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EDITORIALS

THE BASIC CAUSE OF INFLATION

The President's message to the special session of Congress dwelt at length on rising prices and the high cost of living. But it did not touch at all on one of the basic reasons for inflation—the high cost of government.

Since 1939, according to government figures, the cost of living has risen 73 per cent. But in the same period the cost of the Federal government has risen 337 per cent—from less than \$9,000,000,000 in 1939 to nearly \$40,000,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1948. To put it another way, the cost of government, Federal, state and local, has increased at a rate nearly 4½ times as fast as the cost of living, and taxes now constitute the largest single item in the budget of the American people—larger than the nation's bill for food.

This underlines the folly of trying to find a scapegoat for high prices. They aren't the fault of manufacturers or retailers or any other group. Industry, taking it as a whole, has raised prices reluctantly and only when no other course was possible, because high prices ultimately reduce sales. Our whole government fiscal policy is of a kind that makes more and more inflation inevitable.

It is a gross deception to argue that the cure for higher prices lies in controls and roll-backs to the level of 1946 or some other year. Nothing would do more to discourage production, and to give this country a taste of what a police state is like. No one, whether he be a manufacturer or a storekeeper, can do business at a loss. And nothing in the proposed controls could reduce by a single penny the cost of operating an enterprise.

We must attack inflation by dealing with the causes, not the symptoms. Economical government, combined with a tax policy that offers incentives to production, is the first step.

MORE GAINS FOR LABOR

It should be remembered that when the Taft-Hartley law was passed, the CIO-PAC organization announced that it would fight to defeat every member of Congress who voted for it.

Since that time, 147 members who supported the Act have come up for renomination, and 137 of them have won. And only one of the 10 who lost represented a major northern industrial district, where CIO-PAC supporters are supposed to be strong.

This certainly indicates that the rank and file of union labor, like the rank and file of the voters at large, doesn't servilely follow the orders of the big-shot union officers. And there is plenty of reason why it should not. The leaders denounced the Taft-Hartley Act as a slave labor law, which would make the most ruthless exploitation of the worker both possible and inevitable. Yet what has actually happened?

Some of the principal labor groups have made some of their greatest gains since the law was passed. The new contract gives the miners a 10 per cent increase. Soft coal is a prime example of an extremely liberal pension plan. It further increased pay—even though the miners received the highest wage of any comparable group before the new contract. The short working day remains in effect. Every benefit the miners had before the Taft-Hartley Act, was retained, and more are now enjoyed.

Workers in steel, automobile and other big industries have also won new gains. To say that the Taft-Hartley Act has in any way weakened labor is to deny the obvious truth.

Apparently the members of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act benefited labor, and the workers know it.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Huitt and daughters left Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Huitt's mother in Idaho. Mrs. Ethel Huitt accompanied them as far as Bend, where she will visit her sister and also Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and family of Redmond. Mrs. Powell is Mrs. Huitt's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Christprier, of Salem, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Christprier's mother, Mrs. aMry E. Moore last week returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hilton, Mrs. Lettie Gregory and Miss Lysle Gregory drove to Crescent City, Calif. Sunday and spent the day visiting relatives.

A pink and blue shower was held at the home of Joyse Smith near Gold Ray dam last Wednesday afternoon honoring Mrs. William Houston of Medford. The guests consisted of relatives and close friends of Mrs. Houston. She received many lovely and useful gifts. At the close of a very pleasant afternoon cookies and punch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meyer and small daughter, Sharla Joe, returned to Central Point after spending a part of the summer visiting and attending summer term at the state university.

Mrs. Bernice McCue received word this week from Mayor and Mrs. E. E. Scott at Wheeler, where they had gone for medical treatment, that they were much improved and might be home Sunday.

It was stated last week that Mr. J. E. Vincent was taking a vacation from his work as a rural mail carrier for a couple of weeks. However, we are informed that his 'vacation' is a compulsory one on account of illness. He has not been well for some time.

Robert Danekin was a dinner guest at the L. H. Camp home last Sunday. Gilbert Danekin spent some time visiting the Camps. Later the boys took an airplane ride. Gilbert is a licensed pilot and does a good deal of flying.

Lloyd Rupp is building a "guest house" in the yard of their home on Pacific highway south. The house consists of a combination living room and bed room and a kitchenette. The first guests to live in this little house will be Mrs. Rupp's parents, the Fred Scotts. They plan to move in some time the first week in September.

Carl Hover flew to Eugene, Ore. Monday morning to attend a state milk control board returning in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns accompanied by a friend left for a Primeville, Oregon Thursday morning for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt, of Klammath Falls, spent Tuesday visiting at the Lloyd Rupp home.

Miss Freida Bechtold, a teacher in the Juneau Alaska school system, spent a part of the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. Roland Hover and friends in the valley. Miss Bechtold's parental home is at Baker, Montana and she will sail from Seattle Aug. 28th for Juneau to begin her third year of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Woodruff, of Compton, Calif., arrived Tuesday noon at the L. H. Camp home for a short visit enroute to Crater Lake, Bend and Portland. Mr. Woodruff is a cousin of Mrs. Camp.

John Burns sold his farm recently and the family left Wednesday for Red Lodge, Montana to make their home. Several farewell parties were held honoring them. A group gathered at the Burns home Friday night from the county highway department and on Sunday night following the evening service at the Church of Christ, about forty met in the social rooms for a farewell honoring the Burns. The community regrets losing this good family.

Mrs. Nelson Florey and son Michael left Tuesday evening for Portland to visit Nelson, who is confined to a hospital in that city.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Suit in Equity To Quiet Title IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY ANNA E. NEWTON and MORTON E. NEWTON, wife and husband, plaintiffs,

vs.
SARAH E. WRIGHT and JOHN DOE WRIGHT, her husband; SARAH GILBERT and JOHN

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND EACH OF THEM:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons; and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That plaintiffs be adjudged and decreed to be the owners in fee-simple of the real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), in Block Two (2), Pattison Addition to the

City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, free and clear of any and all right, title, claim, estate or interest of any kind and nature on the part of the defendants or either or any of them. By order of the Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge of said Court, made and dated August 4th, 1943, this Summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four successive weeks in the Central Point American, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, the date of the first publication thereof being August 5, 1943, and the time for answer expiring September 2, 1943.

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