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# EDITORIALS

### THE LAST STRAW

Before the latest coal mine strike, a coal company issued the following statement: ". . . .Four hundred thousand men directly employed in the coal mines are going to quit work, in spite of an offer of an additional wage increase of 18½ cents an hour. They will lose as a result of this strike approximately five million dollars per day.

"These miners, by striking, will reduce the supply of all goods and merchandise for themselves and the public, since manufacturers engaged in making goods are largely dependent upon coal for fuel, power or transportation. The effect of this shortage will continue for many weeks after the miners go back to work. Millions of workers in manufacturing, transportation, and distribution industries will lose working time and wages as a result of this coal strike. The cumulative cost to America will probably be [illegible] standing in the amount of the re- [illegible] stock of [illegible] ish loan of three billion [illegible] in South [illegible] million dollars."

[illegible] Hardware & [illegible] weapon as it is being [illegible] is actually threaten- [illegible] of the nation. Whole [illegible] brought to a dead [illegible] command of a few [illegible] thousands of per- [illegible] and ready to work, per- [illegible] have never had any trouble with the individual companies where they are employed, are denied the right to work and ordered off the job. The effects of this gigantic labor monoply are hitting at the heart of our country—industrial production. High production is needed now, critically. We are not getting it—thanks to strikes. The action of the coal miners may be the straw that will break the camel's back—a patient public.

The fault for the present situation lies directly at the door of government. It is an outgrowth of the NRA, the Wagner Act, and the Norris-LaGuardia Act which exempts labor unions from the anti-trust laws. As a result of these acts, labor leaders are completely beyond the law in their organizing and strike activities. They have the power to override government. In fact, the government is apparently afraid to take the mines over in the present strike because of the fear that Mr. Lewis will defy it as well as the coal industry.

The longer the delay in correcting our one-sized labor laws, the harder it will be to correct monopolistic labor practices that are bringing the country to its knees.

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### QUESTION O FPRINCIPAL—NOT PRICES

When the government sets out to control prices, and supply and demand—the natural forces of the free market—it must reach ruthlessly into the lives of all the people. There can be nothing democratic about it. The United States is trying to straddle the fence. It is trying to control "inflation" painlessly for as many people as possible with a strong show of democratic justice, which may sound like god political strategy but which simply will not work. The corollary to price control is wage control. Under the government's fence-straddling policy it has not been expedient to control wages. Such a step is unpopular with too many people. On the other hand, the OPA is a splinter of European dictatorship. It rules prices by decree, it sends people to jail, its spies sift through the affairs of thousands of businesses—and the private citizen is effectively barred from seeking relief from its decisions in the regular courts. If OPA is continued, the principle it represents—government by unquestioned decree—must be broadened promptly. Wages too must be controlled, tand strikes must be barred. The present half-and-half system—half free, half controlled, is leading to production demoralization.

In deciding the future of OPA, the first question to be answered is, What kind of a system of government do we want in this country? This is a question of principal, not prices. By comparison, prices are irrelevant. Today no one can talk about prices with any certainty. Inflation may continue its course regardless of the system of government we decide to follow. The point is we must choose a form of government and stick with it, or face anarchy. If the decision is in favor of the traditional American government of checks and balances under which coercion by degree is prohibited, the OPA and the authoritian principle it represents must be abandoned. If prices go thrugh the roof during the readjustment to the free market, the country will have to grin and bear it with theknowledge that the path of freedom is sometimes hard, although in the end its rewards are worth the sacrifice—something that Americans have known since 1776.

### LEAVES FOR EAST—

Chaplain and Mrs. Leslie L. McCue and small daughter, Patty, of Central Point, left the valley recently for an indefinite stay in the east. Chaplain McCue, who has spent the past three years with the army, is on terminal leave from the service until June 8.

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO EXAMINE ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with Sec. 110-491-2 O.C.L.A., as amended by chapter 46 (sec. 1), Oregon laws 1945, that a meeting will be held by the Board of Equalization on the second Monday in May, 1946 at the Court-house in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at 10 o'clock A.M., at which meeting the Board of Equalization will publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

It shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition for the reduction of a particularl assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1946.

C. A. MYERS,
Assessor of Jackson County, Oregon.
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### NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN COOPER STIMSON, also known as Steve Stimson, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix in the above entitled matter, has filed herein her final report and account, and that Saturday, May 18, 1946, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the courthouse in the city of Medford in said county, has been fixed by the above named court as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the examination and allowance thereof.

DATED: April 11, 1946

LUCY GRISSOM,
Adminstratrix

Neff & Frohnmayer
Attorney for Administratrix.
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