

as follows." The report for Portland, Oregon, is the only one here reprinted.

"Since 1942, salary adjustments have been made at the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 (for Portland city employees) on the basis of \$1 per point above 111 which was determined to be the 1939 salary range. No adjustment is made unless the index changes two points or more and the changes apply up to \$1,200 of salary. Price indexes for the preceding September and December are averaged, 111 points deducted and \$1 per point paid to each employee per month. Since the beginning of the war all employees have had at least a \$57-per-month pay increase, \$25 of this increase having been granted on July 1, 1946, and \$15 on January 1, 1947."

BORROWING ON THE FUTURE

Although Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has a non-partisan city government, the matter of a bond issue is a sore point because Milwaukee has taken great pride in the fact that it is one of the few debt-free cities in the country. In April the people voted on whether the city should issue public improvement bonds.

The Milwaukee Journal has pointed out that the city actually is not debt-free. One editorial stated:

"When you fail to keep up your plant or make public improvements that are becoming necessary, you are borrowing against the future as surely

as if you floated bonds or went out and negotiated a cash loan . . . A city run down to the point where its very existence is threatened is not debt-free even though it may not owe a dollar. It has mortgaged its future and it has to meet that mortgage."

American City, March, 1947.

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