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THE TRAINS ARE RUNNING IN RUSSIA

THE CURRENT railroad strike is about ne clearest example of union irre-ibility the nation has ever witnessed.

sponsibility the nation has ever witnessed. It would be regrettable enough in normal times, for the nation depends for its very existence upon the outside the properties. Today, when railroad employees are technically under the United States Army and while they are moving passenger and freight utterly essential to the already-tardy national defense program, the strike borders on insurrection and ashotage. The strike might even be partially explained if there were major issues still outstanding. Those big issues—wages and working hours—were settled after months of negotiation, and a contract was initiated by representatives of labor and tialed by representatives of labor ent. It was later that the union

management. It was later that the union repudiated the contract its leaders had agreed upon, mainly because of dissatisfaction with technical working rules. Thus the two parties in the dispute are not far apart, and there is every reason to believe that the remaining differences could be ironed out in an atmosphere of mutual good will.

TAXES AND LUXURIES

MOST of us become hopeleasiy controlled when Uncle Sam talks in billions of dollars, but we sit up and listen when a new tax bill is reduced to such terms as 3 cents more for a package of cigarettes and a penny and a half more for a galon of gasoline.

That's everyday language, the kind of talk that anyone can understand. And we venture the opinion without fear of contradiction that the American people, for the first time, began to realize yesterday, how much the national defense effort is going to cut into their living standard. Secretary of the Treasury Snyder was the man upon whose shoulders fell the task of reducing Mr. Truman's request for \$155 billions in me wereune to specific

task of reducing Mr. Truman's request for \$18.5 billions in new revenue to specific details. He appeared yesterday before the House Ways & Means Committee and spelled out Mr. Truman's proposals for getting the first \$10 billion of that amount —from individual and corporate income taxes, from gasoline, cigarettes, beer, whisky, radio and television sets, from boosts in the capital gains tax, and a host of other items.

Truman's approach is substantially

If news accounts are correct, the officers If news accounts are correct, the officers of the Brotherhoods are amenable to compromise, and at least one, W. B. Kennedy, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, has urged his "sick" union members to get back on the 10b. There is always the outside chance that Mr. Kennedy, like John L. Lewis, has distributed other orders to union members, but for the moment the individual switchmen stand publicly branded as the originators of the stopwork scheme.

work scheme.

Under our present laws governing labor disputes, there is little that can be done right now except bring public opinion to bear on the strikers. President Truman, Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson, and various members of the Congress have had their say. The average American will be heard from as soon as he is laid off his job, or when his son in Korea is denied essential, sumples essential supplies.

If nothing else appeals to the strikers, they should be reminded that the trains are still running in Russia and across Siberia, carrying arms and supplies to far distant China.

hit luxury items rather than basic necessities. The individual income tax increase will sphom off much of the excess purchasing power that now threatens the stability of price control. And the corporation income taxes will put a fair share of the defense cost on business. But in one major respect, Mr. Truman has failed the American people. There is overwhelming evidence that his 3716 billion budget contains many expenditures that can be either sharply reduced or cut out entirely for the duration. Benator Byrd has been saying so all along, and now that Senators Paul Douglas of Illinois and Hubert Humphries of Minnesota have Joined in, the economy bloc is growing stronger.

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This newspaper believes the American people will foot the bill for any defense program their leaders decide upon. But they will demand, with equal firmness, and with rull justice, that the Federal Government cut out its own luxuries before they willingly accept the tremendous tax burden that Messes. Truman and Snyder have outlined. Since Mr. Truman has shown no inclination to do so, the job falls back on the Congress.

EISENHOWER'S CONTRIBUTION

IT WILL be a long time before the full impact of General-Eisenhower's report to the nation can be measured accurately. The mainstream of history runs slowly, and it is often bedouded by the sediment of our fast-changing society. Hence, we cannot always tell when it changes direction, and we cannot know how long it will hold to its new course.

it will hold to its new course.

This much is certain. Genera! Misenhower has turned the mainstream of history toward a new, and we believe more promising, direction. The immediate result has been to bring unity out of disunity, to restore order in a chaotic situation, and to refocus once again our vision of a world of free men. The long range result will hang upon the faithfulness with which we follow the path he has marked.

He did it by stepping forward onto a virtually empty stage and speaking in a clear, confident voice the words that we have been waiting to hear. They were words of confidence and encouragement, and they have already had a profound effect in this nation and among our friends abroad.

The General explained in language that anyone could understand how important it is to retain Europe's pool of skilled labor and its enormous industrial potential on the side of the free world. He told of grow-

ing hope and determination in Europe, of a new will to resist Russia. He recited statistical evidence that our European silies are already devoting a large proportion of their national production to defense, and that they are planning to do still more. He expounded a realistic approach to German rearament, and he defined a reasonable basis for American participation in the European defense effortmanily arms and equipment, but also more troops, and with no ceilings or limitations on number or use.

The effect was magical. The whole atmosphere of the capital changed. A doubting Congress fell in line behind the Administration's policy in Europe. Be-wildered diplomats and discouraged military leaders took new heart And out in

tary leaders took new heart. And out in

tary leaders took new heart. And out in the provinces three have been ever-in-creasing signs that the American people, having heard a man in whom they place great trust, are now willing to go his way. General Eisenhower would be the last to pretend that Western Europe could be defended today against Russtan land attack. But the same forces that have restrained Russia's aggressive desires in the past are still in existence and now, thanks to Eisenhower, there is good reason to hope that Western Europe will be defensible, and in a much quicker time than anyone thought possible.

From The Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus

CURSE ON NEWSPAPER

AS IF THINGS weren't bad enough in As IP THINGS weren't bad enough in Santa Pe, with a new Legislature, too little snow and a Republican Governor, the local daily, the New Mexicon, had to go and get a curse put on it! It was laid on by female members of a militant religious cult who invaded the publication's premises with loud fulminations and proceeded to bounce the editor and several staffers about the City room with unholy zeal.

Angered by a news story concerning their spiritual leader, the petitiocated mobsters warned that the curse would cost employees their jobs and even put the newspaper out of business, something its litterest political enemies have failed to do, considerable cursing notwithsanding.

onsiderable cursing notwithstanding ats of a \$10 million libel suit and the necheduled destruction of an antique ble when some of the heavier demon-rators tried to sit on it also followed, but

Every moveleger is familiar with the typical newspaper menage. There's the power-mad, ecomanical published, that bawling, despotic tyrant, the editor, and those alcoholic neurotics called reporters, who constantly just after assistant society editors and would gladly set their dear old grandmother after for a front-page by-line. What's an extra curse or two to these miserable creatures? A case of pied type at press time or the name of a prominent social leader misspelled, that's the kind of things that may give Editor Will Harrison a new crop of white hair or a few extra ulcers, but a plain, ordinary, old-fashioned curse. Bah, Kid stuff!

The clinging gal is not as popular these days, says a writer. Has he looked at the backs of motor scooters lately?—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Betting dollars to doughnuts once meant sure-fire winning odds. But the length of those odds is shrinking.—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

A Lot Of Missionary Work To Be Done



People's Platform

A Weapon Against Rail Strikers

Editors. The News:

THERE is a situation rapidly developing in this

country, unless checked by officials who have the
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movement of military supplies for the armed forces
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yardmen, alleging or feigning illness, closely following
a battern at by John Lews with his miners in 1948.

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Praises 'Greatest Story'

Editors, The News:

| FEEL that it is a vivilege to comment on the wonderful work that The Charlotte News is doing in publishing again. The Greatest Story Ever Told; to the Christian experience of all plan annihilation to the Christian experience of all plan annihilation because the words of this story are spiritual tood for the soul of man my friends to subscribe to The I am asking any my friends to subscribe to The Told and the sould be subscribed to the control of the soul of an asking and my friends to subscribe to The or the sould got this story in a careful and prayerful way will surely make them happy as they waik along life by antway. It is a great opportunity waik along life by antway. It is a great opportunity

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So, friends, let us read this story as it begins twed, Peb. 7, and let us take it to heart as we ad it and see juse exactly what God's plans were bringing salvation to all men.

May God bies you all and may this story put aise to God in your hearts. And may it be unped in your minds and hearts so that it will

Note Of Thanks

Ritors, The News:

WOULD like to express the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors, the staff and the babies the Children's Home Society for the help you and our newspaper gave us during our Christmas Pund

The interpaper gave us during our Unrusiness amounted to the state have distincted to the state have continued to the state have continued to the state have our current fixed year without a deficit. There have been more contributions this year than ever before, and I am sure we can attribute this success to the newspapers. MINSS RHEA GAYNELLE SIKES, Fleid Secretary.

More Than A Custom

Will. you please publish in your paper an article Will. you please publish in your paper an article will be much taxes the Negro pays in comparison without many than a cuttom, and maybe some day when it is too late, you learned people will wake up and realize! ——MBS. KARL N. HILL.

Quote, Unquote

Mrs. Ethel Heafner of 2008 East-Ozark Avenue, Castonia, N. C. sends up a clipping from her home-time from the Little Argus akking women who were proposed to in a buggy to send in their names. Mrs. and the send of the send

The Raleigh News & Observer reports that a recent headline in a Raleigh paper read. 46 Recordet Killed by Coroner Cheek. The Coroner groaned in anguish and then, being a former newspaperman, firmly asserted that he had not killed 46 persons.—Pinehurst (N.C.) Outlook.

Defeatists And Politicians Make Wilson's Job Harder

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON

I 15 TOO bad that in these troubled times. Defense Modellizer. The record was going ento a full war guided tours. During the morning the politicals and Government officials might alternate with a control of the politicals and Government officials might alternate with a control of the politicals and Government officials might alternate with a control of the politicals and Government officials might alternate with a control of the politicals and Government of the political of the politicals and Government of the political of

about."

The job he has set for himself is nothing less than a permanent expansion of American productivity of between 15 and 25 per cent. There were three approaches he

Selfishness Main Obstacle Confronting Stabilization

By ROBERT C. RUARK

on supply. Another name is self-intensus, and one nothing actually constructive, so far, in price-and-ways control. The actions of the boys in Washington today have resembled the actifitations of a belie awain to kins, or whether to, bestow fr dublous favors at all. Mrs. Helen Housewife is trying to arrange a budget today to fit a born in living cost which has made on the self-intensical control of t

ing ended in Japan, been induced so severe shortage, crop failures or such.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Pentagon Debates Big Army Vs. Air Arm

eighteen-year-olds. The debate military question of whether it takes a big army of foot soldiers or a big air armada to win a war.

Old line Army men, led by Gen. Onar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, together with Gen. Lawton and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, together with Gen. Lawton huge army, claim that final victory will be decided on the ground.

ground.

The Air Force, on the other hand, argues that we can never outnumber the Red hordes of Asia and Russia; that our only chance to win is to produce superior weapons and airplanes. Russia, they claim, can never be whipped on the ground. Her manpower reserves are too limitless and the Russian walue of life too cheap.

There is a very honest difference of opinion about this,

heart.

The debate has now one one step beyond the Peniascon to the National Security Council, composed of President Truman, Vice-President Barkley, Secretary of Defense Marshall, Secretary of State Acheson and Security Resources Board Gasirman Stuart Symington.

Inside the National Security Council, Symington is lead-time fight to put most of our detense eggs in the aviable fight to put most of our detense eggs in the aviable fight of the put most of our detense eggs in the aviable fight of the put most of our detense eggs in the aviable fight of the put most of our detense eggs in the aviable fight of the put most of the put most of the put most one of the

ciency. We have already cut to the bone, but I am open to suggestions on providing the property of the property of the suggestions on how to effect economies in domestic spending remarked GOP Congressian Noah Mason of Hingage. The providing the providing

Reducing Exemptions

How can you get that without delving deeper into the pockets of lower-income taxpayers? How can you do it without lowering their personal exemptions from \$600 to \$500 which you apparently oppose?*

That's consenting your committee will have to decide. The state of the state of

peraised the Pennsylvania Congressman. This is the 84 question that everybody agrees will have to be answered eventually. It was obvious at the Write House meeting, however, that neither Truman nor the committee (including its Democratic members) wanted to take responsibility for such a politically unpopular move. That's a committee matter, retireated the President, I havent asked for a lowering of personal exemptions.

Governor Jimmie Byrnes