

Present Labor Peace And High Employment Rate Upsets Theory

Government Officials Puzzled, Discount Part Taft-Hartley Bill May Be Playing

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Government statisticians are seeing an old and trusted theory upset, and they don't know just how to explain it. The theory was that in times of industrial activity and high employment labor unions were most likely to strike for higher wages. Periods of depression worked the other way—unions were less disposed to risk the jobs of their members when prices and production were falling and unemployment was on the rise.

Industrial production is high; employment and wages as well as prices are at all-time peaks. And strikes are at their lowest point since the first few weeks of 1946, almost at a record low for peacetime years of the last 15.

Has Theory
Ewan Clague, U. S. commissioner of labor statistics, says the upsetting of the old theory may be due to abnormal conditions—that the present period, so far as strikes are concerned, probably is a calm after the storm.

Howard T. Colvin, associate director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, says the labor peace may be due to uncertainty over the workings of the new Taft-Hartley labor law.

Federal officials in general are more disposed to credit the uncertainty over the new law rather than actual benefits from the law itself for the industrial calm. They say the law is too new to have proved itself in this particular.

Not Conclusive
None of the officials wants to risk a guess as to how long the peaceful conditions will last. They point out, however, that a large number of labor contracts expire in the fall, and that recently the number of "30-day notices," required by the Taft-Hartley act, has begun to rise.

Unions now must give notice when they plan to demand better conditions—perhaps strike for them—at the expiration of contracts.

But this rise in 30-day notices is not regarded as conclusive evidence that increasing labor disturbances are in the offing. These notices frequently have been used to clear the decks for strikes if they become necessary, and to inform employers that the unions are prepared to go to bat in a vigorous manner.

Mr. Clague thinks that with de-

Human Slaughter Continues in India

New Dominions Are In an Awful Mess

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 24.—The "considerable improvement" in India and Pakistan as reported by their governments meant merely a dwindling of casualties from thousands to hundreds a day, it became clear today.

In short, this carnage-racked sub-continent in the infancy of its independence still is in an awful mess. The savage lust for blood still is unslaked.

The equivalent of martial law throughout the land was the only thing which prevented the continuance of wholesale slaughter.

Sickening Sights
Five thousand troops equipped for battle were required in Delhi alone to maintain a semblance of order. Their removal would start the carnage all over again.

Both governments were deeply involved in the greatest mass migration of modern history, involving an estimated four million persons.

Most cities had huge refugee camps bulging with thousands of half-starved, filthy, hysterical beings, unable to make sense of the generally broken down transport system.

Already disease and epidemics had killed hundreds.

Even military escorts could not guarantee the safety of the refugees. Trains were being derailed, caravans attacked, villages burned.

Agriculture at Standstill
Mob anger against the troops for depriving them of victims was so intense that more and more attacks were being made against the army.

Two British officers were killed in the last three days in battles between Indian troops and gangs in the Punjab.

WCS TO HEAR BOOK REVIEW
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Capitol Avenue Methodist church will present Mrs. Wilbert Siler in a review of H. M. Eagleson's "Laughing Into Glory" at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Food Craft shop.

CARBON MONOXIDE VARIES
WASHINGTON—Automobile engines produce from 1 per cent to 13 per cent carbon monoxide in their exhaust gases, recent tests show.

FIRES LAID TO SMOKERS
WASHINGTON—Careless smokers are the greatest cause of forest fires which cover over 20 million acres in America annually.



SINGING CHIEF—Chief Big Bear, said to be the only Indian chief living in Indiana, will sing "Hallelujah" at an annual homecoming "pow-wow" of Daylight Chapter, 553, O. E. S., in Masonic temple. He will be accompanied by Princess White Beaver.

Two to Attend Methodist Parley

Bishop Titus Lowe of the Indianapolis Methodist area and the Rev. Amos Boren will attend the seventh Ecumenical Methodist conference beginning today in Springfield, Mass.

The Rev. Mr. Boren is the new pastor of the Roberts Park Methodist church. He and Bishop Lowe will share in a nine-day conference with ministerial and lay leaders of 16 independent Methodist bodies on five continents.

Approximately 500 delegates and specially appointed guests make up the official roster but 1000 guests and listeners are expected.

The conference does not have legislative power but is said to wield strong influence in shaping worldwide Methodist opinion and

policy. The group has met at intervals of 10 years since 1881 except when war made it impossible to do so.

This year's gathering was to have been in Oxford, England, but was changed to Springfield because of food shortages abroad.

New Hearing Aid Weighs Only 6 Ounces
A new hearing aid development, by the Bell Telephone laboratories,

hearing satisfaction to those handicapped, according to Mrs. L. R. Rogers, of the Audiphone company of Indiana.

The new model is the smallest set ever made by Western Electric. It weighs only six ounces complete with batteries and is designed to operate at a cost of less than a cent an hour. It has a special range and tone control for excluding field strong influence in shaping noise and for bringing out the high and low tones of music.

Aviation—Overnight Berth To London—\$125

Charges in Addition To Regular Fare

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NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—For \$125 you may sleep all night while flying over the Atlantic ocean.

That, of course, is in addition to your regular fare of \$325 in your 13-hour flight from New York to London.

The passenger can cut that extra price in half, however, if his wife goes along on the trip. For there's plenty of room in the lower berths on the new Constellations for two persons, and the charge is for the berth. Upper berths hold only one person.

New nonstop service in the first of the postwar sleeping planes began Sept. 15. The big Pan-American World Airways Clippers sleep 18 persons and seat 10 others in reclining chairs. Six additional reclining chairs are held for use of the berth holders in case they wish to sit up part of the night.

Berths are 6½ feet long and 7 inches wider than the lowers on pullmans.

Safety Official To Address Group
Norman Damon of Washington, D. C., vice president of the Automotive Safety Foundation, will speak Tuesday, Sept. 30, before the second annual Governor's highway safety conference at the Claypool hotel.

Other speakers will include Governor Gates; Thomas E. Bath, secretary of state; Ben H. Wray, superintendent of public instruction; Col. Robert Rossow, superintendent of state police; John H. Lauer, chairman of the state highway commission; Cleon H. Foust, attorney general; and Prof. J. L. Lingo, director of the public safety institute at Purdue university.

James D. Harrison, director of the Indiana Traffic Safety commission, which is sponsoring the meeting, said more than 300 persons are expected to attend the conference.

Hoodlums Overrun California, Bloody Gang War Feared

Governor Warren Lays Plans to Tear State From Clutches of Mobsters and Racketeers

By CHARLES T. LUCEY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Mobsters and racketeers have moved in on California's lush, green, easy-money pastures. The only question for the wise boys with the slicked hair, open-necked sports shirts and dirty fingernails is how to "turn a quick grand" on each bright day.

There is much talk of protection being paid and of officials playing footie with the mobsters. Nobody has nailed down anything though.

But Governor Earl Warren is moving in on the rackets show. The odds are good for big headlines in the next few months on what's been happening in the vicious pattern behind organized crime in California.

Senator Sheridan Downey (D. Cal.) warned recently that the state was due for a period of gang warfare outdoing Chicago's Capone days.

New Crime Commission
Attorney General Frederick Napoleon Howser challenged this, but Governor Warren agreed with the senator.

Through an investigation by a new crime commission to be announced soon, the governor is in position to develop and disclose the facts on organized crime as never has been done here before.

The movie and oil industries have been cited as particular attractions for the racketeers, and gambling itself is on industry status.

Gambling joints have operated in many areas and dice games and lotteries have run freely. Slot machines have been set up just about everywhere but in the postoffice lobbies. Racing wire services and bookie joints likewise are involved.

Promised Land
The killing of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, notorious underworld figure, in the Los Angeles home of his rich friend, has been taken as a signal that the state is a new promised land for the hoodlums.

There have been at least a half-dozen other deaths of gunplay or garroting. And these have helped awaken the state.

Governor Warren, preparing to name his crime commission, said today he believed "organized crime cannot operate in the full light of day. If the facts are determined and made known, there is sufficient decency in the citizenry of our

Hoosier Woman Doctor Wins Lasker Award

A 78-year-old Hoosier woman doctor today became the first woman to receive a Lasker award of the American Public Health association for contribution in the field of medical science.

She is Dr. Alice Hamilton, formerly of Ft. Wayne and now of Hadlyme, Conn. Her award was for "a life of public service in the prevention of occupational diseases."

Specializing in industrial medical problems, Dr. Hamilton carried out investigations which resulted in vastly improved health conditions for workers of the nation and passage of workmen's compensation laws.

Another Hoosier was one of five persons honored with a 1947 Lasker award. He was Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., Gas City, now of the University of Michigan school of public health. He was cited for his contribution to total knowledge of influenza.

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