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EDITORIALS

CONGRESS, THE LAST SAFEGUARD

Citizens of the United States turn to Congress to uphold their constitutional right to court appeal from bureaucratic rulings having the force of law.

"Give a citizen the right to take OPA problems into court when he cannot get the Price Administrator to act on a problem," said Elinor Hanson to a Congressional Committee studying extension beyond June 30 of the Emergency Price Control Act. Hanson spoke for the Safeway Stores. He showed that during a whole year he had been unable to get OPA to act finally on a single one of 10 protests, nor could he get them before the Emergency Court of Appeals.

To back up his appeal, he exhibited a current page advertisement of his client, offering food, much of it at prices below the ceiling highs allowed by OPA. He told the story of a grocery company that sells below ceilings on food items when it is impossible, but which balks when not able to get action from the Price Administrator on its complaints against discrimination that forces selling below operating costs on other items.

He showed that Safeway, which bought fresh vegetables and produce directly from growers and performed its own crating, packing, refrigerating and other warehouse functions for its retail outlets, was "denied credit or allowances" for the expense involved in those wholesale functions although they were exactly the same as those on which jobbers are allowed credit in performing such services for other retailers.

Hanson asked two basic changes in the price control act which seem fundamental to justice: (1) Action from the Price Administrator on complaints in reasonable time, and (2) recourse to courts for a hearing. Congress is the last resort of the citizen for protection against official rulings and directives which have the effect of law without independent court review.

A NEW TAXPAYER

Hailed by Governor Earl Warren of California as another important milestone in the development of the industrial west, the new 214,477-horsepower, \$25,000,000 Pit Number 5 hydro-electric project of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company went into service April 29. It took two years and ten months to build this sixty-fifth generating plant of the system. Its completion rounds out a five-year program of construction involving the expenditure of \$152,000,000, which has provided ample electricity and gas for all war industries as well as regular consumers in the company's territory.

Generally speaking, a resident of Maine, Oklahoma or Texas is not particularly interested in the investments of a company in California. But in this case, taxpayers in every state are interested. The cash that went into this development was not tax money, it was the private savings of thousands of individuals. The Pit Number 5 plant will pay local and Federal taxes of \$300,000 a year. The 65 plants used in the company's operations, paid local and Federal taxes of \$37,224,000 in 1943.

Bonneville and Grand Coulee on the Columbia River, which swallowed some \$300,000,000 of tax funds taken from the 48 states, do not pay a dime of local and Federal taxes.

That is why the opening of a new tax-paying electric project in California is news to all states and to the Federal government which needs such taxes to pay for its tax-exempt socialized electric projects in other states, which in turn prevent the building of tax-paying power resources. Committees which secure such new tax-paying assets are fortunate indeed.

**INSURE your future—
Save WITH WAR BONDS**

South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

Incidentally, a bulletin just came through notifying us that any parcels received in Miami after January 1st to be sent down here would be held there and the contents noted. Then a letter would be written to the addressee here in Manaus and we must secure written approval from our department head before the package can be sent to us from Miami. It is strictly a company order because so many people have abused the privilege of getting parcels down here and order constantly for all clothes and supplies, even food, to be sent down here and it makes too much cargo. In the same old story that everyone must suffer the penalties because of the greediness of a few. I am so disappointed in this new arrangement. We discontinued our newspapers because we didn't want to be selfish but others entered subscriptions to daily and Sunday papers from New York and each mail night they carry off great armloads of newspapers which they hardly look at. As a result we are now warned that unless we discontinue our subscriptions to newspapers our privileges will be taken away from us and no one will receive either papers or magazines. I don't blame the company because space must be saved for valuable cargo and parts during war time but you would imagine the employees would have better sense than to abuse a privilege like that, wouldn't you? You can still send the necessary parcels down here but remember that they will be listed (the contents) and held in Miami until we are notified down here, so it is advisable not to send anything perishable.

(To be continued.)

Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew:

"Did you hear the rain, Mr. Caudle? I say, did you hear the rain? Cats and dogs..." A thunder shower pulled the sky wrong side out, and the water sluiced down. To be out in it a moment would be like to have jumped in a swimming pool. In a few seconds the eaves troughs were overflowing and cataracting. Peonies were flattened to the earth as if being for mercy. The tall broom humbled itself. The backdoor was a lake, a beachhead with the metal footscrapers a landing strip. The neighbor's walnut was a blackgreen etching on a silver screen. All outdoors was washed so clean it shone like polished silver. So lovely, your

aunt must get out in it. Walking amidst God's glory. "Heaven and earth declare the glory of God..." It awes me. When the rain had stopped, every spine on the fir trees was tipped with a crystal bead. A stomacher of crystal lay on a cypress bough. This place does satisfy a need of my spirit no other we've had has done. I often think what healing it would provide for some of these bruised spirits* of returned soldier boys.

It hailed hard not long ago and filled the interstices between the shingles on the house even from the dishwashing; a unique sight... Wait, while I run outside to see where that bird lit that rushed by the window. A robin, on the clothesline post, swelled to twice one's size. Puffed up with happiness? He goes to the light post, and sings as if he would burst his throat. The fir tree echoes him, and the honey locust. "Another cabbage gone," grumbled dad as he comes from the garden. "That gopher! He's cleaned out the patch. Eats it as fast as I can replant it. If I had him, I'd spit tobacco juice in his eye." At a glance from me, "Well, I would. You need not look at me like that. It would serve him just right, the dirty devil. I'm scared to death he will find my potato patch."

We sat at the breakfast table. Dad turned his head to the backroom. "I heard Sisly then say 'I smell bacon'. Lord! I miss her." Later, I started to get up from the table, then sat back foolishly. David was heard jabbering on the front room couch after his nap. I had started to get him before everything was soaked. That empty ache... Robin's lighted, intelligent face... No word from them yet.

Our pastor reproved his people for their lack of attendance at the morning prayer meeting. "With 12 or 14 churches in this town, there has not been more than 20 people at any one service. I'm ashamed," he cried seriously. "In a time like this, when we need to humble ourselves and pray... You'd better let your dishes set. You'd better let your hay spoil, rather than fail to pray. If we don't care enough about present affairs to pray, what do you expect of God? That's the first time I've heard reprove or correction from him. More power to him."

Our section has been as desolate of boys as sage brush country after a rabbit drive. Coming home just now, a truck load of soldier boys were met and waved at joyously. And a lone jeep. They all laughed and waved back. A white head does

have its privileges. Will you get a kick out of this, too, as we did? "On mules we find two legs behind: Two legs we find before. We stand behind before we find What two legs behind be for." Look out for old Lize. She's tricky. But there's nothing tricky about my wish for you a faith, that will hold your keel level. Keep the chin up and the eye level. Happily, Aunty.

Rationing Calendar

PROCESSED FOODS:
Book 4—Blue stamps AS through Q8 valid indefinitely. Blue stamps RS through VS valid June 1.

MEAT, BUTTER, FATS AND CHEESE:
Book 4—Red stamps AS through TS valid indefinitely. Red stamps US, and WS valid June 4.

SUGAR:
Book 4—Sugar stamps 30 and 31 valid indefinitely. 5 pounds each. For canning only: Sugar stamp 40 valid for 5 pounds. Apply at local OPA board for more.

SHOES: LOOSE STAMPS INVALID
Book 2—Airplane stamps Nos. 1 and 2 valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE COUPONS: NOT VALID UNLESS ENDORSED
"A" No. 11 valid through June 21—3 gallons each. (May renew "B" or "C" within but not before 15 days from date on cover.)

FUEL OIL:
Period 4-5 coupons valid through September 30. Not more than 93 percent of season's rations should have been used to date.

TIRE INSPECTION
Tire inspection records still required to get special gasoline allotments, tire replacements, etc.

STOVES:
Apply at local OPA board for purchase certificates.

WOOD, COAL, SAFDUST:
Order your 12-months supply now, avoid shortage next winter.

PRICE CONTROL:
Refer inquiries and complaints to price clerk at local OPA board.

Pete the Paper Puppet
THE FREEDOM THAT I'M MOST THANKFUL FOR IS THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS!

THIS ADVERTISEMENT, ONE OF A SERIES TO HELP ACQUAINT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH THE DAIRY FARMER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR EFFORT, appears in full-page size in *The Saturday Evening Post* June 3rd and in *Collier's* June 17th issue

...with the help of Providence



From millions of American homes prayers go up for the safety of boys away in the war. From farms homes other prayers, too... For aid in the production of crops vital to Victory and the establishment of Peace. For rains to keep green the pastures where milking cows graze. For sunshine to ripen the grains and fodders needed in the winter's feeding. Increased again this year are America's production goals for milk and transportable products of milk! The U.S. Government's own requirement of cheese is estimated at nearly 450 million pounds—for our fighting men and fighting allies. On top of that there should be made over 500 million more pounds of this nutritious food for civilians of our land. More than twice as much cheese as the nation could produce when the last war ended is needed now! We of Kraft who work with the dairy farmers of America know how earnestly they strive to meet these goals. Short of hands and equipment, they carry on as best they humanly can. And they'll succeed... with the help of Providence.

KRAFT CHEESE COMPANY

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Dr. and Mrs. Ward Davis and children, Monty and June of Salem are visiting relatives in Central Point.

Graduation of thirty seniors was witnessed by a capacity crowd at the high school gym Friday evening, May 26.

An all day meeting of the Willow Springs Thursday club was held at the home of Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin.

Marjorie Pierce is spending a two week vacation with Minnie Nicholson on Evans creek.

Mervyn Gleason and Bobby Hoagland left Wednesday on a business trip to Marshfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox and children Dolores and Jackie left Wednesday for Klamath Falls, where they will visit Mrs. Cox's sister, Mrs. Fred Hale and family continuing on to Lakeview.

Miss Bessie Milton became the bride of Fred Hale of Klamath Falls Saturday June 2nd. Rev. Jas. M.

Johnson performing the ceremony. The Pioneer parade of the Diamond Jubilee was much enjoyed by a thousand people.

Mrs. Mary Hay promised an ambulance ride to see the pioneer parade by John Peri.

Marine store is moved into the corner room of the Hatfield building.

Ed Tucker of Sacramento is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Tucker before he joins the Navy.

TEN YEARS AGO

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