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NO WAY TO RUN  
A GOVERNMENT

Radio announcers and commen-  
tators, newspaper reporters and  
columnists are all saying that the  
session of congress just convened  
will be entirely motivated by polit-  
ical considerations. What they  
mean is that the national inter-  
ests will be submerged and efforts  
of individuals to be elected or re-  
elected will be paramount; that  
along with the success of the party.

That means that the congress  
will be pushed around by any  
voice with a vote.

That means that taxes will be  
cut to help the low income pay-  
ers who won't be able to notice it  
while the national debt will remain  
high.

That means that social security  
will be expanded to include  
groups now outside whether they  
want it or not; that payments will  
be increased.

That means federal money for  
local schools as another means of  
snaring the votes of those who  
don't want to pay for their own.

That means a big road program  
with bigger taxes and more cen-  
tralization of power.

That means an effort to buy  
the farmer's vote with some sort  
of funds that can be paid by Nov-  
ember.

Critics have said that eventu-  
ally democracy as a form of gov-  
ernment would fail because the  
have nots would be taught by  
some demagogue that with their  
votes they could obtain the sav-  
ings of the haves. The found-  
ing fathers knew this and estab-  
lished a republic instead of a democ-  
racy. In recent years we have  
been aping more and more atten-  
tion to votes and to minorities  
that howl for aid; getting more  
democratic.

If the drunken Khrushchev  
isn't happy over the news from  
America he'd ought to be.

POPULATION

The state board of health has  
announced its estimates of Ore-  
gon population. It may or may  
not be correct but in the absence  
of a better estimate it will have  
to stand. Oregon has grown a lit-  
tle over 11 per cent in five years.  
The entire nation is growing  
very rapidly to the utter confu-  
sion of those who some 20 years  
ago were talking of race suicide.  
That was in the depression years  
when raising a family was a finan-  
cial risk as well as a social one.  
Humans are an unpredictable lot  
and the reasons for large families  
are no more known now than in  
1935, which doesn't keep guess-  
ers from guessing.

It is enough to say that if this  
guessing—which it probably will  
not—the farm surplus problem is  
already solved. All the farmer has  
to do is to hang on until the little  
appetites grow up and demand  
meat and bread instead of crush-  
ed carrots.

In the long run the human race  
has always had trouble getting  
enough food. When food is plen-  
tiful they produce more children;  
when it's scarce the birth rate  
often drops. Man has had to work  
hard for food in most of his history.  
He domesticated animals so  
he could get meat without hunting  
for it and he bent his back to the  
hoe to get fruit and vegetables.

Much of his endeavor has been  
to learn how to farm better, how  
to farm poorer land, how to de-  
velop better varieties of animals  
and plants. Right at this moment  
it looks as if he has succeeded and  
he has for the time being. Yet,  
whenever that happens he rushes  
right into the production of  
more children to further handicap  
those who are trying to find new  
foods and better ways of raising  
the old foods.

People all over the world are  
eating more and better. Man can  
live on a small bowl of rice—and  
many do—and that is a diet on  
which a meat eating, salad stuff-  
ing, calorie hunting American  
would starve to death on.

Actually neither population or  
food can get much ahead of the  
other. Man has to eat every day  
and even a slight disruption of  
production or transportation can  
starve thousands of them to death  
in a month's time.

Despite the work of agricultur-

alists who produce the food there  
is someplace a limit on the  
amount of food the earth will  
produce and on the number of  
acres that can contribute to that  
production. Eventually man will  
have to restrict his numbers—  
how, we do not know. He can do  
it sensibly and when food is plen-  
tiful or nature will do it herself  
when food is scarce. That is the  
choice mankind must make.

THE POOR FRENCH

Apparently France is going to  
have to have another revolution  
before it can obtain a stable gov-  
ernment. It need not be as bloody  
as was the one some 150 years  
ago although there's no telling  
about revolutions once they are  
started. The elections January 2  
indicate that even such a revolu-  
tion might be worth the cost.

Under the present French con-  
stitution the French are governed  
almost entirely by what corres-  
ponds to our house of representa-  
tives. The president is a figure-  
head and the judiciary has little  
to do with government. It is a  
purer democracy than is used by  
any other major nation.

The French senate, although  
elected on a different basis than  
the intricate population plan used  
for the house, has little power.  
It certainly might be a stabilizing  
influence inasmuch as it is chosen  
largely on a basis of area instead  
of population.

There are always three or four  
parties in France and none is able  
to get enough votes to obtain a  
majority. Combinations and com-  
promises are always necessary  
with the result that a clear cut  
decision is seldom made. In this  
country we have but two major  
parties and we find enough tri-  
angles.

There is no example in history  
of a successful nation being ruled  
by the people without some power-  
ful checks on them. In the United  
States the senate, elected by  
states, is a check. An executive  
with some real authority is another  
check and the supreme court  
with its eye on the constitution  
is another check. Perhaps the best  
of the lot is the senate elected on  
a different basis than the house  
and that is the reform that citi-  
zens of Oregon are trying to ac-  
complish in the initiative for the  
Federal Plan in Oregon.

NAMES

We have never ceased to be in-  
trigued by the names college and  
high school teams give themselves  
to throw fear into opponents.  
Cougars, wolves, lions, eagles,  
bulldogs, all indicative of ferocity  
and determination.

Engendering fear may only be  
a part of it; the youngsters may  
be trying to bolster their own  
doubts about the potency of their  
attack. It may be noted that Ore-  
gon's major schools are named  
for rather modest animals. Bea-  
vers have a healthy bite but are  
notably aggressive and ducks are  
positively shy.

Headline writers in an effort  
to shorten the many heads need-  
ed to properly give notice of  
games put the ferocious name in  
a one line head with an appropri-  
ate and equally ferocious verb.  
Thus we have Bulldogs Bite,  
Cougars Crush, Wolves Tear,  
Mustangs Kick, Eagles Gash, un-  
til the sports page calls for car-  
nage more than for sport. No  
wonder foreigners misunderstand  
us.

INCOME TAXES

As soon as a new year is offi-  
cially announced many citizens  
dig into their records with a  
great curiosity to find out how  
much of the previous year's gains  
they will have to pay to the fed-  
eral government. This year, with  
the increased state tax, there may  
be more interest in state taxes  
also.

Undoubtedly the huge income  
taxes have created a much greater  
interest in bookkeeping and  
may be one indirect gain from  
them. Americans with a great  
amount of grumbling but not  
much active resistance turn over  
20 per cent of their net income to  
the government as a minimum.  
Few citizens do as well by their  
country and many do far less.

Even in nations with high in-  
come taxes the collection meth-  
ods are so poor that the rich sel-  
dom are caught with all their in-  
come reported. That is one of the  
troubles in France and Italy.

While there have been individ-  
uals who have saved on their tax  
for a few years most have even-  
tually been caught and with a few  
exceptions our income tax laws  
have been well enforced. That is  
the only reason we stand for the  
tax at all; the assurance that  
everyone has to pay.

Nevertheless the living stand-  
ard of Americans is far above  
that of any other people and it  
cannot be proven that the govern-  
ment takes the bread out of the  
mouth of anyone although it cer-  
tainly curtails some other things.

Problem of taxation is who to  
tax and how much. That hasn't  
changed since taxes were first  
levied. We may have settled it as  
well as any although it must be  
realized that taxes on business is  
eventually paid by consumers. Di-

Tax Information  
Series Starts

As a result of the internal re-  
venue act of 1954, the deadline for  
the original filing of a 1955 de-  
claration of estimated income tax  
will be April 15, 1956. The final  
quarter payment on the 1955 es-  
timated tax will be due not later  
than January 15, 1956. All sub-  
sequent dates for filing or paying  
remain the same as in the old law.

It should be noted that in the  
case of farmers the changes did  
not take effect until 1956. For the  
year 1955, a farmer may file 1955  
declaration by January 15, 1956,  
or his final 1955 return by Feb-  
ruary 15, 1956.

Who is required to file a declar-  
ation of estimated tax for 1955 and  
later years under the 1954 law?  
Any person who meets one of the  
following tests:

1. If you are a single person  
(not the head of a household nor  
a surviving spouse) or a married  
individual not entitled to file a  
joint return and your gross in-  
come can be expected to exceed  
\$5,000.

2. If you are the head of a  
household or are a surviving  
spouse and your gross income can  
be expected to exceed \$10,000.

3. If you are a married individ-  
ual entitled to file a joint de-  
claration and your gross income  
can be expected to exceed \$5,000,  
provided that the aggregate gross  
income of both can be expected to  
exceed \$10,000.

4. If your gross income can be  
expected to include more than  
\$100 of income, other than wages  
subject to withholding, and can  
reasonably be expected to exceed  
the sum of \$600 times the num-  
ber of your exemptions, plus \$400.

Any individual who is required  
to file an estimated income tax  
should bear in mind that there  
are four methods of filing to avoid  
a penalty:

1. Basing the return on the  
previous year's tax.

2. Basing the tax on the pre-  
vious year's income, computed at  
current rates and current exemp-  
tions.

3. Basing the return on the  
70 per cent rule (66 2-3 per cent,  
in case of farmers).

4. Basing the return on the  
90 per cent rule.

Consultation with your public  
accountant can help determine the  
method you should use, and the  
proper filing date for your declar-  
ation of estimated income tax.

It should be brought out that  
even though your situation on  
April 15 is such that you are not  
required to file a declaration at  
that time, your expected income  
or exemptions may change so that  
you will be required to file a de-  
claration at a later date in the  
year.

It is a popular misconception  
that a person otherwise required  
to file a declaration of estimated  
tax need not do so if he files his  
final income tax return by Janu-  
ary 15 of the following year, in-  
stead of by April 15, with the ex-  
ception of the special rule for  
farmers.

rect taxation of individuals might  
raise the same amount of money  
at a lower rate. Yet governments  
have liked indirect taxes, follow-  
ing the old principle of getting as  
much down off the goose as possi-  
ble without squawks.

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PROCESS IN 1913.  
DR. BURTON'S THERMAL  
CRACKING PROCESS OPENED  
THE WAY FOR MODERN  
REFINING TECHNIQUES SO  
THAT TODAY 44 PER CENT OF  
THE AVERAGE GALLON OF A  
BARREL OF CRUDE OIL IS  
MADE INTO GASOLINE!  
DR. BURTON ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH  
THE OIL INDUSTRY IN 1914 AND WAS CONSIDERED  
AMONG THE FIRST FORMALLY TRAINED  
CHEMISTS IN THE OIL INDUSTRY. BY 1920 HE  
REALIZED THAT THE NEED FOR GASOLINE  
WOULD SOON BYPASS KEROSENE DEMAND.  
THIS FIRST JOB WAS INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF PHOENIXES IN OIL CANS!  
THERMAL CRACKING IS STILL USED  
IN THE OIL INDUSTRY FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF SOME OF ITS  
MOTOR FUELS. ALTHOUGH CATALYTIC  
CRACKING IS USED FOR  
HIGHER OCTANE FUELS.  
DR. BURTON WHO DIED IN 1954  
AT THE AGE OF 84 WAS AWARDED  
THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM  
INSTITUTE'S GOLD MEDAL IN 1947.

"Mama" & America's No. 1 Mother-In-Law  
Old Friends Get Together in Hollywood



Peggy Wood (l), star of "Mama", and Spring Byington, the star of  
"December Bride", toast each other in honor of their television success.  
Byington is filming her show for the second year. Miss Wood was visit-  
ing the West Coast prior to the opening of "Mama's" seventh year on  
television. Both shows can be seen on the CBS-TV network.

Steelhead Study  
Needs Facts Now

STEELHEAD ARE IN—a magic  
phrase that galvanizes steelhead  
anglers to feverish action. Dur-  
ing the winter months, thousands  
of ardent fishermen head for fa-  
vorite streams, and the very worst  
weather is no deterrent in their  
quest for this huge, mysterious  
sea-run brawler.

Mysterious indeed is this big  
fish, and although much is known  
of the life history, large gaps re-  
main in existing knowledge of  
steelhead life.

In order to fill in the gaps in  
the story of the steelhead, an  
extensive study is now being con-  
ducted by the Oregon Wildlife  
Research unit in cooperation with  
the Oregon Game Commission.  
This organization is located at  
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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dumler and  
sons of Salem spent Christmas  
here with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mac-  
nab and Mrs. Dumler's father,  
Frank Medler.

The Rufus school resumed ses-  
sions Tuesday after the Christmas  
vacation.

Russell Chase was a dinner  
guest of his brother Bob Chase  
and family in The Dalles for  
Christmas.

The adults of Rufus practiced  
volley ball in the school gym  
Thursday night. The high school  
boys and men of the town played  
basketball there Monday. Carl  
Thompson was giving the Rufus  
school building a good going over  
during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buce of Ar-  
lington stopped in Rufus Saturday  
evening enroute to Mosier. They  
were going on to Corvallis where  
Tom will see about entering clas-  
ses there this term. They planned  
to spend New Years at the Kerr  
residence in Mosier. The Buce's  
brought Mrs. Earl Weatherford  
and sons down to spend a few  
days with her parents, the George  
Foxes.

George Fox Jr. left Saturday  
for Portland where he was to  
spend the weekend before going  
on to Corvallis to resume his  
studies at QSC.

More than 200 farmers and the-  
ir wives from Hood River, Sher-  
man, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheel-  
er counties in Oregon and Klicki-  
tat and Skamania counties in  
Washington are expected to at-  
tend the annual meeting of Mid-  
Columbia Production Credit asso-  
ciation at the Junior High Gym-  
nasium in The Dalles, January 7,  
J. Merton Stein, secretary-treas-  
urer, said this week.

G. B. Wood, head of the depart-  
ment of agricultural economics at  
Oregon State college will be fea-  
tured speaker at the business  
meeting following a dinner at  
noon. Members will elect one new  
director to succeed W. R. Bailey  
whose term expired December 31.  
Nominations for the director will  
be presented by a committee com-  
posed of members present from  
Wasco county. Nominations also  
can be made from the floor.

Walter R. Bailey of The Dalles,  
association president, will preside  
at the business meeting.

Veterans May Get  
Mortgage Insurance

Application forms for mort-  
gage cancellation life insurance  
will be mailed this week to more  
than 11,000 borrowers under the  
State of Oregon veterans' home  
and farm loan program. It was  
announced today by H. C. Saal-  
feld, director of the department  
of Veterans' Affairs, the adminis-  
tering agency.

Seventy-five percent of the  
state's borrowers will have to ac-  
cept the insurance plan before it  
becomes effective, Saalfeld said.

The insurance authorized by the  
1955 legislature, will pay off the  
mortgage on the home of the cov-  
ered borrower in event of his  
death. The insurance covers only  
the unpaid balance of the loan.  
Veterans who apply now will be  
covered without having to prove  
insurability.

The insuring company is Stan-  
dard Insurance Company of Port-  
land, whose plan was recently ac-  
cepted from bids submitted by 14  
interested firms.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLE-  
MENT  
Notice is hereby given that the  
undersigned, Augusta Royle, Ex-  
ecutrix of the Estate of John F.  
Royle, deceased, has filed her  
First and Final Account and Peti-  
tion for Distribution in said es-  
tate, and that Friday, the 19th  
day of February, 1956, at the  
hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., in  
the County Court Room in the  
Court House at Moro, Sherman,  
County, Oregon, has been fixed  
as the time and place for hear-  
ing of objections, if any, to said  
First and Final Account and Peti-  
tion for Distribution, and the  
settlement thereof.

Augusta Royle  
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