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Britain Adds Socialism To Her Exports

Fondly believing ourselves to be "liberal," we have to date tended to defend the administration's policy of aid to Europe, and particularly the aid to Britain which causes the necks of so many U.S. taxpayers to glow red like neon.

Having a modicum of first hand knowledge on the subject, we could point out that the British were trying to help themselves. The war left them flat broke, but they at least were working and planning and doing what they could instead of sitting in a flat balk waiting for Uncle Sugar to pry their mouths open and force some food into it like a few other European countries.

Our aid to Europe, and especially Britain, was in the nature of an investment, since it has become a pretty generally accepted principle that the United States cannot remain healthy and prosperous with the rest of the world flat on its back. And then there was the Russian threat; Communism always rushes in to fill the vacuum of starvation and poverty—how can things get any worse?

And the statesmen and citizens who loudly gnashed their teeth at the idea of financing Britain's "socialistic experiment" were just reviving the old isolationist ideas which had gotten us into trouble before. For all her socialism, Britain was still a "democratic" nation by our definition; why should her people be condemned for trying this method of raising a living standard which has always been far below the American standard?

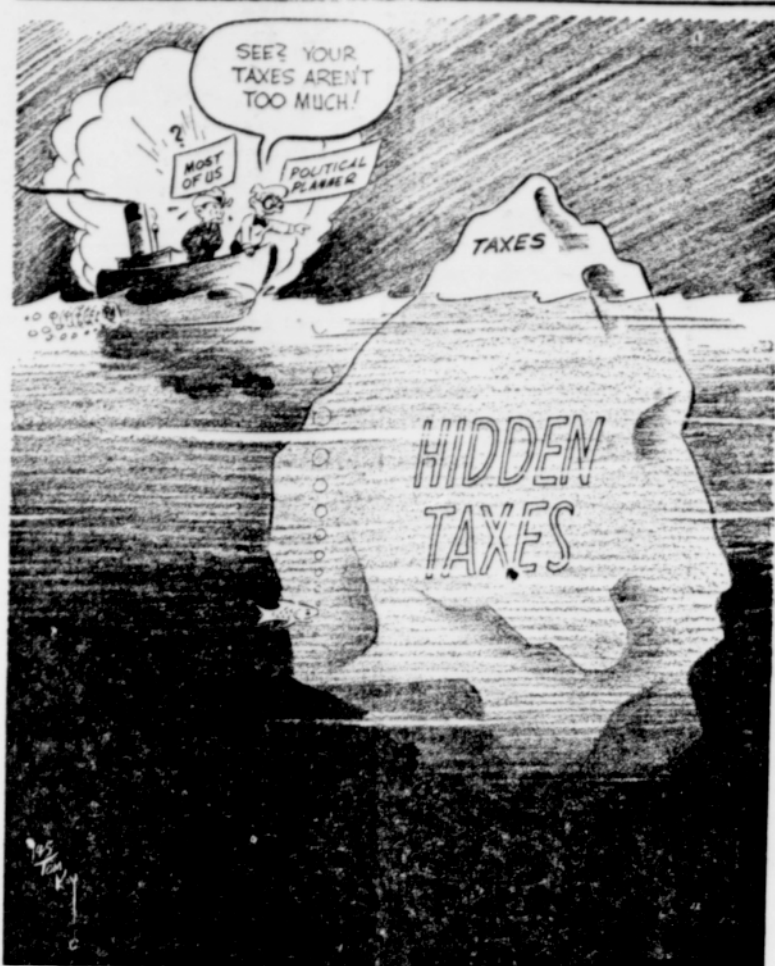
Well, the other day the French, who have always been an individualistic people, finally agreed to a workable plan to merge the coal and steel resources of the Ruhr, Saar and other industrial areas under an international authority charged with encouraging production, improving efficiency of outmoded plants and developing markets. This would eliminate the bitter sectional rivalry which played a large part in starting two world wars, would prevent this steel production from ever falling into the hands of another Adolf Hitler and, perhaps most interesting of all to us, would put the people of central Europe on their feet and off the back of the American taxpayer.

Of course British cooperation in such a plan is vital, and their price? — that the whole thing be set up on socialistic lines or they won't play. How do the people involved, the actual residents, feel about it? The British don't care. How about the cost? That doesn't matter either; the United States is footing the bill.

We wouldn't try to lecture the British regarding their lack of cooperation; this sort of rule-or-ruin bullheadedness is a human characteristic which is to be found from the highest to the lowest levels of political organization anywhere in the world, and in our opinion is at least one good basic reason why socialism must always remain a beautiful theory rather than a practical working system.

But it doesn't seem very smart. They may get away with it, but it seems quotic to draw so heavily on the rapidly diminishing patience of the U. S. Congress for a political ideal. Without the support of the U.S. Treasury the British government couldn't stand a week, whether under a socialistic system or any other system. A good many of our legislators have frankly advocated that the United States interfere in British government to the extent of withdrawing support from the present socialist regime, with a strong hint that dollars might be forthcoming again as soon as a more conservative government is installed. This hardly seemed like cricket, but if the socialists are planning to spread their gospel throughout the world with capitalist dollars it might not be just a good idea, but a practical necessity for self-protection. A smart man does not water the poison ivy that grows by his doorstep.

THE AMERICAN WAY



"But Look What's Below the Surface!"

Capital Parade

BY MURRAY WADE

ASSESSMENT ROIL IRONED

The state tax commission and the Clackamas county equalization board this week found the bug that has been causing most of the property assessment protests.

The trouble is that there have not been enough deputy assessors to do a complete job of appraising the whole county each year. With inadequate help it has been the practice in many counties to adjust valuations over only a portion of the county each year and take the assessment of the previous year for the rest of the county. Often this left one part of the county with higher assessments than the other.

The commission decided that in as much as 60 property owners of North Clackamas county showed that valuations of their property and that of others in the same district had been boosted as much as 200 percent in many instances and that the boost had not been made over all the county this year, that the 1949 assessment valuations should be used this year instead of the 1950 assessment.

PRINTERS HIGHEST PAID

Wages of Oregon workers are higher than ever before and printers are the highest paid group in the state, the state bureau of labor statistics and the state unemployment compensation commission reported this week.

The average earnings of production workers last month touched an all-time high of \$1.75 an hour or \$68.79 a week in Oregon. In Washington the average was slightly lower. In printing and publishing workers averaged \$78.15 for a 35.3 hour week; plywood workers came next with \$74.97, all record high wages.

NEW PRISON WALL

Completion of the new concrete wall enclosing the main buildings of the Oregon State penitentiary at Salem was announced this week by prison warden George Alexander. The wall is of concrete construction and 25 feet high. Construction was started nearly two years ago.

Modern floodlights installed on the new wall give guards a clear view of the entire enclosure which covers a total of seven acres.

Guards have moved into the new wall towers and the old wall has been torn down.

FRUIT CROP NORMAL

The severe freeze of last winter won't create any fruit shortage, Ray A. Yocum of Chicago, vice-president of Consolidate Grocers corporation and former manager of Salem's Reed-Murdoch cannery, told Governor McKay last week when visiting his long-time friend and fellow townsman.

Yocum said that nearly all canneries will probably produce a slimmer pack than last year, but that the 1950 output would be fair and that there would be sufficient fruit to supply the public demand.

BUDWORM KILL SUCCESSFUL

The DDT treatment is proving highly successful in halting the timber-destroying spruce budworm infestation in Oregon.

Tests made on the 27,913 acres of timber in the Roseburg-Springfield area show that the treatment is averaging 97.5 per cent effective. Estimates were based upon inspections made just prior to treatment by the Oregon State forestry department and then two weeks following the spraying. In treating the area 29,500 gallons of DDT were used.

The total cost of the project was \$24,212.41, or 86.5 cents an acre.

SCHOOL FUNDS INCREASE

The state land board will distribute to the school districts of Oregon approximately \$252,000 this year, E. T. Pierce, clerk of the board, announced Monday. This sum represents the earnings of the board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950. Checks to the districts will be mailed early in July.

The 1949-50 count of school children in the state is 364,495. The 1948-49 count was 349,777. Pierce left this week for Denver, where he will attend the annual convention of land commissioners June 22-24.

FOUR GOVERNORS A WEEK

When Governor McKay started to Virginia Sunday, the 11th, Senate President William Walsh became governor pro tem. When Walsh left for Fort Lewis, Wash., on Friday, Speaker of the House Frank Van Dyke succeeded Walsh. Van Dyke left for Los Angeles Saturday and the gubernatorial duties went to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry who served from 10:30 a.m. Saturday until 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Two Companies Sign Wage Pact with Union

Two of the local timber concerns involved in wage negotiations with Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL) signed pay increase agreements Tuesday.

Moore Timber Products and Cabax Mills Kerby plant employees agreed to a flat raise of 10 1/2 cents per hour, effective June 1.

The settlement of the labor dispute which has threatened a strike for several weeks is along the lines already developed in the Long-Bell properties at Weed, lumber companies at Lakeview and the Medford Corporation.

The employees of the various concerns in which agreements have been signed acted at the individual company levels.

The old pay scale was \$1.55. The accepted scale, effective June 1, is \$1.65 1/2.

Cave Junction Man Is Oregon Flag Raiser

Pvt. Jack E. Sherier of Cave Junction, has been designated to raise the Oregon state flag in the third annual "Salute to the State," at Asbury Park, N. J., June 24, according to word received by the governor's office here today.

Pvt. Sherier, serving at Fort Monmouth, N. J., was assigned by Maj. Gen. Francis N. Lanahan Jr., for commander. The June 24 ceremony will mark the placement of Oregon's flag in the colorful, mile-long display along Asbury Park's boardwalk.

C. A. Hubbard will leave by plane for San Francisco Tuesday. He plans to meet Mrs. Hubbard there, and they will proceed to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of their son, Chuck Wagner, in San Gabriel on June 30.

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