

Government Reorganization Proposals Aim To Promote Efficiency And Save Money

By CLARKE BEACH

WASHINGTON—Is reorganization working? It isn't enough merely to realign and consolidate the various government agencies to accomplish the purposes of the Hoover commission to save money and promote efficiency.

The reorganized agencies also must produce results. A progress report has now been turned out by one of the first and most important of the reorganized units, the General Services Administration. Jess Larson is GSA administrator.

GSA, created six months ago, is responsible among other things for the procurement, use and disposal of all supplies and personal services for the civilian agencies of the government. It coordinates its work with the military establishment, but has no authority in the military field. Larson's acts and plans up to now seem to fall generally into three categories:

1. Devising cheaper and more

efficient methods of doing government business. 2. Eliminating such "five percenters" as get fat fees for acting as go-betweens for businessmen but whose work isn't necessary or legitimate. Larson points out, however, that some middle-men perform a necessary and legitimate function. 3. Spreading government business as widely as possible to enable small business to get its share of government orders.

First Tangible Steps

1. A new type of purchase form is about to be adopted, combining in one process a variety of steps that formerly were required. It's called the "purchase order - invoice - voucher form." The Hoover commission estimated that adoption of such a form would save the government \$15,000,000 a year.

2. A single system of naming and classifying all government supplies is being worked out. The government now buys about 3,000,000 things, but the agencies call them by 6,000,000 names.

3. A plan is being developed for government agencies to exchange within geographical regions any property not in use.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

and giving packaging information. This agency is now small, but it will be expanded.

5. Forty thousand common use items are not bought on indefinite-term contracts. Instead of requiring expensive individual contracts for each order, an agency can simply order the supplies as it needs them, under a previously negotiated contract. In addition, 4,000 items are stocked in supply centers. Agencies can draw on these as they are needed.

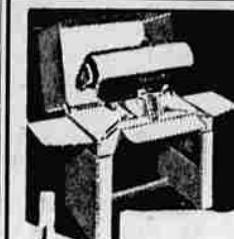
Here are some of the steps being taken to aid small business and curb the "five percenters."

1. To make it easier for sellers to do business with the government without coming to Washington or hiring agents here, 10 regional field offices of GSA are to be established. Also federal supply inquiry offices have been set up to give personal assistance to sellers. And GSA is posting in all field supply offices a "Supply Report" listing all goods

which the government wants to purchase.

2. A simplified contract form is soon to be put in use. The business man will use it wherever he deals with the government.

In its wild upper reaches, China's Yangtze river has a name for almost every tribe along its banks.



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The ushers will be back on the job later this week, but for the present, local members of Naval Reserve units are manning the theater, welcoming aboard all theater-goers during presentation of this film.

David Hill, Naval reserve member, and Arthur L. DeMott, local Navy recruiter, announced the local units are helping present the film in an effort to interest other veterans and non-veterans in joining these units by stimulating interest in the Naval reserve's various activities.

The two local groups, Electronics Warfare company 1316 and Volunteer Composite unit 131, recently celebrated their third anniversary. At present their strength is about 200 members, including veterans and non-veterans.

Speaking of past activities of the Roseburg Naval reserve, Hill said the quonset hut facilities at the fairgrounds were erected by volunteer labor, without governmental assistance. The Navy department recently completed extensive installation of radio and radar equipment to facilitate training for electronic rates, Hill said. Classes are currently being held there at 8 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and are open to all persons interested in the Naval reserve.

Hill said other equipment to

Plenty Happens When 3-Year-Old Tries To Drive Car

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. — (AP) — Here's the results of John Woodshon's first attempt to drive a car:

A fractured ankle for his great-grandmother, Mrs. Cora Lee. A smashed front end for his grandfather's automobile. Two damaged trees.

Several pieces of lawn furniture flattened.

Mrs. Delbert Lee, John's grandmother, left John and the elder Mrs. Lee in the car while she stopped at a grocery store. The engine was running; John got the car in gear and started off.

The auto spun across the street, sideswiped a tree, made splinters out of the lawn furniture and stopped after crashing into another tree.

be installed at the headquarters will include machine shop and carpenter shop equipment. Also slated for installation are items necessary for training disaster units, with training in this phase to be offered some time in February.

Hill said the local reserve intends to form a softball team to enter competition in the City Softball league in late spring. Other athletic activity will include a basketball team and a bowling team to represent the Naval reserve.

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News Views

By SHERMAN PLIMPTON

The nation's optics are on the Northwest's plans to curb juvenile delinquency. The idea is that parents are to blame for the crimes of their children, and when trouble develops Mom and Pop will have to meet the judge. The plan has worked in Baker and Lakeview, Ore., but now Eugene, Ore., will give it a major test. Most parents don't need this sort of threat to keep an eye on the kids, but there's no doubt some folks may take their family jobs more seriously if they're going to share junior's guilt. There's only one question. Who's to blame for the adult delinquent?

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