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THE MARGARINE BATTLE

The other day we picked up a paper published in the south, where margarine is made and read an editorial entitled, "We want margarine." The gist of the editorial pointed out the superiority of margarine over butter. And then we happened to note on statistics on the butter and the margarine industry and noted that there were only about sixteen or eighteen companies manufacturing margarine in the United States against some forty-five to fifty-five thousand dairymen operating in the United States, not counting the one or two cow dairymen, as Ray Trask would put it.

Perhaps margarine will win its so called legal battle, but it would be nothing short of an economic tragedy to witness the fact of some sixteen companies putting forty to fifty thousand other companies out of business.

This is what might happen if the margarine industry has its way.

IF AND WHEN IT COMES, WE'LL TAKE IT

The most difficult task facing a number of people is making the post war adjustment. Most of us realize that there has to be an end to spiraling prices and perhaps plentiful jobs and that the leveling off period must follow. Some are inclined to get panicky for fear the bottom will drop out. Only recently we heard a fear expressed that the nation might be entering into another period like 1929 and the individual who uttered this fear expressed the belief that depressions could and should be avoided and we agreed with him. At the same time we seriously doubt if the public would be willing to pay the price of the remedy and the reason the public would not pay the price is because the remedy would cramp the style of the present method of operations. The spiral would never have started if the seller had not asked for more profit and the laborer more wages. The fact that war creates artificial scarcities and scarcities create excuses for higher prices making higher living costs.

Neither do we agree with the predictions of the economists for they have been wrong in about the same percentage as the pollsters.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE AFRAID OF

Gen. Ike Eisenhower, in testifying before a congressional committee last week at Washington warns that the United States could conceivably slip into a dictatorship without a shot being fired. That fear has been expressed more than once by numbers of people who have observed what has happened in Europe in the last seven or eight years.

The chief difficulty stems from the failure to recognize just how easy it is to lose quickly our way of life. We can lose our standard of living just as quickly and as easily as the average man can let his money slip away from him. The longer we live the greater is our respect for our forefathers, who attempted to write a safeguard for our liberties into the constitution.

A good many people are asking for a planned economy from the government because they expect some sort of aid from the government. At the same time they vigorously deny that they desire a controlled economy such as now prevails in many other nations. They apparently failed to recognize that there is no difference between a planned and a controlled economy under any government.

HIGHER TAXES

The state legislature seems to be in a muddle over the present tax problems. The solons are in about the same shape you and I would be if we needed more money and did not know where to get it. The only difference is that some of the legislators apparently think the situation will solve itself. Late last week Gov. McKay had become so impatient with the fact that the tax committee had brought forth no program, that he threatened to go before the legislature and deliver a special message. Since most of the work of the legislature is based on what the tax committee does, we can not expect any progress until a definite recommendation is made and accepted.

We would wager even money that the report will mean higher taxes for the property owner. Since we have consistently refused to adopt any sort of a sales tax, there are no new sources of revenue to tap. Funds may be juggled, but that promises only temporary relief.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MEAT PRICES?

Is any form of "price control" workable? The answer to that is yes—but not the kind of arbitrary and artificial controls which governments sometimes impose, to the eventual sorrow of their people. The only kind of "price control" which does a sound job is that which is part and parcel of the supply-and-demand system of production and distribution.

Meat has been providing an exceptionally good example of that. This winter there was a seasonal increase in meat supplies. As a result, between September and mid-January the general wholesale price of all meats, for the country as a whole, declined about 20 per cent. This was reflected in sharp declines in retail prices. In the Chicago area, over the same period of time, pork chops dropped an average of 26 per cent, round steak 25 per cent, and so on down the line. Lard, which is one of the major by-products of the meat packing industry, sank 30 per cent.

This, to repeat, was the result of increased meat supplies available to the consumer. How long that will go on no one knows. But all of us should know, from experience and observation, that government controls and allocations would inevitably create shortages—precisely as they would act as a welcome shot in the arm to the black market. No one will do his utmost to produce more meat for the future if he knows that the prices he will receive, and the markets available to him, will be dictated by the whims of politicians whose principal interest lies in seeking favor with the voters.

Supply and demand continues to demonstrate that it is the best and fairest economic system yet devised by man.

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Greatest Manhunt Is Conducted by U. N.

GENEVA—The greatest manhunt in history has been taking place here in Europe for more than three years. It involves the location of some hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who disappeared, often without a trace, during World War II and the years of Nazi domination.

To find out what happened to at least part of them is the job of the International Tracing Service, a branch of U. N. International Refugee Organization (IRO).

This branch of IRO has become the world's largest bureau of missing persons, handling as many as 6000 cases a month, operating a master index which contains information on nearly 3,000,000 people and acting as an international detective agency which traces missing persons of more than 30 nationalities.

With headquarters in the German town of Arolsen, ITS was established by IRO in January 1948, taking over the records of the old UNRRA Central Tracing Bureau, which was set up by the four major powers occupying Germany in 1945. The purpose of the International Tracing Service is to put members of dispersed families in touch with each other and to collect documentary evidence which will give clues to the whereabouts or the fate of missing persons. So far, 65,000 cases have been solved. More than 47,000 of these were handled by the UNRRA office in the early days, the remainder by ITS in its first year of operation.

1. The Records Branch collects all information which ITS has gathered from German labor camps, German police, hospitals and concentration camps. From German concentration camp records, at the request of governments, ITS has supplied authentic proof regarding the fate of Allied nationalists imprisoned by the Nazis. It can often supply the reason for the arrest and also tell when the prisoner may have been released.

2. The Adult Tracing Branch receives an average of 3000 inquiries every month. When there is no information already on file on a missing person anywhere in ITS, then tracing begins either by direct field research or by correspondence. If both methods fail, then names are publicized over the radio, in the press of Germany and other countries and in movie slides. From last January to October 1948, ITS had received 44,673 such inquiries.

3. The Child Search Bureau recently expanded in an all out effort to locate in as short a time as possible allied children who were kidnapped or brought into Germany by the Nazis.

The greatest loser of children, ITS officials say, was Poland, which estimates that about 100,000 of her children are still missing. Other Eastern countries, notably Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, also suffered considerably.

In addition, ITS's Child Search Branch daily receives individual inquiries from parents, relatives and friends, asking for help in locating their children still tragically lost. So far, 19,000 of these unsolved inquiries are on file. Meanwhile, in the U. S. Zone of Germany alone, there are 1100 children whose parents ITS is seeking.

At its Arolsen Headquarters, ITS keeps its "master index" which might indeed be called a master encyclopedia. Into this vast file go all the names extracted from ITS records together with the daily incoming individual inquiries. Here besides being a permanent reference index, the "mere meeting of cards" may provide the answer so earnestly sought.

To carry out its gigantic task, ITS has a total of 878 employees, recruited from 20 different nations. There are few documents, therefore, which are unintelligible to ITS linguists.

UN Children Fund Swelled \$5 Million

New York — The Governments of Czechoslovakia, France, New Zealand, Poland, and Yugoslavia have announced new contributions to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), totalling more than \$1,500,000, UNICEF Headquarters disclosed here.

The Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, which previously had made a contribution of \$10,000, has increased the dollar value of its aid to \$193,000, mostly in the form of internal transportation services and foodstuffs to be allocated by the UNICEF Executive Board. Poland has raised its contribution from \$360,000 to \$750,000; Czechoslovakia from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000; New Zealand from \$800,000 to over \$1,200,000; while the French contribution increased from \$900,000 to \$1,060,000.

As a result of this increase, UNICEF will be able to claim nearly \$4,000,000 in "matching" funds from the United States Government, out of the balance of the \$75,000,000 appropriated by the U. S. Congress in 1948. The U. S. contribution is made available to the U. N. Children's Fund on the basis of \$72 for every \$28 contributed by other governments.

County Affairs

(Lester Schlagen)

Juvenile delinquency in Lane county during 1948 declined by nearly 15 per cent of the number of cases for the preceding year, according to circuit court records.

The total of cases for 1948 was 648, compared with 747 during 1947. In other groups the number of offenders also was down slightly. Repeat offenders, for instance, numbered 91; in 1947 there were 98. Nearly 35 per cent of all delinquents were in the 15-to-17 age group.

Louis Sherman, chief probation officer, names these causes as paramount in most cases of juvenile delinquency:

1. Insecure home life;
2. Poor housing;
3. Inproper training;
4. Lack of affection or understanding.

Marriage Licenses

Benjamin Kenneth Easley, 36, 1455 N. Pac Highway, Cottage Grove, and Frances Mae Roberts, 24, 1457 N. Pac Highway, Cottage Grove, February 8.

Commissioners J. W. Holland and L. G. Raish drove to Cottage Grove Monday to find out whether county roads in that area could be opened to normal hauling operations during the week.

From present reports it seems that all closures would remain in force. Oil roads in many parts of the county have been worn to dirt level and are oozing up gravel and mud under the impact of rains and thawing weather.

When the county assessor took on ten more badly needed employees, he'd almost forgotten one thing. That was space—something the courthouse has long been out of.

Stock solved the problem by having a "mezzanine" built in the rear office. Among the advantages the upper-deck offers its occupants an eye-level view of the clock.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

The organization of the regular legislative committees of the House has been completed. The new overwhelming Administration majority has been, it seems to me, a little too eager in the matter of patronage grabbing. There has been a general sweeping-out of professional staff and clerical people by committee chairmen. What happened in the Appropriations Committee re-organization is an example. I can best let that story be told for you by Congressman John Phillips of California, a member of that committee. The following is quoted from a letter written by him:

"The new 'Fair Deal' could be a little more careful in applying the principles which go with the name, to some of its own actions. There is a storm blowing here in Congress, behind the closed doors of committee rooms, over the dismissal of the research staffs set up for the committee, under the reorganization act, and their replacement by patronage appointees, or by the return to the previous, unsatisfactory system of borrowing investigators.

"If there was any action of the Congress which was nonpartisan, it was the adoption of the reorganization act. It was put thru by men from both parties, and during Democratic control of Congress. One of its provisions called for research staffs, for major committees. Prior to that, committees had borrowed investigators from other agencies, or done without. You may well imagine that a man from one government agency was not going to investigate too rigorously, nor criticize too severely, another agency in the Washington bureaucratic maze; that is, not if he wanted to keep his job. The result: The departments and agencies, in presenting their cases, had committees at a disadvantage. We knew there was murder being done to the American tax payer, but we couldn't find where the body was buried.

"The reorganization act changed that. Men of real ability were brought to the hill, on the assurance that they were safe from the 'spoils system', and sudden dismissal. I have in mind a man of 12 years experience with the federal trade commission; or men from the FBI, or the outstanding, able group gathered by my own committee, Appropriations. We were able to get some only because of the protection they felt 'reorganization act gave them. I have told you some of the results of their work.

"These men have been fired by the 'Fair Deal'. Ours were dropped without notice by the chairman of the committee on appropriations, and when they asked if they might not have some 'notice', or time to look for other jobs, they were told, 'You got your notice on November 2nd'.

"The same reorganization act, which the Fair Deal has interpreted to give no protection to these men, also says that these research men may not take jobs from federal agencies for a year after they leave the hill. That was intended to prevent an agency from offering a job to an investigator who was getting to know too much about its duplications or extravagances. That is not unknown in Washington.

"Perhaps we can correct this latter difficulty by congressional action, but it is a poor patch on the hole torn in the moral of research staffs. We will have great difficulty re-creating them in the future. I regret particularly the loss of a staff of the caliber we were able to get together for the committee on appropriations. Some of them were partners or top flight executives of accounting firm in the East, serving without pay, because they considered it public service, and because the reorganization act had taken away the stigma of patronage.

"In one committee, the situation was so obvious that democratic and republican members united to refuse approval of certain of the chairman's choices. The majority on the appropriations committee was either better organized or better instructed: the republicans weren't permitted to ask questions, let alone offer amendments."

Care of Scissors

The cutting edge of scissors and shears is damaged easily when used on cardboard, flowers and stems, wet cloth or heavy string. Heavy cutting not only dulls the blades, but may spring them. Once sprung, scissors blades are not repairable. For heavy cutting, invest in a pair of utility shears.

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Music Festival Planned March 12

Vocal soloists and small ensembles from the Music Department will participate in the Music Festival at Sweethome March 12.

Individuals entering the contest must have passing grades in their school work, and six minutes will be allowed each soloist in presenting his selections. Any individual receiving a superior rating in the contest will take part in the evening concert.

The list of soloists is not yet complete, but the following pupils have chosen their numbers: Albert Martin, "On the Shore," and "The Blind Plowman," and Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride"; Byron Cordeil, "Friend O' Mine," and "Jolly Roger."

Scott Wilson, "Macushla," and "Without a Song"; Lloyd Hosman, "Spirit Flower"; Martha Roy, "My Peace Thou Art," and "The Winds In The South"; Pauline Dyksterhuis, "Homing," and "Sing, Sing Birds on the Wing"; JoAnn Van Brunt, "The Trout," and "Cradle Song"; Robert Glenn, "Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine," and "O' Man River"; Virginia Hudson, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," and "By the Sea"; Caroline Moore, "Florian's Song," and "Poor Man's Garden."

Evelyn Garman will enter the contest with a piano selection. Don Eastburn, Bill Keesman, and Mae Malcolm have not yet chosen their selections. —Lions Roar.

Bohemia Nuggets

Snow conditions in the hills have halted all work. It is estimated that there is about 18 feet of snow at the Muskeg mine, and Bill Patten reports enough snow at Pony bridge on Sharps creek, to stop his big 4 wheel drive truck, even tho it is equipped with snow cleats on the tires. Brice creek road to Champion mine is impassable beyond Lundpark.

Fifty Years Ago

(From Bohemia Nugget of February 18, 1899)

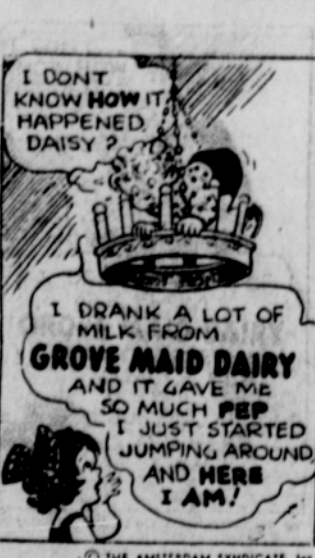
W. W. Rhodes, mining expert of Seattle has been experting the Black Butte quicksilver mines. He speaks very highly of them, and considers them very rich.

John Graber is down from Bohemia.

Lost in Wheat

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Testament of CHARLES GETTYS, Deceased, HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Attorney for Estate, 25-5t-29

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Circuit Court of Lane County, Oregon, Administratrix of the Estate of HARRY HUGH HARRIS, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, with proper vouchers, to the Administratrix at the law office of MAYNARD WILSON, 731 Main Street, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, FEBRUARY 10, 1949.

LEVICY F. HARRIS, Administratrix. MAYNARD WILSON, Attorney for Administratrix, 27-5t-31

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News Views



by GENE WARE

Stalin has said he'd like to meet with President Truman. And Truman has expressed his willingness to talk to Joe. All that seems to be holding up the deal is the meeting place. What better place could they find to hold a peace parley than the home of a typical American family? It's a lot easier to think and talk about peace when you have growing youngsters laughing and frolicking about the room. This is just a suggestion, of course, and nothing will ever come of it. But we would like to see it tried. We've always thought that the people who fight the wars should have more to say about peace.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament of CHARLES GETTYS, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of Lane County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said Estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the 27th day of January, 1949, to the said Executor at the law office of HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Wisner Bldg., Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon. R. P. BOYCE, Sr., Executor of Last Will and Testament.

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