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LABOR TAKES A WALK

IN THE FACE of labor's decision to walk out on the national mobilization program, President Truman has adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

A tongue-lashing such as he gave the striking switchmen recently might have served as a Presidential pop-off valve.

Those complaints are two-fold: (1) The ULPIC charges that the mobilization program is dominated by business, and that labor has no voice in its management.

Apparently Mr. Truman's strong support of Mobilizer Wilson, voiced at yesterday's press conference, means that the first complaint has made no impression on the President.

The wage ceiling complaint can be put in its proper perspective by an examination of the facts.

DR. HENRY LOUIS SMITH

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GOVERNOR WARREN'S LOGIC

ONE facet of "The Great Debate," a fact that might be called "The Big Debate," is whether Congress had the right to take part in the "Great Debate."

On the other side are the men who hold that the President—as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, has the authority to designate where U. S. troops should be sent.

THIS PLAN SUITS EVERYBODY

THE local freight carriers association, the special city parking committee, the new Charlotte Parking Authority, and the Planning Board have all endorsed Traffic Engineer Herman Hoese's plan for establishing truck routes in the city.

ALAS, POOR CABOOSE

AMONG other once-common phenomena which are vanishing from the American scene, there are three in particular that cause us a genuine measure of regret.

From The Idaho Sunday Statesman

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1950. Labor representatives wanted 12 per cent. The three public members won industry over to the compromise figure of 10 per cent.

In 10 per cent a fair figure? Let's see. The consumer price index compiled by the Department of Labor was 106.9 in January, 1950. (The index considers prices from 1925 to 1929 as 100 or normal).

The wage policy was admittedly temporary, designed to hold the line until July. In the event the control program works, the index will probably go down.

The point is that the 10 per cent wage boost appears to be a reasonably fair figure, as measured against the consumers price index.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Threatened From Without Reds Can Act From Within

WASHINGTON FROM GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR in Tokyo the Pentagon receives word that the Soviet Union has new news on the war in Korea.

In his view, therefore, the moment has come to try to bring about some sort of settlement with Communist China. As MacArthur phrased it, the time now here for the politicians and the diplomats to move in.

The Pacific commander based his judgment, in part at least, on his own overall estimate of Chinese casualties since Communist China intervened in the Korean War. His estimate of the number "knocked out" by American arms and disease is close to 700,000.

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City Folks And City Streets

Editor: The News: SEE where you got yourself some new line mats and more readable type. Much obliged to you for making it easier for me to see what your editorial man is writing. I can see it, but I'll be a son of a gun if I'll ever understand it.

Two years ago, I recall a series of editorials that dealt in figures, tabulations, and predictions of a fiscal hell for North Carolina if she voted \$200 million for rural roads. Now, I read that it will be nothing less than gubernatorial candidates for North Carolina to raise a few more millions so that you blessed city folks can get what is coming to you from the highway fund.

It makes me wonder whether your own highly successful newspaper took money from its editorial budget to pay for these new mats, or did it pay for them from funds set up within the mechanical budget for the purpose of buying linotype mats? Of course, I know what it did; there was no taking from one to give to the other, certainly not without providing for the replacement.

How come we don't use the same good business sense in getting money for town and city streets? Sure you should have your street money but get it like all other highway revenue has been used for the purpose for which it is sought to be used. Same as we country folks, with the help of a small percentage of city folks who saw beyond their town's corporate limits, did two years ago.

Who's putting city against country, anyhow? It's not the farm folks; they're ready and willing to help you, despite the voting record you made when we were after our two years ago. By golly, we want to go to town and ride over your city streets, and we ain't a sure we'll even get there if you folks go draining off the budgeted funds for the primary highways that take us to your corporate limits. We go to get to town first over those primary and secondary roads.

You've accused us of rank provincialism in our thinking for so long, seems impossible for you to get it in your heads that we country folks—particularly down here in the East—can think, act, and vote in terms of the whole State. Personally, I wish to the Lord editorial writers who complain so often and loudly about arraying the country against town would back up and get a fresh start; they're running the wrong direction.

I like to read your newspaper, despite its contrariness. Good luck to you and your newspaper family.

NOTE: This letter was an old friend of The News, and a respected Eastern North Carolina newspaperman, was not intended for publication, but we're printing it anyway to add another dimension to the argument about the city streets. The point we have tried to make in numerous editorials is that an adequate road program cannot be worked out on a penny-for-a-penny-for-that basis. The entire system—primary highways, secondary roads, and city streets—have a basic interrelation, and

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Labels and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise everything goes. Each letter must be signed.—Editors, The News

I asked Osman if he ever listened to the Voice of America. He said he didn't because all radios were confiscated but frequently he learned from others what the Voice said. One radio had been hidden from the Communists by a man, whose identity he told me but which I had best not reveal. This man passed along word to the villagers what the Voice of America said, though it had to be done carefully because some of the young people were being converted to Communism and alert to report them.

Osman was vague about the United Nations, said he thought it was a combination of countries fighting on one side in Korea with about twelve nations excluded. He did not seem to know that the United Nations functioned regarding other matters aside from Korea. Apparently he had not heard about our December reverses in Korea perhaps because he didn't listen to the Moscow radio.

"To listen to Moscow," he said, "you had to belong to the Communist Party and be admitted to the clubhouse where they sat and listened to the radio."

Finally, Osman said he became so harassed by Communists he decided to try his luck in Turkey. "All my neighbors said, 'Let us know how you find things in Turkey and we will come to you.' This man passed along word to the before had passed through the Iron Curtain.