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IS THERE NO END IN SIGHT?

Today, June 30, marks the end of another government fiscal year—a year during which federal revenues have hit an almost unprecedented high despite the new depression. The total collections for the year will be almost six billions of dollars, a figure exceeded only twice in the history of America—two years immediately after the World War.

Several factors account for the big government income this year. One is the multiplication of state taxes. Another is the imposition of higher rates under the Social Security Act.

Yet with revenues at this remarkably high level the federal government is still operating on the red side of the ledger with the national debt growing daily and the treasury still borrowing money—borrowing to meet the expenses of an expanded bureaucracy and to finance another pump-priming spree.

When will the government stop borrowing? Those who are paying the piper ask. The prospects are not encouraging, for if this country cannot stop operating on I. O. U.'s with its revenues near an all-time peak, how can it ever stop borrowing at all?

HIS TACTICS LESS HONORABLE THAN KIDNAPING

Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, in his publication, Capper's Weekly, under the heading, "Relief No Place for Politics," lines up those government officials who attempt to influence the votes of WPA workers, as on the same level as the child-grabbing kidnaper, when he says:

If Works Progress administrators and employees have and exercise the right to say to this helpless man whose family depends upon WPA for bread, "Vote for So and So," then elections can be bought from the public treasury.

If a WPA administrator can use the threat of starving a man's dependents to influence his vote, then I say that holding a child for ransom in years to come may be regarded as almost an honorable profession.

The principle is not so different. The kidnaper says, "Pay ransom or your child dies."

Now I do not believe that is what Harry L. Hopkins had in mind when he issued a statement that if he lived in Iowa he would vote for Otha Wearin for the democratic nomination for congress.

But how about the man on relief, or seeking to get on relief? Would he dare risk his chances by opposing the expressed wish of the powers that decide whether or not he gets public relief, and how much he shall get?

I say to you, my friends, the policy pursued by Administrator Hopkins in the Iowa primary was indefensible, and it is a healthy sign that the democratic voters of Iowa repudiated this doctrine by a vote of two to one.

Preserve Roadside Timber

Oregon's world-famed coast highway system, which threads along the Pacific Ocean from California to the mighty Columbia, must be guarded vigilantly by citizens of this part of Oregon to insure its permanent scenic beauty, and steps should be taken at once to preserve timber strips along its route, and to take over and improve burned and cut-over sections. It is pointed out in a report of the state planning board, "Preservation of Oregon Roadside Timber."

The report, which presents facts and figures for all highways of the state, shows that of a grand total of 339 miles of heavy travel highways on the coast, 112.6 miles are through majestic merchantable timber, 27.3 miles are bordered by non-merchantable timber, 97 miles are sided by second growth, cut-over and burned areas, and 102.4 miles are in non-forest regions.

To insure preservation of a substantial strip of permanent natural forest cover along these heavy travel coast highways would require a combined investment on the part of the national forest, state and O & C lands of \$1,144,300, of which the state should contribute \$672,300, the national forest \$245,000, and the O. & C. exchange \$227,000. Because of the great scenic value of this route, the

sums would be an investment of outstanding value to the state, the report points out.

The heavy travelled roads in the coast system included in the survey are Neahkahnie, Coast, Wolf Creek, Salmon River, Alsea, Siuslaw, Coos-Roseburg, Redwood and Oregon Caves.

The report, which is the work of the planning board's committee on roadside preservation, assisted by a special WPA project, points out the grave and immediate dangers to timber borders due to truck logging, need of liquidation by owners, and other factors, and urges that agencies, organizations and citizens unite to make permanent the present un-cut areas, and to improve those already cut-over or burned.

Fatuous Fragments

BY FERNANDO FABRICATUS

The use of the word "egotism" in this column has been criticized. Probably "self-worship" would have been a better term to have used but in the ordinary, run-of-the-mill writing an unusual word sometimes adds a fillip to otherwise rather drear composition. We know all great passages of prose are lucid in the extreme, the beauty of thought back of them imparting an effulgence to the most common words. However, we can

"He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good . . . he has obstructed the administration of justice . . . he has made judges dependent on his will alone . . . he has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance . . . abolishing our most valuable laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our government . . . he has incited domestic insurrections amongst us. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them [the people] under absolute Despotism" — but enough, we've merely been re-reading what the Declaration of Independence had to say about King George III of Great Britain. And, pray tell, whom did you think we were talking about?

The hair of the dog that bit you: Hay fever sufferers may be cheered by the recent announcement of a new cure for nasal infections. By the use of chorophyll, which is the green coloring matter of grass and leaves, relief from colds and catarrh have been effected within an hour. Maybe Nebuchadnezzar wasn't as crazy as we supposed.

The economic theories of the New Deal leave our head whirling so that we do not know whether we are afoot or a-horseback. Early this month Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau stated: "Our exports are the only bright spot in the whole business picture so far this year." He said that American exports have exceeded imports by about \$100,000,000 a month.

One of the first laws of economics as taught in the horse-and-buggy days was that a country which continually exported more goods than she received was the poorer, that the money paid for the excess of exports over imports tended to debase the currency of such a country. In the United States we debase the medium of exchange by presidential edict, via a rubber-stamp congress, and bury the gold in Kentucky. To a man up a tree, every dollar's worth of goods which goes abroad now, without a return of goods of equal value, impoverishes this country by just that amount.

Did you ever hear of Gabriel Princip? Of course, you have. Twenty-four years ago, June 28, he "fired the shot that rang around the world," when he killed the Archduke of Austria-Hungary. In spite of the travail of the world war, Europe seems to have learned nothing and instead of "Me and Gott," now it is all "Me" with Hitler.

We know that Longfellow is decidedly passe these days. However, we are just old-fashioned and uncultured enough to prefer his idealism to some of the realism of present day authors, say Gertrude Stein, expatriot, for instance. Possibly we are too close to the panorama of political selfishness and degradation of government to realize that with the turn of the wheel our faith in the destiny of this country may be restored. In commemoration of July 4, 1776, we offer the final stanza of "The Building of the Ship."
"Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all its hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

We know what Master laid thy keel,
What Workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,
What awails rang, what hammers beat,
In what a forge and what a heat
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!
Fear not each sudden sound and shock,

'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
And not a rent made by the gale!
In spite of rock and tempest roar,
In spite of false lights on the shore,
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea.
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers,
Our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee,—are all with thee!"



One building of the state capitol group was completed and another formally started this week. The \$2,500,000 modernistic capitol was accepted for the state from the

State Forester Ferguson believes Oregon forestry and protection has progressed 20 years since inauguration of CCC camps five years ago. He said the enrollees spent 135,000 man days in fighting fires last year. There are now 2400 CCC youths in Oregon.

Only seven of the 86 cases appealed from the Oregon state supreme court to the United States supreme court in a period of 36 years have been reversed, Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the Oregon court announced this week. The other 79 cases were either affirmed or dismissed.

State Budget Director Wharton this week mailed instructions and forms for the 1938-40 biennial budget to all state department and institution heads. He requested that all budget estimates be in his office by September 1.

The state supreme court announced that the hearing on the insanity proceedings filed against Earl H. Fehl, former Jackson county judge, has been set for July 7. Fehl, who served four years in the state penitentiary for ballot thefts, is now a patient at the Oregon state hospital at Salem.

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The contract for completion of the structure is not complete despite the acceptance. There are still two stone statue groups to be installed in front of the building flanking the broad steps, and a gigantic statue of an early pioneer to surmount the tower on top of the building. Mural work, painting and other details will be finished later.

With 31 jurors impaneled for the July session of circuit court here, action is expected soon in the state's condemnation proceedings against three property owners who have refused to relinquish their property north of the new capitol building for the appraised value set by the state capitol reconstruction commission.

Owners of the old Elks Temple in Portland this week offered the building to the state as a state office building for \$690,000. The owners said they would donate a 50 by 100 foot lot for parking space and remodel the building to suit the needs of the state. No action was taken by the board of control as Earl Snell, a member, was absent.

Drunken driving was responsible for the revocation of 64 operators' permits during May. There were 94 licenses revoked during the month, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced.

Gasoline sales in Oregon during May, totaling 20,582,615 gallons, were the second highest for the month in the state's history, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. The figure was one per cent below the record set last year. During the first four months of the year motorists paid more than \$4,900,000 in taxes, with \$1,029,130.77 being collected in May.

Governor Martin this week asked the people of Oregon to co-operate with the National Safety Council Silver Jubilee program in keeping Fourth of July accident at a minimum. "I particularly urge all citizens not to mar the holiday by death

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of injury due to careless driving, unwise use of fireworks, and careless hiking or swimming," the governor said.

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