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Need For Cooperation Of Gov't. And Industry

The regular session of Congress faces precisely the same problem that confronted the special session when it met November 15. That problem is: How can the business recession be stopped?

The special session reached a new high in non-achievement.

There was a great deal of talk concerning ways and means to re-assure business—and almost no action. If a similar statement is reached in the present session, the outlook for the future of the country will be serious indeed.

The greatest need of the time is actual cooperation by government with industry, which is the sole source of productive employment, investment, spending power and taxation. The first step Congress should take, if it is honestly interested in real national recovery, is to revise those two "taxes without a friend" which have done so much to kill business and investment—the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains tax.

Neither of these taxes is an important revenue producer. They actually tend to reduce tax revenues, because of their depressive effect on industrially activity. There is a remarkable unanimity of opinion among informed persons as to their dangers. Business men, large and small, are solidly opposed to them. Outstanding economists can find nothing to say in their favor. The nation's principal newspapers, of all public officials, of both parties, have gone on record in favor of revision or outright repeal.

To encourage a revival of business activity that will block the growing "recession", assuage the fears of industry and investors as to political and tax persecution.

Ross Appoints Carney and Tomkins to Make Power Survey In Oregon

J. D. Ross, Administrator of the Bonneville Project, has added two men to his staff to serve as field examiners in the State of Oregon. They are Byron G. Carney of Milwaukie and Morton Tomkins of Dayton.

These appointments are for a period of three months, during which time the field examiners will make a survey of the power requirements of the various Oregon counties. As part of their duties, they will discuss the marketing of Bonneville power with individuals throughout the State.

The examiners will confer with farm, civic and commercial organizations, as well as with individuals and private company executives interested in procuring electricity from the federal dam. The information obtained by the field examiners will be forwarded to Mr. Ross for use in determining the sales program for the disposition of power from Bonneville Dam.

Tomkins Grange Overseer

Both Tomkins and Carney have been active in public affairs for a long time. Tomkins is a Republican, Carney a Democrat. For a number of years the former has been Overseer of the Oregon State Grange. He was also a member of the legislature, representing Yamhill County.

In his organizational work, Tomkins has long been interested in the electrification of rural homes and the mechanization of farms. He has farmed near Dayton for more than twenty-five years, and recently acted as a supervisor of the melon and tomato code in the States of Oregon and Washington.

Carney's Experience Varied

Carney has been State Senator from Clackamas County since 1934 and during his first term he sponsored the controversial Ickes power bill. He has led an active and varied life, having been a farmer a carpenter, a minister, a school teacher and a principal, in addition to engaging in research and public relations activity.

In the past months Senator Carney has been connected with the Oregon State Planning Board, and has made numerous studies and addresses on the hydroelectric resources of the State. In addition to his power activities, he has been keenly concerned with the question of stream pollution in Oregon.

Ross Expresses Confidence

In making the appointment of Carney and Tomkins, Administrator Ross said, "I have the utmost confidence in the ability of these men to help me extend the benefits of Bonneville Dam to all the people. I know they share my desire to bring the comforts and convenience of low-cost electricity to the men and women of Oregon."

The oath of office was administered to Tomkins and Carney by John C. Fisher, general counsel of the project.

Newspapers and Drunken Driving Problem

"Newspapers mold public opinion faster than any other agency and should be enlisted in the campaign to end drunken driving," says W. A. Gabrielson, Honolulu police chief, in a paper read at the recent National Safety Congress.

It is reliably estimated that drunken driving has at least doubled since the repeal of prohibition. Today it is one of the principal causes of motor accidents. Surveys carried on in various states indicate that liquor is a factor in 10 to 20 per cent of all accidents involving a fatality or a major injury. In the words of the Chief of the California State Highway Control, the drunken driving evil "continues to grow unabated—Intoxicating liquor is playing too great a part in the present mounting death toll."

The "alcohol mixed with gasoline" problem must be attacked from a number of angles. In many communities police and prosecuting authorities are more or less indifferent to it, and are too prone to let the use of a little "pull" reduce a serious drunken driving charge. While proven scientific methods for establishing whether or not a person is legally intoxicated are known, they have not been widely adopted with the result that many cases are taken to court without sufficient evidence to justify a conviction. Worst of all, perhaps, a large part of the public tacitly condones drunken driving by refusing to demand rigorous and impartial laws and methods to detect and punish it.

Newspapers can perform a great public service by emphasizing the evil, showing how all of us are potential victims of a drunken motorist, and by carrying on a campaign for betterment in local law enforcement. Alcohol at the wheel kills thousands of Americans each year—and injures tens of thousands. It must be stopped.

Oregon Grows Seed Corn For Use in Middlewest

Oregon is shipping 10 carloads of field seed corn to the middle-west for use in the corn belt.

Were there some western Ripley cartoonist, that single statement would make him a believe-it-or-not item to bring most old-time Oregonians up standing. The fact remains however, that Oregon—or Malheur county thus far, to be exact—is going into the seed corn business in a big way, and shipping the seed to Iowa and other famous corn states.

Use of the hybrid types of corn plus favorable growing conditions for high seed germination are the

reasons Oregon is able to add this enterprise to her already important seed industry, explains G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industries division at Oregon State college.

The new venture was inaugurated by a Sioux City, Iowa, seed company which first became interested in the Malheur irrigated lands three years ago as a source of onion and cucumber seeds. Last year the firm started in a small way with seed corn and this year carried on a breeding project 40 to 50 acres in extent and contracted with farmers for the growing of more than 150 acres of corn for seed.

This company is so convinced of the future of the enterprise that a seed warehouse has been built, with drying and seed cleaning equipment. Some thirty-five women were employed this fall hand sorting the seed corn before it was packed for shipment.

Production of the hybrid seed requires that the plots be isolated at least a half mile from other growing corn. The parent seed is planted in alternate strips—six rows of "mother" plants which are detassled, for every two rows of "father" plants to furnish pollen. Seed is saved only from the "mother" rows.

Seed of both field and sweet corn grown in Malheur county is found to be high in germination as it matures and dries without hard frost, says Hyslop.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"SACRAMENT" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 9.

The Golden Text was, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (I Cor. 10:16).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it" (Matt. 26:26, 27).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "The true sense is spiritually lost, if the sacrament is confined to the use of bread and wine. . . . Their bread indeed came down from heaven. It was the great truth of spiritual being, healing the sick and casting out error. Their Master had explained it all before, and now this bread was feeding and sustaining them. They had borne this bread from house to house, breaking (explaining) it to others, and now it comforted themselves" (pp. 32, 33).

Stream Flow Depends On Snow Surveys In Oregon

Prediction of stream flow, a vital necessity in control of flood waters, irrigation, navigation and other phases involving water, depends largely upon snow surveys. In Oregon at least 12 survey courses should be installed immediately and data from these and existing stations should be made available, so that both flood and low water forecasts could be made more accurately.

These are emphatic statements made in a report of the state planning board, "Basic Data Needed for Water Conservation in Oregon," compiled recently under the direction of the board's advisory committee on water resources.

The 12 new stations are estimated to cost \$6,330 to establish and \$970 per year to maintain.

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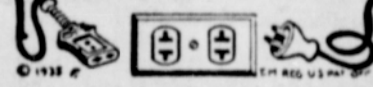
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