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## ANOTHER RACKET GETS THE GATE

Fake accident claim racketeers have become so bold of late years in the city of New York that the district attorney has arranged to set a permanent bureau to handle accident fraud cases. Need for a permanent bureau was revealed by the activities of a special bureau which for some months past has been notably successful in convicting crooked lawyers, doctors, runners and fake injury claimants. Prior to the creation of the special bureau 73 per cent of cases on the calendar of the months after the special bureau began to function personal injury claims in the city court dropped nearly 30 per cent, and already a marked decrease has taken place in insurance rates.

New York's special fraud bureau has benefitted not only the taxpayer and honest litigant, but the public as a whole. Efficient functioning of the judicial machinery is no longer threatened by a growing volume of trumped-up injury claims and the pernicious activities of crooked practitioners.

Cities throughout the nation may profitably follow the example set by New York. The accident racketeer is a parasite. His activities are a constant drain on the resources of the casualty insurance industry and force insurance rates to higher levels than would otherwise prevail thus causing every insurance buyer to help pay the bill. Hearty cooperation between the public, the courts, the police and the insurance industry can ultimately eradicate the fake accident racketeer. The sooner his demise the better.

## SOCIALISM IS THE OBJECTIVE

Now pending in Congress are a number of bills with a similar objective. That objective is the promotion of publicly owned electric systems—which is a polite way of saying socialism of the electric industry. If the objective is reached, an industry with an investment of some \$12,000,000,000, representing savings of millions of citizens, will be impaired or destroyed. Taxes running into the hundreds of millions will be imposed on the Federal, state and local governments. And the taxpayers of the nation, in addition to making up this serious loss, will be directly responsible for any and all deficits that public plants may create.

Two of the pending bills are indicative of the trend. One would establish half a dozen or so power districts in strategic parts of the country, modeled after the TVA. The fact that all of these sections are at present served with electricity at low cost, and that in most of them there is considerable excess of supply over demand is not considered.

Another of the bills, recently introduced in the House, says: "The purpose of this act is to provide for the public operation of the coal, electrical energy, oil and natural gas industries in the Continental United States, and of their products. It is declared to be in the public interest that these industries be operated as a national unified system." The act then provides that a corporation be formed to secure these ends either by negotiation or by exercising the right of eminent domain. What it would cost to do all this is staggering—it would run into the scores of billions, and would establish socialism in America on a major scale. But cost to the taxpayers doesn't seem to matter to those who vision the tremendous possibilities for political power and patronage in government seizure of our basic industries.

Certainly the American people have never voiced a desire for socialism. On many occasions in local elections held in every state they have voiced their opposition to it. It is safe to say that in a general election these national bills if presented under their true colors, namely attempts to socialize industry, would be overwhelmingly defeated. The only way to assure that such legislation, which would undermine the right to private ownership of property in the United States, does not become law, is eternal vigilance on the part of the people.

## Introducing Francone, The Fur Doctor

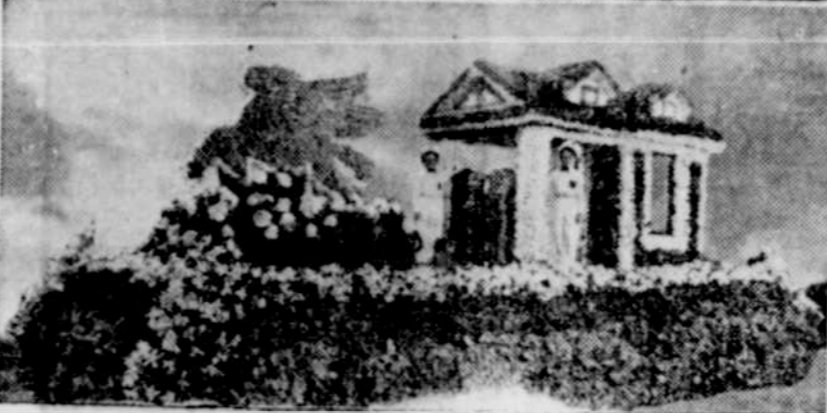
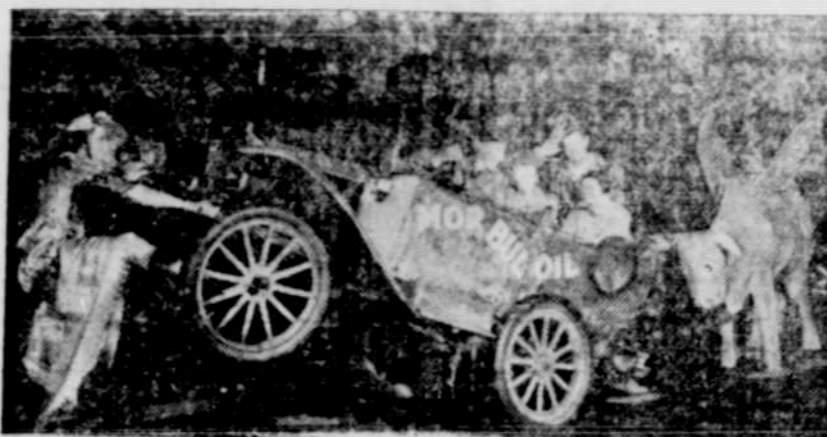
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## IN PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL PARADES



The floral float and comic entry pictured above were entries of the General Petroleum corporation in the floral parade and the employees of the firm in the Merrykama parade of this year's Portland Rose Festival. The floral float was a child's size miniature Mobilgas service station, while the Merrykama entry was called "Morbuoli" and was pushed by the comic figure of the red flying horse.

## Resources Aim of Rehabilitation Plan

Proper land use and preventing settlement on Washington county lands unsuited to agriculture, is one of the goals of the resettlement administration's rehabilitation program reports Victor S. Madsen, county rehabilitation supervisor Commercial Building Hillsboro, Ore.

Plans worked out in cooperation with each of the 125 rehabilitation families in the county, provide for farm management and farm practices that will conserve the soil resources and still provide the maximum cash income. Where possible participation in the soil conservation program is urged. The cash income is supplemented by plans for sufficient gardens to insure a plentiful supply of home-grown fruits and vegetables.

As every family locating on poor land or in isolated districts unsuited to farming increases county road, school and relief, costs without comparable tax returns, rehabilitation loans are made only to families on potentially productive farms. A family on a farm capable of being a productive unit through a loan for necessary livestock, feed, seed, machinery or other capital goods is not only able to pay its taxes but spends hundreds of dollars each year with local merchants and industry.

To prevent settlement on lands unsuited to farming, newcomers expecting rehabilitation assistance are urged to check with the county supervisor before making final arrangements for purchase or lease. If the farm is located on good soil where county services and marketing facilities are available eligibility for a loan is easily established.

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