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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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## UCC Income, Outgo

On its fiscal side the unemployment compensation commission works like a bank: money coming in and piling up; money going out to drain the reservoir. Only this is true: it doesn't go out to those who pay it in, which makes it quite different from a bank of deposit.

In the first half of this year the outgo far exceeded the intake: \$16,309,120 going out and only \$5,961,647 coming in. That outgo was almost as high as the total for 1949 and over twice as much as for the whole of 1948. Many were jobless, particularly in the first quarter of 1950, and the put-out of checks was very heavy.

At that, however, the trust fund balance is still very high, over \$70,000,000 at the end of June. Moreover, the summer employment has been back around peak levels. This means the inflow will exceed the outflow and pile up more money in the reserve account. The high point was back at the end of 1948 when the trust fund total was \$84,639,655.

We are so closely related to squirrels in our hoarding instinct that we like to see reserves pile up and watch fearfully as reserves are drawn down. Actually, this fund is accumulated for use on the proverbial rainy day. That over \$18,000,000 was paid out in the first half of 1950 was a good thing. It helped many a family tide over a period of unemployment and kept the wheels of trade turning in quite a substantial manner.

Existence of unemployment compensation is, however, something of a discouragement to thrift. For example, one hears of bucklers and fallers who draw down enormous daily wages from work in the woods, but some of them are "out of funds" a week or two after logging camps shut down. For the thrifless and for those whose earning power is low in relation to their family necessities, unemployment compensation does give a substantial "assist" in times of unemployment. It is here to stay, but it still requires careful administration to avoid abuses.

## Tax Detour This Way

At the 1948 election, Oregon voters rejected a constitutional amendment which would have permitted voters of a taxing district to establish a new tax base on which the six per cent limitation would apply. Under this, a unit which had voted extra levies for two years could by an affirmative vote adopt a new tax base which would be the average of the three-year period. The voters refused to allow any tampering with the original base.

A workable detour has been found around the six per cent limitation by means of the continuing levy. The Salem school district, for example, in one election voted on itself an extra levy of six mills for ten years for building purposes. And Multnomah county finally got up enough pride and enough votes to have its public services by voting an extra levy for five years with a maximum of four and one-half mills. The city of Salem has, if we remember correctly, extra levies on a continuing basis for streets and for parks, voted once.

We are not criticizing any of these levies, merely calling attention to the means found to

break out of the barricade of the six per cent limitation. By getting voter approval of an indefinite or long-term extra levy, governing boards are relieved of worries of annual elections—until such time as the new supply becomes insufficient and fresh drafts on taxpayers must be made.

We do not believe these continuing levies have ever been tested in court. They have just been accepted as inevitable, just as the levy of other taxes to supplement property taxes was not resisted as in violation of this sacred six per cent limitation which now seems to be losing some of its teeth.

## TV Mixed "Blessing"

As long as the FCC keeps up its freeze on granting new TV licenses, most of Oregon will be spared television reception. That TV is an uncertain blessing is proven by reports from sections where it is in full operation. Latest report comes from southern California where a survey was made among TV owners by a department of the University of Southern California. The sociologist in charge, Edward C. McDonagh, summarizes the report:

Ninety per cent are listening less to the radio; three-fourths are going to fewer movies; nearly half are attending fewer sports events; all are doing less pleasure driving.

Housewives were solid in complaining they never get to go anywhere any more.

Television thus is a real threat to prevailing customs and existing business interests. Not mentioned, too, is the damage to student records at school through diversion from study. Youth have conditioned their minds to study with a radio going full blast, but they can't study and watch a TV show—at least they haven't learned how yet.

But all this will not keep television out. Interests seeking to profit by it will finally get licenses for Oregon operation. People will then just have to make adjustments, and so will radio, book publishers and movie theatres. The unfortunate thing is that television promises to follow the downgrade of radio and include chiefly banal and superficial programs in trying to reach the presumed level of the so-called masses.

Discontinue the Portland zoo was one recommendation made to the money-short city council. Another suggestion was to limit the zoo to native wild animals. Doubtless they can find plenty of "queer birds" in Portland who could qualify for admittance.

Bulgars are reported to be making raids across the Yugoslav border. The Bulgars better look out. The Yugoslavs are experienced in this business and would be real toughies. Besides they have more at stake than the satellite Bulgars.

Gone glimmering is the prospect for a cut in excise taxes. Milady will still pay extra for her jewelry and furs, and transportation and communications will have to continue collecting toll for Uncle Sam. With the last two wars not paid for, and starting on another the hope for tax reduction in the foreseeable future grows dim.

## AMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS THIS YEAR, TOO!



## Comes the Dawn

Salamied between hum-drum news of Korean war last week came important dispatch—namely, communique from Italy, via AP, noting that Rita Hayworth is not expecting again—yet . . . seems that reporter asked Miss (Schoolgirl) Hayworth if she was . . . and Reticent Rita shyly dug her left big toe in the sand and said nope . . . trembling with eagerness, reporter hurried off to send message to world breathlessly awaiting The Word . . . one reader, however, read the message and was heard to murmur: "This is about Aly Khan stomach."



During heat wave other day local theatre had as short feature one of those deals where movie audience sings song as words and cartoons appear on screen . . . well, guess what song patrons worked up a sweat over this time? . . . none other than "Jingle Bells!" . . . beating the heat in an unusual but, no doubt effective style was the gent who flashed around downtown street aboard a motorcycle—barefoot.

Added to the list of Kentucky Colonels is Ethan Grant, Salem author . . . Ethan received his "commission" in exclusive group other day . . . "Shut mah mouf and whistle Dixie through mah nose if ah can figger how come they all picked little ole me foh a kernel," drawled the man whose last name is washed out of most southern youngsters' mouths with soap . . . Ethan admitted, though, he has always had a leaning toward magnolias, fried chicken, black-eyed peas, horseracing and never could see much to that story about Little Eva running across the ice.

Officials at Woodburn boys training school were somewhat jarred other day when a 12-year-old boy ASKED to be admitted . . . story told by Mrs. Nona White, Marion county juvenile officer . . . seems the lad, who lives in Portland and has never been in any difficulties with the law, recently acquired a step-father and a new infant brother . . . feeling neglected and about as useful around the house as a broken ball-bat, the boy hitch-hiked to Woodburn and asked startled authorities there if he might become a member of the institution . . . after reviewing the unprecedented situation, officials at school sent him to Mrs. White at Salem . . . and she returned the boy home . . .

Tom McCall, personal secy. to Gov. Douglas McKay, found himself in a situation recently which should happen to a politician only in a nightmare . . . Tom was on hand to convey Gov.'s personal greetings to German youth who arrived in Salem Friday straight from the Old Country . . . Tom says he had a dandy oration all memorized . . . sticker was that McCall, who can talk fast and furious on nearly any occasion, doesn't speak German . . . and the youth knows only a smattering of English . . . so about all they could do was shake hands and grin at each other . . . in fact for first half-hour the crowd of greeters, who had visitor confused with someone else, kept calling him by a non-existent first name . . . an interpreter finally straightened the whole thing out.

Local national guardsmen expect to find themselves in regular army any day now . . . matter of fact, Salem units have started big drive for 185 additional recruits . . . big selling point is that if guard is called men will hold their guard rates and companies will remain intact . . . as they did during last war (nothing like fighting a war with your friends) . . . nearly 20 per cent of company G are combat veterans . . . former company man, Francis Meshelle, is now with army in Korea . . . his brothers, Cpl. Rex Meshelle and Pvt. Calvin Meshelle, are in guards here.

## AFL Chieftain Raps NLRB in Typo Dispute

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—AFL President William Green called today for a senate investigation of what he termed the "reckless campaign" waged by NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham against the International Typographical Union. Green suggested that Denham may be trying to "subject the ITU

agency's prosecuting officer under the Taft-Hartley act. Last fall, the board held the union guilty of violating the act by insisting on a closed shop contract with 22 commercial print shops in Baltimore. The act bans the closed shop, under which an employer may hire only union members.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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or natives, who do most of the labor in the mines. They are required to be in their compounds by nightfall. But the color line also is drawn against the descendants of immigrants brought in from India to serve as indentured labor, many years ago. (Ghandi got his inspiration to battle against racism during his residence in South Africa). Race prejudice exists not only between whites and non-whites but also between the blacks and the Indians. A few years ago savage race riots broke out in Durban between black Africans and the Indians.

South Africa is one of the world's worst trouble spots in race relations. It has been under continuous pressure in committees of United Nations because of its legalized discrimination. The UN Charter denounces such discrimination, but the South Africans defend their policy. They say that the whites make up only one-fifth of the total population of South Africa. If they relaxed and abolished discrimination they would quickly be overrun by the blacks and the country would revert to veldt. Nevertheless, the South Africa attitude is under steady attack from other member nations and from the aroused conscience of the world.

Race prejudice is based on traditional pride and fear, which cannot easily be erased. In this country, recent agitation for civil rights legislation has stirred up old antagonisms in the south. Even after they denounced compulsory fair employment practice legislation, Senators Pepper and Graham were defeated by those who raised banners of white supremacy.

At the same time, our own South is waking up and under the spur of its own sense of justice and the fear of a federal whip is providing better conditions for negroes. The agitation for civil rights works as a prod even if it does give the reactionaries a chance to ride into office

## Balkans Parry Seen Only as War of Nerves

ATHENS, Greece, July 15 (AP)—Field Marshal Alexander Papagos said in a newspaper interview today that communist military movements in the Balkans are merely part of a war of nerves.

The Greek commander of armed forces, the country's greatest modern military hero, said he does not believe Russia is ready for a world war. His views were published in the conservative newspaper, Embros.

(Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia came in for another propaganda attack from the Russian Saturday. A Russian—language broadcast from Moscow, heard in Oslo, said Tito was "Yugoslavia's Syngman Rhee," an "exponent of American war plans in the Balkans" and a "paid traitor." Tito, the broadcast charged, is playing in the Balkans the same role as President Syngman Rhee of South Korea in "carrying out provocations" against communist nations along his borders.)

behind the real if invisible sign of kluxism. And South Africa will cast an unfavorable light on itself if it treats rudely the deputation from the world council of churches.

Local Tours: Silver Falls Park, via Eureka avenue, Silverton. Drive to Silverton. Instead of turning left on Main street to go to business section, turn right to top of hill, then left on Eureka avenue. Note many new attractive homes on route just out of Silverton. This is old road to the falls. Goes through interesting country and if visibility is good offers excellent views including snow peaks to north. Road comes in near South Falls. Return may be made over regular Silver Falls highway through Shaw or back on north side through Silverton.

Champoeg Wilsonville-Newberg. Drive to Champoeg (nice place for picnic dinner). Then take surfaced road downriver to Wilsonville. Cross on ferry, then at the intersection near store take to left upriver to Newberg. Note several lovely places along the river road. From Newberg return via St. Paul, Dayton or McMinnville.

## 'If We Do What We Ought to Do, There Is Still Much Hope; If Not, There Is No Hope at All'

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, July 15—Only three weeks after the attack on Korea, predictions are already being made that the Kremlin will shortly attack another soft spot, and thus unleash a general war. The Soviet politburo must indeed be almost irresistibly tempted to further adventure, by the spectacle of the United States being committed in Korea. Yet the evidence on balance suggests that the men in the Kremlin, have not as yet yielded to this temptation.

This evidence falls into several parts. One part is found in Korea. It is considered highly significant that since the United States intervened in Korea, American air power over the battlefield has not been seriously challenged. Soviet air power in the Far East is a match, and probably more than a match, for American air power based on Japan. In every other category, the Soviets clearly intend to use every means to force the American troops off the Asiatic mainland—they have already committed the best Russian heavy tanks and long-range artillery. But they have not committed Soviet planes.

According to the best intelligence evaluation, this is for a simple reason. The men in the Kremlin are still unwilling to invite an open war by sending Russians in to fight Americans—and there are simply not enough non-Russian pilots to fly the

non-Russian pilots to fly the Russian planes. This does not mean that the Soviets are unwilling to risk general war—they have of course already done so. But it is taken to mean that they are still unwilling to invite a general war.

The second item of evidence comes from Moscow. There the British ambassador, Sir David Kelly, has held a number of conversations on the Korean crisis at the Soviet foreign office. The Soviet diplomats have been, as always, cautious and elliptic. But they have hinted that the Korean problem could easily be solved, on a satisfactory basis, if only the United States were reasonable—if only, for example, the United States would recognize communist China.

This is, of course, a rather transparent attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and its British ally. Nevertheless the use of naked force is probably not contemplated as long as such diplomatic expedients are being resorted to. The tenor of the conversations, moreover, has not been warlike—there have been no heavy-handed hints, for example, that the British, in view of their exposed position, should reconsider their policy.

Third, there are no signs of any special preparation for war either in the Soviet Union or by the red army in eastern Europe. The Soviet Union is always, of course, on a war basis—by American standards, Russia has been mobilized ever since World War II ended. But those extraordinary measures, like armament and transport stockpiling on the frontiers, which must precede an all-out attack, have not been taken.

Finally, there is the reaction to the Korea crisis within the European communist high command. Reports from clandestine sources on his internal reaction have come from such points as Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Istanbul, Warsaw, Prague and Bucharest. All these reports have been very similar. There has been universal surprise and dismay among the top

communist leaders at the American response to the Soviet challenge in Korea. But there is compelling evidence that the Kremlin has not warned the communist leaders to expect war. For the communist hard core has not been alerted for resistance and sabotage in western Europe, nor has the terror become sterner in eastern Europe.

In weighing this optimistic evidence, however, it is necessary to remember that the men in the Kremlin were utterly unprepared for the situation which now confronts them. They did not expect any American response in Korea. They did not expect all of America's strength to be committed in Korea. They had not thought about what they would do if there were no western forces anywhere to oppose the red army or the satellite armies, or both. In any aggression they might choose to commit anywhere along their frontier. This temptation now squarely, surprisingly confronts them, and is daily magnified by the progressive exposure in Korea of America's shocking unpreparedness.

There is no saying the men in the Kremlin will not be overcome by this temptation in the end, despite the evidence already cited, and despite the deterrent effect of our strategic air force and atomic stockpile. Indeed, those who should know best predict that another aggression will eventually be committed by the Kremlin, unless the existing deterrent is rapidly and powerfully reinforced.

They say further that there is only one way to do this—to confront Stalin and his colleagues with the awe-inspiring spectacle of the entire resources, the whole wealth and man power of the United States, being mobilized for war. Only by mobilizing, only by thus indicating present determination and hinting of fearful penalties to come, can we prevent the war that the whole world fears. Thus, if we do what we ought to do, there is still much hope. But if we do not do what we ought to do, there is no hope at all.

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