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Federal Taxes and Spending

Congressman Harris Ellsworth of Oregon's fourth district has a sensible approach toward the government's fiscal problem. Interviewed in Washington, he urges a survey to determine just how much government we need and what the expense of conducting it will be—and then to levy taxes to raise the needed revenues. Ellsworth expressed opposition to the proposal of a 20 per cent cut in income taxes.

From other members of the congress have come objections to Congressman Knutson's plan of an immediate cut of 20 per cent in personal income taxes. They think such a declaration is premature, and some say that we should keep up our taxes while the national income is high and use the surplus to retire debt. Others say we should first study what savings can be made in the federal budget before jumping in to cut taxes. Knutson is booked for chairman of the important house committee on ways and means, but he is not going to find smooth sailing for his tax reduction plan.

We need not make too much haste in tax reduction. The lifting of the excess profits tax was premature. It has enabled some companies which had no reconversion problems to pile up huge profits this year, far more than they need for return on the investment or for reasonable reserves. If the excess profits tax had been cut to 60 or 65 per cent a lot of money would have accrued to the government. As it stands the huge losses taken by some companies like railroads and motor manufacturers entitles them to refunds of excess profits taxes which will serve to cut down the yield on corporation taxes by large sums.

Republicans have urged for a long time a balancing of the budget. That seems within the range of attainment next year and its accomplishment will help to assure soundness for our fiscal system. We need to start whittling down our huge debt. Even new dealers who justified the deficits of the Roosevelt era said we should use periods of prosperity to recoup our previous losses. That time is now. Before we rush in with tax cuts we should make sure our budget will be in balance with a surplus to scale down our indebtedness.

In our program of retrenchment, reason must be exercised. Government is our biggest business. Its departments are presumably established in the public service. Radical action in lopping off bureaus, simple as that sounds before an election, will not prove so easy when services are studied. As Ellsworth said, there is great room for retrenchment. War-swollen agencies can be shrunken to postwar dimensions. But the job should be done intelligently and prudently, to effect as great a saving as possible without destroying services which the public deems essential.

The current economies in capital expenditures are temporary, because the government merely is postponing the spending. If costs decrease then the government will be ahead when the work is done. If it increases it will be behind. There is justification in postponing much work because of the inflationary condition now prevailing, but the deferment does not mean economizing in the current expenditures of government.

Republicans in control of congress have firm control of the purse strings. The wisdom they use will be a measure of their capacity to be entrusted with further power in 1948.

Big Nine to Participate

Well, that's settled. We mean the matter of participation in the Rose Bowl game. The Pacific coast conference which stages the annual New Year's day event at Pasadena has made a tieup with the Big Nine of the midwest on a five year basis, the bid going to one of the Big Nine in the next three years and to one selected by that conference in the remaining two years.

This eliminates Army, which has the champion team of the year. The deal eliminates southern schools, like Georgia which has had a great team this year, and Alabama and Duke which have gotten the call in former years. Notre Dame, runner-up by a narrow margin, does not permit post-season play. The eastern schools like Harvard and Princeton and Yale sign off football with November.

The west has long wanted participation by the midwest greats where football is a prime sport. The bid this year probably will go to Illinois or Minnesota, both good teams. Here the choice lies between UCLA and USC at the moment. Whichever teams are matched New Year's day the customers are sure of a great game.

A Healthy Picture

The improvement of lighting on downtown Salem streets, a project talked about before, but interrupted by the war, is a must on the agenda of civic progress, and the expiring city council does well to ready for its successor a comprehensive program to that end. Positive action on this and other plans, too, augurs well for the smooth and orderly transition to the city manager form of government. The present council appears determined not to mark time merely because its regime soon will end. And the council-elect, led by Mayor-elect Elstrom, is just as forthrightly setting the stage for its ascendancy. The picture is a healthy one.

The general extolling of motherhood, well warranted in so great a majority of cases, need not blind us to the fact that there are exceptions even in this great calling. Britain's labor government, in fact, is facing that problem boldly and is doing something about it. Women sentenced in court for neglecting their children are to be sent to school for training in homecraft and parenthood. Their smaller children will be with them and their husbands can visit the school. The results should be interesting.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

THE LONELY GIANTS

In the announced belief of Ilya Ehrenburg, the Russian journalist who recently visited this country, American literature consists of a few giant works—he mentioned those of Hemingway, Steinbeck and Faulkner—surrounded by trash.

Many American critics would agree about the relative stature of the authors he named, though they might be slow to underwrite the word "giant" not necessarily from a lack of enthusiasm but under the common rule that literary stature is best measured 100 years or more after the author is dead.

Under shorter-term values, no one is likely to chide Mr. Ehrenburg for slighting the work of Kathleen Winsor Herwig Shaw, but "Forever Amber" raises a point: if "Forever Amber" is trash, what is John Hersey's "Hiroshima"? What is the serious literature sometimes written for the American stage? The writing of younger men like Irwin Shaw and Arthur Miller? The racial commentaries of, say, Lillian Smith and Richard Wright? Is "trash" the word? There will be many who think that the qualitative gulf between "The Manatee" and "Watch on the Rhine," for instance, is wider than that between "A Bell for Adano" and "The Moon is Down."

What is really extraordinary about Mr. Ehrenburg's judgment is that he should have thought it significant that there are only a few literary titans among any people at a given period. By the test of time and breadth of acceptance, how numerous were Shakespeare's giant contemporaries in England? Those of Hugo and Zola in France? Those of Dostoevsky and Tolstol in Russia?

If it turns out in the final reckoning that the American culture of this half-century has produced as many as three literary immortals—any three—surely that is a significant fact. Remembering, too, that any contemporary predicting immortality for Will Shakespeare would have been booted out of the Mermaid Tavern, we would like to own the survival rights to everything in Mr. Ehrenburg's American trash bin.—(San Francisco Chronicle.)

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 — The allocator Mr. Small (CPA) was in a private meeting with members of the American Railway Car Institute. He wanted them to make more railroad cars. They said they could not unless he allocated more steel to them because more cars could not be made without more steel. Mr. Small excused himself saying he had to go to the White House.

Behind him, Mr. Small left his assistant to talk to the car people. He explained he could not speak for CPA yet he felt certain no increased allocation of steel for railroad cars would be made by the government because there was a good chance the White House would kick all government controls into the discard next January 1 — leaving only the housing administration in which materials could be allocated in the most needed production. It meant Mr. Truman was contemplating following up the abandonment of OPA with the civilian production administration, thus leaving everyone to scramble for short materials in a sort of devil-take-the-hindmost scramble, although usually the devil gets more than the hindmost in such an affair.

Haste Appeared Essential
The very next day the newspapers published stories obviously inspired by the government suggesting Economic Stabilizer Steelman would even fly to Florida with a directive abandoning directives, so urgent was deemed the need for haste.

Certain business and objective thinking authorities outside the White House have thus begun to wonder. Several peculiar little things have happened since election to suggest dejection or perhaps anger or resentment among White House advisers or intimates. For instance, one source had quoted Paul Porter, the OPA administrator, saying he would like to stay around to see the republican senator Taft break a bottle of champagne over the first soup kitchen. Some of the papers have suggested Porter has become the favored lad of the White House, which, if true, would be unfortunate because a defeated negative policy, such as he has advocated, could hardly be expected to generate production or national hope in a time like this, economic crisis. Mr. Truman would have to get advisers who thought there was a chance to succeed before he could hope to inspire anyone with thoughts of possible success. Such thoughts are being privately expressed here.

Maria Lucia Inspiration
Whether or not the published reports are accurate, the stock market certainly has lacked inspiration the past few months. The talk around Wall street indicates the financial bettors think we are in for a period of profitless prosperity. To even the republican promise of an individual income tax reduction raised hopes there or prices.

A fear certainly exists that some administration leaders may have interpreted the election returns too deeply. While the prominent and highly regarded leaders certainly are to be commended to place national welfare above their personal political dejection, they are subject to pressure and influence from some aides who might not want to straighten things out too much "for republicans" (really the country itself), but would rather prove themselves right.

A politico is a human being, and a human, after a crushing defeat, even if it is due to his own mistakes alone, is hardly in a mental position to generate inspiration and impetus to an economy. Production Big Need
The problem before the country is restoration of production. The consideration of how to get it should dominate all policies—exclusively. OPA was abandoned in accord with that theory—belatedly on the eve of an election to push out food. It did exactly that. Food and meat are now available. But it is an entirely different thing to remove all government controls on the allocation of materials to essential use before any worthwhile degree of production has been achieved. If we need railroad cars, the government should allocate as much steel as it can (deciding on the basis of supply and need) to get as many cars as it considers to be necessary. To throw the steel market open (a sellers market, mark you), would not be in the public interest.

No one has economically demonstrated it would get more production, but would only remove from business this troublesome government restraining hand. Essentials and necessities should get first call until the time production is able to take care of more than these vital needs. The government is in no position to do it fairly in the public interest.

Shift in Authority Seen
The government for an instance from its own history, did not turn rents loose for bidding and be devising while there are not enough houses to go around. How much a footloose distribution of gravely short materials would help production is certainly open to question.

The thing has gone further than you think. Indeed, an AFL official, Robert Watt, has told the grocer manufacturers (New York, Monday) in another connection, that the greatest danger today to both management and labor is that the politicians will try to shift the weight of government authority to someone else (he said to business against labor because he was speaking about the union phase of the matter).

American Indians in Pennsylvania dug pits to collect oil for medicine.



This One's Liable to Hurt

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Francis Pulse vs Roy Pulse; Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment; married Feb. 17, 1940, at Portland.

Ruby Osburn vs LaVern H. Osburn; Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment; married Aug. 2, 1945, at Vancouver, Wash.

L. W. Hall, O. E. Slocum and Chester Stephens vs S. P. Manthey and Oregon Pulp and Paper Co.; Suit for collection for services.

Melbourne Rambo and Goldie Rambo vs W. S. Remine; Suit asking court to enjoin defendants from use of log pond adjacent to plaintiff's property, and asking \$5000 damages.

Clinton G. Kuhn vs Margaret B. Kuhn; Decree of annulment grants return of maiden name of Margaret Lillian Benson to defendant.

Nellie Lagaza vs John Lagaza; Order of default.

Mabel L. Smith vs Ray F. Smith; Order permitting plaintiff to file supplemental complaint.

Ralph Colvin vs Vinita V. Colvin; Order directing county treasurer to pay money deposited by plaintiff to defendant.

Marie Guild vs Robert E. Guild; Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment; married Dec. 2, 1943, at Salem.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Donald Behrends, 22, student, and Alma J. Jones, 21, stenographer, both of Salem.
Glen Sparks, 28, carpenter, and Darlene Stanley, 19, clerk, both of Salem.

Paul F. Reidy, 36, state highway, and Ann L. Bialek, 33, bookkeeper, both of Salem.

WILFRED H. EPPING, guardian-ship estate; Order for sale of ward's real estate.
Frank P. Wolfe estate; Order fixing final hearing December 23.
Fannie K. Wain estate; Order appointing J. B. Minto, L. Fisher and W. H. Gardner as appraisers.

JUSTICE COURT
Ernest W. Beamish, route 4, box 146, pleaded guilty to charge of disorderly conduct; 30 day jail sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and placed on probation for one year to submit to order of interdiction.
Cleo B. Bressler, Brooks, void

foreign license, fined \$1 and costs. MUNICIPAL COURT

D. J. Seifer, Gervais, violation of anti-noise ordinance, posted \$3 bail.
Alfred P. Jensen, Newberg, failure to stop, fined \$2.50.
George K. Wilson, Dearborn avenue, no driver's license and failure to signal for turn, posted \$10 total bail.
Elizabeth Wilson, 280 Waldo st., violation of basic rule, fined \$7.50.

States' Racing Revenue Tops Prior Years

Distribution to the counties of pari-mutuel racing revenues, aggregating \$213,800.04, was announced here Wednesday by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr. Each county received \$5938.89 as the balance of its 1946 share for the support of county fairs.

Racing revenues totaling \$513,117.28, apportioned between the counties, the several fairs and livestock shows and to the general fund for the year 1946, exceeded by 28 per cent such totals for any previous year, Farrell declared. The counties received a total of \$9,775.58 each for the year, amounting to \$351,200, while other fairs participating included Eastern Oregon Livestock Show \$5,000, Northwestern Turkey Show \$1200, Pendleton Roundup \$5,000, Pacific International Livestock Exposition \$35,000 and Oregon State Fair \$35,000.

The apportionment to the state general fund was \$80,717.29. The distribution in 1945, runner-up to 1946, aggregated \$398,755.95.

Belton Calls Procedure Committee to Meet

The 10-man legislative committee appointed to consider changes in procedure at the 1947 legislature will meet here Friday at the call of State Senator Howard Belton.

Belton said the committee might consider reducing the number of legislative committees and other amendments to the existing rules which would speed up the work of the session.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Who said we got free elections!—look at those bills!—getting elected cost me a fortune!"

Tax Exempt List Totalled

Tax exempt properties in Oregon for the year 1946 aggregate an assessed value of \$582,472,430, the state tax commission announced here Wednesday.

The summary shows federal government exempt properties with an assessed value of \$332,715,465, state \$40,763,941, counties \$33,217,131 cities and towns \$40,082,549, school districts \$52,870,732, water districts \$1,465,353, irrigation districts \$12,385,606, drainage districts \$2,029,390, ports \$21,330,365, other municipal corporations \$330,019, literary, benevolent and charitable organizations \$22,161,665, church and religious organizations \$20,270,079, burial grounds, tombs and crematories \$1,436,685 and public libraries \$1,513,460.

The total exempted property by counties: Benton \$10,461,739, Clackamas \$58,916,580, Lane \$53,781,990, Linn \$7,961,610, Marion \$13,180,329, Multnomah \$162,176,939 and Polk \$2,228,200.

New Machine Plants Readied

Roy M. LaDow is announcing the opening of the Capital City Machine Tool and Engineering works at 3042 Portland road. It will be equipped to handle general and precision machine work. Two carloads of equipment have been shipped from Detroit and is to be installed at the new plant.

LaDow has followed work as tool and die machinist for 30 years, the past 14 years as supervisor of the tool and die division at General Motors corporation at Lansing, Mich. Previously he worked in government arsenals in machine work.

Besides custom work along machine lines, the new plant will be staffed with men qualified to assist in machine design.

PASSES TEST

John Anholm, Salem, passed the Washington state dental examination at Olympia, Wash., on October 21, State License Director Harry Huse, reported Wednesday, according to the Associated Press.

Births

MATUYEC—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Matuyec, 601 Highland ave., a son, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem General hospital.

JONES—To Mr. and Mrs. Valteen Jones, 915 S. 12th st., a daughter, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem General hospital.

POMEROY—To the Rev. and Mrs. Clay J. Pomeroy, 436 N. High st., a daughter, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem General hospital.

WATSON—To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Watson, 1454 Chermeketa st., a daughter, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

BALDWIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baldwin, Stayton, a daughter, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

HITT—To Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hitt, Turner, a son, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

KELLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelle, Lyons, a son, Wednesday, November 20, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

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H. L. Wyse, Former Salem Man Dies

Henry L. Wyse, 64, carpenter and resident of Salem for three years, died Saturday at his home in Portland. He had resided in Oregon for seven years. Services will be at 10:30 o'clock on Friday morning at the Clough-Barrick chapel with Dr. Joseph Adams officiating. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

He was a brother of Mrs. E. L. Moor of Salem and Mrs. Lena Roth of Mrs. Dan Alliman, Mrs. Dan G. Widmer, Miss Eliza Wyse and Samuel Wyse, all of Wayland, Iowa.

CAP to Seek AAF Liaison

Expansion of the Civil Air Patrol activities in Oregon coincident with closer liaison with the army air forces was announced in Portland Saturday by Friday Harry K. Coffey, Oregon wing commander of CAP, according to Lt. James Cannon and C. R. Lindstrom, of the Salem CAP squadron, who attended the meet. At a meeting of squadron commanders and staff officers of the CAP at the Aero club in Portland it was decided to continue a pre-flight course on training persons 15 through 17 years of age, Lt. Cannon said Wednesday.

Perfection of search and rescue work of CAP was also discussed at the meeting. Weekly meetings of the local CAP squadrons are held at the Salem senior high school shops every Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Louise Loveland Dies at Salem Residence

Mrs. Louise R. Loveland, wife of Horace G. Loveland of 405 S. 25th st., died Wednesday at her residence after living in Salem for 29 years. Final rites will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Clough-Barrick chapel, with interment at City View cemetery. Surviving are the husband, a daughter, Mrs. Delmar Bond of Camas, Wash.; a son, Phillip H. Loveland of Yakima, Wash., and six grandchildren.

OSTS ESCAPEE FOUND

Fourteen-year-old Thomas E. Elliott, who escaped from Oregon state training school Monday, was found by city policemen late Tuesday night, sleeping in the basement of a ferry street residence.

LEAVE DEACONESS

Mrs. William Burright, route 6, box 324, Salem, with her infant daughter, and Mrs. Clarence Thomas, 1824 N. 4th st., with her son, were dismissed from Salem Deaconess hospital yesterday.



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