ith Sees Anti-Bureaucrat ive As Danger to Government

of the most dangerous at- on the United States gov- t being perpetrated today g made by well-meaning who mutter, hiss or shout the phrase "those blankety-blank bureaucrats," according to Professor Allen Hugh Smith of the University of Oregon law school faculty.

Smith, speaking at the Monday Kiwanis luncheon, warned Kiwanians that "economy in government is a fine thing. Indeed, we must economize somewhere. But instead of cutting such and such a government agency by, say 20 per cent, the thing to do is to decide which functions of that agency you want to do away with."

Sees Dangers

Several illustrations of the dangers of indiscriminate cutting were given by Smith, who added that under the cutting system now being employed "it is left up to the agency to lop off whatever function it wants to, and as often as not, it is a function which Congress would rather not see abolished."

Smith told the story of the War Production Board's plan for decontrolling the nation's economy. He was a member of the legal staff for the WPB sub-committee on priorities, given the job of working out a decontrol plan which would apply to all phases of the national economy.

Men Competent

"On the whole," he said, "a bureau usually is made up of rather surprisingly competent men. They are sincerely interested in doing a particular job . . . the one defined by the statute under which they operate. And just remember, we cannot have our kind of government without bureaucrats."

L. L. Erdman, program chairman, introduced Clarence Chase, who gave an account of eastern flower shows as his club specialty.

Arthur B. French was welcomed into membership by Charles Howard and Roy Elliott.

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Wallace Hits Aid Policy

NEW YORK—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace, former vice president and cabinet member, told a cheering audience Monday night that "sooner or later Truman's program of unconditional aid to anti-Soviet governments will unite the world against America and divide America against herself."

Declaring that "the President and his Republican backers are less concerned with the need of the Greek people for food than with the need of the American Navy for oil," Wallace said that "the plan to contain Communism is really secondary to that push for oil."

Sewer Finance Discussion Set

SPRINGFIELD — The city council is scheduled to meet in special session Wednesday night to consider an ordinance to assess property-owners benefitted by the main trunk sewer construction.

The ordinance was proposed after a public hearing at which city officials reviewed cost estimates prepared by Engineer Adrian W. Vaaler. If passed it would authorize a levy of $1.29½ per assessable foot.

Mayor Claude T. Gerlach said Monday that the acceptance of the ordinance does "not necessarily" depend on the outcome of investigations being conducted to determine whether sewer risers or house connections have been placed along the lines in accordance with the contract.

Street Commissioner Paul Basford has been supervising the excavation of "representative" sections of the sewer to determine what percentage of the risers can be located.

Vaaler and R. H. Corey, Portland, the engineers who contracted for the supervisory part of the construction started in 1945, have been asked to attend Wednesday's meeting.

City's Budget Awaits Legislative Discussion

SPRINGFIELD—Mayor Claude T. Gerlach this week explained that work on the city budget has been held up while the city awaits the outcome of state legislation designed to give municipalities a larger share of state revenues.

He said that city officials are anxious to begin planning for next year but feel it inadvisable to rush budget discussions until they know what revenues to expect. Ordinarily the budget committee meets by March 15. The departmental requests and estimates of 1947-48 city revenue have been prepared and are awaiting submission to the committee.

Some city officials say they also feel it better to wait until a choice of a city manager can be made. They say he will be responsible for successful operation under the budget and should have at least an unofficial connection with its formation.

Suits May Involve Gas Sales Outlets

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Dworshak (R-Idaho), Tuesday quoted Attorney General Tom Clark as saying that suits are being prapared in an attempt to divorce major oil companies from control of service stations.

Asked about the matter, a Justice Department spokesman told a reporter it was looking into the entire gasoline situation "in many places."

The department recently filed such an action against the Standard Oil Co., of California, which operates in Idaho.

Dworshak has asked the Justice Department to investigate the difference between Idaho prices and those of neighboring states.

No Chips Shouldered

Dr. J. R. Jewell, 2260 University St., reports that he has roses in bloom in his garden since March 19. This makes news, in that it is not offered as a challenge to Rt. F.

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Teller Mary J. Hiestand told police a would-be bandit slipped a $100 bill through her wicket with a note saying, "Give me all your currency or I'll kill you."

The teller ducked and screamed. The bandit fled. The banknote fluttered to the floor at the Teller's feet.

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