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And Still We Grow!

How long can county business be conducted efficiently in the "old red courthouse?" Officials and employees are doing the best they can to "shake themselves down" in remodeled but cramped quarters; but it would not be surprising any day now to see the walls start to bulge, there's so much inside.

The voters decided against building a new courthouse, and county employees are doing their best to cooperate by getting along in the old structure. The situation, however, serves to emphasize the fact that in more ways than one Lane County is outgrowing its "old clothes," and there's always a danger that buttons will start popping off.

How long is our rapid growth going to continue? Are our civic projects catching up with it or are we losing ground?

Now Egypt Bobs Up

Just when the United Nations is basking for a few moments in the sun of its first real victory, (the Dutch-Indonesian truce), Egypt demands removal of British troops from her territory, and the storm clouds gather again.

The situation raises some sober questions, not only for Great Britain, but for the United States.

The severity with which the British Lion's tail was twisted by this maneuver is indicated by the fact that he roared back defiance at once:

"The British have a right to maintain troops in Egypt. Not only that, but Egyptian complaint must be removed from the calendar of the Security Council!"

The Egyptians have timed their action nicely, for Britain is wrestling with an economic crisis at home. It is a situation made to order for one of Winston Churchill's ringing pronouncements:

"The control of the Suez Canal must be retained, for it is a keystone of our national security. This is not a moral question. It is a question of our survival. We will not give up control of the Suez Canal without a struggle."

The fact that India is being given freedom may increase rather than decrease the British tenacity.

Americans might ask: "In view of Britain's economic condition, how long will she be able to afford to maintain troops in Egypt?"

Because of this economic situation Britain moved out of Greece and we took her place, though not with troops. What would we do about Egypt?

That question may not arise, but we will face the necessity of determining a policy on the present Egyptian request. In view of our expressed ideals it might be difficult to find a way to support Britain. Yet for us the question may be: "Can we afford not to back Britain?"

The situation appears made to order for Russia. In fact it is natural to wonder if the Soviet has not had its fork in this new stew that has been stirred up. The Egyptians have pointed out that the present relationship "subjects Egypt to the vagaries of British economy." Is it possible that the Egyptians have been sold on the idea of being linked to

some other nation's economy? If so, whose? That is something for us to be thinking about, too.

It is easy to imagine Joe Stalin chuckling in the Kremlin:

"Whose ox is being gored, now?"

Long ago Ajax McGurk predicted that when prosperity finally came around the corner some of us would get knocked flat, and now just look at the price of porkchops!

The GOP is "no longer Dewey-eyed", says a Washington friend, but it is going to be so difficult to get romantic about Taft.

Another judge has ruled that the pedestrian has the right of way at street corners. It's still a good idea to look both ways.

WASHINGTON LETTER

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Marshall's "Must" List

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(NEA)—Congress and the State Department battled only about 500 on co-operation, a checkup of foreign policy legislation in the past session reveals.

Last February, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave out a list of 27 items which Secretary of State George C. Marshall was sending up for consideration. Ten were considered urgent and of high priority. Six got through.

Three added starters—the President's request for Greek-Turkish aid, ratification of the U. S. trusteeship for the former Jap-mandated Pacific islands, and authorization for U. S. participation in a six-power commission to deal with the problems of Pacific islands south of the equator—all got through.

The four top-priority items on the "must" list that were stymied were: The Anglo-American petroleum agreement; legislation to admit 400,000 displaced persons; U. S. adherence to the World Health Organization; and legislation to authorize exchange of scholars and information with foreign countries—the so-called Mundt cultural co-operation bill.

Ratified Peace Treaties

Peace treaties with the Axis satellites were ratified without change, but other urgent matters handled were cut down. Post-UNRRA relief was approved, with limitations on spending any of the \$350 million in countries of the Russian orbit. U. S. membership in the International Refugee Organization was approved, but funds were cut from \$80 million to \$71 million.

Similarly, U. S. participation in the Children's Relief Organization was approved. But the \$40 million asked for was cut to a minimum of \$15 million, more to be granted if other countries come in, and all of the U. S. donation to come out of the \$350 million relief fund.

U. S. membership in the UN International Refugee Organization was approved. The UN site in New York was approved. Taxes were exempted on gifts to the UN. Special privileges and immunities were granted to UN delegates while in the United States. And several other low-priority requests for legislation authorizing routine co-operation with the United Nations received favorable action.

Low-Priority Items Fared Badly

By and large, however, the record of co-operation on the low-priority requests was worse than on the urgent items.

No action was taken on the Canadian-American St. Lawrence River waterway agreement.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee never brought up for ratification the treaty of friendship and commerce with China.

A taxation agreement with France did not get ratified.

Authority to send military advisory commissions to foreign countries requesting such aid was not granted.

Nothing was done about international arms traffic control, since the general export control act, covering arms and other specified items, was extended till June 30, 1948.

Congress never got around to the matter of repaying some 135,000 Mexican workers over \$5 million retirement benefits deducted from their pay while working on U. S. railroads in wartime.

The two Houses ended the session in disagreement on amendments to the Philippine rehabilitation act.

A proposal for a financial grant-in-aid to Korea was never brought up.

A bill to create a semi-public corporation to handle U. S. "Voice of America" broadcasts never got a hearing.

Congress looked with disfavor on appropriating any more money to complete the Inter-American highway.

The Inter-American military co-operation act was sidetracked pending outcome of the Rio Pan-American Conference in August.

Principal reason the record is not better is that so much time had to be taken on the Greek-Turkish aid program.



NEW ARTIST AT WORK—Adele Brandwein, New York City artist, puts finishing touches on one of her paintings, to be shown in the first public exhibit of her work in a Manhattan gallery this fall.

Jobless Pay Total Higher

Opening of a new benefit year, G-1 students on vacation, and a between-season decline in canner jobs combined to bring about an increase in payments by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission during July, according to the monthly report issued Wednesday.

Compensation to workers covered by state law was \$499,875, about 23 per cent higher than in June but 40 per cent lower than in July, 1946. Payments from the state fund reached \$4,850,238 for 1947, nearly 66 per cent lower than for the first seven months of last year.

Cannery Paid

For the first time since V-J Day, cannery workers drew most benefits. The number of former shipyard employees receiving checks dropped to 16.9 per cent of the total, while 20 per cent went to those with food production experience.

Unemployed veterans received \$429,088 in July, 46 per cent more than in June but 27.5 per cent less than in July, 1946. College students on vacation increased the average number of weekly checks from 3404 in June to 4990 last month.

Total Low

Readjustment allowances to self-employed service men and women dropped to \$107,279, lowest monthly total since February, 1946, and a decline of nearly 20 per cent from the previous month. Self-employed veterans so far in 1947 have received \$1,150,497 in federal funds, only 3 per cent more than for the similar period of 1946 under the G-1 Bill of Rights.

New claims for the 1947-8 benefit year, which was created by the recent legislature, reached 16,928, but the average number of weekly checks was less than half this number. Only 974 or less than

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She came to Oregon in 1900, worked in Albany for several years, and lived near Halsey for 16 years and at Newport for nine years before moving to Brownsville. She was a member of the Brownsville Adventist Church.

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Thursday Playground Activity Scheduled

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9 a. m. to 2 p. m.—Baseball school, Civic Stadium.
12 to 4 p. m.—Swimming at

Anchorage pool for children, 6 to 9 p. m.—Swimming at Anchorage for adults.
1 to 2 p. m.—Folk dancing at Willard, 2 to 3, at Whiteaker; 3 to 4, at River Road.
9 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Tennis at U. of O. Courts.
12:30 to 3 p. m.—Touch football at River Road.
10:30 a. m.—Butte hike to Anchorage for swim.
1 p. m.—Edison hike to creamery.
1 p. m.—Whiteaker and River Road hike to woolen mills.
2 p. m.—All-star baseball practice.
11:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Play areas open.

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