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## EDITORIALS

### FREEDOM IN LAP OF CONGRESS

Instances of unjustified regulatory oppression in the name of the war emergency, are accumulating with frightening rapidity. Even more frightening is the growing evidence that the citizen cannot seek relief from this oppression through the judiciary. Recent attempts to secure court review of War Labor Board decisions and OPA price decrees have revealed that the "emergency" laws creating such agencies are so drawn as to either deny recourse to the regular courts or, as in the case of violation of retail price regulations, make of the courts mere instruments of harsh enforcement.

If a retail merchant violates a price rule, the minimum penalty has been a \$50 fine plus lawyer's fee and costs, because that is what the Emergency Price Control Act calls for. The courts have held that according to this law it doesn't matter if the overcharge is as little as one cent, or if it occurred admittedly through an honest mistake of the merchant or his employee. The good faith of the merchant has nothing to do with it. The fine is still \$50. Thus every petty snoop and shyster lawyer in the country is encouraged to search for the inadvertent penny mistakes of retailers, with the assurance of a rich reward for each mistake found.

One judge, in passing sentence under this travesty of democratic government, stated: "If there is any element of justice, morality or right in compelling a respectable and honest merchant such as the defendant in this case, at such a time as the present when experienced clerks are scarce and hard to obtain, to pay a penalty of \$50 for an innocent mistake of ten cents by an inexperienced clerk, in which the employer who is so mulcted had no part whatever, I have failed to discover it."

The war emergency and fear of inflation have driven the country to the verge of despotism. Congress is the last official body to whom the people can turn for relief. It can rewrite the laws and curb the authority of administrative agencies now threatening the foundation of American freedom.

### WHAT IS AMERICAN INDUSTRY?

Following the first bomb attack on Japan by the huge new Superfortresses, General Arnold declared: "The use of the B-29 Superfortress in combat brings actuality to an air forces' plan made years in advance for truly global aerial warfare. It proves that our planners and engineers, coupled with the capacity of American industry, are an unbeatable combination."

What is "American Industry?" Do Superfortresses pour out of super factories at the direction of a few officials in Washington with super

trains? No! The Superfortresses are momentary manifestations of the imagination and productive genius of free men—momentary because where men are free their work is an endless series of miracles. Thus the Model T was yesterday's miracle, just as the Superfortress is today's miracle, while tomorrow's miracle are but dreams locked in the minds of unknown individuals.

This is American industry, free industry.

If industry in this country ever ceases to be free, it will no longer be truly American. And it will no longer produce miracles from the dreams of individuals. People should be wary of elaborate plans to strengthen the grip of government ownership and control of basic industries such as electric power, oil, mining, and other resources which are the foundation of all American industry.

If government ownership is accepted as the solution of postwar problems, free industry—American industry—will go out, and individual freedom will eventually go with it.

### GOOD NEWS

Seven months after the government took possession of 2,000 bituminous coal mines, they have been turned back to their private owners. In releasing the mines, the Secretary of the Interior said: "Management and labor are now on trial to prove to the nation that they can fulfill wartime responsibilities under their own power." The Secretary should have added that government labor policies are also on trial because the government's vacillating attitude on labor caused much of the discord.

Both the mine owners and the miners can be thankful that the mines are again operating as private enterprises, and if they are wise they will do everything in their power to settle any future disputes without providing an excuse for government seizure of the mines, for that destroys the freedom of both the worker and the mine owner.

### 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

The harbor in Belem was beautiful and boats were in profusion. Planes soared overhead and the storm had passed except for a slow drizzle of rain. There were many sailing boats, large and small, either anchored in the river or tied up at the piers and they were beautiful at this time of day, just before dusk. A British Trans-Atlantic clipper drifted at anchor in the harbor and looked very majestic as compared with the smaller flying boats.

And so I also, reached Belem safe and sound. I had expected to simply get out of the plane onto a pier or floating dock or at the most to get

into a boat and come ashore but life is not simple as that. Instead we hooked onto a rope on a buoy and were pulled tail-first toward the shore and the ramp. When we were still a good distance from the ramp we stopped and there we waited. I heard splashing outside my window and looked out and to my surprise here were two dark Brazilians swimming beside the plane and pushing a plane wheel ahead of them. They disappeared below the surface of the muddy water—wheel and all—and after an endless time suddenly bobbed up again, minus the wheel. The same thing had happened on the other side of the plane and I realized that they were going to beach it before we would be allowed to disembark. Eventually, when both the wheels had been securely fastened to our plane under water, we were again pulled via a rope from shore, backwards and on up the ramp. At the last possible moment before the weight of the plane was supported on the newly attached wheels the same swimming process was repeated and a steel tire was added outside the rubber-tired wheel just as a precaution against a tire blow-out.

Finally we were inside the hangar and officials were running as busy as bees. Joe and Mrs. Thomas were waving to us from the windows of the waiting room and in a minute we were going through the red tape at the Custom's windows and in the next were having a cup of coffee in the Pan Air Lounge—perhaps the coffee is a reward for sitting in the river for so long before disembarking but anyway it tasted wonderful.

My first impression of Belem as we drove through the streets of the city from the air base to the Grande Hotel was that it was much cleaner than most Brazilian cities, at least the ones I have seen in the Amazon Valley, and also that it had the air of a much larger city and the buildings were quite metropolitan in appearance. The streets and sidewalks in this section were wide and beautiful oyal Palms lined some of the letter streets while trees of heavy foliage similar to the umbrella trees but much taller, lined with the sidewalks of others. The streetcars were of a more recent "vintage" than the ones I had looked at for the past eight months in Manaus and appeared completed modern to my Manaus-distorted vision. Buses hurried to an fro, some gasoline powered to some charcoal burners with the tanks and contraptions bolted to the rear of the bus. We even saw a few charcoal powered private cars.

(To be continued.)

Miss Jean Hermanson and Miss Ruth Winn, staff members of the Camp White Red Cross office have been transferred to Camp Beale, Calif. Both girls live in Medford. Miss Hermanson was a former Central Point girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walsh and daughter Mourreen and son Billy of Los Angeles are visiting at the Lloyd

Rupp home. They arrived Monday evening. The Walsh and Rupp are old friends.

Lester Hansen and Johnny Deuel spent the week end camping on Evans Creek.

### FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brainard entertained a number of house guests at their home: their daughter Mrs. Bruce White and son of Honolulu, another daughter Mrs. J. O. Brown and children Hugh and Ann of Texas and Mrs. Brown's sister-in-law Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Louisiana; and the Brainard's son Mr. Clarence Brainard and wife of Kansas, Mo.

Miss Marjorie Mansfield of Santa Barbara and Harold Boswell were married at Santa Barbara June 11.

The Berean class of the Federated Church gave a bridal shower for Miss Avis Ayres last week.

Miss Carol Furry entertained with a bridal shower honoring Miss Dorothea Hedgpeth last week.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Steve Benson and family and John Clark and family spent the week end at Diamond Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramston announced the engagement of their daughter Ruth to Stanley Stark. The Medford W.R.C. entertained

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the Central Point W.R.C. at their last meeting. Those present from here were Mesdames Rose Hermanson, Lorlie Minnick, Iva Copliner, Betty Potter, Mary Richardson, Eva Smith, Emma Gleason and Mattie Smith.

Believe it or not—Mr. T. L. Brittsan, while fishing at Casey's camp July 4, lassoed a fine trout. The line was wrapped around the body just below the gills holding it fast.

### Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EJNAR D. SCHRADER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled court has fixed the 10th day of August, 1944, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the court room of said court, in the Court House at Medford, Jackson

County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Report and Account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof. DATED and first published this 6th day of June, 1944.

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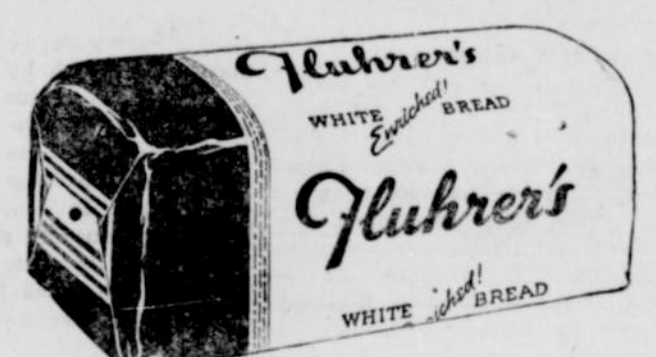
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