

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Charles L. Egenroad

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Lest we forget:

July 24, 1946—Democrat Congress passes resolution decontrolling meat, poultry, dairy products, grain, petroleum, tobacco and setting up decontrol board.

July 25, 1946—Mr. Truman signs bill providing for decontrol board.

August 20, 1946—Decontrol board restores controls on meat, cotton seed and soybeans, but leaves free from control grains, dairy products and poultry.

September 10, 1946—Decontrol board applies meat controls to wholesale sales; restores meat controls at higher prices estimated to add \$800 million to nation's food bill.

October 14, 1946—Mr. Truman in radio address directs decontrol of meat and orders lifting of controls be accelerated.

October 15, 1946—President asks for and gets decontrol of livestock, meat, food and feed products, as nation approaches congressional elections.

October 16, 1946—Fats and oils are decontrolled, including margarine, shortening, salad dressing, cotton seed, peanut and soybean oil.

October 24, 1946—All food products except sugar, syrups and rice are decontrolled; also cosmetics.

October 30-31, 1946—Radios, lamps, small electrical appliances, kitchenware, glassware and hides, skins, leather and shoes are decontrolled.

November 5, 1946—Election of the 80th Republican Congress.

November 9, 1946—Mr. Truman orders end of price control on everything but sugar, rice and rent. Wage and salary control abolished by executive orders.

January 8, 1947—Mr. Truman presents his economic report to the 80th Congress, says: "Farmers must realize that last year's exceptional farm prices will fall somewhat as world food supplies increase and as consumers find a more ample supply of durable goods to purchase. Existing price supports afford protection against a severe price decline."

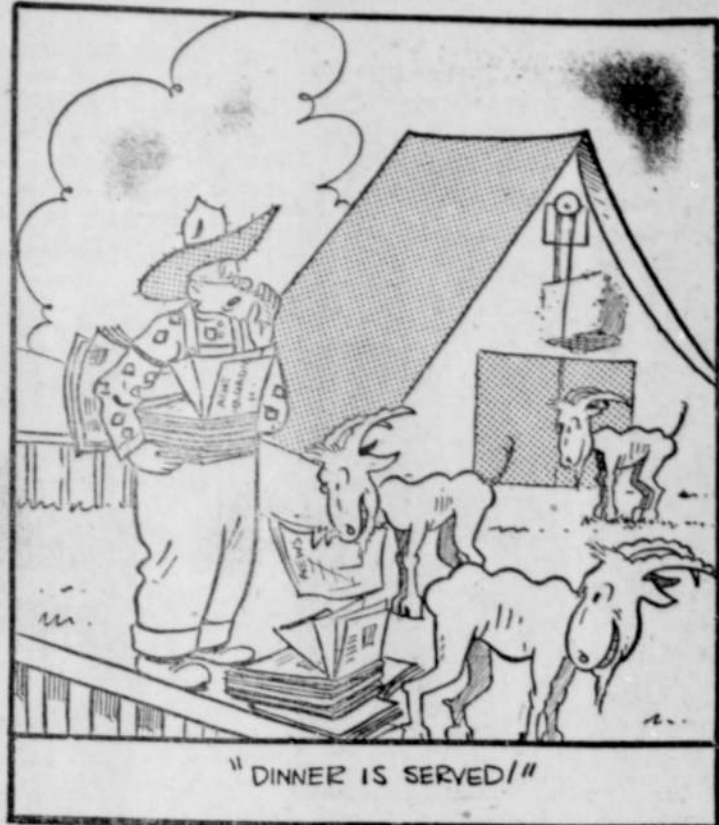
June 11, 1947—80th Congress asks for termination of sugar rationing.

June 12-30, 1947—Agriculture Secretary Anderson calls off sugar rationing and price control on rice.

October 16, 1947—Mr. Truman calls price and wage controls "police state methods."

November 17, 1947—Mr. Truman suggests to special session of Congress his 10-point plan to combat inflation; calls for controls on "cer-

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tain items"; explains—"Price ceilings would not be necessary for staple food and clothing items not in short supply or for any delicacies or luxuries."

January 7, 1948—Mr. Truman, in State of Union message, again asks for police state powers.

May 14, 1948—Mr. Truman publicly reiterates demand for 10-point control program.

THE AMERICAN WAY--

"I AM THE GOVERNMENT"

By Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

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One day while riding on a train I fell to talking with a man who confessed he was a bureaucrat, an employee of one of the innumerable agencies of a Washington bureau. While our discussion was amicable, it soon developed that we had decidedly conflicting philosophies. Dramatically, this gentleman asked, "Do you see me?"

I replied that I did; my sight is

still good.

"Well," said he, "you are looking upon the government of the United States."

To this rather astounding statement, I asked, "Were you elected by the people?"

"No," he replied, "I was not elected. I was appointed."

"Was the man who appointed you elected by the people?"

"No," he admitted, "he was not, he was appointed by someone else."

On further questioning he declared that his authority stemmed from the President, who by executive order created his position and thereby, he was in essence, the gov-

ernment of the United States.

Now, it was my turn to be dramatic. Assuming my best theatrical pose I shot his question back at him. "Do you see me?"

He replied that he did, whereupon I said, "You are looking upon the real government of the United States. I and one hundred forty million others like me are the uncrowned rulers of this land, and our authority is derived not from the President but from God. We created the President. We are not his servants or the servants of his infinite bureaus. We are the rulers of this land. We are the government of the United States. Don't you or any of your fellow-bureaucrats ever forget that."

"Yes, that is the thing that none of us must forget. All power originates from the people, and free government is only by consent of the people. That is primary American doctrine. This knowledge is part of the rudimentary equipment of the American citizen. He has been taught this vital truth since childhood.

It is the very essence of freedom but it seems to have been forgotten today by the sneering advocates of the Big State, by the paternalistic bureaucrats who assume to know more about what the people need than do the people themselves. Super-government smiles patronizingly from its assumed superiority, but the people can be trusted to

know what is good for them, and thanks be to God, most Americans have not yet been corrupted in their thoughts to the false, undemocratic, reactionary idea that Big Government is a panacea for the ills of the world; they still believe that free men know how to govern themselves.

The solution of America's problems is not in terms of Big Government, nor in Big Capital, nor in Big Labor. Those problems will be solved, as our problems have been solved in the past, by Big Men over whom nobody stands in control but God.

It is strange how some Americans have lost their faith in the ability of free men to govern themselves. Foolishly they would barter away their priceless American heritage for a mess of pottage—this, despite the fact that our free society has demonstrated its value and its

workability by the enormous, astounding industrial, mercantile and scientific civilization it has produced.

All of us have every right to throw out our chests while we dramatically and loudly proclaim, "I AM THE GOVERNMENT."

Recently the Soviet government offered a prize for a monument design to the great Russian poet, Pushkin. None was satisfactory. Finally, on second call a design showing a great figure of Stalin reading a small volume of Pushkin's poetry was submitted. It won.

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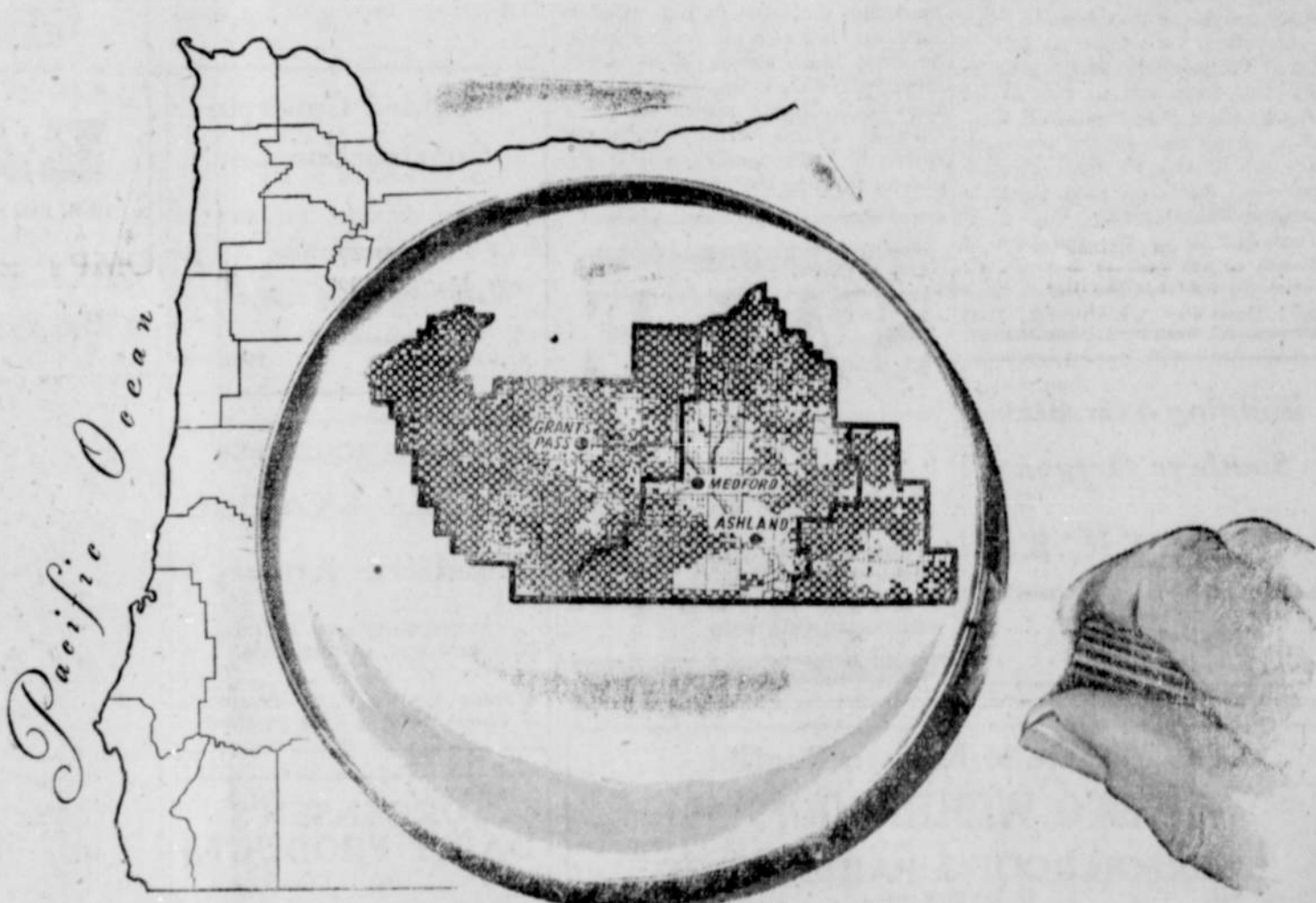
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But there is a sound plan of operation under the federal law that allows operators to utilize the timber on the re-vested (black) sections. By making a "cooperative agreement" with the Bureau of Land Management and combining their own private lands

under a cooperative unit they can operate profitably and permanently.

Naturally, there is a responsibility on the part of private operators in this contract. They must agree to "log" their own private land on a "sustained yield" basis, rotation of areas according to growth, reseeded and adequate protection.

This responsibility is a vital part of the PLAN to assure your community of perpetual forest growth, of economic lumber supply security. Furthermore, this is the essence of a plan that is now in operation to protect you — your job, your business or profession.

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