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LOOKING AHEAD

by Dr. George A. ...

THE FRAUD EXPOSED

The railroad workers in Great Britain have called off their scheduled strike. They reached a settlement of their wage dispute with their employer, the British Government. The news of this event may have been read by many Americans, but it is doubtful that the significant facts were given more than passing notice.

There are 400,000 workers in the British National Union of Railwaymen. When they voted for public ownership of the railroad they fully expected to see their wages rise beyond those of railroad workers in America. But after nearly 10 years of public ownership of the railroads, they have come to a point where they must make themselves satisfied with wages ranging from \$18 to \$26 a week.

Two years ago the 400,000 workers in England's publicly-owned railway system asked for the wage raise. After two years of negotiation, the government now has agreed to raise the wages of low-level employees from \$17.50 to \$18.34 a week - a weekly increase of 84 cents, or 16 cents a day. The highest paid railroad men - the engineers - receive \$25.50 weekly, and their raise will be a few cents a day more than that given the lower rated employees. The union has accepted this settlement.

American railway workers receive wages which are, on the average, about three to four times higher than those of their counterparts in England. And thousands of the skilled engineers on our modern trains get 600 to 800 per cent more than the English engineers who are living and working in their "workers' paradise" of public (or government) ownership.

The plight of England's railroad employees shows us the economic facts of life in a nation which has embraced the Socialist program of public ownership. Socialism has gone so far in England in just a few years that even the so-called "Conservative Party" government has been unable to revitalize a spirit of private ownership and enterprise. There are other facts of life in England's present situation. St. John Ervine, noted British writer, discusses the Englishman's freedom in the magazine, Freedom First, published in London.

"When we contemplate the bureaucrat with his passion for secrecy, his nerveless reluctance to accept responsibility for his actions, and his extraordinary arrogance, the prospect of finding the bulk of the population enlisted in the Civil Service may well fill us with dismay," he writes. "What is to become of liberty in a nation where all the major industries are nationalized?"

St. John Ervine answers his own question. Personal liberty cannot continue in a nation in which the government owns and controls industry. "How will a man who is not servile to his bosses earn a living when he is sacked?" asks Ervine. "A postman who is dismissed because he dares to have opinions of his own cannot remove to another town and enter the postal service there. So far as the Post Office is concerned, he has had it!"

And the same now applies to most industrial employees in England. "Formerly," Ervine observes, "a man who was sacked or took leave of the Great Western Railway could transfer himself to London and North Western Railway or

Report to the People

by Congressman J. L. BUTNERFORD

THE TAX CUT voted by the House of Representatives, and sponsored by the Democrats, has been labeled as "strictly political" by members of the Republican party. Some of the most bitter debating ever to be heard on the floor took place during the two days this measure was argued in the House.

Yet, during the last session of Congress when the Republicans were in a majority, they bestowed a tax cut on investors in dividends and stocks under the guise of statesmanship and benevolence. Although the higher income group benefited from this move, the low income folks were chapped off from a proposed reduction at that time by the Republicans. Now that the Democrats would equalize the situation, the charge is "politics".

I'm not naive enough to say it isn't partially politics. But I just don't see how a theory used by the Republicans and called high statesmanship can suddenly, when advanced by Democrats, become "low politics".

WHEN I AM LOOKING over a map of the 16th District—and especially when I am driving over the roads of the sprawling territory—I am always impressed with its large size and area.

As you know, it comprises 19 counties and stretches from El Paso to Garden City, west to east, and drops down to trail the Mexican border from El Paso to below Sanderson before dipping up and taking in Ozona. Yes, it is big.

But during the last week I had occasion to realize it is "small" compared to the size it was once.

Mrs. Laurence E. Stevens of El Paso dropped by the office to visit, and talked of the days when her father—the late William Robert Smith—was the Congressman from the 16th District. At that time, the District was made of 57 counties! Mr. Smith lived in Colorado City and of course during the 14 years he served (from 1903 through 1917) he had much traveling to do. After being defeated in 1917, Mr. Smith moved to El Paso and served several years on the

Federal Bench until he died.

Mrs. Stevens was accompanied during her visit by Mrs. Wilson H. Elkins, former El Pasoan, whose husband is now president of nearby University of Maryland. Of course, many West Texans remember Dr. Elkins as president of El Paso's Texas Western College.

LAST WEEK I mentioned my outlook concerning Texas politics, in which I forecast that Senator Price Daniel will run for Governor and that Congressman Martin Dies will run for Senator to replace Daniel.

I'd like to take that a little further this week: Latest rumor is that John Lyle, ex-Congressman from the 14th District, might also seek the Senate seat should Daniel vacate it. Lyle, who did not run for re-election as Congressman and was replaced by John J. Bell, left Washington reportedly to concentrate on private law practice in his home town of Corpus Christi.

But the coffee-cup talk has centered around his frequent appearance in Washington and the speculation has been "Why?" Although the rumor isn't strong enough to knock you down, it's gaining momentum and it says Lyle is getting in shape to run for U.S. Senator.

REACTION TO THE President's proposed School Program has ranged from cool to cold to red-hot against.

School men who have studied this proposition say that the Federal Government doesn't really intend to spend any money improving schools, but is attempting merely to "build a fire" under the local people to raise their own funds.

Authorities in Maryland and Virginia schools say the President's proposal would not help their schools at all. And these many work on a "half-day" basis for students, in order that children from the thickly-populated areas around Washington may all have a chance at some education.

One thing I have found while studying this school proposal: Texas is in pretty good shape. Only 19 per cent of the Texas children are housed in what is classified as "obsolete buildings." Contrast this with Vermont, which has 72 per cent in unsatisfactory buildings, or Wisconsin (64 per cent) or Nebraska (67 per cent). Surprisingly, Alabama has the best system according to the form

chart. Only three per cent of the Alabama pupils reportedly are in obsolete structures. And this from a state with one of the lowest per capita incomes in the country!

SPEAKING OF PROGRAMS, Marshall Formby, a member of the Texas Highway Commission, visited me recently and he isn't too happy with the much-discussed highway program as proposed by the President.

Formby says he feels the most constructive step the Federal Government could take would be to repeal the two-cent gasoline tax and permit the individual states to pick it up. Then the states could build their own highways, he says.

From what I've seen of the Texas Highway Department and the Highway Commission in the past, I feel under this system Texas would be better off than under the proposed federal set-up. Texas, I think, has done an outstanding job on its roads in the past, and can do so in the future.

DURING THE ATTENDANT activity surrounding the birthday celebration of George Washington, I thought of the strange twist concerning his Mount Vernon home, and the home of Robert E. Lee, the leader of the Confederate army during the War Between the States.

General Lee's home sits on a huge hill overlooking Washington and is a national shrine. And, while both Washington and Lee are revered and respected, the fact remains that Lee once led an army against the government Washington helped to establish. Yet, here's the home of Lee, a government-owned national shrine—and the beautiful Mount Vernon home of Washington is owned and operated by private individuals as

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the government once refused to buy it for a national shrine!

More on Lee's home: You actually read more and hear more about Lee's old tobacco farm than you do his mansion, although you may not realize it.

For that old tobacco farm is now known as Arlington National Cemetery.

IN ADDITION to Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Elkins, already mentioned, visitors to my office during the

last week included George F. Simpson, El Paso; Ed Burkhardt of El Paso. Mr. Burkhardt was here in connection with an investigation we are conducting concerning life insurance policies for Mexican tobacco workers. Although we had some difficulty with the set-up at first, we are hopeful now of getting it straight.

Office Supplies at the Times

INCOME TAX FACTS No. 4 Get All Exemptions for Yourself and Dependents

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

Many taxpayers cheat themselves on their personal exemptions. Of course, there are others who get into trouble by claiming too many exemptions — like the cowboy who claimed an exemption for his horse because he loved him like a brother.

The rules for a taxpayer's own exemptions are the same this year as last year, but the new tax law has made it easier to get exemptions for dependents.

Your Own Exemptions

Here's how to count your exemptions (each one takes \$600 off your taxable income): One exemption for yourself, two if you are 65 or over, two if you are blind, three if you are both 65 and blind. The same applies to your husband or wife.

If your husband or wife died during 1954 you can file a joint return claiming the exemptions including those for age or blindness to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death.

Exemptions for Dependents

One exemption of \$600 can be taken for each person who fits the definition of a dependent. This \$600 is not doubled for age or blindness, as in the case of your personal exemption.

To count for an exemption, the dependent must: 1. Have less than \$600 gross income for 1954 (except that under the new law this does not apply to your child if he is under 19 or is a full-time student).

2. Have received more than half his support from you. (New Law: Do not include scholarships in figuring total cost of support. The dependent may also qualify even though no one person furnished more than half of his support if a group of persons who would otherwise be able to claim the dependent contributed more than half, any member of the group who contributed at least 10% may claim the dependent if all others who contributed 10% or more have signed a declaration that they will not claim the deduction.)

3. Not file a joint return with his or her spouse. 4. Be either a citizen of the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Canal Zone, Panama, or (in some cases) the Philippines. 5. Live with you (absence while attending school does not interfere) or be a close relative as defined in the tax instructions or be a cousin receiving institutional care for a mental or physical disability who lived with you before going to the institution.

Children and Disabled Dependents Don't forget that a baby born any time up to midnight December 31 counts as a full exemption. A new feature this year is a deduction of as much as \$600 for care of a dependent while the breadwinner is working. This deduction is available to mothers, widowers, divorced and legally separated persons, who are allowed to deduct expenses up to \$600 for the care of a son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter under 12 (or any dependent who is mentally or physically incapacitated).

A working wife is entitled to the deduction if her husband is physically or mentally incapable of providing support. Where the husband is not disabled, the working wife may also take a deduction if a joint return is filed, except that the \$600 limit is reduced by the amount the couple's gross income exceeds \$4,500.

Additional Information Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

Next article: Tax Based on Dividends and Retirement Income.

Pick PEARL X-TRA LIGHT X-TRA MILD X-TRA MELLOW. Advertisement for Pearl Lager Beer featuring a woman holding a glass of beer and a bottle of Pearl Lager Beer.

Be Happy in Your Own Home. Advertisement for Alamo Lumber Company featuring a family photo and text about FHA Title II Loan and G.I. Loan options.

Club Hears Report of Recent Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Home Demonstration Club in the home of Mrs. Chester Tuesday with Mrs. Lee Dudley as co-hostess.

Members answered roll call with topics and Mrs. L. A. presided during the business meeting.

Don Allen gave an educational talk on "Mental Health". N. M. Mitchell gave a report on the recent Pecos County meeting in Fort Stockton and explained the Spring conference to be in Fort Stockton on March 31.

The St. Patrick's Day theme noted in the decorations and menu for the lunch. The table was covered with a cloth over green and centered with an arrangement of stock and Bells of Ireland. Mint and white mints, salted candied lime slices and milk chocolate fudge were on the table. The hostesses added a congealed salad, stuffed celery, devilled potato chips and olives to the school girl lunches brought by members. Pecan, cherry and pies baked by Mrs. James and Mrs. Don Allen were served with tea and coffee.

After noon, Miss Vera Thornton gave a demonstration on cleaning and oiling of an electric sewing machine, explaining the use of the various equipment.

H. E. Ezelle demonstrated the use of the various attachments.

Those present included Mmes. G. Hinkle, James Caroline, L. Wright, I. B. Rusk, N. M. Mitchell, Jack Hardgrave, J. W. Galt, Sr., E. F. Pierson, E. Holland, Lee Grigsby, J. Gardner, Don Allen, H. E. Ezelle, M. Duncan, and Misses Eva Carr, Vera Thormann; Mrs. W. Welch, a guest, and Mrs. Hill, a new member.

Mrs. E. H. Jessup Leads Study For Presbyterian Women

Mrs. E. H. Jessup was leader of Bible study lesson when the Presbyterian Women of the church met in the Fellowship Hall yesterday afternoon.

The lesson was an answer to the question, "What is the church?" and was based on the scripture, Matthew 28:16-20.

Following the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," Mrs. Sid Harkins led the opening prayer.

Mrs. N. M. Mitchell discussed the "Need of World Missions" with special emphasis on the needs of India.

Mrs. Roy Deaton was hostess of the social hour which followed the meeting and served champagne à la mode, tea and coffee.

Those present included Mmes. G. Mitchell, E. J. Hanson, J. W. H. Sid Harkins, C. C. Mitchell, W. McKee, N. M. Mitchell, E. Pierson, H. C. Rock, F. M. H. E. Schroegler, Herman H. E. Jessup, and a guest, Mrs. V. J. LaForge.

Special prayer services were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and the programs on "World Missions" were by Mrs. N. M. Mitchell.

Pre-St. Patrick's Day tea by the Altar Society of St. James Catholic Church, Wednesday, March 9, pie and coffee, also aprons and bonnets for sale. C. P. S. office, beginning at 10 a. m. adv.

E. F. Pierson was in Odessa Saturday for treatment of an ear infection.

Mrs. J. J. Spurlin Leads Program For Methodist WSCS

The Methodist Womans Society of Christian Service met Monday afternoon in Fellowship Hall. The floral decorations consisted of a centerpiece of spring flowers on a table covered with a crocheted cloth over pink.

During the business meeting, the group voted to make a contribution to the woman's dormitory to be erected at the Sacramento assembly grounds in memory of the late Mrs. I. J. Ayer of El Paso, a long-time worker and holder of many offices in the woman's work of the New Mexico conference. A free-will offering will be brought to the March meeting to go to the Overseas Relief committee that is providing food for starving children in the Near-East. Announcement was made of the annual meeting in El Paso on March 15 and 16 and the district meeting in Fort Stockton on March 29.

Miss Eva Billings announced the mission study next Monday afternoon at three o'clock in the church.

Mrs. J. J. Spurlin led the program for the meeting. After the hymn, "The Voice of God is Calling" had been sung, the scripture passages were read by Miss Eva Billings and Mrs. W. F. Frazor.

Assisting Mrs. Spurlin in presenting the program on "New Ventures On Old Roads" were Mesdames Clyde Higgins, Chester Boyd, Ida Bodkin, John Neal, H. C. Goldwire, J. J. Spurlin, I. B. Rusk, L. H. Gilbreath, L. G. Hinkle, Gene McSparran, W. W. Sudduth and W. F. Frazor of Bryan; also Miss Eva Billings.

Bridge-Luncheon In Reininger Home For Wednesday Club

A luncheon featuring Mexican food was served at 1 o'clock when Mrs. John Reininger entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club and additional guests in her home this week.

In the bridge games which followed, Mrs. James Kerr was winner of the high score prize. Mrs. Bustin Canon, second high and Mrs. W. R. Stumberg, low.

The other members present were Mmes. R. S. Wilkinson, S. L. Stumberg, Herbert Brown, F. M. Wood and J. T. Williams.

The guests included Mmes. Worth Evans of Fort Davis, E. J. Hanson, Mary Lou Kellar and W. E. Stavley.

A beautiful bouquet of violets and candytuft from Mrs. James Kerr's garden formed the centerpiece on the dining table.

Mrs. H. E. Fletcher Hostess Thursday For Bridge Club

Mrs. H. E. Fletcher was hostess last week for the meeting of the Thursday Bridge Club.

The guests included Mmes. M. W. Duncan, O. J. Cresswell, Hugh Rose, A. J. Hahn, I. B. Rusk, Wilbe Banner, A. H. Zuberbueeler, Vic Littleton, Jack Riggs, C. H. Stavley, J. D. Swanson and W. E. Stavley.

Slam and high score prizes went to Mrs. Riggs, slam and second high to Mrs. Banner and low to Mrs. C. H. Stavley.

Mrs. Matt Bader and Mrs. W. F. Frazor of Bryan were tea guests.

The hostess served pineapple cream pie, tea and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Maggie Bustos of San Antonio, former residents, spent the week end here with relatives and friends.

FOOD... through the ages...

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Baptists Observe Week of Prayer For Home Missions

The Baptist W.M.U. has observed the week of special prayer for home missions this week.

The program for the afternoon meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday was titled, "Trophies for the King". Mrs. O. D. Gray led the program for two meetings and Mrs. James Word for the other.

Those present included Mmes. W. O. Belcher, L. H. Lemons, W. D. Martin, Jr., A. D. Brown, S. D. Thompson, O. D. Gray, James Word, B. J. Pettis, B. E. Carr, Ray Thompson, Lloyd Cowan and H. G. Cates.

Whistler-Milligan Troth Announced

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Jerry Whistler and Airman First Class J. B. Milligan was made Tuesday by the parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Whistler of Del Rio, former residents of Sanderson.

The wedding is planned for this month although a definite date has not been set.

Miss Whistler is a student in the Del Rio High School. She is a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Whistler, pioneer Terrell County ranchers. Her fiance, son of Mrs. Viola Milligan of Batesville, Ark., is stationed at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio.

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The Old Times

"The surest way to have happiness and peace of mind is to give them to somebody else."

AMONG OUR SUBSCRIBERS

FitcheyMagill of Blythe, California, and Stanton White of Sanderson are new subscribers to the Times; also Mrs. W. R. Qualtrough of El Paso; C. L. Sims of Mobile, Alabama; Evelyn Neatherlin of Del Rio.

Renewals have come from Mrs. Marie M. Burgess of Los Angeles, California; M. G. Bustos of San Antonio; R. A. Ochoa of San Fernando, California; Mrs. Kurt de Cousser of Lansing, Michigan; Mrs. J. W. Daniels of El Paso; H. E. Ezelle, L. A. Henshaw and Mrs. H. C. Goldwire of Sanderson, John L. Bowen of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rose and daughter, Joy, of Del Rio, spent the week end here with relatives.

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