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Letter from Washington

By Harris Ellsworth

A comment I made last week to the effect that many Members of Congress have lost confidence in our government executive departments and agencies seemed to stir up quite a little interest in the Press Gallery here. I was surprised at that. It does not seem to me there is news in that comment. I thought everyone knew it. However, since the subject appears to be interesting, I will amplify it a bit further.

Consider, for example, the absurd and devastating action of some bureaucrat in turning over the plates for our invasion currency to the Russians. It is common knowledge that the Russians are printing currency which we are redeeming with dollars. Nearly 800 million of our dollars have been squandered in this way. When you realize that one of the objectives of the Russian government is to weaken us economically, so that we will not have the strength to be a superior power in the world, the enormity of the crime of "loaning" our currency plates can be understood.

Consider also the fact that one of our greatest internal difficulties, not only now but for many months past, is a shortage of railroad cars. This problem will plague us for nearly a year to come. Meanwhile, we have been exporting 5,000 new railroad cars per month, but have been building only 4,000 cars per month for domestic use. This country has a car-building capacity of 18,000 cars per month, but car factories are operating at only half capacity, largely because we are exporting too much steel. Lack of proper coordination and balance in the executive departments is to blame for this and numerous other damaging situations.

Speaking of lack of coordination, the attention of most people, when government agencies and departments are mentioned, is focused on the major government departments—those headed by Cabinet officers. The fact is the so-called independent offices make up a major portion of the administration. In total, there are 1,141 such agencies—620 more than there were in 1943. Nearly all of these agencies are responsible only to the President. A member of the Appropriations Committee told me recently that the revelations of unsound operations and outright squandering of federal funds by these

agencies are so great as to be almost unbelievable.

One of the most amazing pieces of testimony in the record of the Appropriations Committee hearings for these agencies is that of the General Accounting Office, itself one of the "independent offices," indicating that almost nowhere in the government is there any semblance of cost accounting, and that billions of dollars have been spent which never can be accounted for. In the case of the Maritime Commission alone, whose accounting procedures were so bad the committee had to hire a private firm to audit its budget, more than 8 billion dollars were disposed of in the past ten years for which there is no explanation.

There will be no personal income tax reduction this year. In vetoing the tax bill, the President used many words, but the truth of the matter is the President wants tax reduction to take place next year when he is running for re-election.

When the tax reduction bill was on the Floor of the House, the basic figures indicated that, if Republican appropriation cuts would total only 3 billion dollars, taxes could be reduced by nearly 4 billion, 2½ billion could be paid on the public debt, and the budget would still be in balance. Representative John Taber, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, told the House on June 18th that the House has already approved measures to save \$4,483,916,796. He further said indications are "this large total will be increased substantially before Congress adjourns." All of this simply means that the Republican program has been, and is being, carried out as promised, but that you will have to pay from 20% to 30% more income taxes next year because the President vetoed the tax reduction bill for purely political reasons.

The American Way

FOUR TIMES WORSE

By DeWitt Emery

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

President Truman has earned himself the dubious title of the world's greatest spender.

There are some of us who thought Roosevelt was pretty bad—or good, whichever you choose—on throwing away the taxpayers' money, but the most he ever spent in a peace time year was 2 billions, which means

that on this business of squandering public funds he was a rank amateur compared with Truman who insists that he must have 37½ billions for fiscal '48.

Why does Truman need so much money in '48? Here's a small but typical sample of how it's to be squandered—yes, I mean squandered, or thrown away if you prefer.

In the basement of the Department of Agriculture Building there is a small library. Why the professors and the others who operate this Department must have a library of their own when the Congressional Library, absolutely the finest and most complete library in the world, is nearby is an entirely different question. But they do have their own library, and, of course, they must have an appropriation to operate it.

What do you suppose the amount requested in the Department of Agriculture budget is to operate this library? You'd think, wouldn't you, that since it's quite small as libraries go, \$5,000 per month would be far more than enough to staff this library and buy whatever new books might be necessary. Sixty thousand per year is a sizable amount of money, especially so since there isn't any rent to pay.

Fulton Lewis, Jr., the well known radio commentator, sprang this on me and asked me to guess what I thought the bureaucrats were asking to run this library. I didn't see how they could possibly spend more than one thousand a month, but having some idea of what expert wasters these bureaucrats are, I multiplied my estimate by four and guessed four thousand per month. Fulton got a big laugh out of that, as well he might.

Actually, the Department of Agriculture is asking—hold onto your hat—for \$600,000.00 to operate this library during fiscal '48, that is, from July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948. Yes, I

mean six hundred thousand dollars. Fifty thousand dollars per month to run this "two-bit" library.

Frankly, I'm sure I could take a contract to run that library for a year at three thousand per month, run it better than it has ever been operated, and make myself a net profit of at least a thousand dollars a month.

The '48 budget, which is about the size of the New York City telephone directory and is printed in even smaller type, is filled with instances as bad or worse than the one I cited. At last one-third of every dollar is in this budget for no reason other than to be thrown away. Two years after the end of the war, there are still more than 2,600,000 persons on the payroll of the Executive Branch of our Government. Before the war, there were never more than 900,000 on this payroll. Why so many now? The only reason I can think of is that '48 is a presidential year.

How long are you folks—I almost said suckers—who pay the bill, going to sit back and take this sort of thing?

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