

WASHINGTON WEEK

By The Hon. Harris Ellsworth
U. S. Representative

The first casualty of war is liberty. Representative Dewey Short of Missouri made that comment on the floor of the House a few days ago. The best evidence in support of that statement is the first section of the President's bill (H. R. 9176) for the purpose of establishing economic controls. Here is the section. Read it carefully and then read it again:

"Sec. 101.—The President is hereby authorized (1) to require that performance under contracts or orders (other than contracts of employment) which he deems necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense shall take priority over performance under any other contract or order, and for the purpose of assuring such priority, to require acceptance and performance of such contracts or orders by any person he finds to be capable of their performance, and (2) to allocate materials and facilities in such manner, upon such conditions, and to such extent as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense."

That is the first section and deals only with contracts. The other 26 pages of the bill are just as tough. If this bill becomes law as written, and it seems certain that it will be passed in almost its original form, the President will thus have authority superior to nearly all Federal laws. Under it, for example, (in the name of national defense) he will have the power to create a CVA (Columbia Valley Authority) by executive order!

The bill puts far more power in the hands of the President than he had in World War II. The proposal is not merely for the emergency of war but is "to promote the national defense." Obviously that phrase can be broadened just as the commerce and general welfare clauses of the Constitution have been widely interpreted. Thus liberty becomes a casualty of this war.

This is the third effort this administration has made to get Congress to vote economic controls since they were removed by the 70th Congress. In fact, the President even called the 80th back into special session after it had adjourned, and requested authority for controls. That request and his speech at the opening of the 81st Congress was mild by comparison with H. R. 9170. However, the so-called Spence Bill, which has been pending during this session but ignored thus far, was much stronger. Now this request, supported by the Korean war emergency, represents authority for complete and total control. By simply using the authority given him in this bill when it becomes law, Mr. Harry Truman can (if he chooses) become the complete and absolute dictator over the people of the United States—even if we don't fire another shot in Korea or any place else. He can do it as being necessary for national defense.

This is a gloomy letter. I have hesitated to set these facts out thus bluntly, but I am getting mighty tired of the "hush hush" and propaganda policy which seems to dominate the "big shots" in our government today. They want the "sweetness and light" tone on things so as to keep up the morale of the people and the troops. I have always thought, and still think, that free and self-respecting people can stand the truth and adjust to it a lot better than they can adjust to the shock of having been deceived.

During the last war we developed enormous military power. Our domestic economy survived in good shape so that we have had a fair grade of genuine prosperity since. Although numerous controls including rationing and price control were imposed, we were by no means in a police state. With the exception of OPA, which was badly administered, the control agencies were not irksome.

Already since the shooting started in Korea, hoarding and profiteering is in evidence. It is necessary to put a stop to both. That may mean price control and rationing again. It will probably be necessary to control the allocation of materials again, as it was done by the War Production Board. But the pending bill, H. R. 9176, goes miles further than that—as stated above, it authorizes dictatorship. Republican members are going to attempt to take some of the unnecessary power out of it by amendment on the floor, but there is slight chance of our succeeding. The Administration has sent the bill to Congress as a "Must" and the Administration party controls Congress by a large majority.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Perrott and son returned to Portland on Tuesday after spending several days visiting with the E. L. Perrott's.

Ticklers

By George



"I don't care if she says she's thrifty, I still think she should get a garbage can!"

Mainly About People

Guests at the Muri Pettit home

are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin of Oakland, California. The Martin's are Mrs. Pettit's uncle and aunt. Old time Coquille residents, they are interested in the improvements made in recent months in Coquille's business district. Glad to see the town going ahead, they say.

George Brooks was in North Bend on Monday to meet the plane on which his wife and son were returning from a two week vacation in Southern California.

Mrs. Harold McCue learned many interesting facts about the European countries when she was a luncheon guest Friday at the home of Mrs. C. C. Farr, Coos Bay. The Farr's have just returned from a four months' trip to Europe.

Now at Boot Camp in San Diego is Russell Engen, son of Mrs. Matilda Engen of Coquille, who recently enlisted in the navy.

Former Coquille residents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Cunningham, have purchased an auto court at Nampa, Idaho. The Cunningham's say that now they are settled in their new home they want again to subscribe to The Sentinel.

In town from Bridge on Saturday was Mrs. A. N. Backman.

New parts manager at J. A. Lamb Hardware company store is Muri Davis of Coos Bay. Mr. Davis with his wife and family is moving to Coquille. Davis was formerly with the Southern Pacific in Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Kelsey of Powers were Saturday visitors in Coquille.

Surprise visitors at the A. C. Seidel home during the week-end were Mrs. Seidel's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Coy McCutcheon and family of Orange, California.

Back from attending the Furniture Market in San Francisco are Mr. and Mrs. David Biegener. Furniture dealers were buying quite normally, putting in supplies of from three to six months, Mr. Biegener says.

Mr. Frances Marsh of Port Orford shopped in Coquille on Saturday.

After returning Tuesday from a trip to Yellowstone park, Salt Lake City and Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore spent several days in Canyonville visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Frances Thompson received word Friday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Lillian Kichner, at Ellenville, New York.

Visiting at the home of Mrs. Marianna Colver is Mrs. Gordon Reigan of Monte Vista, Colorado.

Mrs. Arthur F. Peterson of Four Mile shopped in Coquille on Saturday.

Jack Bowen did some shooting Sunday at an outdoor shoot at Roseburg. With Jack was Bill Jones of Coos Bay.

Visitors in Coquille from Lebanon were Mrs. George Babbs, Jr., and family. They have been visiting at the home of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George McClellan.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kangas are Mrs. Kangas' sister and brother, Miss Shirley Richardson and Jerry Richardson of Ridgefield, Wn.

Mrs. A. R. Henderlie of Port Orford shopped in Coquille on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schroeder are back in Coquille after a trip to San Francisco, Calif. While in the city they attended the Furniture Market.

Week-end visitors in Coquille were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Laird and baby son, Douglas, of Coos Bay.

Mrs. Dale Crews of Powers spent Saturday in Coquille.

Week-end visitors to Crater Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom. The Folsom's drove to the lake Saturday and returned to Coquille on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Steward have as their guests their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Steward and baby, of Daly City, California, and Mrs. Madeline Bauhoffer of Oakland, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mulkey and son, Reed, of Santa Cruz, Calif., are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Purdy, and at the home of Mrs. Mulkey's, the S. S. Hardenbrook home. Mrs. Mulkey is the former Marjorie Hardenbrook.

Enjoying a trip down the coast in California last week were Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan, her two children, and her mother.

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THE COQUILLE VALLEY SENTINEL, COQUILLE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1950.

Very impressed with the Canadian scenery were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Selander who returned last week from visiting Vancouver, B. C., the Kootenay district in B. C. and Banff and Lake Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Richardson returned last Saturday from a week's vacation in Portland. The weather was warm and warmer they said.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ulett have flown to New York City where Mr. Ulett was called on business.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Swinney spent the early part of the week in Portland where Mr. Swinney underwent a medical examination.

Camp Cleavox, Girl Scout camp close to Florence, will be enjoyed this week by seven Coquille girls who went Monday. Joyce Anderson, Shirley Hancock, Carole Gould, Judy Perrott, Linda Clausen, Janet Swinney and Barbara

St. Clair, local Girl Scouts, attended.

Mrs. John Bonas has returned to Los Angeles after a ten-day visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lieb.

A daughter, weighing six pounds, ten ounces, was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. "Dick" Johnson of Portland, according to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Coquille. The Dick Johnson's resided formerly in Myrtle Point.

Initiated Friday at a meeting of Coquille lodge, No. 2196, F.O.E., were Jack L. Densler and Donald D. Stengar. A potluck supper followed the initiation ceremony.

Miss Lillian Farley, county school supervisor, has returned from a two week vacation spent at the McKenzie river. Miss Farley visited McKenzie Bridge and Belknap Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Oddy left on Wednesday to spend a three week vacation in Southern California. They will visit Mrs. Oddy's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weakley who have a large stock ranch in Placencia, about fifty miles from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ernest Hatcher and daughter, Betty, returned this week from a visit with relatives at Fort Bragg, Calif.

Mrs. Claire M. Gray returned Friday by plane from Menlo Park, Calif., where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCarthy, and saw her new granddaughter, Mary Christine.

Mrs. U. E. McClary left Coquille on Monday to spend a month's vacation with relatives in and around Los Angeles, California.

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EGGS	Grade "A" large, fresh	doz. 65c
White King Washing Powder	giant pkg	55c
Hi-Ho CRACKERS	large pkg.	27c
COFFEE	Preferred Stock	lb. 75c
TOMATOES	2 1/2 can	2 for 39c
CORN	creamed style #2 can	2 for 25c
OLEO	Durkees	lb. 25c
SALMON	Pink No. 1 tall can	43c
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