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EDITORIALS

A BILLION DOLLARS SAVED TAXPAYERS

The virtual demise of OPA is saving the American taxpayer over \$1,000,000,000 a year. That billion is the money that used to be paid out to producers as subsidies in the days of all-inclusive price control.

The subsidy was a means of providing the consumer something at less than its going market value—and then collecting the difference from him at the end of the year by adding it to his tax bill. For the last fiscal year, Congress appropriated \$700,000,000 for meat subsidies, \$560,000,000 for dairy products, and \$215,000,000 for flour.

The elimination of OPA resulted in immediate price rises to offset the discontinued subsidies—the consumer again paid the full cost of what he purchased at the time of purchase. That was responsible for most of the price increases that followed decontrol.

The end of these subsidies is a healthy sign. The subsidy principle may be justified as an emergency measure—and in some special instances it may have to be used in normal times to encourage the production of high-cost products desired by the government. But to subsidize part of the cost of producing and selling common commodities, such as foods, is to distort the price picture and to place the economy on a false and shifting foundation. We are attaining a more stabilized price structure now, based on today's cost of doing business. Elimination of the subsidy, like the elimination of price control itself, was an unavoidable first step in revitalizing the machinery of supply and demand.

"IT COULD OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT"

The return of the coal miners to work has not solved the basic issues involved in the coal controversy. The glaring fact remains that the miners stopped production at the order of one man, that they went back to work at the order of one man, that they can again walk out at the order of one man. This great nation, in effect, is existing on the sufferance of one man.

It is a misnomer to describe the present day coal strikes as strikes against the mine operators. They are strikes against the American people. The last coal strike was aimed straight at every home in America—every job in America—every business in America.

The return of the miners to work has not changed a situation which Judge Goldsborough put effectively into words in his decision, when he said: "If action of this kind could be successful, it could overthrow the government." It could, in short, do what Germany and Japan were unable to do in the greatest war of all time.

Furthermore, as one of the most prominent Senators said, the obligation of Congress to overhaul our labor laws and our labor policy has not changed—and it will not change regardless of the final decisions of the Federal courts. The duty of the courts is to say what the law means—the duty of Congress is to put into the framework of law the needs and desires of the people. And there can be no question of public sentiment when 400,000 coal miners place their interests above the interests of 140,000,000 men, women and children.

It is clear now that the Wagner Act has failed completely in its purpose—the elimination of strikes. It must be revised in principle as well as in detail. It is clear that labor must be forced to assume responsibilities. On what logical grounds can we continue to allow great unions, with millions of dollars in resources, to operate scot free of laws, passed in the name of the public interest, which govern all other enterprises?

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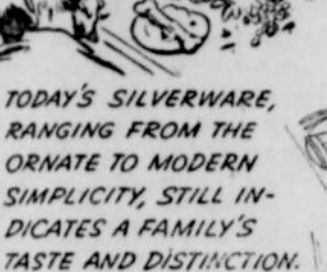


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The extremists in the labor ranks prattle of their rights and freedoms, and hysterically oppose every suggestion that would curb abuses. What these extremists really want is not freedom, but license. No man, no group of men, can be "free" to deliberately force this nation into industrial stagnation, widespread unemployment, and unimaginable destitution.

The goal Congress must seek is not punitive treatment of labor. It is, on the contrary, the placing of union labor on a basis of equality before the law instead of exempting it from the laws that apply to industry.

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and all citizens. We must reassert the authority of the government—which is simply the authority of the people. All other domestic problems pale into obscurity beside this one.

An irate gentleman called a newspaper editor on the telephone, stating his name. "Did you put that notice of my death in the paper?" he shouted. "Yes, I did," the editor admitted. "er . . . by the way . . . where are you calling from?"

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris and son, left Saturday morning to go to Visalia to spend the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. K. A. Roberts accompanied them as far as Dunsmuir where she planned to take the train for San Diego to join her husband who has been transferred there from Bremerton, Washington.

Mr. Kenneth Gable, and Mr. Jack Hays have gone to Eastern Oregon for Christmas.

NOTICE OF STREET AND ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Central Point did, on the 2nd day of December 1946, by ordinance, initiate proceedings to vacate the alley, part of alley and street in the City of Central Point described as follows:

The easterly and westerly alley in Blocks 22 and 19 of the City of Central Point from a point 165 feet westerly from the westerly line of Second Street westerly to the northerly line and southerly alley in said Block 19



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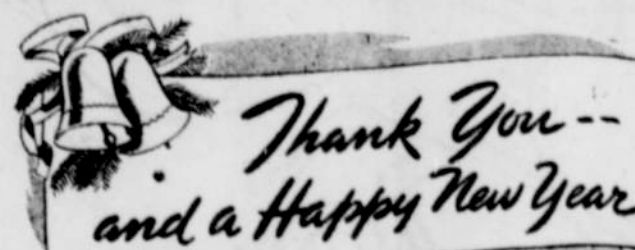
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and the northerly and southerly alley in said Block 19 between Cedar Street and Bush Street and 1st Street between the southerly line of Cedar Street and the northerly line of Bush Street:

and did provide for a public hearing to be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., on the 6th day of January 1947 at the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City of Central Point for the purpose of considering the vacation of and adoption of an ordinance vacating said alley, part of alley and street above described and for the further purpose of hearing and considering any objection or

monstrance thereto which may be made in writing and filed with the Recorder of the City of Central Point prior to the time of said hearing.

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