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Average Worker's Pay Has Decreased 9 Per Cent Since V-J Day; More Forecast

GORDON H. COLE IN P. M.
WASHINGTON. — Immediate prospect of an \$8,000,000,000 cut in American pay checks was enough today to provoke from Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace a call for "prompt reconversion by business and vigorous government action" to prevent mounting payroll deflation and unemployment.

Wallace revealed that the Commerce Dept. indices forecast a cut of 9 per cent in earnings of Americans during the second half of 1945.

Some hint of what is behind the current flurry of employer-union disputes was indicated by Wallace's disclosure that most of the cut is coming out of the pay envelopes of workers in the war industries, or, as Wallace said it: "The decline in income payments will be largely a decline in the volume of wages paid in the manufacturing industries."

The Cold Facts
Wallace made public a Commerce Dept. review of what is happening to national income payments since Victory Day.

This review showed that two factors alone would cut manufacturers' payrolls by about one-third: The shifts that are occurring from high-wage to low-wage industries. War industries pay better than peace industries.

The prewar work week is being restored. During the war, the 40-hour week gave way to something which, on average, was much closer to 48 hours.

Then there are the outright layoffs—the reduction in total volume of employment in manufacturing industries which is offset only partially by expansion of employment in the service trades.

All in all, the Departmental review concludes, "a sharp drop in income payments, centered in the manufacturing field, is under way. Hand-in-hand with this drop is coming a drop in military payrolls. Offsetting both, to some extent, will be expanded veterans' benefits and unemployment compensation."

Relation to Inflation
Wallace flatly denied that the deflated pay envelopes would eliminate "the immediate inflationary pressure." He continued:

"Some of the pressure still will be there, but that portion which remains will not be created by rising incomes; rather, it will grow out of production problems, and the way to relieve it will be through stimulating the required production of consumer goods, durable goods, and housing."

"That means that the big problem today is to get production started and to take care of the aftermath of demobilizing soldiers and war workers. While the immediate curtailment of purchasing power will not be serious, prompt reconversion by business and vigorous Government action is needed to prevent mounting deflation and unemployment."

New You Know

Tired of washing the ruffled collars attached to her husband's shirts, Mrs. Hannah Montague, Troy, N. Y., noticed the shirts did not need laundering as often as the collars.

So she removed all the collars and hemmed the edges. In the same way she hemmed the edges of the shirt band and provided a way to attach the collar when required.

The next step was to provide extra collars. The husband was delighted. That was back in 1827.

Without knowing it, Mrs. Montague laid the foundation of a big industry. A collar factory with 6,000 employes is located in the city where Mrs. Montague invented the detached collar.

Be noble-minded. Our own heart and not other men's opinions of us, forms our true honor.—Schiller.

Daylight Time Is Slated To End On Sunday, September 30th

WASHINGTON. — Congress has voted to end war time at 2 A. M. September 30.

The Senate passed a House-approved bill yesterday and sent it to President Truman for his expected signature.

St. Louis and Baltimore Printers Reach New Contract Agreements

St. Louis, Mo.—Three St. Louis newspapers have negotiated a new two-year agreement, pending since the first of the year, with Typographical Union Local No. 8. These dailies are The Post-Dispatch, Globe-Democrat and Star-Times. The contract which was submitted to the members of the Union last Sunday was unanimously ratified by the members. It will be formally signed as soon as corrections are made in the printed contract.

The agreement was completed following the termination of the 22-day strike at these three dailies last Thursday by Paper Carriers Local 450, an affiliate of the Printing Pressmen's Union, whose members refused to cross the Carriers' picket line. As a result of this shut-down, almost 2000 members of the Typographical Union, the Stereotypers, the Mailers and the Newspaper Guild were locked out.

The closing of this contract marks the 89th consecutive year that Typographical Union Local No. 8 has been negotiating contracts with the local dailies without ever resorting to a strike. This is a remarkable record of friendly labor relations, it was pointed out by William J. (Cardinal) Gibbons, veteran president of the union.

As usual, the general laws of the International Typographical Union were incorporated in the contract.

The contract is for two years and expires on December 31, 1946. It calls for a weekly increase of \$6.15 for day men and \$6.13 for night shift workers, making the new scale \$60.52 a week for day workers, and \$64.68 for night men. The wage increases are retroactive to January 1, 1945. During the life of the contract about 400 printers employed by the four papers will receive a total increase of about \$255,000 above their previous earnings.

WLB Will Keep Functioning Says Sec. of Labor

WASHINGTON. — A swift guarantee of independence has saved the War Labor Board from possible collapse.

The pledge came from Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach who there by materially strengthened the government's hand in reconversion labor troubles.

Reason: His own job of keeping industrial peace was made easier by the assurance that WLB will continue to function at least during the critical weeks immediately ahead.

Meanwhile, anxiety over the spread of strikes—with the exception of new walkouts by CIO-oil workers—lessened among labor and conciliation officials.

Education Is No. 1 Nutrition Problem

Washington, D. C. — Education is the No. 1 problem of nutrition, according to Mrs. Jane S. Williams, Washington, D. C., who has joined the staff of the American Red Cross as consultant in nutrition.

Experience as a nutritionist with the War Food Administration for four years, which included

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Charlotte's Laundry Strike Declared At An End Through Vote Of Strikers

Charlotte's four-month-old laundry strike is officially at an end. J. S. Cherry, organizer for the Laundry Workers Union of America, an AFL affiliate, made the announcement for the union.

Union members voted at the meeting last Friday to discontinue promotion of the strike, Mr. Cherry disclosed.

E. L. Albercrombie, Southern international representative of the union, was reported to be in At-

LATE LABOR NEWS

New York building service employes have gone on a strike that has stranded many thousand skyscraper employes in 1,875 buildings, including the Empire State building.

The CIO oil workers strike in six states now involves over 30,000 workers, and is spreading. A meeting between union members and employers is on in Chicago, seeking a settlement.

Ten thousand New York A. F. of L. painters returned to work Wednesday after a strike which started September 13. A new two-year contract was won by the painters.

Some 60,000 sawmill and lumber workers in 348 mills and camps are on strike in the Pacific Northwest for a \$1.10 hourly wage and industry-wide bargaining.

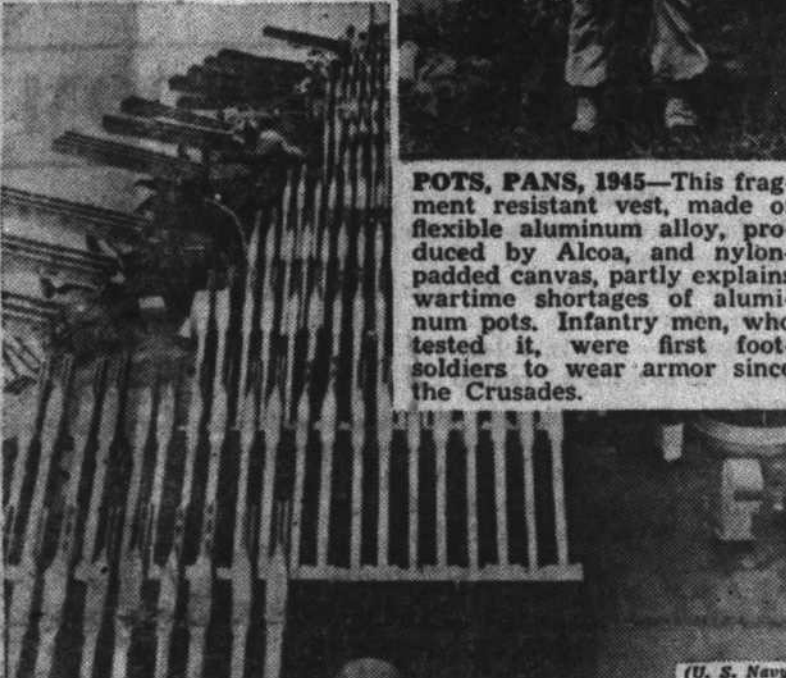
The number of workers idle now due to strikes and other labor trouble is nearly 375,000, as of Wednesday, September 26.

At a dinner, Voltaire, atheist, said he would sell his place in heaven for a dollar. A diner retorted that if Voltaire could prove his title to a place in heaven, he would buy it, for not one dollar, but for ten thousand.

People, Spots In The News



AMERICAN BEAUTIES line up at Atlantic City, N. J., to vie for the honor of becoming Miss America of 1945, which incidentally, was won by Bess Myerson, Miss New York City (see arrow).



NOW IT CAN BE TOLD—This photo, just released by the Navy, shows rows of rocket-launchers, loaded with their deadly missiles on the deck of a Navy landing craft.

George Googe Issues Warning To Businessmen of Southeast

The Labor Journal has received a statement from George L. Googe, Southern A. F. of L. representative, Atlanta headquarters, with reference to a campaign now being waged by high-pressure telephone advertising solicitors from New York, allegedly representing the American Federation of Labor through their publication, "Trade Union Courier," of New York.

Mr. Googe says this publication has been condemned and repudiated by the New York Central Labor Union and therefore does not represent the A. F. of L. His statement follows:

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Congressional Committee To Investigate Communist Activities In United States

WASHINGTON. — A congressional investigation confronted Communist leaders today as an aftermath of the reorganization of their party. The house committee on un-American activities will make the inquiry with the prime objective, members told a reporter, of ascertaining whether the Communists are conducting operations "dangerous" to the nation.

This is the situation, as outlined by committeemen: Four top-ranking Communist leaders have been called to testify Wednesday regarding the party's recent reorganization. They are Earl Browder, former party chief; his successor, William Z. Foster; Benjamin Davis, Negro vice president of the party; and Jack Stachel, publicity director.

Edward J. Loughlin, New York city's Tammany Hall leader, has been summoned to testify the same day regarding his group's endorsement—later withdrawn—of Davis as a city council candidate.

Investigators are making further inquiry into reported communistic activities on the west coast, particularly among the Hollywood film colony. One report already has been filed, but some members said it was "so hot" it hasn't been made public.

Committee Chairman Wood (D., Ga.), said in an interview his group will meet Tuesday to decide whether the Wednesday session shall be open to newsmen and the public.

"We plan to hear these witnesses to see what the Communists are doing and planning, but we haven't decided yet if such testimony should be made public," Wood asserted.

Rep. Landis (D., Ind.), declared he favored "open hearings, to find out whether the Communists are still planning to destroy or overthrow the American system of government."

(Communists are defined by Webster as those advocating a system of social organization involving common ownership of the agents of production and some approach to equal distribution of the products of industry.)

Landis said he particularly wanted information about the August meeting of the party when Foster replaced Browder as general secretary.

Rep. Rankin (D., Miss.), reported he is specially interested in hearings on the west coast situation. He told a reporter "alien elements are at work out there to overthrow our government by means of subtle propaganda in our movies."

Davis asserted in New York that his summons to appear before the house committee constituted an attack on "free political expression" in the metropolis, and added the effect of the committee's action was to "sabotage" his campaign for re-election to the New York city council.

Facts You Want To Know

By NELLIE BOBBITT
Who manages the Community War Fund?

It is managed by a Board of Directors made up of citizens representative of the entire community.

Do Board members, committee members, or campaign workers receive payment or expenses for their services?

They do not! These people give many hours' service twelve months of the year because of their interest in our community and the programs the Fund supports.

Who decides how much money each agency receives?

The Budget Committee of the Fund studies the budget requests of each local agency thoroughly before recommending an approved figure to the Board of Directors for final approval. The budgets of National War Fund agencies are determined by the Budget Committee of the National War Fund after clearing the UNRRA and a dozen other governmental agencies to see if some other organization could or would carry the burden and to eliminate any other possibility of duplication. Both local agency budgets and National War Fund budgets are reviewed quarterly and adjusted according to needs.

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, Secretary of Commerce Wallace, Mayor Ira B. Mosher of the National Association of Manufacturers, President William Green of the AFL, President Philip Murray of the CIO, Claudius T. Murchison of the Cotton Textile Institute, and Bishop John Oxnham of the Federal Council of Churches.

Wife: "What is an optimist?" Husband: "A fellow who looks at his shirt just back from the laundry, and says: 'Oh, well, we needed lace curtains anyway.'"

Doctor: Your husband, madam, is suffering from voluntary inertia.

Erwin Cotton Mills Workers Vote Strike

In an election at Erwin Cotton Mills of Durham, held last Saturday, 1,229 of the workers voted to strike as against 63 who wanted to remain at work under any circumstances.

Issues involving the strike vote have remained a "secret" of both union and management to this date. It is understood, however, that Erwin Mill employes, affiliated with a CIO local, are now working without the benefit of any kind of contract.

Shuford Urges Back To School For Employed Boys And Girls

Public and private organizations in every community in North Carolina today were urged by Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford to join with the Department of Labor in "exerting every effort" to have all children now employed, leave the workshop and return to the school room.

Citing the fact that 63,478 employment certificates were issued to minors 17 years of age or less last year and that more than 31,000 were issued the first half of this year, 11,000 of them in June, which is about the same number as were issued in the entire year of 1940, Commissioner Shuford said:

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Tydings Walks Out Due To 'Threats'

WASHINGTON. — Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland, walked out of a Maryland congressional delegation conference with a CIO group recently, angrily declaring that he refused to be threatened.

Boos and hisses came from the group of approximately 300 Maryland CIO members who came to Washington to urge enactment of President Truman's legislative program.

Tydings, who was acting as conference chairman, stalked from the room after Robert Lamb, CIO national legislative representative, said that "any members of congress who don't get on the bandwagon and vote for a 65-cent minimum wage are going to be sorry in 1946."

Tydings broke in to say that he would not stay in the room "unless your implied threats are discarded." "I will be glad to listen to arguments in favor of the legislation you want," he said, "but I don't intend to sit here and be threatened by any damn person."

XMAS GIFTS TO GI'S MUST BE MAILED SOON

It's time to be thinking of mailing Christmas packages overseas.

Army postal officers remind the public that, even though hostilities have ceased, there are still many thousands of American troops who will spend next Christmas in foreign lands.

Regulations governing the mailing of overseas Christmas gifts to Army personnel remain the same as those of last year:

They must be posted between September 15 and October 15; one package a week may be sent (without a request) by any one person to the same service man; the usual restrictions on size and weight apply—not more than 36 inches in length and girth combined, and maximum weight five pounds.

Most stores have a stock of boxes approved by the War department for overseas gift shipments.

Manager: Come, come, Miss Jones. You waste too much time on your personal appearance.

Miss Jones: I'm not wasting it, Mr. Brown. I've been here only two weeks and already I've had proposals from the chief clerk and the cashier.

The more we love our friends, the less we flatter them; it is by excusing nothing that pure love shows itself.—Moliere.