

granted. But the price inflation accelerated faster. Now they must wait until another legislature meets, unless the budget office can find reserves that might be tapped, something not probable, in any large amount.

The late opinion of the attorney general which holds that income tax surpluses are free for spending is of no avail to hard-pressed employes. They are like shipwrecked sailors adrift at sea: "Water, water all around; but not a drop to drink." For legislative appropriation is necessary to get it out of the treasury; and before that a supreme court ruling on the issue.

There is this ray of comfort, that if and when prices start down, as ultimately they will, the "white collar worker" will fare better. In public service the tenure is now more secure, and wage cuts develop slowly. During the depression of the 1930s the public employes did take pay cuts, but they were graduated in severity in inverse ratio to the amount of pay received, and the restoration favored those in the lowest brackets. It is to be hoped that no depression of such magnitude will come. In the meantime the state should start oiling its machinery so that its employes may receive adequate compensation at the earliest moment.

ON GETTING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE

If you're feeling that your labors are more irksome than the neighbors And that others are more favored by

the fickle gods of fate; If your heart's not in your duties and you can't see this world's beauties, Then come and sit beside me while my story I relate.

My sister was but seven when I was sent from Heaven

On a chilly winter morning to bless the family joint.

Whether I fulfilled that mission (which is just an old tradition)

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The sad part of my story started on the morning, gory,

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