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EDITORIALS

YOU ARE "THE OTHER FELLOW"

There is a steel shortage in this country. And it is important that the American people realize what has caused it.

David Lawrence went to the heart of the matter in a recent column when he wrote, "It is estimated that 18,000,000 tons of steel have been lost to America since V-J day due to strikes in the coal mines and steel mills. That is enough steel to meet all present shortages. It is enough steel to satisfy Europe's needs and still give America her requirements. It is more than enough to meet for nearly two years the demands of those who have been asking 10,000,000 more tons of annual steel production capacity."

The steel industry has a major expansion program underway. Much new capacity has been added in the past year. But the incredible loss caused by the strikes cannot be made up in a hurry. It isn't humanly possible to make and transport enough steel to offset the loss except over a period of time. That is the main reason we are hungry for steel now.

Memories seem to be short. Too many of us wish to have our cake and eat it also. The public, which is pretty much indifferent to strikes, thinking they affect only "the other fellow," is finding out now that it is "the other fellow."

The blow struck at the American economy by the coal and steel strikes was probably the most severe handicap to postwar recovery, and accounts in large measure for present shortages and higher prices.

"SPEEDING UP" GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Public officials, holding positions of high responsibility and authority, have attempted to "speed up" the spending of Congressional appropriations to fever heat, in order to exhaust 1948 funds at an early date, and thus force Congress to vote more of the taxpayers' millions.

That is the deduction which must be made from a memorandum produced by Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon at recent meetings of the Senate Interior Department Appro-

riations Committee. It was signed by an official of the Federal Reclamation Bureau at Sacramento, California, and was addressed to the supervisors of four big Western reclamation projects. It stated that top level officials "are insistent" that 1948 funds be spent early in the year, by January 1, 1948, if possible. Normally, these funds which are appropriated on a fiscal year basis, would have lasted until July 1, 1948. It then said: "I wish to emphasize the secretary's and commissioner's and our regular policy which is to crowd construction to the utmost regardless of individual opinions as to adequacy of funds."

Just how successful these officials have been in "crowding" the spending must be determined by further investigation. And that investigation must go all the way to find out the facts and deal with the matter in accordance with the facts. As Senator Downey of California observed in referring to the memorandum, "This is evidence that reclamation bureau officials for improper political reasons speeded up construction in a very uneconomical and wasteful way."

The matter goes still farther than that. In many cases, reclamation bureau policy has been to cooperate with other government agencies in attempts to supplant the private power industry. It has threatened to build wasteful, duplicate electric facilities with the taxpayers' money. Only when forced to, has it disposed of the power resulting from its legitimate reclamation work in the sensible way—by selling it to utilities at a price which gives the government a good return, and which permits resale to the consumer at low, regulated rates.

It is the duty of Congress to safeguard the people's money—and to assure the integrity of every branch of government. "Speeding up" spending artificially, in order to make Congress appropriate still more, doesn't jibe with those principles.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Buckman have been quite ill at their home on south sixth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rostel, of Salem, are visiting friends in Central Point. Mr. Rostel is vacationing from his work with the state Highway department. Ernest was born and spent his boyhood in Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camp left New Year's day for their home in Des Moines, Iowa, having spent eight days visiting in the L. H. Camp home.

Mrs. Carl Hover, Carolyn Hover, Deloris Bohnert, Barbara Bateman, L. H. Camp, Mickey, Margaret and Lois Camp drove to Ashland Friday evening where they attended a Youth Rally in the basement of the new

Church of Christ. A large number of Youth from Southern Oregon churches were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cardwell spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Fresno California.

Supt. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett enjoyed a New Years visit from their entire family: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jewett and little son; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jewett and small daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Jewett and Marjorie and Lollie Jewett.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hansen a baby son, Rudolph Paul, 4 1/2 pounds, Jan. 6, 1948, at Sacred Heart hospital.

Mrs. Carl Hover, Mrs. W. T. Parsons, Mrs. Ethel Guyer, attended a

Scout leaders meeting at the Scout house in Medford on Monday. A desert luncheon was enjoyed followed by a work meeting and business.

Miss Arlene Brood spent the past week-end visiting her sister and family at Eugene.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 6, of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at high school building on the 29th day of January, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1948, and ending June 30, 1949, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET

Schedule I Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balances
Table with columns: ITEM, Total All Funds. Rows include Delinquent Taxes, County School Fund, Basic School Support Fund, State Irreducible School Fund, Vocational Education, High School Tuition, Elementary Tuition, High School Transportation, Estimated Total Receipts, Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit, Estimated Total Receipts and Available Cash Balance or Deficit.

SCHEDULE II—GENERAL FUND Estimated Expenditures
Table with columns: ITEM, Elementary Schools, High Schools, Estimated Expenditures for the ensuing School Year 1948-1949, Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year 1947-1948, ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Detailed Expenditures for 1946-1947, Expenditures 1945-1946 by totals). Rows include I. GENERAL CONTROL, II. INSTRUCTION—Supervision, III. INSTRUCTION—Teaching, IV. OPERATION OF PLANT, V. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, VI. AUXILIARY AGENCIES, VII. FIXED CHARGES, VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS, X. EMERGENCY.

SCHEDULE III—Bond Interest and Sinking Fund
Table with columns: Debt Service—Bond Interest and Sinking Fund, Principal on bonds, Interest on bonds, Total Schedule III—Debt Service—Bonds and Interest.

SCHEDULE VI—Summary of Estimates of Expenditures, Receipts and Available Cash Balances, and Tax Levies
Table with columns: ESTIMATION OF TAX LEVY, Total All Funds. Rows include Total estimated expenditures, DEDUCT, Total estimated receipts and available cash balances (Schedule I), Amount necessary to balance the budget, ADD, Estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which this budget is made, Total estimated tax levies for ensuing fiscal year, Analysis of estimated tax levies, Amount outside 6% limitation.

INDEBTEDNESS
1. Amount of bonded indebtedness (include all negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 111-1016, O.C.L.A.) \$51,500.00
4. Total indebtedness \$51,500.00
Dated this December 29, 1947
Signed: MERLE OBENCHAIN District Clerk
M. A. ADAMS Chairman, Board of Directors
Approved by Budget Committee December 29, 1947.
Signed: L. J. BIGHAM, Secretary, Budget Committee
J. E. VINCENT Chairman, Budget Committee

Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in School District No. 6 of Jackson County, State of Oregon, at High School Building in said school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1948-49 over the amount limited by section 11, article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.
The reason for increasing such levy is that all districts under the County Rural School Board are, under Chapter 345, Oregon Laws for 1945, without a levy base.
The amount of tax, in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said year is \$73,768.65.
Dated this 29th day of December, 1947.
Attest: MERLE OBENCHAIN District Clerk. M. A. ADAMS, Chairman Board of Directors

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