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 that "the turnover of state employees, in some instances, is almost 100 per cent when one party or faction is in office. The resulting deterioration in the state services is appalling. But patronage alone does not suffice to keep the political machine oiled and going; money is also necessary. To secure this money knockdowns or turnbacks on state contracts for construction, supplies, materials and equipment are sometimes required of those who do business with the state government."

This is an understatement. The situation is even worse and in many cities and counties it is still worse. It is slightly alleviated, but only temporarily, by the wartime lack of pressure for soft public jobs.

Watch the pent-up demand which will come as an overwhelming flood the moment there is a recession of private employment opportunities.

Watch those funds which have been set aside for postwar projects in states and cities.

Watch the burgeoning city, county and state payrolls the moment it becomes possible to follow through on postponed public works projects.

Watch the free-spending pressure groups who for the last several years have been put off by the war.

It will be a miracle if in the post-war

period we are not beset by the wildest orgy of public spending yet. The situation will be a challenge to public-spirited citizens and to the many statesmen in public life at all levels of government whose attention will likely be distracted and who may be lulled into a feeling of complacency by the diminishing of the federal government plant. State and local government will provide the stage for the next big spree.

PAY RAISES IN STATE COLLEGES

A system-wide pay increase in all institutions was approved by the state board of higher education here today as it adopted annual budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The salary increases were for a minimum of \$150 per year and averaged approximately \$370 per year for 802 staff members in the system, Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the finance committee, reported. The adjustments, urged by faculty committees at the March board meeting, were passed essentially as worked out by the chancellor and institution executives. They apply to all except those engaged recently at advanced levels.

The board faced a heavy docket of finance and building items, legal resolutions connected with bond sales, and a hearing requested by the former acting dean of forestry at Oregon State College, E. G. Mason.

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