Editorial Page

Government Services Don't Come Cheaply

Did you ever wonder how much we in the state pay for the myriad of government services we receive?

The Oregon Voter, a periodical devoted to economic, tax and public affairs subjects, devoted a fat recent issue to telling us. The issue is called a tax review for 1963.

One thing Editor Walter May indicates is that these taxes for government service are virtually all the result of requests for them by significant segments of populations on local, state and national levels.

"Taxation without representation was the cause of the American Revolution. Taxation with representation is a factor in rising costs of government, as a result of the social revolution and evolution through which the United States has been passing.

He lists these interesting statistics about what we pay for the many services we have.

1. Personal income earned by Oregon residents in 1963 was about $4.6 billion.

2. Oregon Voter says it can account for up to $1,723,000,000 which goes to taxes. This includes $664 million from personal, excise and certain other charges to the federal government and $121 million in personal income and excise taxes (not including dedicated funds). Local government units (counties, cities, schools, special service districts) take $240 million in local property taxes.

3. It says that the taxes amount to 37.3 per cent of all Oregon personal income. It points out that in fairness it should be noted that not all dedicated fund taxes come directly from personal income. Some of them come from the gross in business, business profits or are part of payrolls workers don't yet receive. With these allowances, it says it can conservatively be said that from Oregon personal income 26.27 per cent goes into direct taxes — more than a quarter.

Adding taxes on gasoline and payroll taxes, it says it can reasonably show that about 33 per cent of the personal income eventually goes to taxes. On this basis, it says, this amounts to about $642 for every man, woman and child.

Almost anything can be done with figures to prove a point, but the Oregon Voter's report leaves little doubt about the high cost of government.

It also emphasizes strongly that the only way to keep taxes from taking even greater chunks than the third they already take from income is to muzzle our demands for increased services.

"Since government has nothing to give the people except what it first gets from the people, we have taxes," Oregon Voter insists.

Opinions From Readers

The Middle Ground Will Always Prevail

To The Editor:

Mr. Ben Hunter's letter in reply to Roy Hanford, is, as he says of Hanford's, well done.

I can understand completely their feelings, and I am utterly positive that Dr. Hanford, Roy Cottrell and others are extremely sincere in their beliefs.

They make good points and any incident they may cite to prove their point, they cover well, but there is always a different set of circumstances for each identical situation, and, as I look at both right and left in their extremity, I cannot grasp the idea that they can ever see beyond their own little well wrapped and cute theory

The Communists of the whole world practically announced as a fact that Kennedy was assassinated by the right wing of America. Of course, that is wrong. And how does the right wing answer? Almost identically, except for names. A recent Goldwater column almost said the Reds conspired it, after two paragraphs of denunciation of them for saying his type of philosophy caused it. With almost absolute certainty President Kennedy was killed by a nut, and a single warped mind.

Writers Sound Alike

When you take abode on one side of the woods, you will never know why the people on the other side think as they do. Believe me, that when you live where you can hear both sides, wonder and think of what each says, it is amazing how finally previous writers sound alike.

I have no doubt that millions of years ago a band of cavemen quarreled with a bunch in the next cave about the question of the vanishing dinosaur population. I have no doubt, that millions of years from now, the quarrel will change only to the extent that somebody ought to do something about the short stops space travelers have to put up with on Mars or the the way to Neptune.

As one who sits in the middle, and I admit I'm there only because I'm not sure where else to be, you hear the why's of Roy Cottrell and Gus Hall. And there is one thing I will learn about each, that each will never know about the other. They do not know that each is completely honest in the opinion that his way is the only way. Each is so surely convinced that the other only wants to do him in. Mr. Hall truly believes that the most of us will have a beautiful, wonderous life under Communism. He is not faking it. To him it is so. In a fight against it this is the first thing you must know.

Both Are Right

But he won't win, because he doesn't know the same truth about you. Logic would seem to indicate that one is wrong, but that is not so either. Both are right for themselves. There are good reasons for a man to be a Communist — good reasons for him — but, of course, those reasons are the opposite to that for most of us here in America. And until you know why they reason thusly, you cannot make rebuttal except in wild inflammatory expletives and when you do that, you simply invite a reply in kind with one more derogation heaped upon yet another. And the vast bulk of us who live in the middle simply become lost in harangues we cannot understand.

Mr. Hunter's analogy of the clock pendulum is correct. The right wing sets at 3 o'clock, and the left wing at 9 o'clock. And forever it will be hurled back and forth, never stopping, but if it does, it will rest at 6 o'clock, where the most of us have been simply ducking, as rotten eggs fly over our heads. As long as we exist as people on this earth, there will always be more than one idea of how we should govern ourselves. How much government itself should do and how much it should not do. This has always been so and will ever be.

People Different

Different philosophies are born, some to die quickly, some to thrive, some to come back from retirement. This is so because people are different and people are different because their circumstances are different. The honest, noble, hard working man born in and knowing only a hard life on a scraggy farm in a remote mountainous area; a man who raised ten kids in a two-room cabin on corn pone and turnip greens, who never asked or accepted one penny of help in his life, will never have his mind changed by any human on earth that the governing philosophy, which brought electricity to his cabin, is not the greatest that ever was.

By the same token the chairman of the board of the multi-billion dollar empire of the Southern - Northern Gas, Coal, Power Co. of America, Inc., as he sits in the den of his seven-bedroom, three-bath mansion, isn't going to be convinced that the government ought to assume more responsibility in the utilities field.

Observations Astute

Mr. Cooper of Canyonville has made some astute observations concerning state welfare. He cited an incident of a young fellow who wouldn't work because somebody would feed him anyway. There probably isn't anyone who wouldn't decry this attitude and it is likely that liberal welfare produced it. I personally know of the most flagrant abuses of welfare. But can you in fair honesty, presto, and just like that, stop all welfare—that it means no one is deserving of it? Certainly not! So, again, like all the problems of the day, the answer must and surely will have to be found in that vast middle ground, only if because this is simply where most of us are. The Dan Smoots will come and will go. The Gus Hall's will come and go, too. This will be so because of absolutism, complete finality of theories.

Tell me of your philosophy. Teach me what it is and why. I want to know it, ponder it and digest it. I want to know why people think it. I want to know why they apply it to problems of being together. But if I do not see it their way, they should not intimate that surely I eat little babies alive.

And remember that it is as difficult for me to recognize a truth, spewed forth in a spray of venom, as it is to detect the lie given with chocolate candy.

Melvin Boyce
North Myrtle Route
Myrtle Creek, Oregon

Patriotism Teachings Might Deter Tragedies

To The Editor:

I wonder how many people think of Lee Oswald as a coward because he couldn't face President Kennedy and pull the trigger. He shot him from behind. We always say a coward hits from behind.

The tragic assassination of our President should not have happened. I wonder if we could prevent others by stressing patriotism and Americanism in the schools and everywhere?

Then we can truly say, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

Mrs. Juanita Cobb
150 NE Promise
Roseburg, Ore.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Friday, Jan. 10, the tenth day of 1964 with 356 to follow.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The evening stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was born on this day in 1737.

On this day in history:

In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil Company in Cleveland, with a capital of $1 million.

In 1917, frontier scout "Buffalo Bill" Cody died.

In 1946, delegates of 51 nations convened in London for the first session of the United Nations General Assembly.

A thought for the day—U.S. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society."

Population Boom Forecast In State

PORTLAND (UPI)— Oregon's population may increase by more than one-third from 1960 to 1980, the Oregon Board of Census forecast recently.

The board said the state may have 2,373,000 people by 1980 as a result largely of probable sharp increases in the 15 to 29 age group. Oregon's 1960 population was 1,768,687.

A decrease in the 45 to 49 age group was predicted as a result of low birth rates in the 1930s.

The board made the forecast after projecting birth, death and migration rates.

All areas except the north coast showed a probable increase. The Portland metropolitan area, including Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, increased from 728,088 in 1960 to 1,080,295 in 1980 in the board's predictions.

An increase from 162,890 to 245,157 was forecast for Lane County.

UNWEDDING CEREMONIES

LONDON (UPI)—The Church of England should run their own divorce courts and have "unwedding ceremonies" to end marriages, Anglican Canon Douglas Rhymes, 49, said recently.

Canon Rhymes, in his book "No New Morality," said divorced persons should be able to marry new partners in church.

News Analysis

Brazil Saw First Big Commie Try

By PHIL NEWSOM

Not generally recalled is the fact that the first attempted Communist revolution in the Western Hemisphere occurred in Brazil, in November, 1935.

It was led by a short, frail man with intense black eyes named Luis Carlos Prestes. It was an abortive affair but for four days the revolutionaries held the city of Natal where they installed a Soviet-style regime.

Uprisings also took place in the cities of Recife and in Rio de Janeiro.

In Rio, aided by a part of the garrison, the rebels proclaimed Prestes president of Brazil.

For the Moscow-trained Prestes, the revolt earned a 16-year prison sentence, of which he served nine, followed by more years in the Brazilian underground.

His activities led the legislative reference service of the Library of Congress in 1958 to describe him as the "most outspoken opponent of the United States south of the Rio Grande."

"For more than a quarter of a century," the reference service said, "he has spumed venom aimed at poisoning Brazilian United States relations."

This background is to point up an event of only a few days ago which may be of significance to present-day Brazil.

In a television interview in Rio, old - Communist Prestes, whose party theoretically still is outlawed in Brazil, made some interesting predictions. Among them:

Brazilian Communists will come to power under the present regime of President Joao Goulart.

It will come to power peacefully.

Former governor of Rio Grande do sul State, Goulart's brother-in - law Leonel Brizola, has "every condition of being the chief of the revolution."

Goulart also could be that chief "provided he freed himself of his engagements with certain reactionary areas."

Former President Juscelino Kubitschek and fiercely anti-Communist Gov. Carlos Lacerda of Guanabara State, where Rio is located, he branded as "agents of reactionary forces" and "slaves of imperialism."

The fact that Prestes could emerge to make his pronouncements over a government - licensed television station, is perhaps significant of the chaotic state of Brazilian politics.

There is no record that the government sought to suppress him or that Brizola, violently leftist and violently anti-United States, sought to disavow him.

Of further significance is the fact that Prestes emerged at this time as the spokesman for communism. He is the party's general secretary in Brazil but for many months he has remained in the background while others held the stage. Among these has been pro-Castro advocate of violent revolution Francisco Juliao, organizer of the peasant leagues in northeast Brazil.

Prestes, during the TV interview, declared unhesitatingly that: "We Brazilian Communists are on the side of Soviet Russia" in the quarrel with Red China.

Since Castro's own loyalty to Moscow now is being questioned, it may be that Moscow has its own reasons for bringing Prestes out of mothballs.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Pundits Come In Pairs Now

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — As you may already have noticed, there is a trend nowadays toward packaging Washington columnists in pairs, like cufflinks or bookends.

Not that the buddy system is anything new, of course. Old-timers will recall that Drew Pearson once operated the "Washington Merry -Go-Round" a tandem with Robert S. Allen.

And Joseph Alsop shared a column with his brother Stewart before the latter peeled off to enter the magazine dodge.

But never before have matched sets of pundits been as abundant as now.

The aforementioned Allen has for some time been in partnership with Paul Scott. Not long ago the New York Herald Tribune made a column - writing team of Rowland Evans and Robert Novak.

NEA Has Team

More recently the Newspaper Enterprise Association brought Bruce Biossat and Ray Cromley under a joint byline. And just this week the Washington Daily News doubled up George Clifford and Tom Kelly.

Apparently the affairs of the nation have become so complex that it now takes two to pontificate. Or, it could be that someone has discovered that two can soothsay as cheaply as one.

Until a few days ago, it had never occurred to me to consider playing typewriter duets.

On that occasion, I was about two paragraphs deep in a column when a group of my colleagues in the House press gallery adjourned for lunch. I'll do anything to keep from working, so I joined them.

While I was gone, some kind soul passed by my tupewriter, observed that I seemed to be stuck and sat down and finished the first page. It was pretty good stuff, too.

My unknown benefactor had written a learned treatise on whether "there really is a Rep. H. R. Gross and, if so, who would want a Gross of H. R.s?"

I have been told never to look a ghost writer in the ectoplasm, but when I subsequently discovered that the phantom contributor was Joseph McCaffrey, a radio-television commentator, I proposed on the spot that we become a team.

"Between us we should be able to make a pundit," I said.

"A good idea," McCaffrey agreed. "I'll supply the puns and you furnish the dits."

The collaboration, however, never got off the ground, mainly because of a conflict over whose name would be listed first in the communal byline.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1924

At the annual shareholders meeting of the Douglas National Bank it was decided to proceed with the securing of plans, specifications and estimates for the remodeling of the bank building and the banking rooms. The task will be undertaken during the present year. New vaults are planned and the committee will make a complete investigation to provide more protection.

The WCTU, which is providing a home for children near Corvallis, is appealing to the people of the state to aid in the purchase of the land surrounding the home. A recent request for cows met a hearty response, and the children are now provided with an abundance of pure, clean milk, which is doing much to strengthen their bodies.

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1939

Administration forces, openly doubtful of victory, endeavored today to restore to the relief bill the $150 million lopped off by a rebellious House subcommittee. House leaders said that if the full appropriations committee failed to make the restoration one of its members would offer an amendment to appropriate the full $875 million which President Roosevelt requested to keep WPA going until June 30.

10 YEARS AGO
Jan. 10, 1954

Alyce Clayton shot a perfect total score of 736 to hightlight the weekly shoot of the Umpqua Bowman. In getting her perfect, Mrs. Clayton shot all six arrows in the gold circle. This is the first time this feat has been accomplished at the local club this year.

The Roseburg High School seniors will try this year to continue their winning string in gathering money for the annual March of Dimes campaign. They won the Del McKay trophy as freshmen for the biggest total of funds for the infantile paralysis drive and last year spearheaded the drive which rang up $1,692 at the school.

The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Inventor Of 'Tiny Tinsel' Deserves Medieval Rack

Recently I have been reading the history of an early period in England.

In those times, it would seem, the people had a decisive method of dealing with criminal and political situations. Political enemies and criminals were promptly executed. And they had some fancy techniques of execution!

Capital punishment for the criminal element was quite swift. Criminals were simply beheaded. No appeals, reviews, new trials, etc. and etc. No waits and no delays! Sentence was pronounced and they went to the block within the hour.

But political enemies got the works, and what works they were!

In my opinion, however, they were all too good for the guy who invented the tinsel that goes on Christmas cards.

Those early day Englishmen surely didn't follow Biblical instruction to love their enemies. Instead, according to the history of those days, they practiced a very harsh brand of punishment and revenge.

They also believed, apparently, that punishment, which usually was public, should be a deterrent, not only to those who might be criminally inclined, but, more particularly, to those who might have political aspirations contrary to the man or party in power.

Consequently, in resorting to capital punishment upon the slightest provacation — and even without — they sought to produce fear. Severed heads, for example, were impaled on pikes and used to decorate the walls surrounding cities.

Present day sanitary agencies wouldn't like that.

Divorce was easy in those days, too, for the aristocracy. When a gent wanted to discard a wife, he needed only to have her head lopped off. No alimony!

Executions Refined

Political enemies and heretics were favored targets for the more highly perfected methods of execution. They were drawn, quartered, hanged, pulled apart on the racks, sawn into pieces, burned at the stake, dragged behind horses, etc. Another way was to lower the victim by inches into a pot of boiling oil. One English king, known for his love of good wines, after being captured by enemies, was drowned in a hogshead of his favorite wine, the top of the cask replaced, thereby pickling the body in the king's choice beverage.

But even these forms of torture and death, it seems to me, are totally inadequate for the guy who first conceived the idea of sprinkling tinsel on Christmas cards.

There can be no denying that the gorgeous, shiny, colored cards are very effective and beautiful.

But, pray tell, how does one ever get that stuff out of the carpet?

Everywhere I find shiny particles glaring up at me — even in the men's restroom of the newspaper office.

It's Everywhere

I've vacuumed my carpet time and again. I'll take an oath there isn't another sparkle to be seen. I'll pridefully put the cleaner away, park myself in my easy chair, gaze around the living room, then swear that I must have been using the wrong end of the vacuum cleaner and spraying the darned stuff around.

How does it ever get on suits protected by garment bags?

I can understand how it gets into my bed, because I touch bare feet to the floor, but from whence comes the shiny sparkler in the refrigerator?

From now on I propose to open all my Christmas mail under water. Perhaps that would help.

There's a fortune I'm sure awaiting the guy who can perfect an adhesive that will keep tinsel on cards instead of having it fly all over the place the moment a letter is opened.

In the meantime it's just too bad the fellow who first thought up the idea of illuminating Christmas cards with microscopic brilliants wasn't made to undergo medieval tortures and execution — plus!

ISSUES ORDER

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson issued an executive order Wednesday permitting members of the U.S. armed forces to accept United Nations medals and service ribbons awarded them by the world organization.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF
State Bank No. 309

Douglas County State Bank

of Roseburg in the State of Oregon
at the close of business on Dec. 20, 1963

ASSETS		
1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection		$ 4,729,008.26
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed		8,479,969.90
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions		2,524,876.55
6. Loans and discounts (including $4,954.17 overdrafts)		15,632,701.44
7. Bank premises owned $2,040.60, furniture and fixtures $232,783.29		234,823.89
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises		16,643.36
11. Other assets		9,200.63
12. TOTAL ASSETS		$31,627,224.03
LIABILITIES		
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		13,964,455.46
14. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations		9,202,382.83
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)		525,973.90
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions		4,711,996.19
17. Deposits of banks		392,242.07
18. Certified and officers' checks, etc.		224,092.30
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	$29,021,142.75	
(a) Total demand deposits	$16,956,358.32	
(b) Total time and savings deposits	$12,064,784.43	
23. Other liabilities		334,896.18
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES		$29,356,038.93
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
25. Capital: (a) Common stock, total par value $250,000.00		250,000.00
26. Surplus		1,650,000.00
27. Undivided profits		371,185.10
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		2,271,185.10
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		$31,627,224.03
MEMORANDA		
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase)		6,693,163.02
32. (a) Loans as shown above are after deduction of valuation reserves of		369,301.74

I, W. E. Garrison, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: /s/ W. E. Garrison

DIRECTORS

L. E. Garrison — David S. Adolph — E. G. Young

State of Oregon, County of Douglas, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1964, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

My commission expires 11/3/66
Nancy B. Linna, Notary Public