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EDITORIALS

HOW ABOUT WASTE?

In one of his recent columns, David Lawrence pointed out a great and often overlooked danger in the government's present spending program.

"Drastic taxation—the most severe America has ever experienced—is planned," he wrote. "And yet not a word is heard about cutting out wasteful expenditures."

"If the American people submit to a tax program such as is being rightly proposed to finance defense and still permit spending-as-usual on projects that can be omitted or else postponed, it will mean that the day of reckoning will bring an economic depression in the United States far more perilous than that of 1929-33."

"Scarcely a week passes that there isn't some impetus given to projects which are being planned on a big scale which have relatively little to do with defense, but which are being dragged into the picture with defense as an excuse. . . . Only an alert and aroused public opinion can do something about it—and organize the nation will have to make its own economy campaign and make it an issue in the congressional elections of 1942."

Mr. Lawrence doesn't just criticize—the points to definite places where major cuts in government spending are both possible and desirable. There is, for instance, the proposal that \$450,000,000 be spent on farm subsidy payments—a boost of \$238,000,000 over last year. There is the fact that some \$1,000,000,000 a year is still being spent for relief, even though employment is at the highest level in our history and in many sections there is a serious labor shortage. There is the fact that strong forces are behind measures to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the St. Lawrence and other socialized power projects, despite the undeniable evidence which shows that the existing private utility industry is 100 per cent ready and able to meet all present and prospective power needs—and to develop and build new facilities with private money, not with tax money. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has just passed resolutions asking that at least \$2,000,000,000 be saved annually by curtailing non-defense spending, and devoting this money to defense needs, holding down debt or tax requirements by that amount.

Mr. Lawrence goes to the heart of the matter when he says that only the American people can do anything about this situation. They are willing to spend any amount necessary for defense. Are they willing to make unprecedented tax and debt sacrifices merely to pay for political luxuries, for experiments in state socialism, for a bigger and bigger bureaucracy, or for any activity which is not absolutely unavoidable? Governmental waste at this time is a certain guarantee of an unprecedented economic and social collapse at some future time.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Will add a bit more; Guess I told you that we moved on November 1st to Harbel Hills, the newest and most modern development on the plantation. Sixteen houses on the hills and they are lovely. Ours is bordered on one side by the lovely nine hole golf course and I sit in the front room and look down the gentle slope of the hill and watch people play golf. We are going to take it up ourselves soon. This is to be our permanent residence we are told and I have the house all fixed up and it surely looks nice. Have the drapes up and finished making the bedroom curtains for the front bedroom and Joe put them up for me. They are a dark blue satin to keep out the glare of the sun and they surely dress up the place. Did I tell you that we finally got our lost trunk? It had been overshipped on the Zarembo and we didn't get it until two weeks ago. Now I have all our linens and bedspreads, tablecloths, doilies, etc. and the place shure looks cute. I will enclose a small snip of the cretome from the drapes for the front room and dining room. We are buying a large rug, made down here, for the front room from some people who are going home the first of December. It is mostly a quite shade of green with a cross weave of buff and will go very well with the drapes. It is called a grass rug and is quite heavy and durable. It can also be washed which makes it nice for down here. I have twelve small throw rugs which we purchased in Monrovia and I use some of these in the front room now and a few in bedrooms. They are actually for the bedrooms but until we get the big rug are using them various places. They cost 52c each, American money, and are mostly chenille and are quite nice. All of our goods came through perfectly and we had nothing broken or spoiled in shipment. Wasn't that grand? The Farleys had several dishes broken and it is customary to have some damaged but I guess we were just lucky.

I told you that we inherited a mother dog and four puppies when we moved into this house. Got them lived there. They are now old enough to give away but I want to keep one for us. Well, they are various colors. The mother is a Canary Island dog but one dog is pure white, two black and white, and one brown and white. The servants want me to keep the pure white one so I was out in the kitchen looking them over last night they told me, in a rather embarrassed manner, that they had given the white puppy my name. I said, (You call him my name - what is my name?) They said, (Oh, you know, Missy, we call him your name because he have white hair like you.) I never did get them to tell me if it was (Mickey), (Missy), or what, but it is customary down here if the boys like you they always want to name something after you, their children, puppies, and sometimes even change their own name to yours. I got quite a kick out of that. I think they have one of them named after Joe also but I couldn't quite pick up what they were saying from their lingo. Sometimes we can't understand them but most of the time we can. I'll find out eventually.

Yesterday while Joe was taking a nap a native boy came to the house and the first thing knew our steward, Jonney, came in the front room carrying a huge baboon skin. The boy wanted to sell it for 13 shillings, a little over \$2.00 American money. I said I didn't want it so he said, (How much you pay you can have heem). Anyway I woke Joe up to take a look at it. There are all kinds of animals down here and are in the jungle which border the plantation on all sides so natives often bring in live animals or skins to sell to the white man. Farleys bought a huge ant-eater the other day for less than a dollar. It is the most terrible looking thing I have ever seen. They keep it in a large box under the house and the boys bring ants to it every day. It's outside resembles a large pine comb except that the scales are larger and thicker but they stick out like a pine comb. The tail is about two feet long and at night it forms a round ball and holds itself in a ball by tying its tail around itself - system, I call it.

Did I tell you what we eat down here? Well, in case I didn't I will say briefly that we eat practically the same things as we did at home plus a number of native grown things. The United States Trading Company is the Firestone Company which maintains the grocery store and general store - all one building. Half of the store is for white trade and the other half of the store is Native Market. If you want something from the native side you usually send one of your boys over to buy it for you—or else put a clothespin on your nose and make a run for it. They eat some of the worst smelling fish, meats and stuff and it is all carved up for them on their side of the market. Oh Boy! I wanted to buy a native blanking for my ironing table the other day so I braved the smell and went over. When I passed the table of fish I thought I would become asphyxiated. Wow!

(To Be Continued)

Economic Highlights

"History shows that the decisive factor in all great wars invariably has been sea power," wrote Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, U.S.N., recently. Think back over the major conflicts of history and you'll realize the truth of that. When Drake's fleet destroyed the Spanish Armada, he eliminated one of the greatest threats to English security and safety. When Nelson broke the back of French sea power at Trafalgar, he assured Napoleon's ultimate defeat. Japan, under the brilliant Admiral Togo, made herself a world power to be reckoned with when her fleet routed the Russian navy at Port Arthur. And in World War Number 1, it was the British fleet, under Jellicoe, which forced the German navy to bottle itself up in port after the battle of Jutland, and so made it possible to tighten the blockade which proved to be one of the decisive factors in that sanguinary conflict.

Sea power has always made world history—and it is for that reason that a number of military authorities tend to the belief that Germany's great successes on land, important as they are, cannot win the war for her no matter how far they may be carried. Germany's air power is today the best in Europe, and it will be at least a year before British-American production can really rival hers. Her armies are supreme, in size, in equipment, and in generalship. But Germany has no fleet in any way comparable to Britain's. The submarine is a dangerous weapon, but it is extremely limited, and it has been proven time and again that sufficient surface power is superior to undersea power. Italy had a large fleet at the start of this war, but it proved sadly deficient in fighting quality, and a large part of it has been destroyed. German shipyards have been working overtime, but it seems certain that their production has been held to a minimum by British air raids on Kiel, Hamburg, and other ports.

British sea power is tremendously strained. Her ships must police every ocean in the world. They must attempt to bring her merchant ships home with the supplies that are needed to feed her population and arm her fighting forces. That is why British hopes are today pinned to a considerable extent on the American Navy. British strategists are confident that the full participation of our Navy would assure ultimate German defeat.

The American Navy is the largest and most powerful in the world, according to such authorities as Admiral Woodward. Five years from now, if plans go according to schedule, it will also be the fastest navy, and will be infinitely more powerful. And it is the one branch of our fighting services which is ready to go to war right now, if the call is made.

Admiral Woodward believes that if we went to war the job of our Navy in the Atlantic would be fourfold. First, we would occupy and defend all Atlantic Islands on the "other side," both to forestall their seizure by the axis, and to strike at invaders moving out from Europe. Second, we would blockade ports on the Spanish and French West African

Coast. Third, we would cooperate fully with the British navy in convoy work. Fourth, we would have to keep large forces about the Panama Canal to defend it from attack.

In the Pacific, a fleet would probably be based at Singapore, to keep an eye on Japan. American naval officials think relatively little of the Japanese navy, and are certain we would have little trouble in defending ourselves from Hawaii to the mainland.

A number of authorities feel that Hitler would have taken a far tougher line with us long ago had it not been for the American Navy—that he wants to avoid actual war with us because he fears that the unlimited participation of our fleet would turn the scales against him. It is certainly true that his blockade of England would be made immeasurably more difficult if our destroyers and cruisers were used for convoy work. Our entry into the war would more than double the sea power which the Axis must face.

There are reports that Hitler may shortly take over what is left of the French navy—Admiral Darlan, Number 2 man at Vichy, is notoriously pro-German and has a deep hatred of England and everything English. If that happens, Hitler would be greatly strengthened—the French cruisers would make excellent raiders and could harass Britain at many exposed points. And in the meantime, high British officials are becoming franker and franker in intimating that the cause of the democracies may be lost unless this country sends its ships in with their guns roaring.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
JACKSON COUNTY

VIOLA MOORE and G. R. MOORE,
wife and husband, Plaintiffs,
vs.

The unknown heirs of Elizabeth Beal, deceased; the unknown heirs of Angeline Snyder, deceased; the unknown heirs of W. E. Kahler, deceased; JOSEPHINE KAHLER, the unknown heirs of Josephine Kahler; the unknown heirs of S. A. Pattison, deceased; HATTIE S. PATTISON; the unknown heirs of Hattie S. Pattison; STATE OF OREGON; also, all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

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before the last day of four weeks
from the date of the first publication
of this summons, and, if you fail to
appear and answer said complaint,
for want thereof, the plaintiffs will
apply to the Court for the relief de-
manded in their complaint, succinctly
stated as follows, to-wit:

That each and all of the defendants
herein be required to fully set forth
any and all right, title, estate, lien,
claim or interest whatsoever that
they, or any of them, may have, or
claim in, to, or upon the real prop-
erty described in the complaint
herein, or any part or parcel thereof,
which said real property is situated in
Jackson County, Oregon, and more
particularly described as follows, to-
wit:

Lots numbered Seven (7),
Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10),
Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in
Block Number Five (5), OAK
PARK ADDITION to the City
of Central Point, Oregon.

That each and all of the claims
that may be made on the part of
any or all of said defendants herein,
in or to said real property herein de-
scribed, or any part thereof, be ad-
judged and declared to be null and
void; that the plaintiffs herein be
decreed to be the owners, in fee sim-
ple, of said real property, free and
clear of any right or claim whatso-
ever on the part of said defendants,
or any of them.

That each and all of the defendants
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claiming, or to claim, by, through or

under them, or any of them; be for-
ever enjoined, restrained and barred
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tablish, or claiming, any right, title,
estate, lien, or interest whatsoever in,
to or upon said real property or any
part or parcel thereof, and that
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This summons is published by or-
der of the Honorable H. K. Hanna,
Judge of the Circuit Court of Jack-
son County, Oregon, made and en-
tered on the 15th day of May, 1941.

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