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GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Puzzled as most of us are about our status—politically, socially and economically—the following article taken from the Industrial News Review may throw some light on the situation which will be of value:

At a time when the functions of government and the powers of its boards and bureaus are growing so rapidly that no man knows how great they are, and when they are actually usurping the functions of the courts, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, told 200 Detroit automotive and advertising executives that the press of America and industry must guard the fundamentals of our system of free enterprise against encroachments of government. Mr. Sulzberger said:

I cannot over-emphasize the power and authority piling up in Washington. I would be derelict if I were not to point out, there are those in my opinion who seek to use the smokescreen of America's foreign wars to promote and forward their American revolution.

"We of the press must be alert to protect the fundamentals of our system of free enterprise, and you must be doing some more egg hatching. You must be preparing to show the people of this country what industry can and will do for each man, woman and child in the community when our major task is completed, far away as that goal still is."

The men of industry must keep ahead of the procession in helping to prepare a sound plan, said Mr. Sulzberger: "Let us paint it in all the colors of our genius—new houses, new cars, new education, new opportunity of every kind.

"That's what democracy offers when we, the people, do it. And to do all that, we need a free press."

In other words, industry must go on the offensive. It has the brains and it has the capital. Management and labor must work together as never before.

Our people have everything to gain from a free enterprise system. They have everything to lose by the extension of state socialism. We have but to look around the world to prove this point to ourselves.

Real statesmanship, industrial and labor leadership, and an informed public must cooperate to see that the United States remains the land of individual opportunity.

SMALL TOWN MERCHANT HAS REAL OPPORTUNITY

It is more than a possibility that the small town merchant will benefit from the rationing of gasoline if he sees his opportunity and takes advantage of it. Curtailing of mileage in the use of au-

tomobiles automatically creates a trade at home situation for car drivers cannot plan the usual week-end jaunts to the larger centers—not so many of them, at least.

One has but to make a trip to realize this fact. Cars are scarce on the highways these days, not because people do not want to travel or cannot afford to but because four gallons of gas per week will not take them very far. Then, too, the larger trading centers are experiencing the same handicaps in obtaining stocks as the smaller centers. Disappointment soon discourages one in the policy of trading away from home.

Admittedly the merchants are experiencing troublous times, yet we are assured that ample food supplies and other necessities will be available, if somewhat curtailed and altered. It will require expert management to carry on and we may see consolidations and even some closings for the duration. If we would keep our community from suffering such losses we will have to pull together and make trading at home as advantageous as conditions will permit. The right effort put forth during this emergency will go far towards preserving trade when gasoline and tires once more are available and distance is no longer a deterrent to shopping tours.

WHAT TO REVEAL

This newspaper has been a bit reticent to publish too much news about movements and whereabouts of our boys in the service. That our readers may get a better understanding of our position and of the urgency of cooperating with the government in all matters pertaining to conduct of the war, we offer the following from the office of censorship at Washington, D. C.

"On the battle front every day men risk their lives to discover the location and strength of the military units of the enemy. Yet at home, too many of us are presenting the enemy with information of the same military value, the office of censorship says in a statement.

This is the information which newspapers and individuals are asked not to tell the enemy:

DO NOT TELL the names of ships upon which sailors serve.

DO NOT TELL the troop units in which soldiers serve overseas.

There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic, but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, 'Company C, 600th Infantry,' is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown, 'Aboard the U. S. S. Wisconsin,' is in the Atlantic.

The office of censorship says: 'We ask editors not to publish these troop identifications, and we ask parents and relatives not to reveal them. Don't give the enemy anything that may lengthen the war.'

From the looks of things the powers that be will have to revise the ruling to dear "roof prices."

Hitler overlooked one thing—he did not gear his war machine to climb the steppes of Russia.

WHAT IS INCOME TAX?

The federal income tax is, as the name implies, a tax levied upon incomes, and it is payable in relation to the amount of income. Income, for federal income tax purposes, means in general any compensation for one's services, whether the compensation be in money or in goods or other services; it includes also the net value received for the product of one's labor, as farm produce, in the case of a farmer income from investments; profit from business operations; and other gains from sales and exchanges of goods and property. Certain limited categories of income are however, tax exempt, and to the extent of such exemption are excluded in computing the tax.

Because of exemptions from the tax given to persons having less than certain stated amounts of income, as well as because of various deductions and credits allowable, only a small proportion of the number of persons receiving income have until recently been subject to the tax. Thus, of the estimated 55 million persons in this country who received income in one form or another during the calendar year 1941, only some 26 million persons were required to file federal income tax returns for that year, while of these same 26 million, more than 9 million were not taxable due to credits and deductions allowable.

As a result of the lowering of exemptions, many more persons are now subject to the federal income tax than before, and for the calendar year 1942 it is estimated that more than 35 million persons will file federal income tax, who have never reported income before for federal tax purposes, an understanding of the law and applicable regulations is of prime importance.

An income tax return is a declaration on the part of the taxpayer of his total taxable income for the year, together with the various deductions, exemptions, and credits to which he is entitled. It is in reliance upon voluntary disclosures, and the integrity of tax payers generally, that the cost of administration of the income tax can be kept at a minimum. Though the return is a voluntary statement, any person who willfully makes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct in every material matter is subject to the penalties provided by law.

The first requirement of the law is the filing of an appropriate return. For individuals generally, this must be done by March 15 following the end of the calendar year. The return must be filed with the appropriate Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the return.

Under the present law every single person, and every married person not living with husband or wife, having a total income (earnings, together with other income) of \$500 or more, and married persons living with husband or wife throughout the taxable year, who have an aggregate income (total earnings of both husband and wife, together with other income) of \$1200 or more, regardless of the amount of net income, must file a return.

LEX PTA TO MEET

A meeting of the Lexington Parent-Teacher association has been scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. A good turnout is desired for this meeting which will be held at the school house.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Rev. Sterl D. Spiesz, pastor of the Heppner church of the Assembly of God, plans to attend an Oregon district convention of the church to be held in Salem Jan. 13, 14 and 15. Mrs. Spiesz will accompany him.

LIVE AT SANTA ANA

Ora Hale Clingan and her father, Harrison Hale, both formerly of Heppner, are making their home at Santa Ana, Calif.

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