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WE'RE CAUGHT IN THE SPIRAL If you were complaining a few weeks ago because of high prices, what do you think of them now? Meat, bread, coffee—a total of 28 basic commodities have gone up at least 10% since the beginning of the Korean war.

But foodstuffs aren't the only items for which we now pay more. Take a look at the prices of tires, cars, appliances, and other metal products. And the end isn't yet in sight.

Before we start cussing someone out, let's see who is to blame for this situation. The manufacturer? The wholesaler? The retailer? The government? Or John Q. Public? As we see it, the answer is "Yes" to each one of those questions.

The first three named will charge what the traffic will bear, each tries to get as much as possible for his product. If the public will pay high prices, it's a cinch they'll be pushed up. We have an idea the wholesaler is more responsible for this practice than the other two.

We blame the government for doing nothing about it, except to issue statements saying there is no danger of shortages or rationing—for the time being. What kind of reassurance is that? Price controls are contrary to the American form of free enterprise, but the only alternative at the moment is high prices. The government must decide between the lesser of two evils.

And Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public are in for their share of the blame. Remembering the inconveniences caused by rationing during World War II, they are buying up everything they can get their hands on. (Inconveniences? What a laugh, say the ex-servicemen.) The old law of supply and demand is really getting kicked around.

Do you recall having seen in fantasy-type movies the great broad staircase that reaches up in the sky and goes so high it is obscured by clouds? Well sir, we are all marching up the stairway of prices right now. We hope we can stop before our vision becomes clouded up. Otherwise, we might be in for an awful fall.—K.C.

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

City voters will choose several councilmen and a mayor in the general election, which isn't too far away. In past years the matter of choosing or nominating councilmen for the city has been a last minute job without much thought or consideration of who might run or if the candidates were elected whether or not they might fit into a job of this sort.

The matter isn't a joke as may have appeared at times in previous city elections. Operating the city's business and spending several thousand dollars of the taxpayers' money is a serious business and should be regarded so. The city has grown in spite of what's been done or has not been done and future planning for a municipality is just as important as making our own personal plans for the future. For after all, Cottage Grove is what we make it. Proper directing is a task for the 3,500 people living within the city limits; not just a dozen or so. Even the hundreds of residents living outside of the city limit should have more than a passing interest in seeing to it that the city government functions as efficiently as possible.

The chief trouble in the years that Cottage Grove has been incorporated town has been that too many have used the wrong pronoun in referring to the affairs of the city. The term "they" is too frequently used rather than the term, "our," and the former usage of the pronoun means that the user disclaims any responsibility for the state of city affairs.

Cities like individuals can't operate on hot air. They must have the proper financial backing plus good management. You can't always rope in good men 24 hours before the deadline for filing a candidate's name.—W.C.M.

TOWARD BETTER COMMUNITIES

One typical characteristic of retail merchandising is its constant work in the interest of community betterment. Almost all merchants take an active part in every worthwhile civic program.

A particularly outstanding example of this recently occurred on a national scale. One store system, working with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, gave prizes totaling \$60,000 to those clubs which have done the most for their communities. The winner of the top award, which came to \$10,300, was a little Southern town of only 2,000 population—Juka, Mississippi. As the Woman's Editor of the Christian Science Monitor wrote, "jubilation reigned" when the great news reached Juka.

The president of the store system which financed the award said, "The strength of America lies in the small communities and we feel this program may be a small contribution toward turning the tide away from the idea that all good things must come from the central government."

That idea has been the means of undermining local independence, initiative and self-reliance for many years. It has led to a begging "gimme" attitude that is a disgrace to the nation and its people. And it has been largely responsible for our tremendous public debt and our onerous burden of taxation.

Every kind of business, and every individual, should do the utmost to build the community—and to reaffirm those principles of independence which made our nation great. The recent contest established a splendid precedent.

CAPITALIZING ON INDECISION

We can't go along with the statement that the United Nations organization is as ineffective as the old League of Nations. While the United States is bearing the brunt of the present Korean conflict, a few nations have offered small amounts of aid, which is some progress in trying to establish a world government or organization to deal with situations of this kind, even though the aid offered thus far has been somewhat disappointing.

Facts on the Korean Situation

The United Nations has declared the military conflict in Korea to be an act of aggression and acted accordingly. Here are the facts:

1. After 1918, Korea was part of the Japanese Empire. 2. Cairo Conference (1943)—Great Britain, China and the United States declared "in due course Korea shall become free and independent."

3. At the Potsdam Conference (July 1945), the Cairo Conference declaration on Korea was reaffirmed by the United States, the U.S.S.R., and Great Britain. 4. With Japanese surrender at the close of World War II (September 1945), the Korean area north of the 38th parallel was surrendered to U.S.S.R. troops and that south of the parallel to U. S. troops.

5. Moscow meeting (December 1945)—U.S.S.R., U. S., and Great Britain agreed to "reestablishment of Korea as an independent state." (China subsequently agreed.) Joint commission of U. S. and U.S.S.R. representatives set up to assist in forming a Korean government. 6. Months of discussion of joint commission brought deadlock on major problems.

7. U. S. proposal (August 1947) that Korean problem be referred to four signers of Moscow agreement of December 1945. Great Britain and China agreed; U.S.S.R. objected. 8. U. S. referred Korean matter to the United Nations General Assembly (September 1947).

9. UN established Temporary Commission on Korea (November 1947). U.S.S.R. protested. 10. Temporary Commission met in Seoul (January 1948) to facilitate formation of Korean government through elections and withdrawal of occupation forces. Reported to UN its inability to contact authorities in North Korea.

11. United Nations Interim Committee or Little Assembly (functioning when the General Assembly is not in session) instructed the Commission to carry out its duties "in such parts of Korea as are accessible" (February 1948).

12. Election held in South Korea under supervision of the UN Commission (May 10, 1948). Reported by Commission to be "valid expression of free will of electorate in those parts of Korea" accessible to the Commission. 13. Democratic People's Republic of Korea set up in North Korea and recognized by U.S.S.R. in October 1948.

14. UN General Assembly created new UN Commission on Korea to assist in unification, promote friendly relations between two parts of Korea, be available for consultation, and to observe and verify withdrawal of occupation troops (December 1948). 15. Simultaneously (December 1948) General Assembly declared the Government of the Republic of Korea to be the only legitimate government in Korea.

16. Unification of Korea not achieved. UN Commission able to report only withdrawal of U. S. occupation forces (June 1949) except for American Military Advisory Group of 500 men.

17. UN General Assembly renewed life of Commission (October 1949) asking it to "observe and report any developments which might lead to or otherwise involve military conflict in Korea."

18. UN Security Council met (June 25, 1950) at request of the U. S. which was informed of North Korean invasion. UN Commission on Korea established and confirmed fact of such aggression. Security Council declared North Korean action "a breach of the peace" and acting under UN Charter provisions, called for cessation of hostilities.

19. President Truman authorized Gen. MacArthur to respond to appeals from Republic of Korea for help. (June 26, 1950). 20. Security Council (June 27, 1950) heard message from President Truman stating measures U. S. was taking on Council's request of June 25. (A member nation also has the right, under the UN Charter, to individual or collective defense against an armed attack "until the Security Council has taken... measures," with immediate notification to the Council of that defense.)

21. Resolution adopted by the Council (June 27, 1950) noted report of UN Commission on Korea that hostilities had not ceased, and called on member UN countries for help, including armed forces needed to repel the armed attack. 22. Secretary General Trygve Lie appointed Col. Alfred G. Katzin, a South African, as his personal representative in Korea.

23. UN Security Council (July 7, 1950) asked U. S. to appoint a commander of UN forces fighting North Korea. Also asked U. S. for periodic reports on conflict and permitted use of UN flag (blue and white) by UN forces. 24. President Truman (July 8, 1950) appointed Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander of all UN military forces defending Republic of Korea and instructed him to use the UN flag along with the flags of nations participating.

25. Member nations to date (July 10) that have endorsed Council's two appeals: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Israel, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Non-member nations which have replied favorably are: Italy and Ceylon.

Cover Crop Seed Harvest Will Be Good, Is Forecast

Prospects for a bumper harvest of 1950 winter cover crop seeds are excellent, according to Ernest E. Schrenk, Chairman of the Lane County PMA Committee. This information was disclosed recently at a cover crop seed producer and dealer meeting held at the Junction City Grange hall on July 13.

A team of fieldmen from the State PMA office in Portland and the Lane County PMA Committee met with the Lane county producers and dealers and discussed the general cover crop seed harvest prospects. Producers and dealers were advised of the various support programs available on the 1950 crops and were urged to in-

form their neighbors of price support privileges. This year farm storage and warehouse loans, as well as purchase agreements are available to producers of cover crop seed. In addition, in 1950 eligible dealers who have paid the basic support price to growers for their seed are eligible to sell seed to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

A record of 751,500 acres of four important seed crops is expected to be harvested this year, which is more than 2 1/2 times the average acreage in the five year period 1944-48. U. S. Department of Agriculture reports indicate that the greatest increase in acreage is in Austrian winter peas. The 197,500 acres to be harvested this year is 428 per cent of the average acreage. The condition of the growing crop is 91 per cent of normal. Quite an extensive loan and purchase agreement price support program in Lane County is anticipated on this crop, according to Schrenk.

PRAY FOR RAIN!



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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth Representative, 4th District

The first casualty of war is liberty. Representative Dewey Short of Missouri made that comment on the floor of the House a few days ago. The best evidence in support of that statement is the first section of the President's bill (H.R. 9176) for the purpose of establishing economic controls. Here is the section. Read it carefully and then read it again:

"Sec. 101.—The President is hereby authorized (1) to require that performance under contracts or orders (other than contracts of employment) which he deems necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense shall take priority over performance under any other contract or order, and for the purpose of assuring such priority, to require acceptance and performance of such contracts or orders by any person he finds to be capable of their performance, and (2) to allocate materials and facilities in such manner, upon such conditions, and to such extent as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense."

That is the first section and deals only with contracts. The other 26 pages of the bill are just as tough. If this bill becomes law as written, and it seems certain that it will be passed in almost its original form, the President will thus have authority superior to nearly all Federal laws. Under it, for example, (in the name of national defense) he will have the power to create a CVA (Columbia Valley Authority) by executive order!

The bill puts far more power in the hands of the President than he had in World War II. The proposal is not merely for the emergency of war but is "to promote the national defense." Obviously that phrase can be broadened just as the commerce and general welfare clauses of the Constitution have been widely interpreted. Thus liberty becomes a casualty of this war.

This is the third effort this administration has made to get Congress to vote economic controls since they were removed by the 80th Congress. In fact, the President even called the 80th back into special session after it had adjourned, and requested authority for controls. That request and his speech at the opening of the 81st Congress was mild by comparison with H.R. 9176.

However, the so-called Spence Bill, which has been pending during this session but ignored thus far, was much stronger. Now this request, supported by the Korean war emergency, represents authority for complete and total control. By simply using the authority given him in this bill when it becomes law, Mr. Harry Truman can (if he chooses) become the complete and absolute dictator over the people of the United States—even if we don't fire another shot in Korea or any place else. He can do it as being necessary for national defense.

This is a gloomy letter. I have hesitated to set these facts out thus bluntly, but I am getting mighty tired of the "hush hush" and propaganda policy which seems to dominate the "big shots" in our government today. They want the "sweetness and light" tone on things so as to keep up the morale of the people and the troops. I have always thought, and still think, that free and self-respecting people can stand the truth and adjust to it a lot better than they can adjust to the shock of having been deceived.

During the last war we developed enormous military power. Our domestic economy survived in good shape so that we have had a fair grade of genuine prosperity since. Although numerous controls including rationing and price control were imposed, we were by no means in a police state. With the exception of OPA, which was badly administered, the control agencies were not irksome.

Already since the shooting started in Korea, hoarding and profiteering is in evidence. It is necessary to put a stop to both. That may mean price control and rationing again. It will probably be necessary to control the allocation of materials again as it was done by the War Production Board.

But the pending bill, H.R. 9176, goes miles further than that—as stated above, it authorizes dictatorship. Republican members are going to attempt to take some of the unnecessary power out of it by amendment on the floor, but there is slight chance of our succeeding. The Administration has sent the bill to Congress as a "Must" and the Administration party controls Congress by a large majority.

POINTS WEST

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TWENTY-FIVE NATIONS REPRESENTED IN OSC'S STUDENT BODY

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Students from 25 foreign countries in addition to three U.S. territories were enrolled at Oregon State college this past year, according to a report on geographic distribution of students compiled by the registrar's office.

Foreign students totaled 122 with an additional 40 from Alaska, Hawaii and the Canal Zone. Canada led with 30, followed by China with 28 and India with 12. Forty-two other states were also represented in the student body as well as every county in Oregon.

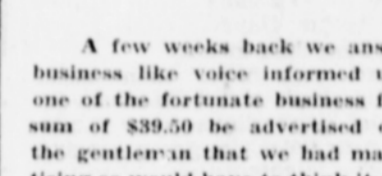
DR. A. L. STRAND ADDS FORESTRY STUDIES IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—A study of the forest resources of the Philippine Islands has been added to the assignment of Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, who is now in the Philippines as a member of a five-man official U.S. economic mission appointed by President Truman.

President Strand had previously been given responsibility for studying the agriculture of the Philippines as a member of the mission. The O.S.C. president is on the first leg of inspection through the southern part of the islands, and later will visit the area north of Manila.

The commission is expected to complete its inspection and make its recommendations to President Truman by early September when Dr. Strand will return to the campus.

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1:30 P. M. Joshua Time, 8-1-50

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"O.K.," he replied, how about letting us know by noon. Thinking about a thin bank account and a delinquent telephone bill, I suggested that if we were interested we would call back and if we did not call back just forget about us.

Well, the young man informed me rather crisply — "I think I'll just forget about you anyway!"

"O.K., if that is the way you feel about it" I answered and hung up.

That young man should take a course in salesmanship by going from door to door selling refrigerators or radios. I suppose radio advertising is all right but KORE would have some job to sell me anytime at all.

Now down here at our little Balliwack of conglomeration, we try to sell you the works and hide our disappointment behind a grin (maybe rather vacant), until you are out of sight and hearing should you refuse to buy.

We would like to have you visit us and see what a scrambled up mess we have—variety items—drug items—toilet items—food, cooked, canned, raw and otherwise, Service Station supplies.

Of course we will be short on some items as long as this war lasts. I get so (Censored) mad when I think about this war because we, the people bring these wars on because we are so anti-military that we always throw our guns down and tear out home as soon as the fighting slows up—then we let some egomaniac-ignorant spit in our face and kick our teeth in before we do anything about it.

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