinese communists in short order.

AT CAIRO, in December, 1943, President Roosevelt promised Chiang Kai-shek the complete reintegration of China in all its territories. Just over a year later, at Yalta, he gave Marshall Stalin what amounted to control over Manchuria. China's richest province. What is worse, the Russians in Manchuria provided the Chinese communists with arms enough for about 50 divisions. Compared with this, everything the U.S.A. has given National China is peanuts.

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

Statements in other countries could be pardoned for thinking that Uncle Sam is just a fair-weather friend.

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. The upper court reversed this decision and set him free. The final court has reversed the upper court and ordered him brought back to trial. If reporters were allowed to cross-examine and ghosts could be subpoenaed—this is something you'd be likely to see.

Question: What is your name? Answer: Adolf Hitler. Q: Was Hjalmar Schacht a top Nazi? Answer: Hitler: When I lost the July, 1932, elections, even before I took over, Schacht wrote me: "But what you could perhaps do with in these days is a word of most sincere sympathy. Your movement is carried by so strong a truth. That victory cannot elude you for long. You can always count me as your reliable assistant."

Q: DID Schacht ever raise money for you? Answer: Adolf Hitler. Q: Did he know what the money was for? Answer: Hitler: Yes, I bluntly told the industrialists Schacht had brought to the meeting that I intended to destroy the parliamentary system in Germany, crush all internal opposition by force, build up the Wehrmacht—and gain my objectives outside of Germany by the use of force. Q: And what was Schacht's reaction? Answer: Hitler: He collected several million marks for me on the spot, following my speech. Q: Is there any official record of this? Answer: Hitler: United States Documents, Nazi Aggression, Vol. 2, Chapt. 16, Page 741.

Q: Herr Goebbels, did you consider Hjalmar Schacht a top Nazi? Answer: Goebbels: As early as May 21, 1932, I made the following entry in my diary: "In a conversation with Dr. Schacht, I assured myself that he absolutely represents our point of view. He is one of the few who accepts the Fuehrer entirely." Schacht himself admits this. Indeed, on Schacht's 60th birthday, I ordered the Voelkischer Beobachter, Hitler's official paper, to express Hitler's debt to Dr. Schacht. It did in this language: "In the critical period before 1933, Schacht never failed to point to Adolf Hitler as the only possible leader of the Reich." These questions, Mr. Prosecutor, are silly. They are established as War Crimes exhibits (2409-P and E C 489). Do Americans not read their own records?

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 you, next witness—Herr Goering, where did you get the money to rebuild the German army? Answer: Dr. Schacht arranged it. He stole the savings of the German people by merely lending them to Hitler. Schacht himself testified that he invented a system which

objections to the translation of "Red Gloves" (if you ask us, the translation is highly successful and the play is a lot better than the critics opined).

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. FORMER U. S. Senator James Mead, who was F.D.R.'s choice for Governor of New York, may be Truman's choice for that post in 1950. A recall to Washington, for a Presidential appointment in the near future, will be the tipoff. Wall Street expects Jim Forrestal to be back at his banking desk around Jan. 15.

Randolph Churchill, a recent Benedict, tells friends he may enter the newspaper business in Canada.

George C. Crippenberg, whose wife, Peggy, is the successful operator of smart Cat Club in the Bahamas, is being considered as the next Finnish Ambassador to Washington. Mrs. Anna Kasenkina, the little Red school teacher, is now being steady-dated by an upstate New Yorker who cheered her hospital days with letters and flowers.

Countess Wally Toscanini Castellarco to marry Dr. Ghir- inghelli, general director of La Scala Opera, according to Milan gossip. Cesare Rubroso, Dominican diplomat, and ex-brother-in-law of Boris Duke, will spend the next several months in India, preparing magazine articles. Several American socialite-sportmen are willing to finance bull fighting in Cuba, if it becomes legal again.

CUSTOM officials are baffled over what to do about visitors who bring Paris dresses home with New York department store labels sewed inside them. Drug stores are plagued by a wave of phony prescriptions for forbidden drugs, most of them bearing forged signatures of doctors. Comedian Jack Gilford opines that the Washington red herrings are getting so much publicity that ham actors are turning pro-Communist just to be investigated.

Mrs. Betty Henderson, who grabbed plenty of spare with her eccentric hair-do on the opening night at the Met, is having her hair styled with up special freak collures as Christmas gifts to her friends. Gloria Gai, Bill Paley, et al., will spend the next several months in India, preparing magazine articles. Several American socialite-sportmen are willing to finance bull fighting in Cuba, if it becomes legal again.

ROBERT BERNARD, who managed to hit the front pages as Peggy Joyce's escort, now set to tour with Mae Murray in a "Merry Widow" revival. In the interim he is acting as Chicago representative for "Who's Who in Show Business," new trade guide due in '49. Pro tennis stars Bobby Riggs and Jack Kramer to act as their own promoters next time they swing around the circuit. Roger Stearns, former host at the old 1-2-3 Club and now featured on television's "Fashion Show," is planning an all-night video club with television as the floor show. Bibi Osterwald being held over for the new show at the Old Knik Music Hall, to be titled "Tillie's Turnstile Travels." James Mitchell, picked out of "Brigade" in the strength of his nimble dancing, has just been handed his first Warner film assignment—the "heavy" in a Western. When Rudy Vallee bows in at the Latin Quarter Jan. 8, he will be playing just a few doors from the scene of his greatest triumph, the old Hollywood Restaurant, long since gone with the wind.

MARY WIGMAN, famous German concert dancer, now teaching school in Leipzig, is trying to get permission to come over here. A soon-to-be-divorced U. S. Army major is the real reason. Jean Paul Sartre is due in from Paris any minute, so look for some publicity stunts about his

Continued From First Page but certainly not antagonistic, to the Communist. Now consider the erstwhile enemy, Japan, in relation to this. We need a political and military bulwark in the Far East. If China quite probably will acquire that role. The Japanese would be immensely useful. They are compact, highly nationalistic, ferocious fighters, well disciplined. They built a giant industry before the war and the potential is still there.

Rebuilding Japanese industry and reactivating sections of the Japanese Army might very well provide the counterpoise to the immense weight of a Communist China. The trick, of course, would be to retain and exercise control of a restored Japan. Events seem to be turning us in these directions, away from China and toward Japan. It is hard to know, international politics, who will be your friend tomorrow, and who your enemy.

The best way to assume great credit is to immediately get into work—and believe me, Leo McCarey is deeply grieved over the death of his brother, Ray. That is why I am so glad to learn that he is leaving the new story by Howard Emmett Rogers titled "Far Tars" and it is something entirely different for a McCarey production. It's a race-track story with a light comedy twist in which the characters who frequent the tracks are the star attractions—and not the nags. It will be a good thing for Leo to be occupied with a comedy.

Reading for home to send Christmas are Lil' and Chester Norris, who left by train from New York after spending five weeks in Europe. Chester says Lil' is the best magician's assistant in the world, and they had a wonderful time playing the theaters in Europe. He reports to Columbia the middle of January for "Boston Blackie." Of course he and Lil' can hardly wait to see their baby son.

Louella Parsons Jane Wyman Sought for Gable Movie

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13.

THE desire to borrow Jane Wyman to play opposite Clark Gable in "Any Number Can Play" for MGM is by no means cold and dead. There is a particularly hot at this writing. I might say it is still being discussed.

I hear that a Gable bid a date to MGM in the morning to her old home studio, where she made so many "Thin Man" movies with Bill Powell. Maybe she will play Gable's wife, with Scotty Beckett as their son.

Marjorie Main is the comedy relief, and the rest of the casting awaits the return of Marvin Leroy, the director.

Jim Davis, who "made his debut with Betty Davis in "Widescreening" and almost froze to death from the reviews, is thawing out. After a layoff that drove him into a temporary job with a costume company, he started working again with a pretty good role in "Hell's Fire" at Republic.

Now he really got hot with a top comedy spot in "Baby Face" which has been doing Mark's movie at U.S.I. He plays Donald's pal, a football player who just can't keep his mind off the co-eds in the cheerleading section.

Mark Stevens has lost his "voice" and I don't mean laryngitis. Buddy Clark, who has been doing Mark's work on the screen, has upped his price to \$30,000 a picture which is certainly hitting the high notes in more ways than one.

Now the studio has signed Bill Shiley who recently clocked locally in "Land a Ear." He isn't as well known as Buddy Clark, so he isn't asking as much. Bill's first crooning for Mark will be "Oh, You Beautiful Doll." Wonder if the fans will notice the difference?

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

Mickey's first independent movie will be "The Great Train Robbery" he is writing in conjunction with Fred Finklehoff.

Dick Haymes' 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.

Hu in a Cronyn hopes to make a movie with a wife, Jessica Tandy. Their work has been a team for the last 14 months.

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.

The old Vienna error in the talk of Hollywood when Al Jolson bought it for \$500 in 1933 has been bought by the singer, Clark Dennis.

Dana Andrews and his whole family, stars of Sportmen's Lodge his first night home from England.

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

Ingrid Bergman and Alfred Hitchcock are huddling about making another picture.

Oscar Straus, the 80-year-old composer, is hard at work in his native Vienna writing a symphony that will be a cavalcade of Viennese music. How well I remember his beautiful home in Berlin before Hitler drove Straus and many others out.

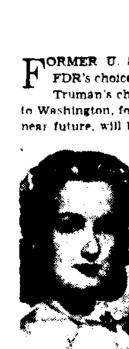
Burt Lancaster sings a duet with Julie Wilson on their tour, and the bobbysoxers go crazy. They have voted Julie "the girl they would most like to be"—because she plays a love score with their idol—Burt, of course, six times a day.



HJALMAR SCHACHT



JANE WYMAN



NINA FOCH



KITTY KALLEN

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.

Anna Pauker, Rumania's Foreign Minister, bounced our boys in honor of the baseball season. She's the Communist's No. 1 flatter girl or, at least, the Government's leading redhead. Mme. Pauker looks like Stalin, except for the mustache. Annie's turns up during the war Yanks said she reminded them of an American Babe. Babe Ruth.

Instead of an "Omph Girl," Rumanians have to put up with an "Ugo Girl."

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." The Reds said our envoys were mixed up with "Spies and Saboteurs," which is a phrase the Russians hear as often as we hear "Buttons and Bows."

Over there they refer to the spy trials as a "Red-White-and-Blue herring."

In the Red countries diplomacy isn't as much a matter of fact as of remaining intact. You can be wearing tails one day and no head the next. While our spies are standing on nothing when they drop a man from the government it's through a trapdoor.

Rumanian suspects have a choice between two pleas: guilty and guilty in spades. If you say you didn't do it they hang you for defying the government. The Reds believe that any noose is good news.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

By Jimmy Hatlo



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

Today

By Reiman Morin

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