







## BESIDE THE POINT

There will be NO-WAR with Russia this week. . . Pulp shipments from Siberia to Moscow are 37 per cent less than required for paper work necessary to launch a major conflict.

Taxes: House Ways and Means Committee plans to repeal excise on baby oil and powder. Truman WILL VETO—unless Big Oil withdraws support from Dixiecrats. . . Babies are already turning to light machine oil, affecting YOUR fall investment plans.

Marcantonio WILL NOT get the Democratic nomination for President. . . party bosses say privately he is vulnerable because of past Republican connections.

War with Russia IS COMING . . . but not in time to affect vacation plans. Intelligence reports indicate Stalin is preoccupied with decline in Shostakovitch's production of "people's opera." BUT . . . this is temporary. Be on the alert for change and DON'T go far without a Geiger counter.

Government will not yield control over SYNTHETIC RUBBER PLANTS . . . at present being used to decorate corridors of Pan-American Union building.

Expect SOME strikes in next 30-60-90 days. . . Taft-Hartley Act generally effective except in coal, autos, telephone, shipping, rail-

roads, printing, electric, textiles, building trades, clothing, aircraft, farm equipment, retail business, steel and white-collar occupations. . . NOT ONE STRIKE among baby-sitters since passage of the act.

D. P. law WILL APPLY to disaffected diplomats from Iron Curtain countries. . . McCarran plan is to convert ex-envoys into shepherds for use on Nevada ranges.

Discount rumors that Republicans plan to close down and padlock State Department if they win in '52. Campaign talk. . . SOME Republicans favor the move, but party leaders realize they must find spots for Dulles, Vandenberg. . . Truman IS THINKING SERIOUSLY of making McCarthy Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. Theory is that if he can't be thrown out of Washington, he can at least be thrown out of Prague.

General Eisenhower WILL RUN in '52—if the time is ripe, his wife approves, the stars favor him, the Democrats fold up, and the Republicans give him the nomination.

War with Russia is not in the cards—for the moment. . . Soviet leaders would RATHER let Americans knock each other out first. Maybe NEXT week.

R. B. in The Nation

## PEOPLE DO IT

By Henry Jones

The cops have lie detector machines. Of course, they do not answer the ancient problem of philosophers: "What Is Truth?" but they do measure heart-beats and sweat and a number of physical changes that the cops say indicate the state of mind of their victim, and the cops insist they are useful.

For that segment of the population who buy and sell on the stock exchange, that works much like a lie detector machine, too. It's imperfect, but the nearest thing yet to either a mechanical or statistical portrayal of their changing anticipations, fears, hopes and states of mind.

Because of scientific interest in this matter, the reader will excuse us if we record the headlines regarding the market recently.

June 27: War Jitters Bring the Widest Percentage Break in Four Years; Stock Market Prices Drop 4 Billion.

June 28: Grain Prices Soar on Rumor of War.

June 27: Korean War Sends Commodities Up. Natural Rubber Rises 200 Points, the Limit; Tin, Copper Advance.

Subsequently: Rubber, Tin, Zinc, Spurt Ahead 2nd Day.

Stocks Rally After Big New Losses in War Scare; Sales Near 5 Billion.

In other stories it appears that other "stocks," not the kind on exchange or curb, went up and down, too. Maybe even some "selling" to avoid further loss. Folks who had criticised Truman's far east policy came out hurrahing for Truman. In England the steel pool talk took new angles. In the Philippines it's conceded that the Hukers are a menace to democracy or something. Even an atomic physicist in Berlin canceled his talk,

copies of which had previously been released, to praise Truman instead. War seems to alter and solidify the market for quite a number of "intangibles."

A few extreme conservatives like yours truly still adhere to the ancient doctrine of "Live and Let Live" and just can't learn to whoop it up for war, and don't even intend to study how. Of course, we feel that it would be better for all others as well as ourselves, if more were like us. We've seen the switch twice before, and we know people do it. But we don't ALL have to.

The most vexing thing about this old-fashioned position is the way so few believe it. It's as though at a cock-fight, when you said you didn't approve of the spectacle and don't think the roosters should have been spurred and pestered into trying to kill each other, the idiots promoting the mayhem insist that what you really mean is that you're betting on the other guy's rooster.

Sooner or later somebody was sure to turn that Schmoos idea of abundance into a novel. Now Norris' "Nutro 29" takes it up—a wonder food cheap as chewing gum makes everyone lose the yen for his job, and things go pot. Reminds us of an old scenario that never got used where some guy accidentally releases a virus that makes everyone extremely lazy and indifferent, so that it looks like a general strike. The moral of any such meditation is that the working class won't make a good world simply by doing nothing. To create the good world it must do something. There's not much hope in a "general strike" that takes the form of universal spring fever.

—Industrial Worker

### Our Labor Force

For May, 1950, our total labor force was estimated at 64,108,000, with 62,788,000 in the civilian labor force. Of these, 59,731,000 were employed—8,062,000 in agriculture and 51,669,000 in non-agricultural activities. The number unemployed was 3,057,000. This was a drop of about 500,000—the third successive month in which a drop of this size occurred. This decline in unemployment was due to expansion in construction and an increase in factory employment. Also there was a slight decrease in the number unemployed for long periods of time.

In May, according to Census Bureau reports, there were many persons who had been unemployed and seeking work for 15 weeks or more. One out of every three unemployed persons was in this group. The average period of unemployment for the men was 14½ weeks in April and 15½ weeks in May, while the average period for women was 12½ weeks in April, dropping to 11 weeks in May.

Agricultural workers increased about 900,000 from April to May, but were still under 1949 due to adverse weather conditions.

### You'll Need It!

If government were suddenly to announce a universal distribution of gas masks every person in the nation would become worried. What they'd be afraid of is that they were going to need those masks before long. Of course everybody would be grateful for the masks, but . . . Well, the government is now going to distribute more dollars to the aged.

So what? Why, so Americans who have grown old in the service of profit-takers will be needing those dollars before long just barely to get along.

Don't forget that when President Franklin D. Roosevelt plugged for the old-age "security" system he proposed that as a substitute for the poorhouse at a time when private industry was unable to provide jobs for millions of people. The capitalist economy needed that kind of buffer against its own shortcomings.

Now the needs of the system are just as pressing and prices are higher. So, unless more dollars are handed out, people may soon be clamoring for a return of the poorhouse.

No, it's not a good omen when a nation distributes gas masks — or more dollars to cushion poverty. — R. L. A.

### The Right to be Ashamed of What You Say?

If ever a group preached class hatred in the United States, that group is the Committee for Constitutional Government. If ever any group sought to establish a "ruling class" in the United States, the Committee for Constitutional Government is it. This self-styled defender of the United States Constitution has, for years, been advocating a double standard in our country: freedom for businessmen, but strict Government control for us "lower classes" who work for a living.

For example, the Committee for Constitutional Government is against any extension of Government power when it would restrict in any way the profits of free operation of business. But when it comes to trade union operations, the Committee for Constitutional Government is all for more Government restrictions and more and more Government controls.

The Committee for Constitutional Government is one of the defenders of the Taft-Hartley Act. Moreover, its officers are advocating that Congress further restrict union activity by outlawing craft-wide or industry-wide unions altogether and forcing unions to break up into units covering no more than a single company.

The fact is that since its formation, the Committee for Constitutional Government has been exploiting the Constitution of the United States, using it as a mask to screen one of the nation's most expensive anti-labor propaganda operations.

In the United States, the Committee for Constitutional Government or anyone else has every right to say what it thinks—about unions or anything else. Just as we do. Our quarrel is with what they say, not with their right to say it.

This right of free speech, however, does not provide the Committee for Constitutional Government or anyone else with a screen behind which it can hide the names of the men who have been paying for its propaganda. The people of this country have a right to know who is putting up the money for organizations that are trying to influence our lawmakers.

The fact that this Committee for Constitutional Government is afraid to divulge to Congress the names of its principal backers, the men who have been buying and distributing its anti-labor propaganda, shows how proud they must be of their activities. That they are wealthy men should make no difference in the eyes of the law—or in the efforts of Congressmen to get at the truth. Let the investigation go forward.

## Cruel Fate of German 'Brown' War Babies

By FRED SPARKS

**Chicago Daily News Foreign Serv.**  
FRANKFURT, GERMANY—The other day a Munich paper reported that a German girl had been arrested for selling a "brown" baby to a circus for 150 marks (about \$33). The "freak" was the illegitimate son of a colored American soldier.

The ugly Munich incident serves to underline the crushing human misery contained in the six to eight thousand illegitimate children fathered in the Reich by colored troops since gone home.

While the unknown thousands of "bastards of the occupation"—as the Germans tag them—who were fathered by white soldiers can be absorbed into the community, the future of these "brown" babies seems hopeless. They face a life of persecution because their color brands them.

Remember: Germany is a country with absolutely no colored population. And unlike South American countries and Italy, most all German youth have fair complexions and blond hair.

Few human beings can be crueler than unknown school children, and it is feared that if these "brown" babies are sent to German classes they will be ruthlessly hazed and psychologically marked for life.

At a recent meeting of European representatives of the United States National Catholic Welfare Council (our zone of Germany is primarily Catholic) a plan was considered to establish a nonsectarian central colony for the three or four thousand "brown" babies already turned over to public charitable institutions.

A spokesman told me that in this way the children will at least be assured a "persecution-free" education, and prepared for emigration or specialized trades.

America collectively should hide

its head in shame for failing to acknowledge and aid these unwanted humans—leftovers of war.

While 5,000 children now in Germany can be sent to the United States under the new Displaced Persons Act, it is doubtful if a single "brown" baby will be included. Before a child can be brought to America an individual or organization must guarantee its support. No one has yet offered to take a stand for these "brown" babies.

While half of the German girls who bore illegitimate "brown" babies have given up the struggle and turned them over to welfare groups, the rest carry on. Theirs is a terrific ordeal. Let me tell you about one I spoke to. Pretty, blond, she said:

"Jim was sent home before I knew I was going to have a child and I have never heard from him and don't know where to reach him. Although lots of girls in my town had illegitimate children from GIs all the others were white. When my baby was born the poor thing looked so funny my friends ignored me on the streets.

"My father became very wicked and I had to run away. I went to Frankfurt and for several days with my baby slept in the railroad station. Now I have a miserable job and live with my baby in one small room. I know I will never be able to marry a German boy and I have no friends.

"I will never send the baby to a school to be tortured. Maybe I should have done what many other girls who had brown babies did—killed it when it was born."

**Why Oil Profits Rise.**  
The price of crude oil was .3 per cent lower in June than a year ago, but refined petroleum products cost 7.5 per cent more. No wonder profits are on the increase.

### Do You Still Believe in Voodoo?

Down in Haiti the World Health Organization wants to attack the widespread disease known as yaws. The Haitians and their voodoo men have their own ideas how to go about it. Their idea is to dance around a figure decorated with chains of snake-bones, while the voodoo doctor chases them with a machete hitting them occasionally with the broadside of it, while incantations and other rituals last all night. The United Nations doctors want to attack the disease by giving each an injection of slow absorption penicillin.

Maybe in years to come the shots may seem as weird as the dances, but they do represent at least man's best current knowledge. We feel vastly superior to the Haitians, and the United Nations doctors ask the help of the voodoo doctors to get the people to assemble and take their shots.

Meanwhile the civilized folks who know how to make penicillin and A-bombs, have quite a puzzle on their hands. It's how to stop them from killing each other on a bigger scale than ever before. They have large building filled with books that cast light upon this problem. They have learned men who have become experts if not on how man can live in peace, at least on the factors that have led men to mass murder of each other. Instead of consulting the learned men, their voodoo doctors desire scholarship with their incantations.

In Haiti it is contrary to the vested interests of the voodoo doctors to explain the source of this disease yaws, or the germicidal effect of penicillin. To them science is un-Haitian. In America it is contrary to the vested interests to explain the economic and social forces that lead nations to war, or the war-ending powers of world-wide labor solidarity; it's un-American.

If you prefer science to voodoo doctors for disease, why not for this greatest man-killer of all—war between groups of politicians who have made science the handmaiden of mass murder?—Industrial Worker

## CIVIL LIBERTIES

How much civil liberties we have depends primarily on how widespread are the attitudes favoring civil liberties. That in turn depends on how strongly people are attached to the idea that government is a force that should be restrained. It used to be a strongly held idea. Hysteria weakens it.

Significant straws recently are these:

1. Clearing the patriots who beat up on Paul Robeson fans at Peekskill, a jury comes out with a 9,000 word "presentment" praising the community for the way it handled "the shock troops of a revolutionary force which is controlled by a foreign power," and urging other communities to do likewise. Moral: If you can make hoodlums patriots and their victims subversives, their lawlessness becomes condoned. It's a doctrine in the long run as dangerous to the patriotic hoodlums as to their victims.

2. In Cleveland the school board adopted a loyalty oath, and a usual taxpayer's suit was started to point out its unconstitutionality and its danger to civil liberties. Judge Connell, hearing and dismissing it, let loose of stuff like this:

"The oaths violate only the sensibilities of those who do not wish their treachery in embryo to be noticed. . . If every teacher, lawyer, official and citizen who loved an atheistic despotism and hated our own beloved country was removed, disfranchised, disbarred, and deported, we would do them no injustice."

The judge expressed his regrets that the school board's loyalty oath had no provision for punishment of those who refused to comply.

3. While Lawson and Trumbo, leftists, go to jail for their contempt in refusing to tell the Un-American Committee what party they belong to, business men and

extreme "rightists" like the Committee for Constitutional Government, step on same trap, but are treated more gently. There is criticism why they are not packed off to jail too, when they refuse to answer questions, such as the sources of the funds for their propaganda, etc. To be consistent in support of civil liberties one must object as strongly to the politicians prying into the affairs of the rightists as of the leftists. There is very little of this consistency to be observed in any press.

4. The doctrine that a "clear and present danger" must exist to warrant abridgment of free speech and assembly, is completely cast aside by the Department of Justice in its brief answering appeal of the Communists. It argues that this limitation exists only if the law-making body does not specifically forbid advocacy of the ideas attributed to the defendants. That sounds dangerously like arguing that Congress can abridge the rights guaranteed in the constitution.

J. Edgar Hoover says the red spy underground has 540,000 in it and that the commies have their own "loyalty boards," 49 of them and are even checking on their 13-member central executive committee. If you live long enough you may eventually find how many men the FBI has planted in the CP and how many the CP has planted in the FBI, and how many of these doublehead in both directions.

ACLU has new Chairman of the Board, Ernest Angell, who is also chairman of the Second Regional Loyalty Board. He succeeds Dr. John Haynes Holmes.

Death cannot come untimely to him who is fit to die.—Milman.

### Ups and Downs of Market Boost Wall Street Brokers' Earnings

The war scares haven't helped investors in stocks and bonds, but they have been a bonanza for the Wall Street brokers. Stock prices have raced down and up several times since the fighting started in Korea. The drops have exceeded the rises, but that is of little concern to the brokers, since they get a commission on every sale, whether the investor, or "gambler" has made money or lost. Total sales for the month of June were more than 45 million shares, the highest for that month since 1933.

The Wall Street activity was a reminder of the start of the Hoover Depression, except for one very marked difference. In those days many shares were bought on 10 per cent "margin," which means the buyer put up only 10 per cent of the price, borrowing the rest. So, when prices crumbled brokers were kept busy calling for "more margin" and "dumping" stocks when it was not forthcoming.

But now, thanks to "New Deal" reforms, a margin of 50 per cent is required.

### Cuba Libre!

"Everything's up to date in Kansas City," but no more so than in Havana.

When yeggs entered the Criminal Courts building at Kansas City, blew the safe and made away with the ballots and other evidence in an election-fraud case, that was thought to be very high crime.

But here's the news from Havana, Cuba, the little republic we established 52 years ago:

Ex-President Grau San Martin or his officials (they vacated office in 1948) are charged with stealing upwards of \$174 million. Grau's secretary of the treasury is already indicted because the incoming administration claimed that it found the Cuban treasury like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

But the truth may never be known. It has been hijacked. In Kansas City style masked gunmen entered the courtroom where the probe was going on and took every scrap of paper bearing on the case.

Cuba has not lagged behind us in political progress since "Cuba Libre" was our war slogan in 1898.  
—The Chicago Daily News

### Socialism?

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia June 11 reported that American business "is probably as strong or stronger now than at any time in the past three years."

The bank said "the past eight months have witnessed a marked business recovery."

It pointed out that although some corporations reported a decline in income last year, this didn't mean they lose money.

"Even the hardest-hit industries showed profits," the bank said.

### Elevators Full

Because elevators are already filled to the top, the railroad recently put an embargo on shipments of grain for storage in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and East St. Louis, Ill., to avoid tying up box cars.

### Sensitive

My Rose!" he whispered tenderly, as he pressed her velvet cheek to his.

"My cactus," she said, as she dodged his whiskers.

### As We Older Grow

A little less care of bonds and gold.

A little more zest in the days of old;

A broader view and a saner mind, A little more love for all mankind; And so we are faring adown the way

That leads to the gates of a better day.

A little more leisure to sit and dream, A little more real the things unseen;

A little nearer to those ahead, With visions of those long loved and dead;

And so we are going, where all must go, To the place the living may never know.

A little more laughter, a few more tears, And we shall have told our increasing years;

The book is closed and the prayers are said, And we are part of the countless dead.

Trice happy if then, some soul can say, I'm better because he passed my way."

## COLD WAR NOTES

The Hydrogen bomb will cost \$2,800,000,000,000, or about \$700,000 out of every kitchen in the country, says physicist Hull.

Seven Senators support McMahon proposal that USA would make out better spending its billions for welfare instead.

Hoffman of the Marshall Plan opposes the plan to use \$5 billion in Economic Recovery Counterpart funds to expedite the arming of western Europe.

For a cent a bag, U.S. has sent 50,000 tons of surplus American spuds to Red Eastern Germany. That's to answer the charges that we sent potato bugs to wreck the crops. If potato bugs show up here, and if they're red, that will probably show up a great conspiracy. . . or would it be a blessing in a land that doesn't know how to enjoy plenty?

NAM, whose leading members will be the chief beneficiary, says it is opposed to these billions for the Point 4 Program.

One man to make all economic decisions, instead of the many boards used in past wars, is urged by Col. Bryan of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Nuclear artillery, baby A-bombs, long range guided missiles, are all expected to give any coming war a decidedly new look that nobody will like.

Labor will be represented on the thought-control machinery of the next war. Col. Steiner of the Air Force tells the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, that arousing public opinion is an important part of the game, and that boards that represent the duPonts and not the unions might not go over so well.

Armament plans for western Europe for the next two years run to an increase of 43 per cent in military expenditure. They're not eating very well in most of Western Europe right now.

Soviet Union counts on 18½% of its budget for arms, according to Finance Minister Zverev, or \$19.8 billion, a bit more than U.S., if the rate of exchange is reckoned right.

Maybe it's cold war stuff, too—but the Russians have been digging a lot of gold, "corrective labor discipline," and evidently not using it.

Some wonder if they'll use it to disrupt world gold market as their diamonds now are worrying Antwerp.

If we didn't have a cold war, would take steps not to have the alternative depression, we'd have a fine world . . . but it would have to be "under new management."

From Industrial Worker

### Propagandists Contradicted

"Jack" Tait, London correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune," tells us Great Britain's nationalized coal mines have cleared a profit of \$26,600,000 in 1949. They also contributed \$36,960,000 to compensate former private mine owners. That looks like a total profit of over \$63 million.

While all this was going on, the cost of producing coal was reduced 7 cents a ton, a saving of \$14 million. The last item is worth stressing, because, for years before the coal mines were nationalized, the cost of production was steadily going up. Output per man-shift also soared to a point higher than in 1938, before the World War. Clearly, this Labor government is not "ruining Britain and just as clearly, the British coal miner is not 'soldiering' on his job.

For one thing, the Laborites are rehabilitating the industry. Private enterprise would not install modern equipment.

### Farm Prosperity is Help to Everyone

Do you know that 5,800,000 farmers in the United States own cars? That 2,200,000 of them have trucks, and 3,550,000 more own tractors?

It's true. How close the farmer is to you, using the things you help make, is not always realized. The Agriculture Department has just made the car, truck and tractor estimates.

The figures show that more farmers are using more machinery each year. For example, the number of farmers owning garden tractors January 1, 1950, totaled 275,000 compared with 250,000 in 1949 and 200,000 in 1948.

### Ain't It The Truth!

"Some of you pedestrians walk as if you owned the streets."  
"Yeah? Well, some of you drivers drive as if you owned your cars."