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EDITORIALS

OPPOSITES WON'T MIX

The Yakima, Washington, Republic recently ran an editorial on the electric power situation in which it observed that the private utilities "are looking ahead and working to forestall a shortage of electricity but they are handicapped, especially in regions where the Federal government is active in the power generation field. They are unable to plan long-range projects because of the ever-present possibility that the government will get deeper in the power business, makin investments in new privately-owned utility plants and additions unattractive. Prior to the government's participation in the power business, utility company executives could, and did, plan 20 years ahead to meet demands. Now such planning is out of the question."

There, in simple and understandable language, is the reason why power is tight in some parts of the country and may become tighter still. It is a perfect example of what happens when the government, with all its wasteful process of building duplication, goes into business. The power industry has done a remarkable job in spite of political efforts to destroy it. But the nation has lost an enormous amount of new power facilities it would otherwise have had. And it has witnessed ominous proof that socialism and capitalism will not mix.

The solution is that Congress take a firm stand to the effect that no new grandiose government power projects will be authorized; that the its advantages of tax-freedom, subsidies, and immunity from state regulating lines with the taxpayers' money be prohibited, and that, in regions where public plants now exist, they will cooperate honestly with the private utilities to achieve the most efficient distribution of the electricity. Then we will have power development on a vast scale—and the money will come from private pockets, not from the Treasury. We will create new axable assets for all units of government—instead of destroying existing ones. And the consumer—domestic, agricultural, industrial—will get the service at the lowest practical rate.

The American Way--

NO SKIN OFF THE NOSE
By George Peck

The principal thing wrong with President Truman's proposal of a flat \$40-a-person tax cut is that it will relieve millions of present day taxpayers from the responsibility of paying any taxes at all. The Bureau of Internal Revenue estimates that such a plan would eliminate between 9 and 10 million Americans from the tax rolls—and that would be bad.

WE CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT EITHER!



Let me illustrate. A few years back I used to have an almost daily chat with a clerk in a cigar store that I was then honoring with my patronage. He was a likeable, friendly young chap and we indulged in much good-natured banter, some of it along economic and sociological lines.

One day he asked me just what I had against the New Deal government. My reply was that it didn't seem to know the value of a dollar, that it was spending the taxpayers' money with the profligacy of drunk-sailor.

"Well, that's no skin off my nose," he shot at me. "The government ain't gettin' any of my money."

A year or so went by and then one day early in March, I made my usual daily visit to the cigar store. My friend didn't seem to be his usual cheery self. To my inquiry as to what was wrong he replied:

"I just came back from the Post Office—had to go up there to buy a money order to pay income tax."

"What's so bad about that? How much did you have to kick in to Uncle Sam?" I asked.

"\$2.60! !! What to h— is the government doing with OUR money, anyway?"

Further inquiry elicited the information that during the previous year he had received a raise in pay that lifted him into the income tax paying brackets for the first time. His whole attitude toward government spending had been changed—it was now skin off his nose.

And now the President proposes to excuse 10 million taxpayers from paying taxes—10 million Americans who now have a stake in government

and are concerned about what is being done with THEIR tax money. The President would throw them back into the ranks of those who just don't care a continental as to how Washington unnecessarily scatters money hither and yon.

It is the duty of every gainfully employed citizen to pay taxes. To use a poker term, he should not be allowed to draw cards until he has thrown some chips into the pot. In other words, paying taxes is a part of the duty and responsibility of his citizenship.

No, Mr. Truman! Your proposal is unsound, economically and political-ly. Would it not be better to pare government expenses to the bone? By so doing, taxes could be lowered—but let's not take 10 million American citizens and put them into the unhappy position where like my old pal, the cigar clerk, they will be chanting, "What do I care about how the government spends. It ain't no skin off my nose."

No one likes to pay taxes. To date, however, no one, not even Henry Wallace, has worked out a magic formula whereby a government can finance its operations without collecting taxes. It follows, therefore, that in a Republic, all who enjoy the services of government, should pay their fair share of maintaining it.

The President proposes to relieve 10 million Americans of that responsibility. My guess is that the Congress will not let him get away with it. What's yours?

TEXAS INVITES OSC CONDUCTOR

Oregon State College—Delbert Moore, conductor of the Oregon State Symphony orchestra, has accepted an invitation to be guest conductor of the civic symphony orchestra of Amarillo, Tex., in early February. A former member of the college orchestra, Mrs. Florence Secher Hortenberger, is now playing with the Texas musical organization.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON DEPARTMENT OF PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of SARAH E. RICE, sometimes known as SARAH JANE RICE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, Administratrix of the Estate of Sarah E. Rice, sometimes known as Sarah Jane Rice, Deceased, by virtue of an Order

duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Jackson, on the 21st day of January, 1948, will sell at private sale at the offices of Van Dyke & Lombard, in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1948, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., to the highest bidder (for cash) all the right, title, interest, and Estate which the said Sarah E. Rice, at the time of her death, had in and to the following described premises, to-wit:

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