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## EDITORIALS

ALONG MAIN STREET  
J. E. Jones

Washington, D.C., April—Half of the people in the United States are packed into crowded cities and suburbs. They assume to "know-it-all" and to prove it they round up the "leaders," whereupon pickets and hoodlums pull off sensational stunts that make news for radio commentators and headlines for the metropolitan press.

The other half—and the Big Half—live in small cities, villages, and

in the open country connecting with Main Streets that extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico and the Gulf.

The "pressure" in Washington is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow, and the disposition in the American capital favors all kinds of political bosses, labor bosses and socialistic schemes that dirty the face of Miss Democracy.

The President of the United States blasted the 80th Congress in unreasonable words. But he unlearned when he said that "during the last 16 years American people have been creating a society which offers new opportunities for every man to enjoy his share of the good things in life. . . . But we are forward-looking in protecting those values and principles and in extending their benefits." His political partners shuddered, but decided to play the game. The President calmed down and now he is getting along better with Congressmen. Some even seem to favor socialized and undemocratic suggestions, including taking over "medical science," National control of schools, and balking labor bosses. At the present moment it looks as though the White House and Congress will "kiss and make up."

The Big City politicians from New York across country through Chicago and on to San Francisco are swallowing Presidential pills. The union Labor Bosses found it a little easier to call a ridiculous coal miners strike in protest of a nomination by the President of a man to a high Federal post.

There was no demand from America's Main Street for Congress to approve the President's recommendations to interfere with the credit at the banks; or to regulate commodity exchange to interfere in the field of transportation; to impose ceiling prices on scarce materials, or for Government loans to private industry.

Anyhow, most of these measures resembled pipe-dreams. The American Main Street said "pooh!"

Looking at the whole question from another standpoint we find the political situation as bad as it was under the Roosevelt New Deal. How anybody can wade through the recommendations and agree that it is a Fair Deal is almost beyond comprehension.

But the present Administration is bounding forth with speed that the taxpayers will have to pay for. Politics rule the roost in the metropolitan districts. At the same time Main Street is still thinking sensibly and sound.

The Nation as a whole is on the very peak of a crisis that can't be cured by the National Government taking over the affairs of the great medical profession, the local schools and a thousand other socialistic activities right here in the United States.

Main Street is safe and so are most of the State, city and town Governments.

But why should the National Government spend such monstrous, incalculable and senseless billions of dollars in peace-time that total above the expenses of war-time? That is an international problem and not concerned with the trend towards socialism and socialistic ideas that weakened and not strengthened the United States.

## MUSINGS---

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were low. There were only a few really solvent taxpayers in town—and they had all they could do to pay the taxes required to pay off that awful debt. No city administration even dared to think of raising the tax load enough to put in any more city improvements.

And so the years went by. Every city council spent many weary hours trying to think up some way to make the debt payments and at the same time make the many improvements asked for by the citizens of the town. It was a most thankless job—and still is, for the matter of that. They're cussed if they do and cussed if they don't. Small cities of our class just don't have money enough to do all the things the people seem to think they want. Today we can be thankful that the men of old who managed the affairs of the city did as well as they did to keep the city solvent.

Since the coming of the war and Camp White our city has had many new problems. Our population has increased rapidly; new industries such as the planing mill, the railroad ties business, the "stud" mill, and others, have all brought new

problems. Our streets have had to bear much heavier traffic, parking is becoming a problem, and the cost of operating the city's business has more than doubled.

So the city council of today is faced with enough serious problems without being perpetually bothered with "demands" and "petitions." And we are told that some crazy folks are even writing anonymous letters to the mayor! The place for such communications is the waste basket or the kitchen sign. If the writer hasn't the guts to sign his or her letters they should be ignored, not worried over.

So, after all is said and done, Central Point isn't so bad a place in which to live. We have good schools, good churches, live civic organizations, and our people, while not wealthy, are the salt of the earth. Here we have good neighbors, good friends and a cheerful way of life not often found in larger cities. Let's be thankful for the blessings we have, and quit worrying.

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO EXAMINE ASSESSMENT ROLLS.**  
Notice is hereby given, in compli-

ance with Sec. 110-401-2, O.C.L.A. as amended by chapter 46 (sec. 1), Oregon laws 1945, that a meeting will be held by the Board of Equalization on the second Monday in May, 1949, at the Courthouse in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at ten o'clock a.m. at which meeting the Board of Equalization will publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description, or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

It shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

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