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NOT A WORD ABOUT ECONOMY

The Administration's tax message to Congress calls for very heavy increases in corporation and individual income taxes, on top of the boost which went into effect last October. It also asks for big jumps in the excise taxes on automobiles, household appliances and other commodities.

All of this was generally anticipated before the message was made public. But the startling part of the matter is that not a word is said about cutting non-essential government costs. That was also true of the President's budget message, which went to Congress early in January. This blueprint for the coming fiscal year actually envisioned substantial increases in non-defense spending, to be piled onto a huge military budget.

Here is a policy which, if we accept it, can only lead to the impoverishment of our people, the sapping of our energies and resources, and, in time, to the breakdown of our system of government. We are in a very different position now than we were in 1940, when the last defense program got rolling. Then taxes—local and state as well as Federal—were low by comparison with the present. So was the national debt. And the family cost of living was about half of today's figure.

It has been authoritatively said that the budget can be cut by as much as \$8,000,000,000 in fields which have nothing to do with the defense effort. That is not far from the amount the currently proposed tax bill is designed to raise. It is the plain duty of Congress to make every possible economy before approving new taxes. The people will pay what they have to pay, and make whatever sacrifices are necessary—but they cannot be expected to supinely accept "politics as usual" in this grim era of our history.

SILENCE NEVER SOLVED ANY PROBLEMS

The other day after Dr. H. A. Hagen, former mayor, discussed the city's parking problems and the parking meters before the Chamber of Commerce group, he asked if there were any questions and he was greeted with silence. Whether the local business men realize it, our parking problem is a grave one and one that must receive attention if we are to retain our importance as a trading center.

What Doc said in substance was that the parking meter revenue was originally intended to supply and develop parking lots, which isn't being done at the present time. Nor so far as we can see is any effort being made to solve the off street parking problem. One of the best partial solutions offered here in making a one way street out of Whiteaker was junked by the city council after a few months trial and at the insistence of only one business man. And it was junked without hearing what others living on or near this street had to say in the matter.

When the one way street was abandoned and the present regulation of parking on one side of the street was instituted, the city lost parking space for 27 cars. This situation does not bother too much until Saturday comes and during the Saturday rush shoppers have to park several blocks away from the business section. Cottage Grove is still largely a Saturday town as the term goes. We can't retain much advantage over the metropolitan areas on the busiest shopping period so far as convenience of shopping goes and once we lose this, the community may lose heavily with improved highways.

SHOOT HIM ON THE SPOT

It was on Jan. 29, 1861 that the commandant at New Orleans received this order: "If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." The intervening years have so softened our Americans that we coddle and cuddle those who would haul down our flag until we now have among us a million or so who stand ready and willing to do so if and when an opportunity presents.

It seems that we Americans are going to have to get as hard-boiled as we were 90 years ago if we clean up the nasty mess we are now in.

He who deports himself as a sheep will be attacked by the wolves. We Americans have been bleating too long for our own good. It's time we trained our guns on the wolves.
—Lebanon Express

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES VALUED AT \$548,080,006

Tax exempt properties in Oregon have a total valuation of \$648,080,006 according to a recent summary prepared by the state commission and quoted in a news letter issued by the League of Oregon Cities. If you guessed that churches and religious organizations had the lion's share of the exemptions you were wrong. The biggest tax evader in this case is your Uncle Samuel or the federal government, which has over fifty per cent of the tax exempt properties or a total of \$364,346,920. The valuation of all church property is placed at only \$28,846,740 while the tax exempt properties of the public libraries are the lowest of the thirteen governmental, charitable and church organizations listed with a total valuation of \$1,616,720.

Open to Question—It has been a popular misapprehension that the state legislature is usually overloaded with lawyers, and although it is true that each session does have a number of lawyers, the 1951 legislative assembly at Salem, with a total of 22 in both houses, is actually short of legal talent and the shortage is being felt.—Oregon City Enterprise-Courier.

Speaking of Government, there is a bright mystery in the world today. Who elected President Truman? When you start asking around to find out you can't find one of ten who voted for the man, and yet he boomed into office with a comfortable margin. How come?—Bill Jenkins in Klamath Falls Herald and News.

Loose Leaf Supplies—all kinds. The Sentinel.

Letter From Washington

Soldiers, Taxes Are Main Issues

by Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

Among the big problems to come before Congress this session will be:

1. Shall we send ground force troops to Europe? (The President seems to take the position that Congressional approval is not necessary for that decision, but there will be votes in Congress bearing directly upon the point—possibly in connection with appropriations).
2. Shall 18-year-old boys be drafted?
3. How big and what sort of tax bill will be enacted?
4. The President has dared Congress to cut his 71 billion dollar budget—will Congress cut it?

There will be many other hotly debated questions but these, at least, are in view now.

Members of Congress are receiving quite a few letters and telegrams from irate citizens demanding the impeachment of the President. I have received a sizeable number of such communications. These are troubling times and it is small wonder that people want to remove from office those who are deemed to be to blame for our troubles.

But under our system the passage by the House of Representatives of a bill of impeachment is practically equivalent to making a criminal indictment. Impeachment is much more than merely an expression of disapproval. Lack of ability, incompetence or stupidity are not crimes. The voters had more than three years in which to consider Mr. Truman's qualifications as President before they elected him in 1948. If they have now changed their minds about him they must wait until 1952 before they can remove him and his cronies.

In a piece by one of the big-name gossip columnists whose daily effort is printed in numerous cities throughout the country, appeared this gem of a sentence recently: "Since the start of the conflict in Korea, which is neither wholly war nor wholly peace, things have been decidedly abnormal."



From the appearance of auction lots at the regional meetings and also the mail auction bids, the plate number collectors are either showing less interest or they are digging down into accumulated stock.

Local president Loren Lind states that the large stocks of sheets of stamps of the U.S. are being sold to those that can afford the minimum for 10 per cent off face value.

Dealers of stamps in the United States are overstocked with sheets and the age of our stamps back to the early part of the century doesn't seem too much in demand except in cases of limited and high value issues.

The trend of authentic documentation of stamps has increased during the past few years and envelopes with legible cancellations and slogans depicting the era or issuance of the stamp in that period are going more and more into the specialized albums of collectors, especially those of local and state history.

With the passing of the old timers, much is and has been lost of the early history of local communities. The cancellations of a town, say about 1890, mean more, and to some are of more value, than the stamp issued in that period.

Stamps issued in this period are quite expensive to the average collector but the same stamp on an envelope sometimes jumps to 10 times its value. Many stamps are not recognized as authentic unless they have been thru the mails.

The U. S. collector has become less interested in trying to complete his collection due to the high purchase price asked for earlier stamps and the limited issue of these early stamps forces the collector to turn to specializing. This has caused a fad in several fields of collecting and soon he finds he has an accumulation with little demand or trading value.

After he comes to a dead end in his U.S. collection, he turns to foreign stamps, and there are several countries that can be completed or nearly completed and he finds he has a greater field to correspond to his needs.

The first day covers, or the first day that a stamp is issued and mailed from the post office designated, has been specialized by collectors of U.S. postage for many years. It is now creating demands of first day issues of foreign stamps and is becoming popular in other countries.

South Lane Stamp Society meets Thursday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. at the Cottage Grove library.

A Christian will find it cheaper to pardon than to resent. Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred the waste of spirits.
—Hannah More

Some 500,000 pounds of Christmas gifts from various U. S. civic groups arrived in the Far East Command in time for pre-holiday distribution.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Martin:

Enclosed is some additional information concerning the course I am taking here at General Motors Institute.

The weather has been pretty unpleasant, with snow and ice and temperatures as low as 14 degrees below zero. I'll take the Oregon rain any day.

This week we had a lecture on public relations by Mr. J. H. Blackmore of General Motors Corp., and he began his talk by commenting on the fact that there were two men from Canada in the class, and one from Cottage Grove, Oregon, which he said, "is one of the nicest towns in the country." He then asked me if the Bohemia Mines were still operating and if the hotel still had those big stuffed cougars in the lobby. After his talk, he told me that he helped organize the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce back in the twenties.

My wife, Ruth, and our 14-month old boy, Stewart, are staying in Detroit at the home of one of her sisters. She is enjoying her visit with her family, including her mother, three sisters, and a brother, all of whom are married.

We hope to be home in the early part of March.

Best wishes
John Albee
P.S.—Our class has visited a number of plants in this area, including Cadillac Motor Division in Detroit, Pontiac Motor Division in Pontiac, and Fisher Body plant No. 1 in Flint.

Thornton Corners

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Little Cheryl Woodson celebrated her fifth birthday which was Valentine's day, with a birthday party at her home. Invited small guests were Jeannie and David Chapman, Mary Stewart, Wally Turay, Donnie Gwyn, Sally Schaefer, and Kathie Andregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haverman and two children of Fox Hollow were week end guests of the Arleigh Kenyons.

Arleigh Kenyon was one of the students taking part in the March of Dimes program last Sunday.

Last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Frank Chapman gave a baby shower for her niece, Mrs. Mary McBee, who recently moved here from Coos Bay. There were many guests from Coos Bay, Cottage Grove and vicinity. Those from this area included Mesdames Lydia Kline, Ethel Thomas, Ellen Eller, Jessie McBee, Hazel Gilbert, Bertha Aagaard, hostess, Mrs. Frank Chapman, and the honored guest, Mrs. McBee.

Visitors from Eugene on Sunday at the Milton Turay home were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wakefield and daughters, Betty Jane and Nancy.

On last Wednesday, a bridal shower was given for Eunice Chapman at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hemenway. Miss Chapman is to be married to Bill Roberts, who is in the navy and is on his way home from Japan. The wedding date will be announced later.

Last week, Helen Williams of Junction City visited her brother, Mark Williams, at the R. B. Dixon home.

Professor Albert White of Pontiac, Illinois, visited one day last week with his cousin, Harry Hinman. Professor White was formerly a superintendent of schools at Junction City and is now on a vacation tour of the Northwest.

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Let him try to make the fellows in Korea believe they are not "wholly at war." It has been a mystery to me for years why so many otherwise intelligent newspaper publishers pay big money to some of these columnists for writing such drivel.

Lenin is supposed to have said: "We shall destroy the free market system by printing so many bonds and so much money that the capitalists will choke on them." If he were on earth now he certainly would get a chuckle over the fact that he did not even have to go to the trouble of doing the printing.

It is difficult, I find, to keep from becoming both cynical and a little bitter about the operation of the Executive Department of our Government (including the State Department). The Congress can only make the law, raise the taxes, appropriate the money and sometimes make investigations. Vital, sweeping—sometimes world-shaking—decisions are made in the name of the President. Then Congress can only discuss them, which surely does not do much good.

To end this letter on a slightly brighter note, however, calm and objective appraisal indicates things are not quite as bad as they seem. In our own country we have great power, fine courage and a wonderful spirit. We can, as we have, win through difficulties even against great odds. Overseas and throughout the world the fear of the Kremlin is growing. The peoples and the governments of the free world are slowly but surely uniting with us in opposition to further aggression by the rulers of the Red horde. They are slowly but surely preparing to resist this aggression with force, if necessary. We can hope, therefore, that before too long there can be a balance of power between the Kremlin and the free world. When it becomes too costly and too dangerous for the Soviet dictators to pursue their dream of world control, we will have peace—but not before.

LATHAM

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chilson and two children of Tigard visited Saturday at the home of his uncle, Ben Chilson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, daughter Vicki Lee and son Sidney who had spent two months in California with her relatives stopped overnight Tuesday with his aunt Mrs. Hugh Trunnell. They also visited his great aunt Lydia Van Buren in Cottage Grove. In Portland they visited his cousin Mrs. R. E. Yates, his uncle Harold Vilas and his aunt Mrs. C. F. Gray all former residents. They were on the return trip to their home near Cut Bank, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ray who sold out on West Main about two months ago spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Marion Yunkin. They left Monday morning for Terrebonne where they have purchased a 15 acre tract with a new log house. A truck came from Redmond to move their household effects.

Snowdrops were omitted from the list of winter flowers and daffodils were in bloom before Valentines day.

Elsie Hicketheir has returned home after four days at the hospital with a sinus infection. She is rapidly improving and expects to be back in school next week.

Many cases of measles, flu in various forms, and even a light case of polio have been in the neighborhood recently. The latter was cared for at home and is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Robert Kenady, Divide reporter, is improving after a major operation at Sacred Heart hospital, Feb. 9.

Clare Chapman, with the help of his cousin Charlie Chapman of Bandon, are overhauling his caterpillar. They went to Eugene and Roseburg for parts and visited relatives at Yoncalla on the way home Saturday.

Mrs. Adolph Lindstrom is spending two weeks visiting their son at Kennewick, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Means and daughters spent the week end at John Day. Monday they visited in Redmond. Tuesday they spent in Cottage Grove but returned to North Bend that evening. After a few days they will move to Canyonville where he will work for about a month.

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WINCHELIZING

Going to be a long legislative session. Bills hatched out like termites. Big issues getting complicated. These legislatures may crawlfish on the firecracker ban and have their own celebration in Salem on the 4th of July. . . . Fred W. Packwood who writes the daily digest of legislative bills is the last survivor (by 20 years) of the Oregon constitutional congress held in Salem 1857. Grandpa Packwood, whose name is inscribed on the walls of the Capitol, did a good job. So we nominate Fred as a member of the second congressional convention scheduled for 1954 in Salem. . . . Just when the agriculture committee thought they had the colored oleo bill strangled Rep. Joe Harvey yelled, "Who are you fellows to discriminate against

the colored folks?" . . . Jason Lee, tax department personnel, tells of looking through one of the great telescopes when the astronomer swung the reflector to a nebula that looked like a cloud of illuminated dust and remarked, "once that was a planet. Probably they got to fooling with the H-bomb."

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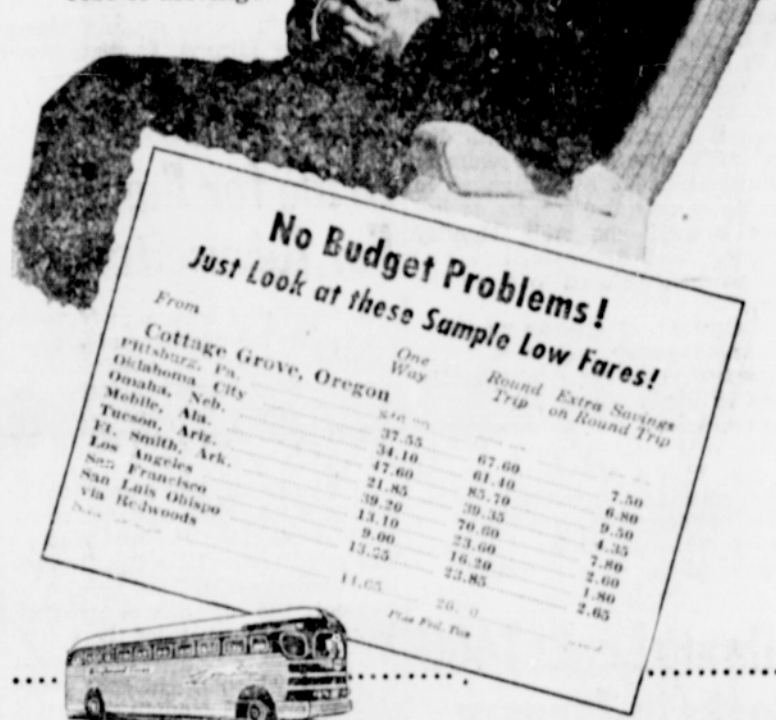
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