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EDITORIALS

HOW TO PREVENT MONOPOLY

Senator Robinson of Virginia has introduced a bill of the highest importance. Its purpose is to prevent the big labor unions from using and abusing monopoly power. It would accomplish this goal by amending the original antitrust act of 1890, which was passed to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies, in the following manner: "Provided further that when a labor organization or the members thereof have unreasonably restrained trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, in articles, commodities, or services essential to the maintenance of the national economy, health, or safety, or an substantial segment thereof, such conduct shall not be made lawful and the jurisdiction of any court of the United States to issue an injunction against such conduct shall not be restricted or removed..."

Senator Robinson said the need for such legislation was indicated by the hearings held by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee last summer, which inquired into the disruption by strikes and work stoppages of the coal and other industries.

The top brass of the labor unions will, no doubt, cry to high heaven that this proposal is persecution of the worst kind, that it would enslave labor, and so on. The public, however, which pays the bill for monopoly power of any kind, will take a different view. All the measure would do is to place labor unions—which are among the biggest of "big businesses" today—on the same basis as industry and finance. It would not destroy or even affect any legitimate right of labor. It would, on the other hand, protect the nation—including labor—from ruthless and indefensible monopolistic practices.

Economic Highlights

In an editorial called "Those Hidden Taxes," the New York Herald Tribune observes, "The citizen who grins and bears it each week when he takes note of deductions from his take home pay, or who gulps when he makes the quarterly payment on his income tax, has perhaps mercifully been spared a consciousness of the hidden taxes which fall upon him every day. . . . The problem of tax reform, however, requires knowledge on the part of

That Finishing Touch



One of New York's outstanding young sculptors is John Hovannes whose work has been exhibited at many leading museums. He also conducts classes at the Art Students League, Cooper Union and at his own 59th street studio. To put a finishing touch on his sculptures, Hovannes has found that there's nothing like rubbing them with wax. He says paste wax helps put a beautiful patina on the wooden pieces such as this modern work above. It also helps bring out the richness of bronze. Pupils in his classes are urged to use wax as a preservative and beautifier for their work.

the citizens. It is to the advantage of the individual that he sees through tax smokescreen which the experts have laid down—that he feel the pain of what has been devised to be painless."

The Herald-Tribune ran a series of factual articles, by Robert S. Bird, dealing with the impact of hidden taxes on the ordinary taxpayer. It is a sure bet that not one citizen in ten thousand has any accurate idea of how deep these taxes cut into his earnings. For instance, on a \$10,000 house it was found that no less than 639 hidden taxes were involved in the construction, development of site, and purchase financing. These taxes, Mr. Bird says, were collected by the Federal and state governments from the architect, builder, banks, agents, insurance companies, contractor manufacturers, jobbers and others.

Hidden taxes are not confined to big purchase like a house. The Tax Foundation found that 151 taxes applied to a loaf of bread. A woman's spring hat carried 150 taxes. A man's suit came in for 116. A humble egg accounted for 100. Mr. Bird writes: "In none of these studies were local taxes taken

into account, nor the Federal and state levies on the various steps behind the supply and manufacturing point. As an example of how complex the tax-shifting devices work, the economists found that even the length of time an article remains in stock sometimes determines who bears the weight of a particular tax."

No one knows the actual total of hidden taxes. Estimates indicate they may run as high as \$700 per family per year. And, of course, they come on top of all direct taxes. The magnitude of the latter is shown by the fact that in 1949 the average taxpayer worked one month for the Federal government to pay the Federal income tax alone.

The Federal government is the biggest tax eater by far. It takes 71 cents of each tax dollar, while the states take 15 cents and local units 14 cents. By contrast, in 1932, the Federal government took but 22 per cent and in 1939, 39 per cent.

What to do about this tremendous problem is a tough question. The Herald-Tribune says, "The overlapping tax jurisdictions, the continuance of taxes which have outlived their original purpose, the crush-

ing proportions of the tax burden as a whole, require the most careful study. . . . But the first step is to know, and the second is to be aroused."

Berean Class Meets At Cassman Home

Mrs. Hamrick and Mrs. Lewis were hostesses of the Ladies Berean Bible class of the Community Bible Church, at the Cassman home Thursday afternoon.

During the business meeting plans were made for Valentine baskets for the home department.

Mrs. Hanson led in devotions. During the social time Valentine games were enjoyed and an exchange of Valentine gifts between Berean Sisters.

Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Hill admitted having birthdays in the month of February and each drew a lovely crocheted gift from the Birthday sack.

Mrs. Faye Bishop from Medford was a guest visitor.

Refreshments were served, again bringing an enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Sixteen members of the Senior social studies class attended a conference of the Southern Oregon Conference of the International Relations League held at the Medford High School Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Frank Munk was the guest speaker at the conference. The class was accompanied by Clarence Mellbye, social science teacher, and by Supt. H. P. Jewett.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal school voters of School District No. 6 of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that a SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING of said school district has been called and will be held at The Gymnasium Building of the High School in the city of Central Point within said school district on the sixth day of March, 1950, from 7 o'clock P.M. until 9 o'clock P.M., for the following purpose:

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Judge, Chairman
R. R. Lytle,
County Commissioner
L. R. (Shy) Morthland,
County Commissioner
C. R. Bowman,
County School Supt., Secretary
31—Feb. 16-23.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON, PROBATE DEPARTMENT.

In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel C. Collins, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has filed her Final Account as executrix of the above estate with the Circuit Court of said County, and the Court has fixed the 3rd day of March, 1950, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., of said day and the Circuit Judge's office in the County Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place respectively for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to the said Final Account, and you are hereby notified to file objections, if any you have, to the said Final Account on or before the time fixed for hearing.
Dated and first published this 2nd day of February, 1950.
Clara L. Vincent,
Executrix
27—Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23

NOTICE OF STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Central Point did, on the 6th day of February, 1950, by Ordinance, initiate proceedings to vacate a portion of Front Street in the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, described as follows:
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and did provide for a public hearing to be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 3rd day of April, 1950, at the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City of Central Point for the purpose of considering the vacation of and adoption of an Ordinance vacating a portion of Front Street above described and for the further purpose of hearing and considering any objection or remonstrance thereto which may be made in writing and filed with the Recorder of the City of Central Point prior to the time of said hearing.

By order of the Council of the City of Central Point, Oregon.
Arden R. Pinkham,
Recorder

47—Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2.

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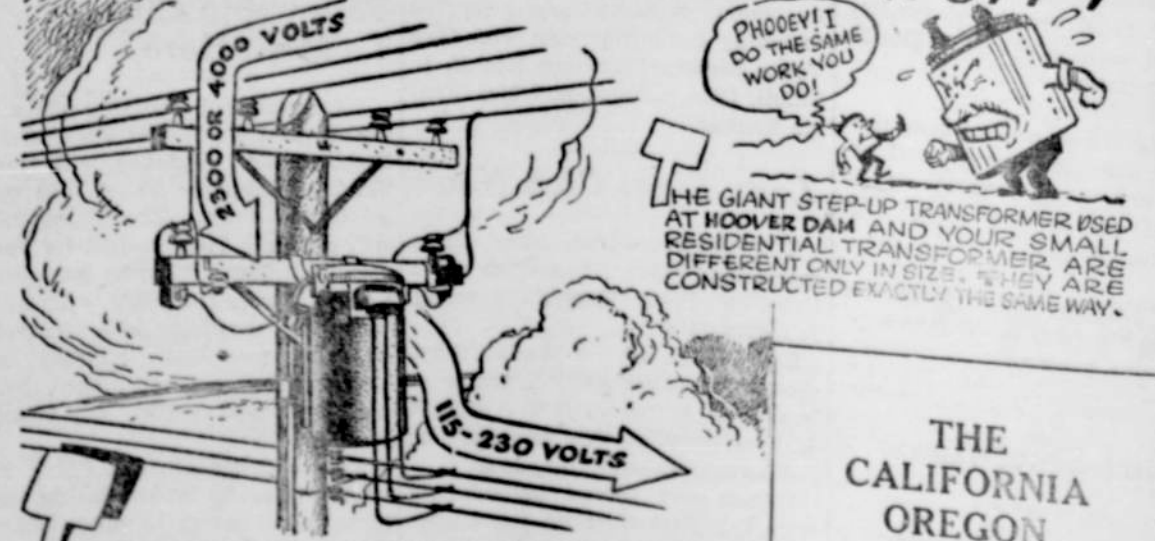
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