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#### Let's Cheer for It now

The big fight over the reorganization bill is over. History of the court reorganization bill repeats itself. It is another of its kind, up to that time; administration defeat, but the president in this case will be in better position to save his face.

All this is taking it for granted that the reorganization "The meeting, like the funeral, bill is amended as indicated Saturday, reserving to congress the right to accept or override a presidential reorganization of Ewing Young and of the meetorder by a simple majority vote. Such an amendment re- ing that, next morning, estabmoves the principal objection, namely that the bill sought lished the provisional governto take legislative power away from the congress and vest it in the president, in so far as the arrangement of departments and agencies in the executive branch of the government was concerned.

With this amendment included, the bill still contains some objectionable features:

present civil service commission of three. 2. The elimination of the comptroller general's office

and substitution of an auditor whose responsibility would be to the president rather than to congress, and who would might be called a church, which it have only post-audit authority. The comptroller-general now has power to prevent expenditures for which he concludes there is no legal authority, before the money is spent.

3. The creation of a cabinet department of public welfare, which would have a tendency to perpetuate the relief setup and make it inescapably political.

However, the house in its present mood is likely to get | 17, 1841. The reader can see that around to these flaws and correct them; and if it does, neither meeting meant was in there ought to be, if it seems necessary, just as heavy a flood of telegrams in support of the measure as there has been hitherto in opposition to it.

For, aside from these features which provoked the bit- meeting of Feb. 18, 1841, which ter struggle over the bill in the senate, the reorganization organized and set in motion the bill is undoubtedly sound in principle, meritorious and urgent-

The bill gives the president power to "transfer, re-group, though not quite. It was at the coordinate, reorganize or abolish" any or all of 133 depart- Lee mission, 10 miles by water bements, bureaus and agencies of the executive department. low the site of Salem. But Bashford is excusable. No writer of It all depends upon how you define a "bureau," just how Oregon history has ever yet had many of them there are in the executive department alone. | all the locations around the site Making a sort of arbitrary definition, there are approxi- of Salem correct. However, Bashmately 231, employing, in the national capital, throughout ter of his Oregon missions book, the nation and to some extent abroad, somewhere between showed himself to be a man with 850,000 and a million people.

Some of these agencies are rather awkwardly and il- wrote: logically grouped. Some of the island governments are under the war department, some under the navy department. century largely will determine Then, outside of those two departments, there are half a what race, what language, what dozen agencies dealing with the national defense. Two of civilization and what religion those happen to be the "national aeronautical board" and this great basin during the rethe "advisory council for aeronautics." There may be some mainder of earthly history. The reason, not visible from Oregon, for the existence of those United States and Great Britain two boards. Another half dozen or more bureaus, entirely by their positions on the Pacific independent of each other, administer the management of parts in that struggle. Because various monuments, memorials and parks, all of them these two nations are contributing separate from the national parks administration.

All of this wasn't planned; it "just grew." Whenever type of civilization, it is of incalcongress thought up some new function which government culable advantage to all nations should undertake, it created a commission to administer it. lem in such a manner as to GIVE As long ago as the Taft administration, it was generally realized that this conglomeration should be cleaned up. The fact that congress never did it, was powerful argument for those who wanted to turn the full authority over to the able settlement along the eastern president.

With its objectionable features amputated, the bill should be passed. It ought no longer to be in any sense a partisan measure. It will be under sufficient hostile pressure from bureaucrats who won't want their jobs lopped out from

But all this does not erase the blame that rests upon those persons in the administration and in the senate who sought to enact the bill in its faulty original form.

#### Mental Erosion Control

"When I have children of my own, I'll never lose the youthful viewpoint. I'll remember the things that I considered important as a child. I'll remember that I took myself ship of powers inimical to governseriously; that I considered my interests just as essential and ments of the people. my judgments just as sound as those of the adults about me."

Some such unspoken pledge, no doubt, has been made to cist, communistic or some other himself or herself by nearly every individual; first at a mo- form. Some one recently uttered ment of misunderstanding or disagreement with parent or a quip to the effect that he could teacher; later at an age when, it seemed, the individual not see any difference between seemed to be emerging from childhood into adulthood and felt ble to look with equal readiness either forward or backward ther is a little colder in Russia.

After that comes a period when the individual has a great and potentially greater made. The problems of dealing with small children's behavior | wealth. Then he added: are not relatively difficult. For the first few years, it is possible to trace the source of every thought the child reveals. It is, moreover, possible to be dogmatic about decisions. The parent may discover himself saying "no" almost automatically, forts of the Oregon missionaries without formulating reasons for refusing a request. And it is and pioneers. in this period that the adult mind is in most danger of losing touch with the juvenile mind.

Imperceptibly, another period begins. The child has a mind of his own; it begins to harbor thoughts and judgments four to one. which are strangers to the parent's viewpoint. Problems of

discipline become more difficult. So almost invariably there comes the moment when the parent realizes that he no longer can "think young;" that he parallel that Great Britain did not is an adult with adult mental habits, and that the waters of time have worn a gulf between his mind and that of youth. Almost inevitably—but perhaps not quite. It may be that by striving consciously to prevent it, an occasional man or woman can build mental dikes that will keep that gulf from starting. Once started, it is almost impossible to keep it from deepening; once in existence, it cannot be bridged.

Rev. W. H. Lyman, pastor of the Church of Christ at Stayton for a number of years, is coming to Salem to serve the Court street Church of Christ. Salem has been fortunate in attracting a number of able and devoted men to its churches. The writer, as a former neighbor of Rev. Lyman, knows at first hand that this instance is no exception. His new congregation is to be congratulated.

Klamath Falls has been wanting an underpass. It's now reported to be assured since Roosevelt's road economy proposal has been rejected. Nevertheless, somebody made the claim at a Willis Mahoney rally in his home town, that the underpass would never be built unless Mahoney was elected senator. Underground politics.

Open house is announced for today at Camp Silver Creek Falls, in the Silver Falls state park. The occasion is the fifth anniversary of the CCC. Regardless of their views about other new deal measures and des, nearly everyone has a good word for the CCC. Today offers an opportunity to see how it works.

Hoover goes to Europe; Hoover returns from Europe; Hoover es world affairs; Hoover discusses domestic affairs; Hoover picture on Stanford campus. Whichever of those things oc-

Power of the press. Editor of the Vancouver, Wash., Columbian, laims he got a ticket for three successive days after demanding ediorially that the parking ordinance be enforced.

### Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

4-3-38 "God's answer to the efforts of the Oregon missionaries and pioneers:" Bashford:

5 5 5 Bishop James W. Bashford of the Methodist church copyrighted "The Oregon Missions" in 1918; 20 years ago. It was one of his best books, of which he wrote sev eral, good ones.

It was one of the most accurate though the good Bishop was badly muddled on some early day locations of this section. A sample: was held in the Methodist church," he wrote of the funeral ment, February 17 and 18, 1841.

A note shows that Bashford got the setting from Bancroft's writer, who was more muddled, and that the Bishop did not get the right interpretation of the Bancroft scribe. One Bancroft writer loca-1. The substitution of a one-man commissioner for the ted the Methodist church at

Champoeg. There was no Methodist church in Oregon in 1841, unless one of the log houses at the Lee mission was not, specifically.

"The meetings meant by Bashford were the preliminary one of Feb. 7, 1841, to consider forming a provisional government, and the one held at the grave side of Ewing Young, after his funeral, Feb. 'the' Methodist church, or any Methodist church.

One cannot tell from Bashford's account whether he thought the provisional government was at "the church" or somewhere else. But he almost gets it right, prophetic vision. Therein

"The struggle of the twentieth in some measure to a Christian BOTH OF THEM GOOD HAR-BORS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

"Only future centuries can reveal the significance of the peaceshores of the Pacific of two great peoples, . . . governed by the same ideals and aiming in some measure at least to embody Christian principles in the civilization of the largest basin of our earth.'

\* \* \* The reader will conclude that Bashford was a true prophet. The conditions he visioned in the Pacific area, 20 years ago, are com-

ing to pass, Either the two leading nations of the world with ideals of democracy will have the ruling voice in the destinies of the Orient, or they will likely fall under the leader-

4 4 4 They may go totalitarian faspresent fascist and communistic powers excepting that the wea-Bashford in his book had been

telling of the settlement of the old Oregon country, and of its present

"But this fine territory with its large material products IS NOT GOD'S ONLY ANSWER to the ef-

"After the arrival of the immigrants in the fall of 1843, the Americans in the Columbia valley outnumbered the British three or

"But the British were so reluctant to yield the country between the Columbia river and the 49th sign the treaty until 1846.

"No one dreams that the Puget sound region would have been yielded June 15, 1846, had not more than 1000, through the efforts of Lee and Whitman, and Dr. White, poured into Oregon before the treaty was signed." (Bashford should have said more than 2000, for the covered wagon immigrations of 1844 and 1845 were included. He meant the treaty ratified by the U.S. senate June 15, 1846, by the U. S. senate, fixing parallel 49 (present Canadian international line) as dividing British from American territory

### Twenty Years Ago

(Concluding on Tuesday.)

April 3, 1918 A. A. Hall was last night electitary company composed of business and office men of city.

United States National bank was ident of the Northwest association found dead yesterday at his of secondary and hig' schools apartment on North Commercial which will convene in the north-

Dr. C. D. Fulk-rson who has Dean Frank M. Erickson of 6:30-Just About Time.

### Still Trying to Wade Through It



### Radio Programs

10:30—Al and Lee Reiser.
10:15—Henry Busse Orchestra.
10:30—Stars of Today.
11:00—Your Radio Review.
11:15—Vincent Gomez.

11:30-Paul Carson, Organist. 12:00-Eddie Swartout's Music.

2:00-Marion Talley, 2:30-Mickey Mouse Theatre,

12:45-Radio Comments.

1:00-Sunday Special. 1:30-Stars of Tomorrow.

KSLM-SUNDAY-1370 Kc. 8:30—Morning Devotions, MBS. 9:00—The Voice of Prophecy, MBS. 9:30—American Wildlife, MBS. 9:45-Sands of Time, MBS. 10:00-Lyon and Laschelle, MBS.

10:15-Romance of the Highway, MBS. 10:30-Today's Tunes. 10:45-American Radio Warblers, MBS. 11:00-American Lutheran Church. 12:00-Salon Melodies. 12:30-Popular Salute. 12:45—Kings Ambassadors. 1:00—Vocal Varieties. 1:30—The Lutheran Hour, MBS.

2:00-Hawaiian Melodies. 2:30—Rabbi Magnin, MBS. 2:45—Sumner Prindle, MBS. 3:00-Thirty Minutes in Hollywood 3:30-News Tessers, MBS 3:45-Spice of Life. 4:00-WOR Forum, MBS.

4:30-Larry Funk's Orchestra, MBS 4:45-Popular Melodies. 5:00-Heward Woods' Orch., MBS. 5:15-The Magazine Man, MBS. 5:39-Hawaii Calls, MBS. 6:00-The Marines Tell It to You 6:30-The Brown Sisters Sing, MBS.

6:45-News 7:00-Songs of Yesteryear. 7:30-Old Fashioned Revival, MRS. 8:30-The River King, MBS. 9:00—The Newspaper of the Air, MBS. 9:15=Hollywood Whispers, MBS. 9:30—Salem Mennonite Church.

10:15—Johnny Johnson's Orch., MBS. 10:30—Ray Kesting's Orch., MBS. KOIN-SUNDAY-940 Kc. 8:00-West Coast Church. 8:30-Sunday Comics Breakfast Club. 9:00-Major Bowes Capitol Theatre

9:30—Salt Lake Tabernacle. 10:00—Church of the Air. 10:30—Europe Calling. 11:00-String Quartet. 11:30-Rainbow's End, to CBS. 12:00-Philharmonie Symphonoy Society

of New York. 2:00-Magazine of the Air. 2:30-Dr. Christian, 3:00—Tapestries in Song. 3:15—Strange as It Seems. 3:30—Phil Cook's Almanac. 4:00-Manhattan Mother.

4:30—Old Songs of the Church. 5:00—St. Louis Blues. 5:30—Eyes of the World. 5:45-Child Ways Counselor 6:00-Sunday Evening Hour 7:00-Hollywood Showcase. 7:30—My Secret Ambition. 8:00—Joe Penner. 8:30—Leon F. Drews, Organist.

8:45-Enchanted Hour. 9:00-Harry Owens Orchestra. 9:15—Sunday News Review. 9:30—Columbia Empire Program. 10:00-Clem Kennedy, Planist, 10:15—Thanks for the Memory, to CBS 10:45—Henry King Orchestra. 11:00-Joe Sanders Orchestra. 11:30-Les Parker Orchestra.

KEX-SUNDAY-1180 Kc. 8:00-The Quiet Hour. 8:30-Louise Flores. 9:00-Prophetic Hour. 9:30-Radio City Music Hall. 10:30-Command Performance 11:00-Magic Key of RCA. 12:00-Proper Housing. 12:15-Sunday Song Service.

1:00-Family Altar Hour. 1:30-The World Is Yours. 00-Metropolitan Opera Auditions. 2:30-Songs of Yesteryear. 2:35-Concert Petit. 2:45-Your Radio Review. 3:30-Haven MacQuarrie. 4:00-Music by Cugat.

4:15-Catholic Truth Hour 4:30—Feg Murray. 5:00—Spy at Large. 5:30-Songs We Remember. 6:00-Rio Del Mar Club Orchestra. 6:30-NBC Program. 7:00 to 8-Silent to KOB 8:00-News. 8:15-Hotel Edison Orchestra.

9:00—Everybody Sing 10:00—Neal Spaulding's Music. 10:30—Calvary Tabernacle Jubiles. 11:15—Charles Bunyan, Organist. To 12-Complete Weather and Police Reports.

KGW-SUNDAY-620 Kc. 3:00—Press Radio News. 3:05—Silver Flute. 3:30—Sunday Sunrise Program. 9:00-Ray Towers, Troubadour. 9:15—Home Symphony. 9:30—Chicago Round Table.

#### Ten Years Ago

April 8, 1928 James W. Mott of Astoria will run tor republican 1 omination congressional representative for first Oregon district against ed Captain of Sale,n's new mil- Representative W. C. Hawley.

Superintendent George W. Hug left Sunday for Spokane where J. P. Rogers, president of the he will officiate Tuesday as pres ern city.

recently resigned from the Chemawa school staff to enter hospital corps of US army is in Salem for a short stay.

Willamette university was in 7:00—Masical Clock.
Portland last weekend where he dined with the Wabash college men of this vicinity.

8:30—Dr. Brock.

-Time for Thought. 9:15—Three Pals. 9:30—National Farm and Home. 10:30—News. 10:45-Home Institute. 11:00-Great Moments in History. 11:15-J. K. Gill Radio Show Window. 11:30-US Navy Bank. 11:45-US Dept. of Agriculture. 12:00-Lost and Found Items. 12:02-Rochester Civic Orchestra.

1:00-Club Matinee 2:00-Your Radio Review 2:35-Radio Rubes 2:45-Three Cheers.

3:00—Posep Playlets, 3:15—News. 3:30—Argentine Trie. 3:45-Garden Talk, 4:00-Professor Puzzlewit. 3:00—US Navy Band. 3:30—Press Badio News. 3:35—Golden Melodies. 4:30-Interesting Neighbors. 5:09-Coffee Hour. 6:00-Manhattan Merry-Go-Round. 3:45-Dinner Concert. 6:30-American Album Familiar Music. 7:00-Carefree Carnival. 7:30-Hollywood Playhouse 8:15-Irene Rich. :45-Speed Gibson.

8:30—Jack Benny. 9:00—Night Editor. 9:15—I Want a Divorce. 9:30-One Man's Family. 10:00-News Flashes. 10:15—Bridge to Dreamland. 11:00—Whitcomb Hotel Orchestra. 11:30-Reveries. To 12-Complete Weather Reports.

KSLM-MONDAY-1370 Kc.

7:15-News. 7:30-Sunrise Sermonette. 8:00—The Merrymakers, MBS. 8:30—Today's Tunes. 7:00—Morning Melodies. 7:15—Trail Blazers. 7:45—News. 8:45-News 9:00—The Pastor's Call. 9:15—The Friendly Circle. 8:00-Cabin at Crossroads 9:45-Streamline Swing, MBS. 10:00-Novelties. 10:15-Carson Robinson Buckeroos. 9:15-The O'Neills.

10:30-Morning Magazine. 10:45-The Voice of Experience, MBS. 9:45-Your Teeth 11:00-News. 11:15-Vocal Varieties. 11:30-Rev Erikson 10:30-John's Other Wife. 12:00-The Value Parade. 10:45-Just Plain Bill. 12:15-News. 1:00-Ed Fitzgerald, MBS. 1:15-West and Matey, MBS. 11:45-Saxophobia.

1:30-Popular Salute. 1:45-Book a Week, MBS. 2:00-Concert Classics, MBS. 2:15-Rannie Weeks, MBS. 2:30-The Spice of Life. 3:00-Feminine Fancies, MBS. 3:30-News. 3:45—Rodeo Ramblers, MBS. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS. 4:15—Backyard Astronomer, MBS. 4:30-Hits of Today. 4:45-Radio Campus, MBS. 5:00-Popular Melodies. 5:15-Isham Jones' Orch., MBS.

5:30-Howie Wing, MBS. 5:45-The Freshest Thing in Town. 6:00-Dinner Hour Melodies. 6:15-The Phantom Pilot, MBS. 6:30-Sports Bullseyes, MBS. 6:45-News. :00-Waltztime 7:30-The Lone Ranger, MBS. 8:00-Harmony Hall. 8:30-Swingtime

8:45—Singing Band, MBS. 9:00—The Newspaper of the Air, MBS. 9:15-Hillbilly Serenade. 9:30-Bob Crosby's Orch., MBS. 10:00-Orrin Tucker's Orch., MBS. 10:30-Ray Keating's Orch., MBS. 11:00-Joe Reichman's Orch., MBS.

KOIN-MONDAY-940 Kc. 6:30-Market Reports. 6:35-KOIN Klock, Ivan, Walter and Frankie. 8:00-News. 8:15-This and That with Art Kirkham. 9:00-CBS 9:15—Melody Ramblings. 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent. 9:45—Our Gal Sunday. 10:00-Betty and Bob. 10:15-Hymns of All Churches. 10:30-Arnold Grimm's Daughter. 10:45—Valiant Lady. 11:00—Big Sister.

11:15-Aunt Jenny's Real Life Stories. 11:30-American School of the Air. 12:00-Matinee in Manhattan. 12:15—KOIN News Service, 12:30—Kate Smith's Column, 12:45—Newlyweds, 1:00-Myrt and Marge. 1:15-Pretty Kitty Kelly.
1:30-Judy and Jane.
1:45-Homemakers' Institute with

Jeannette Cramer. 2:00-Dear Teacher. 2:15-New Horizons. 2:30-News Through a Woman's Eyes. 2:45-Hilltop House. 3:00-Studio 3:05-Among Our Souvenirs. 3:30—Newspaper of the Air. 4:15—Jack Shannon, Senga. 4:30—Eyes of the World. 4:45—Judy and the Jesters. 8:00—Heathman Melodles. 5:30-Charlle Chan.

5:45-Boake Carter. 6:00-Lux Radio The -Lux Radio Theatre Barbara Stanwyck in "Dark Victory." 7:00-Wayne King's Orchestra. 7:30-Eddie Cantor. 8:00-Scattergood Baines. 8:15—Lum and Abner. 8:30—Pipe Smoking Time with Pick and Pat, Comedians.

9:00—Monday Night Show.

9:30—Phantom Violin.

9:45—Lamplight Harmonles.

10:00—Five Star Final. 0:15-White Fires.

10:45—Ted Florite Orchestra. 11:15—Del Milne Orchestra. 11:45—Preinde to Midnite. KEX-MONDAY-1186 Kc.

12:25-Hints to Housewives. 12:30-News 12:45-Market Reports. 12:50-Dance Hour. 2:10-Irma Glen. Organist. 2:15—Don Winslow. 2:30—Financial and Grain Reports.

4:00-Music Is My Hobby 4:15-Talk, Dr. Joseph Jastrow 4:30-The Oregonians. 5:00-Eddie Swartout's Music. 30-Paul Martin's Music

6:00—Spring Swing. 6:15—NBC Program 7:00-to 8-Silent to KOB. 8:00-Hotel Hermitage Orchestra. 8:30-Sports by Bill Mock, 8:45-News.

9:00—Homicide Squad. 9:30—Wrestling Bouts. 10:30—Stetson Varieties. 10:35-Beaux Arts Trio. 11:00-News. 11:15-Paul Carson, Organist

Reports. KGW-MONDAY-620 Kc. 8:15-Margot of Catlewood.

8:30—Stars of Today, 8:45—Gospel Singer, 9:00—Ray Towers, Troubadour, 9:30-Commodore Perry Hotel Orch. 10:00-Stars of Today, 10:15-Mrs. Wiggs of Cabbage Patch. 11:00-Norman Cloutier Orchestra. 11:10-Hollywood News Flashes. 1:30-How to Be Charming.

12:00—Pepper Young's Family. 12:15—Ma Perkina. 12:30—Vic and Sade. 12:45—The Guiding Light. 1:00-Refreshment Time. 1:15-Story of Mary Marlin. 1:30-Hush Hughes, Commentator. 1:45-Dr. Kate.

2:00-Bennett & Wolverton. 2:15-Vagabonds. 2:30—Stars of Today. 3:15—Candid Lady. 3:30—Woman's Magazine of the Air. 4:00-Dorothy Mackenzie. 4:15-Cocktail Hour.

4:20-Musical Interlude. 4:30—News. 4:45—Curbstone Quiz. 5:00-Melody Puzzles. 5:30-Grand Hotel. 6:00-House of Charm, 6:30-Music for Moderns. 7:00-Contented Hour. 7:30-Burns and Allen.

8:00-Amos 'n' Andy. 8:15-Uncle Ezra's Radio Station. 9:00-Hotel Lexington Orchestra. 9:30-Vox Pop. 10:00-News Flashes. 10:15-Drama. 10:45-Biltmore Hotel Orchestra. 1:00-Ambassador Hotel Orchestra.

11:30-La Conga Orchestra. To 12-Complete Weather Reports. KOAC-MONDAY-550 Kc. 9:00—Today's Programs. 9:03—The Homemakers' Hour — 9:05. "Time Out" —C. W. Reynolds. 10:00-Weather Forecast. 10:15-Story Hour for Adults. 11:00-School of the Air. 11:30-Music of the Masters. 12:00-News. 12:15—Farm Hour. 1:15—Variety. 2:00—Home Visits with the Extension

Staff-Lucy A. Cuse, Specialist in Nutrition-"Food Customs in the Orient." 2:45-Travel's Radio Review. 3:15—Your Health.
3:45—The Monitor Views the News.
4:00—The Symphonic Half Hour. 4:30-Stories for Boys and Girls. 5:00-On the Campuses. 5:45-Vespers-Rev. D. Vincent Gray

## Auto Instructor

7:30—4H Club Meeting. 8:15-9 The Business Hour.

NEW YORK, April 2 - (AP) Frank Zupa pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 in traffic court today for passing a red light. 'By the way," asked Magistrate Burke, "what is your occupation? This is your third offense for passing a red light." "I am an auto instructor," said Zupa, "and I teach folks how to drive."

Turrels Have Daughter
SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. H.
Turrel of Salem are announcing the birth of a 7-pound 2ounce girl at the Silverton hospital March 31.

In getties in competition with other utilities, the competition engaged in by Seattle City Light is a much more expensive and wasteful kind, since it is between a public concern and a private concern.

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. H.

gaged in by Seattle City Light is any few individuals or interests having the lion's share. Under such conditions, there would be served by the consumers served by the utility, without any few individuals or interests having the lion's share. Under such conditions, there would be served by the consumers served by the utility, without any few individuals or interests having the lion's share. Under such conditions, there would be served by the consumers served by the consumers served by the consumers served by the utility, without any few individuals or interests having the lion's share. Under such conditions, there would be served by the consumers served by the consumers served by the utility, without any few individuals or interests having the lion's share. Under such conditions, there would be served by the consumers served by the utility, without any few individuals or interests
full kind, since it is between a public concern and a private concern. Turrels Have Daughter

# On the Record

leaders to

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

of the Executive has not yet passed, and it is my firm belief that it will not pass, in its pres-House of Repre-The attempt of

passed by only a which, if they are ever in a minor-Derethy Thompson votes, to conference in the House without having to go to the House Committee, sibility still for debate, amendment, or a peaceful grave.

tion

The House and Conference really objectionable features of this bill. These features are: 1. The substitution of a single civil service administrator, responsible wholly to the president, in the place of a bi-partisan board. The fact that this administrator is appointed for fifteen years need not be considered as a check, since the case of Arthur Morgan, who was appointed, we remember, for nine years. 2. The requirements of a and considered judgment may be two-thirds vote of congress to ov- put in its place. er-ride any measure within the the president of such quasi-legis- of patronage. lative agencies as the TVA.

this bill. The way they might be voted against it. Senator Wagner exploited must be considered in is one of the most astute polititice of American politics, and par- able that he recognizes what the ticularly with the tendencies of Gallup polls increasingly show, this administration. This bill with what the changed attitude of Wiland fortify the president as the super-boss of national patronage with something like \$5,000,000,-000 of the budget to shift around.

It is amazing to me that Sengreat respect, supported this bill in its present form.

As late as March 16 the senator in the debate on the bill, opposed including the TVA under the agencies which the president could transform or eliminate at will, which he can certainly do in the present draft.

The senator said then: "I by echoes of its past self. should be opposed to the TVA being attached to any department, I dent of any department, indepentreme to the other, as the country | 1932. often does: to put the Tennessee Valley authority as nearly as possible upon a business basis, upon our only immediate important a permanent basis, so that it problem, has come from the adwould not be in the power of either party if it came into power some time to overthrow the TVA a friendly administration in pow-

Senator Norris' remarks were exactly pertinent. The TVA was created by an act of congress, and the new bill gives the president and not congress, the right even to abolish it.

The so-called liberal supporters are backing the wrong horse. of this legislation make exactly the same error that they made in they are backing no horse.

respect to the bill for the reorgan-The bill for the reorganization ization of the supreme court. They see things with the short view, with respect to a specific administration, with a specific program. They do not look at measures enf form, if the with respect to their long-range effect under any conceivable sort sentatives listens of administration. They are willto the country. ing to see powers established which, given a change of sentithe Administra- ment in the country, may be used by a president, hostile to everysend the Senate thing they believe, automatically bill, which to offend the democratic process

margin of seven ity, will be their only safeguard. As far as the civil service provisions are concerned the bill does not, in the estimation of this colfailed. It is now in the hands of umn, go nearly far enough. They the House Committee with a pos- do not touch basic issues. The civil service problem is not a problem of clerks and stenographers. It is a problem of building committee of congress still have up an intelligent and continuing the power to eliminate the four bureaucracy in positions up to under secretaries of state, with an esprit de corps of devoted public service, and with a freedom and security so great that they can feel free to criticize as well as support the policies of the administration, on the basis of their

considered and expert judgment. It is a problem of getting rid of patronage as a political instrument, in order that deliberation

But it does not abolish patronact, which the president may age to decrease the patronage choose to make. 3. The removal dispensation privileges of conof congressional control on the gress and increase the Patronage executive purse, by making the distributing privileges of the presauditing retrospective and not ident. On the contrary, it creates prospective. 4. The subjection to a very much more dangerous form

The vote of many senators on These are the four really ser- the bill is politically illuminating. ious and dangerous features of Senator Wagner, of New York, connection with the whole prac- cians in congress, and it is probthese features in it will entrench liam Green and John L. Lewis shows, and what will soon be apparent to all politicians, namely, that the leadership of the presdent is no longer a political asset in the United States.

The reason is a simple one. A ator Norris, for whom I have leader, to hold public support in a democratic country, must lead. And throughout his entire second administration the president

has displayed no leadership. It is almost as though another Franklin D. Roosevelt sat in the White House. We are at this moment a country without a government. We have non-government

What the country is demanding care not what it is. The very the- from the administration and conory of the TVA act itself was to gress is precisely what it demandmake the organization indepen- ed in 1932: leadership in dealing with a very serious depression dent of any president, indepen- Actually, leadership in dealing dent of any political change which with the most precipitous depresmight come over the country, by sion in our history, which is rapwhich we would go from one ex- idly approaching the point of

And not a single constructive idea for handling this, which is

ministration. On the contrary, since November, the administration has been before it would be possible to have blocking every attempt of congress to deal realistically with the situation.

. . . The members of congress are free to use their considerate judgment about this bill or any other bill. They don't need to be afraid that if they switch their vote they What they need to fear is that

## Safety Valve

**Utility Comparisons** 

To the Editor: pany, it is true, were much less with the municipal light departthan those of the Seattle City ments of Seattle and Tacoma. Light department, in 1936. But to make a fair comparison between publicly and privately operated utilities in the northwest, the expenses of the Tacoma City Light department should be noted. So I've prepared a comparison (which is appended to this letter) similar to that which you published in your editorial of March 25. in which the expenses of Tacoma

City Light are shown. Operating expenses of the different utilities, in 1936, compared as follows:

Seattle City Light-12.78 mills per kwh. P. G. E .- 8.84 mills per kwh. Only 69.2% of Seattle City Light expenses. Calif.-Ore. Power Co. -

mills per kwh. Only 52% of Seattle City Light expenses. All Private Co.s in Ore.-10.73 mills per kwh. Only 84% of Seattle City Light expenses. Mountain States - 20.55 mills

per kwh. 160% of Seattle City Light expenses. Tacoma City Light-4.64 mills per kwh. 52.5% of Portland General Elec. expenses. 69.8% of COPCO expense. 22.5% of Moun-

tain States expenses. Public operation of the electric utility business, it appears from this comparison, is not a magic formula for ensuring cheaper electricity. Public ownership may be correlated with more efficient operation, as it is in Tacoma, or Gets 3rd Ticket operation, as it is in Tacoma, or it may be correlated with less efficient operation. Likewise, the continuance of our present private utilities is not a magic formula. 41.6 percent more than taxes. The people who are going to vote on the question of public ownership, need to consider that they

Also it should be remembered that PGE and the other private util-The operating expenses of the ities in Oregon, serve large rural Portland General Electric com- territories, which is not the case

A further comparison of the expenses of the privately and publicly operated plants, shows, as was indicated in your editorial, that PGE and the other private companies in Oregon, pay about two and one-half times as much taxes per kilowatt hour as does the Seattle City Light department. If PGE paid only one mill/ kwh for taxes, as does Seattle City Light, its operating expenses would be reduced by about 16.4% and, other things being the same, its rate would be cut about 9.3 %. But even with this, 60% lower tax rate, the operating expenses of Tacoma City Light would still be only 62.8% of PGE expenses.

However, while taxes are a big expense, interest is even more of an expense, as shown in the following summary:

PGE taxes of 2.47 mills/kwh, are 27,7% of the operating expenses of the company, and 17.5% of the total expenses, absorbing 15 .-7% of the operating revenues. Tacoma City Light, taxes of .89

mills/kwh, are 19.3% of the operating expenses, and 15% of the total expenses, absorbing 10% of the operating revenues. But PGE interest of 5.17 mills/ kwh, amounts to 36.6% of the total expenses, and absorbs 32 .-

8% of the operating revenuesmore than twice as much as the tax item. Tacoma City Light interest of 1.26 mills/kwh, is 21.2% of the total expenses, and absorbs 14.-

1% of the operating revenues-It occurs to me that such terrifically large interest expenses should not be necessary. In brief, will not get bountiful supplies of the thought which occurs to me cheap electricity unless the ex- is this: Suppose that practically pense of operating the utilities is all of the capital equipment of a utility was represented in shares In making these comparisons of of stock (of only one denominaoperating expenses, it should be tion and having the same voting pointed out that while both Seat-tle City Light and PGE are serv-bonds; and suppose that this ing cities in competition with oth- stock was owned by the consum-

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