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NEW POLICY?

The speeches made to the NATO nations last week by Secretary Dulles and some stories in the papers lead to speculation about the future foreign policy of this nation.

Since the war our policy has been to meet Russia on every front and try to keep her from spreading into more countries than it had over-run during the war or because of the "give-away" policy of the treaty makers at Yalta and Potsdam who yielded to Russia on every thing. Since that time the foreign policy has been to hold Russia, whether Democrats or Republicans were administering it.

As a foreign policy it hasn't been much good. The reason is that it is a strictly defensive policy.

If indications are what they seem the United States may now be trying to start a more aggressive program, one that will give more aid to foreign countries that

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are and have been our allies. We do not mean giving them more money but helping them build up their economy so they are stronger, can pay their citizens more wages, can make more things for consumers.

If that is what Dulles was talking about it is a good sign that we are going to quit the defensive policy we have had and really start to be a nation that will lead.

JACKMAN SAYS

E. R. Jackman, of OSC's extension service, is a shrewd observer of farm problems and certainly an experienced one by now. What he has to say is worth considering.

At the meeting of wheat league members in Wasco last week he listed four plans that would serve to reduce the surplus of wheat in the United States.

Now Mr. Jackson realizes that politics have prepared some strange "gimmicks" in the way of farm legislation partly as vote snarlers and partly because of congressional ignorance or desire to compromise for something that sounds good even if the good has been taken from it.

Many, including the writer, have considered the soil bank proposal another of these "gimmicks". Jackman says no.

Under the acreage reserve part of the soil bank plan farmers would be encouraged to leave land out of production because they would get as much wheat from the surplus as they would get growing it, less we assume, cost of production. Surely, he says, farmers would take advantage of that.

Also the conservation reserve would reduce surplus because it would pay farmers for putting their eligible land in grass or other crops. By mixing alfalfa with the grass, Jackman said, the soil could be rejuvenated.

He spoke a word for the true domestic parity plan. The true one would give farmers full parity for wheat used for human consumption and throw the remainder on the market for feed at whatever price it would bring. This may never come for corn growers are afraid of it. The one recently passed and vetoed had a floor under feed grains that would probably have defeated the plan.

Then Jackman had a word to say about using wheat for motor fuel which is being done in many countries although not yet tried in freedom loving United States, probably "will not be for some time."

STATE LOTTERY

England, so we read, is planning a sort of state lottery to get more money and distribute national bonds to the ordinary non-investing sections of the citizenry.

Some nations rely heavily on lotteries to fill the coffers as a reg-

ular source of public income and there is no more protest against that means of raising money than there is against income tax or property tax. In this country it has never been popular for moral reasons. We think it a sin to gamble.

The result has been that legitimate business pays taxes and gambling or gamblers do not unless eventually found guilty of evasion by the federal government. The federal government will collect taxes on anyone who makes a profit whether legally or not; the state is more squeamish.

Undoubtedly Oregon could raise money from a lottery to pay the total cost of schools which is no petty penny and might even be enough to raise as much as the school authorities want, which is more. It has been suggested many times and bills have been introduced allowing for a tax on gambling of some kinds. The reaction of the solvent and insolvent moralists has been to write letters until the legislative and gubernatorial desks are piled high with protest.

Let us say for idle chatter that the state raise the income tax by 15 per cent and then give back to ten per cent of taxpayers selected by lot their total payment. There would be no squawk and the taxes would be raised five per cent. In a few years the rate would be raised, of course, as it is for all taxes. And there are more complex ways of raising money by a lottery and it is perhaps desirable that prizes be high and few rather than small and numerous. To win a thousand is much more exciting than to win a hundred, perhaps 100 times as exciting, which means that citizens would give up a lot more for a big prize.

No one should mention it, of course, it being one of our national taboos. But like others of our taboos, we can think about it.

RAIN RAIN

A farmer spends 11 months looking for rain and never gets enough of it. Then for a month he reverses himself and prays for clear weather.

The rain that fell in the past week was very welcome although the ground was not deficient in moisture except at the top. Certainly the inch or more of rain that wet most of the county will help things grow and may put life into fall wheat that has been making slight progress this spring.

WANT ADS

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The undersigned Executrix of the Will of Marion H. Medler, deceased, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, but reserving the right to reject any and all bids, the following parcels of real pro-

perty with the improvements thereon located in Sherman County, Oregon.

Parcel 1 Lots 8 and 9 in Block 3, Original Town of Wasco.

Parcel 2 Beginning at a point 80 feet West of the Northwest corner of Block 3, Original Town of Wasco, thence West 150 feet, thence South 100 feet, thence East 150 feet, thence North 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Sealed bids will be accepted, and they may be addressed to the undersigned, care of Phipps and Phipps, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, to be opened at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 15, 1956. The undersigned reserves the right to consider bids submitted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days before accepting the best bid or rejecting the bids.

NORMA BYRD Executrix of the Will of Marion H. Medler, deceased 27-28c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed

Administrator with the Will annexed of the Estate of Ruby May O'Meara, deceased. Claims against the estate must be presented to the undersigned, duly verified and with vouchers attached, at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published May 4, 1956.

Patrick G. O'Meara Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Ruby May O'Meara, deceased.

PHIPPS AND PHIPPS Attorneys for Administrator Pioneer Building The Dalles, Oregon 27-30c

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice of meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman County.

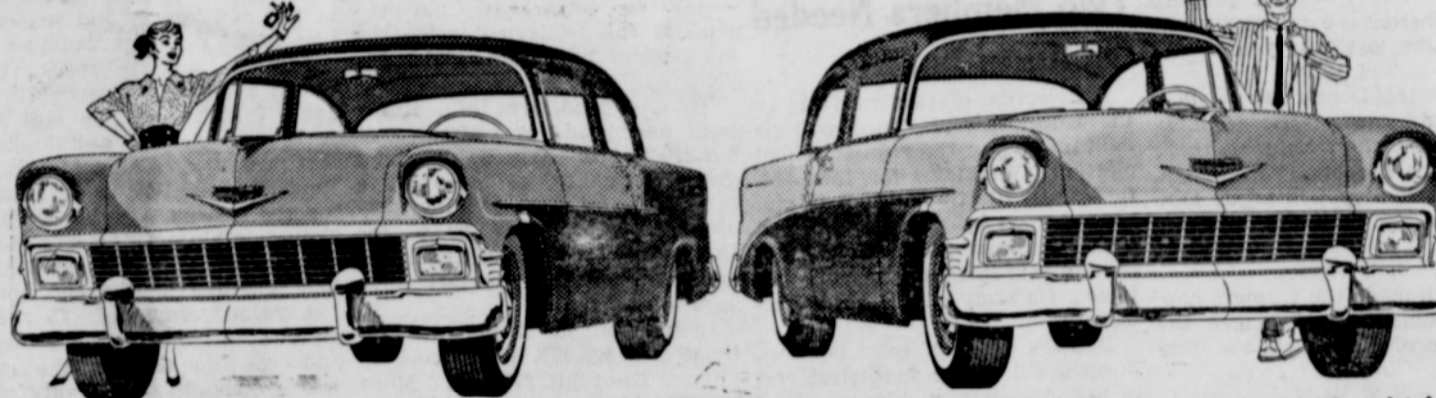
To the taxpayers of Sherman County, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, did adopt at its last meeting on April 23rd, a ratio of 30 per cent of true cash value, for the assessment of all property in Sherman County,

Oregon, and the Board of Equalization will be in session at the County Assessor's office of the Sherman County Courthouse, Moro, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 14, 1956, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and shall be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board.

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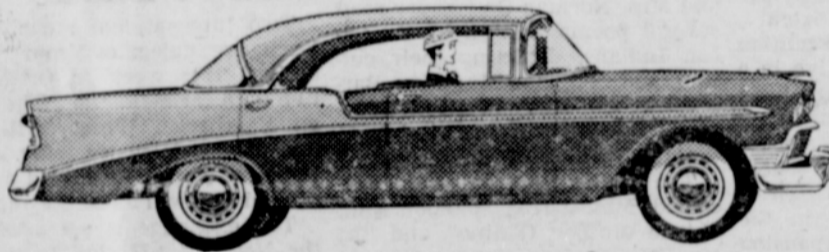
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