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THE GOVERNORS OBJECT

It is extremely significant that the governors of three Pacific Northwest states have objected strongly to the proposed Columbia Valley Authority, which would create a federal monopoly which would embrace three states: Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and would include Southern Oregon, too.

Governor Robins of Idaho said that a CVA "would be lost ground instead of an advantage" and that he opposes "the institution of valley authorities."

Governor McKay of Oregon said: "What's the matter with the way we're doing it now? . . . We don't need to delegate authority to a board or commission to regulate the economy of the Northwestern states."

Governor Langlie of Washington stated that the existing Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee can do the job, and that "through it we can retain as much local control as possible without any extension of federal control."

These objections all stem from well justified fears that the continued extension of federal powers and prerogatives must inevitably result in the destruction of the rights of the states, in the undermining of local initiative, and in the complete dependence of the people on political boards and bureaus for service which is vital to agriculture and industry.

In our own bailiwick, Southern Oregon, the CVA would take over the supervision of the Rogue River Basin projects, and the Lord only knows when we would get anything done with that kind of authority.

We are at a loss to understand the interest of the State Grange in supporting a CVA. This stand is directly against the interests of subordinate Grange bodies of Southern Oregon.

Southern Oregon has nothing in common with the Columbia river section, as far as our needs are concerned. We are in a different section, and to tie us up with an authority which would regulate both our development and the Columbia river valley is entirely out of the question.

More Data on Old Age Insurance payments.

Some workers in this area are losing federal old-age insurance payments because they delay in filing applications, Paul F. Johnson, manager of the Eugene office of the Social Security Administration, said recently.

Two questions often asked by older workers indicate misunderstanding about the old-age and survivors insurance program, Mr. Johnson said. The answers to these questions may mean dollars in your pocket.

Q. Can a worker start drawing benefits as soon as he reaches

age 65?

A. He can if he has worked long enough to qualify and is no longer working regularly in jobs that comes under social security. He may receive a benefit for any month in which he does not earn more than \$14.99 in such work.

Q. Do workers age 65 or over have to retire permanently before filing a claim?

A. No. After you are 65, if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a lay-off, or any other reason, get in touch with the nearest social security office. You may be eligible for benefits during the months you are temporarily not working. Even

Contrasts Characterize Many-Sided Mexico City

Mexico City is a study in contrasts.

It is a city where you can stay at a swank, modernistic hotel and be awakened by roosters crowing beneath your windows in the morning.

It is a city where the latest-make American automobiles jockey for the right-of-way with bicycle riders balancing giant baskets of produce on their heads, and with porters carrying an entire living room suite on their backs.

It is a hurrying city of two and a half million people with an airport that hums all day with the arrival and departure of planes which link the principal cities and resorts of Mexico and put the country within a few hours of the United States.

Yet turkeys are driven through the streets by whip-cracking vendors and sold to housewives at their doorsteps.

A stone's throw from modern department stores are dim holes-in-the-wall where Indian women make the ubiquitous tortilla—a thin pancake of corn which is the bread of Mexico's masses.

On any of the city's streets—downtown or residential—you'll find scores of Indians squatting on the sidewalks before piles of pottery, fruits or vegetables. Turn the corner, however, and you'll find a shining, spick-and-span supermarket—a replica of the best back home—where, unlike home, you can buy a juicy, pound-and-a-half T-bone steak for 30 cents.

Upholstered Furniture Needs Regular Cleaning

Proper care of upholstered furniture begins with its selection.

Fabrics should be suitable to family use, and when small children are in the family group, the home-maker might well select some of the new plastic upholstery which can be wiped clean. Slipcovers, preferably washable, help protect upholstered furniture and insure longer wear.

Clean upholstery carefully each week with the proper vacuum attachment. Go over crevices and tuftings and both sides of loose cushions.

Always remove spots as soon as they appear, provided the entire covering is not soiled enough to make the cleaned spots conspicuous. Regular dress cleaning fluid may be used satisfactorily.

At least once a year, before the upholstery becomes too soiled, shampoo your upholstered furniture, using any of the foam shampoos available.

Residential Fires

Thirty-eight per cent or 252,458 of the 657,642 blazes in 1947 were residential fires—most of which could have been prevented. Smoking and careless use of matches continued to be the chief causes of home fires, accounting for 17 per cent of the total. Improperly constructed or old deteriorated chimneys, flues and stacks combined with sparks on roofs, accounted for 14 per cent notwithstanding the fact that there are literally hundreds of products available to the homeowner for preventing fires of this type. Many of these items are made from clay, the part of the earth itself that has resisted every deteriorating factor. Clay just won't burn.

If you plan to work regularly after you reach 65, it is a good idea to inquire at the social security office. It may prevent your losing benefits which you have earned.

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