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"LOCK DAM AND PORK BARREL"

The Santee-Cooper project in South Carolina is one of those grandiose Federal schemes for bringing the boons of electricity, navigation, flood control and what-have-you, to the previously benighted people of this nation. It has been somewhat overshadowed by other projects of a similar character, notably the TVA. So, Herbert Corey, the veteran Washington correspondent and journalist, decided to investigate Santee-Cooper and find out what is going on. He made an exhaustive report of his findings in a recent issue of Public Utilities Fortnightly. And here, according to Mr. Corey is what the project appears to be:

It is a flood control project that can control no floods—and a navigation project that may never float a laden boat.

It is a power production project in a state that now exports one-fourth of the power it produces.

According to noted naturalists, it will destroy one of the last great remaining fish and wild life refuges.

It will establish two new breeding plants for malaria-carrying mosquitoes in an area where this is already a serious problem.

It will put a number of lumbering and wood-working industries out of business.

It looks now as if its cost to the taxpayers may reach \$100,000,000, instead of the \$49,000,000 "estimated"—which would certainly not prove remarkable, in that most Federal, political projects have a habit of costing two to four times as much as is figured at the beginning.

To quote Mr. Corey, "It does not seem probable that any enterprise thought up by mortal man could be as warped and tangled as the Santee-Cooper lock, dam and pork-barrel project seems to be." About the only other observation to be made is this: How much longer will the people of this country, faced with staggering increases in tax bills to raise billions for defense, stand for such prodigal waste of their money?

BUILT YESTERDAY TO SERVE TODAY

In many respects the railroads resemble the Navy. Both require equipment and facilities that cannot be built in a day or a year. Both must be ready for any conceivable

PLUG THOSE HOLES



FIGHT FIRE TO BUILD DEFENCE

There is an easy way for everyone to make a definite contribution to national defense this year. That way is by helping to prevent fire.

National defense involves the conservation of our resources—manufactured as well as natural. Every fire, no matter how small, means the destruction of resources. It means a waste of labor, and of productive capacity. It means the diversion of materials which would be used for other purposes. That is true whether a fire destroys home or factory.

Those whose job it is to prevent fire are redoubling their efforts at this time. They are working to reduce fire's 1941 ravages. But, efficient as this work is, it cannot achieve maximum success without full public cooperation. The manager of an industry, the homeowner, the worker—all must share in the responsibility. Fire is everybody's business. Fire costs everybody money.

If past precedent holds, America's firebill, direct and indirect, will come close to \$2,000,000,000 this year. The bill can be cut 80 per cent.

There is nothing difficult about fire prevention. It isn't expensive. It simply calls for periodic inspections of our homes and places of business to get rid of accumulations of waste, to repair faulty furnaces, to check exposed electrical wiring, to see that inflammables are properly stored in safe containers, etc. Your local fire marshal is always glad to help. This year make it a point to fight fire—and so help build America's defenses.

TEST HIGHWAY

As a laboratory for studying highway construction and design theories Michigan has built a test highway 17.6 miles long and 22 feet wide, over which tests will be conducted for four or five years, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

Economic Highlights

The President's extraordinary "State of the Nation" speech to the new Congress was received with mixed emotions. The majority of larger newspapers, which are pro-British in policy, approved it with some reservations. So did most of the leading commentators. However, in Congress there was criticism to the effect that the President did not give enough particulars—and that it looked as if he intended to put this country deeper into European affairs than it had ever been before. At the same time, surveys indicate that the President's proposal to lend British arms and other implements of war, which she is supposed to repay in kind or its equivalent at the end of hostilities, will eventually go through the non-interventionist bloc, however, of which Senator Wheeler is now leader, says that it intends fight the President's program to the last ditch.

The President firmly fixed this country's foreign policy. According to him, that policy has three facets: First, we are committed to an all-inclusive national defense. Second, we are committed to support all nations which are resisting aggression and, in the President's words, "thereby keeping war from our hemisphere." Third, we will never acquiesce in a peace "dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers." The President stressed his opinion that this policy is completely non-partisan, and represents the will of the majority of the people, whatever their political affiliations.

It is obviously the Administration belief that it would be impossible for this country to live in the same world with Hitler, and at the same time maintain democratic processes and principles. As he said on several occasions, there would be no peace—there would be only an armed truce, which would inevitably result in a ruinous armament race and the establishment of a permanent military economy for us, no less than for the Axis. There are many who disagree with this doctrine, but, so far as legislative influence is concerned, they seem to be a minority now.

It is probable that the President's speech, coupled with his "fireside chat" of a week before, was the strongest talk ever given by the head of a great nation to the heads of other great nations. It could be easily construed as an ipso facto declaration of war, even though Mr. Roosevelt said that he did not intend it to be so taken. But Italy and Germany

were relatively calm in their comments. It looks as if they are willing to take a great deal before formally going to war with us—which, in view of Italy's stunning reverses in Africa, is easily understandable. The Axis has not lost the war, but its plans are not going as scheduled, by any means.

The possibility remains of Congress declaring war on Germany and/or Italy, but rolls of Congress indicate that only a small majority would vote for war at this time. The bulk of the lawmakers apparently feel that we can get away with helping England with every resource at our command, yet not fighting, ourselves.

Magnitude of project aid to England will not be fully known for some time. As the budget message shows, it will run far into the billions. It will involve the construction and delivery of many merchant ships to embattled Britain. And it may very likely involve the transfer of more of our naval vessels.

The 77th Congress will be responsible for our national defense, which includes domestic problems to do with wages and hours, taxation, relief, and government loaning both at home and abroad. It has the countries of South America to consider; just loaning them money is but a small part of the job of improving our relations with them. Also, as one of its greatest jobs, it will have to consider adopting a fiscal policy that is in the opposite direction to the present easy-money policies of the Administration. Financial experts are going to make a determined stand to return the financing of our government into sounder channels.

JAMED STARTER
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Legal Notices

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of George Elfers, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed February 22nd, 1941, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.
BERTHA ELFERS TETHEROW, Executrix.
18-Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6

FINAL NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES GREGG HUITT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled estate, and that the above entitled Court has fixed the 7th day of February, A.D. 1941, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M., in the County court room, in the Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.
JAMES R. W. GREGG, Administrator of the Estate of James Gregg Huitt, Deceased.
21-Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6

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the tee. A hard-hooked fish and a screaming reel.

Some people say that all enthusiasm should be taken out of advertising. In books and speeches they crusade for bleak little ads that give nothing but thread counts, strength and chemical tests, dimensions and prices. What a pity if they had their way!

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