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EDITORIALS

LEGITIMATE DISTRIBUTORS HANDICAPPED

While Congress discusses the future of OPA, black markets spread. If they continue to spread, the legitimate retail distribution industry cannot be expected to operate successfully. The threat is serious enough to have a bearing on renewing the Emergency Price Control Act. No law should be allowed to work against retail distribution. The New York Times cites an instance of the black market problem

—beef. Says the Times: "With about 75% of the nation's beef at retail levels having passed to the control of black marketers, the time is at hand when definite steps should be taken to restore that essential product to legitimate channels of trade if one of the world's finest food distributing systems is not to be damaged irreparably."

If it is to be a choice between saving the OPA and saving the distribution system, there is no alternative. The country can live without the OPA; it cannot live without orderly distribution.

The American Way

THE FAT'S IN THE FIRE
By DeWitt Emery

(Editor's note: DeWitt Emery is President of the National Small Business Men's Association.)

The government, in settling the coal strike, has recognized the principle that a labor union has the right to levy tribute on each unit of production. Who administers the fund or how it is administered is relatively unimportant; the principle is what counts.

From now on similar levies will come thick and fast. There will be a levy not later than next year on every automobile, every ton of steel,

washing machine, vacuum cleaner, electric iron, refrigerator, and so on and on and on.

The only thing that can stop this spiraling tax which, if it isn't stopped, will pyramid to the point where the cost of everything will be so high that no one can buy anything, is action by Congress, and this, judging by the past, is a forlorn hope.

Congress, for more than ten years, has looked the other way every time anything concerning labor came up and there isn't much hope of getting it to look facts in the face any time in the near future.

Of course, it isn't right to put the blame on Congress. Actually it's the people themselves who are to blame. Too many of them have fallen for

the new deal soothing syrup of something for nothing; spend what you have as fast as you get it because when you don't have it, government will take care of you; your employer is a crook who will cheat you out of your eye teeth if you don't get him first. Oh, yes, this new stuff is a great line of hooey. I used to think that one day the people would see through it and turn on their so-called benefactors; now I'm not so sure.

If any turning is to be done, it will have to be done in the very near future, otherwise we'll all have to lose everything we possess, many of us our lives, before starting to rebuild from scratch.

Why isn't possible for every American to see this is beyond my

comprehension. Our Federal Government is now controlled absolutely by a small handful of labor leaders who are, with the consent of Congress and the approval of the Supreme Court, above each and every law of the land. A Republic, which is founded on equality and justice, cannot be operated on that basis.

What about the people? Well, frankly, if the people of this country, with their heritage of liberty and freedom, are so dumb, so spineless and so greedy that they will permit a few men to destroy our form of government and wipe out everything they have accumulated during a lifetime, they deserve their fate. They deserve to be slaves of the Stat as they are not capable of governing themselves.

I know there are quite a few hardy souls who, like myself, are ready and willing to fight to the last ditch for Constitutional government, the greatest blessing Almighty God ever bestowed on mankind any place on the face of the earth. I'd like to hear from everyone who feels that way. My address is 39 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. If there are enough of us, maybe we can still, late as it is, do something about it.

Mrs. Glenn Downing attended the State Council Conference in Corvallis last week, and also visited relatives in that part of the state. Her sister, Mrs. Grace Fryer, and daughter, Jeannie, of McMinnville, returned home with her for a visit.

NOTICE OF 1946-47 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215 O.C.L.A. as amended), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Central Point, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on June 6, 1946 the budget estimates for Central Point, Oregon, for the ensuing year July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 as set forth in the accompanying schedules, I, III. All persons are hereby notified that on Wednesday, the 3rd day of July, 1946, at 8:00 p.m. in City Hall, Central Point, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for Central Point, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Central Point, Oregon at June 30, 1946, consists of \$6,000.00 General obligation bonds.

SCHEDULE I—Summary of estimated expenditures, receipts and tax levies Fiscal Year 1946-47

1946-47 Levy Calculation	Total all Funds	General Gov't.	Public Safety	Social Welfare	Education	Public Works	Bonds	Interest on Bonds	Emergency
Total estimated expenditures	\$16,925.00	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cash on hand	2,000.00								
Tax levies inside 6% limitation	5,659.00								
Estimated receipts	8,226.00								
Tax levy outside 6% limitation									

SCHEDULE III—Expenditures

Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945	July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946 Actual for Six Months	Budget for Year	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947
\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,693.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,160.00	Recorder	\$ 2,400.00
176.00	180.00	180.00	90.00	200.00	Treasurer	200.00
80.00	45.00	80.00	150.00	200.00	Attorney	200.00
18.13		13.50	30.00	40.00	Elections	40.00
				100.00	Audit	100.00
79.70	62.10	54.35	62.50	100.00	Advertising and Printing	100.00
48.24	12.00	28.00	20.00	40.00	League and C. of Commerce Dues	55.00
37.50	52.00	47.50	5.00	50.00	Surety Bond Premiums	50.00
74.50	81.01	97.16	14.03	250.00	City Hall, Jail & Fire Hall	300.00
58.50	25.00	36.75	6.75	50.00	Fuel	70.00
23.72	33.17	58.94	34.49	40.00	Telephone Service	40.00
158.08	223.94	164.70	137.54	175.00	Insurance—Fire and Liability	200.00
1,924.65	961.20	1,221.18	575.55	3,000.00	Police Department	3,500.00
1,882.52	923.16	1,419.13	1,590.80	1,000.00	Fire Department	3,500.00
183.76	151.00	141.33	68.72	200.00	State Ind. Accident Comm.	200.00
53.52			12.00	50.00	City Parks	250.00
151.35	133.92	148.38	126.50	300.00	Library	300.00
995.38	985.05	1,171.40	639.75	250.00	Streets and Drains	250.00
231.31	323.21	386.37	163.73	500.00	Truck and Grader Service	500.00
248.18	259.53	277.62	151.20	250.00	Street Light & Bulbs	250.00
		3.74	2.10	50.00	Dump Grounds	50.00
3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	Principal on Bonded Debt	3,000.00
207.50	742.50	277.50	247.50	425.00	Interest on Bonded Debt	330.00
6,636.88	1,000.00	1,176.05			Loans to Water Fund	
80.37	282.94			1,000.00	Emergency	1,000.00
\$18,659.79	\$11,170.63	\$12,084.60	\$ 8,178.16	\$13,500.00	TOTAL	\$16,925.00

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