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Emergencies and the Law
Ts not as＂delitiberative＂as one might wish，par ticularily in the ciosing weeks atter its pay has
tiopped．Well，perhaps we thouldn have brousht that up ju just now when the effort in most parta of the state is to inducee someone to
run for the elegisatures But the point is that
in spite of lawakers＇occasional bursts
 meets only bienniaily．Congress can，in in pipinch
as it did last December when three declarations as it did last December when three declarations rules out the window and act instantly－
doesn＇t unless the emergency is extreme．
Lencies，in times such as these，occur suddenly and ，without warning．The logical answer，it
yourre thinking solely of emerkeneies and how
to to meet them，is a dictator．But it Americans
wanted dictator they wouldnt have to fight
this war．Notobody has suggested that we quit
 Yet when an emergency arises，someone who
has a special stake in the solution or someone
who has strong feeling in the matter，invariably
bobs up to suggest that the duly elected ad－
ministrative officials disregard the limitations ministrative orricials disregard the
of their
＂goothority and usur，in this
＂guse，＂the lawmaking power Every，right－thinking Oregon citizen agrees
it is desirate that automobiles be driven，or
the sake of tire and gasoline conservation，at a
 limit．But the manner in which automotive
ppeeds may be regulated in Oregon was estab－ lished atter extensive study and debate and
with great precisenes，by the 1041 legislature．

 Next，it was suggested and by the same lead－
ing newspaper，that distressed taxpayers would pone the date for payment of the shauld post－
tax inasmueh as it follows closely the federal Incorme taxpaying date and，this year for the
last time，the property taxpaying．date．In this
case an effort was made to so distort interpre case an effort was made to so distort interpre－
tation of the law as to give the proposed mora－
torium the appearance of legality．But it was pretty thin
The law，it must be conceded，ought to be
ufficiently elastic to permit of necessary ac－
ion in emergencies．In these specific cases the answer is，first，that lawmakers are not sooth－ compeiling as to justify the usurpation of law－
making powers．Automotive speeds may be were they ever actually regulated otherwise？
The governor＇s proclamation on Wednesday，no intended to have the force of law，will give
public opinion the maximum official support
that is legally possible．As for the income tax Individual taxpayers may legally be granted
relief in worthy cases．
But in general we＇ll arnment of laws＂or prompt，incisive，unchecked deministrative fiat．To our way of
decision was made in 1787 ．

Sense in Rationing


＂Summer Time＂－It＇s Beginining to Get Hot

## Bits for Breakfast



Fourth Plein lieses seven miles
northeast of Vancouv．a，Wash－
ington．Originally a part of the


## Radio Programs

＇Crime at Castaway＇


In its reluctance to say the obvious，this mook veteran who has organized a guerilla force invaders if they come．To our surprise we note
that the Coos Bay Times calls this sturdy outitit ＂pathetic，＂taking the view that guerilla fight－ ，we ask，was it that stopped the Nips in China，the one place where they have been
stopped？
slowed down Hit kind of fight of fight was it that assing his communications？What kind of fighting is making it tough for the army of
occupation on Luzon？If Tillamook county is invaded we＇ll bet those 1000 guerillas swap
better than even． The Medford city council has＂postponed for
30 days＂decision upon the installation of park－ ing meters．＂Better make it 30 years，＂＂uggests he Mail Tribune．Why any city which has got－ should consider them necessary now is more
than we can see．But maybe some of Medford＇s

## News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON



 sion，Mr．Hillman might have
contributed the labor angle to this campaign，an $n$ ne which revived memories
of the Murray plap for industrial councils，But
Hillman and Nel a ssociates imply that－far Humman and Nel．A ssociates mply．hai－sar
from being a resu：of bad advice－Mr．Hillman＇s
low spirits were cie to the fact no one has been
asking him for any advice．
Mr．Reosevelts special labor committee of three
Ariers and threep cio＇rs has been meeting fre－ quently at the White House with Mr．Hillman not
present．He was not invited，and lotty cio circlea
claim Cro Pfesident Phil Murray suggested he stay

It just seems nobody loves him．ArL feels the
same way．He has been working in the middole，
between these two forces since the days Between these two forces，since the days of the
original Roosevelt advisory councl on national de－
fense．When that ran out，he was upped to co－ Now Mr．Knudsen hasen a lieutenant generalship，
but Mr．Hilman is onny head of one of the six ivisions of Mr．Nelson＇s WPB and Nelison had
apparentiy forgotten his telephone number．Even to
less sensitive person than Mr．Hillman，this ould seem to constitute a cold shoulder．
Basis of government policy on inflation，rationing，
and taxes is the assumption that＂everyone is making more money．＂It is becoming increasing－
y clear this premise is false．Some people and
some corporations are mmaling a great deal more
money than before the war，but a tereat many money than before the war，but a great many
people and many old leating corporations are mak－
ing leass
The shocking testimony showing the Jack and The shocking testimony showing the Jack and
Heintz company making 22 per cent on an an airplane
starter and throwing money away like John May－
nard Keynes，helps to further the popular illusion nard Keynes，helps to further the popular illusion
that wwar contractors are getting rich．
The bigest of them，concerns like US Steel and
Generai Mostors，are General Motors，are in fact getting poor．Thelr
earning are down，their stock price is sharply
down from pre－December 7 days． win（which earned nothing during the depression）
are enjoiving an earnings bonanaz．These bonanzay
are so rich the overall figures of earnings，col－ are so rich the overall figures of earnings，col－
lected by the government（which are not up to
the minute in registering what has happened sind the minute in reecistering what has happened since
the war began）show increases and mistea sow－
ernment economista into believing＂everyone is
making more monet＂

## Take a specific industry，the first big industry 0 feel the weligh of war change（but not the last） automobiles．Certainly no one connected with

 bowling alleys，used car lots and what not．They
and their $1,130,000$ employes cannot te assumed to
be making more money．The thousands of tourist trades people aloog the highways of the courtry
will not make more money，nor will filling station Vropietors，tire dealers．found in every block of
Veant tores can be forsien path avenue and Broadway in New Yorit to stand witnese that the thoppexieping not making more
tinameinl district
Yet shipyarde，small iron works，contractors in
So also with ppoople Farmer and union labor
not two clath proups who，statitics suigest，are setting larterer groume．who，statistics suegest，are there are no statistice
 II of whom，and many more，are getting the sume
murch less salaty due to taxes and prices． To these must be added the untold，unenumeratod
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meturine busineste，or those who will be thruit


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