



# HAVE SOME WORRY

Comes now that chary Scottsman George Aiken, director of the state budget, advising the governor's tax study committee that the departments dependent upon the general fund for support will request about \$12,400,000 more than estimated revenues during the next two bienniums.

We, like many others, are not allergic to cashing in on that trite old phrase "I told you so." During the last legislative session this column carried a prediction of state financial stress. When figures on state income tax revenues and liquor profits of normal years are compared with present day expenditures with the tangents of inflation or depression periods. "Following publication there were Amens from some of the state's best fussbudgets and budget fusers. Neophyte legislators told us in no stage whispers we were crossing bridges that were away off yonder. Senator Walker, generalissimo of the potent joint ways and means committee left the budget moaners bench to tell us how right we were. Governor Earl Snell sent a two-page hallelujah letter.

Now, less than three months after victory, the "anything can happen" days are here. Inflation tendencies are mushrooming, the cost of government is zooming and the government is zooming and the state budget director is singing our theme song.

I told you so!

## PAYROLLS SLIPPING

Oregon's industrial payroll is down nearly ten million dollars from the figures of one year ago, a drop of 20 percent. Payrolls of firms covered by the state industrial accident commission totaled \$41,289,262 in September, compared with \$45,885,689 in August, and \$50,263,527 in September 1944.

## BANKRUPT'S TAXES

A person who is bankrupt is not relieved of paying taxes levied by the state or any of its subdivisions. This includes county city and district taxes and all special taxes and licenses of any levied taxes nature. This opinion, written by Justice Kelly and just handed down

by the Oregon supreme court, reverses a Polk county circuit court ruling which relieved a bankrupt from paying overdue contributions, interest and penalties accrued under the terms of the workmen's compensation act.

## TO ALTER GI TUITIONS

Governor Earl Snell has requested United States Senator Guy Cordon to support amendments to the law which will prohibit charging non-resident fees for resident veterans at our schools of higher learning.

In his message to Senator Cordon the governor said: "As you recall, the original G. I. bill contained a clause permitting schools to charge non-resident tuition for resident veterans. It seems to me that will be mighty difficult to justify this additional charge even though the veteran's money is furnished by the federal government. I strongly favor the amendment which would eliminate any such possibility."

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

## OPINIONS GIVEN

Small loan companies are forbidden from collecting extra fees in making loans, such as mortgage lateral . . . When an out-of-state fees when property is used for col-resident applies for a loan in Oregon, the Oregon law applies . . . A county court cannot use money for funds other than the welfare fund for public assistance. This prevents the use of emergency funds . . . The expenses of board and room if necessarily incurred by the veteran in order to enable him or her to attend an educational institution will be allowable under the Oregon tributing to the delinquency of a laws . . . Persons accused of con-munor may be tried by county courts. The judge, however, can not send a person convicted in the county court to the penitentiary.

## BILLION IN PROPERTY

The taxable property in Oregon is \$1,084,558,171.87, just where it was in 1925 but not up to the all-time high of over \$1,125,000,000 in

1930. Of the \$1,084,558,171.87 worth of taxable property in Oregon, \$400,883,643 worth is in Multnomah county. Next to Multnomah in taxable valuation is Lane county with \$53,512,494.52, while Umatilla is third with \$50,311,087.48 and Marion is fourth with \$44,607,276.92 on tax rolls.

Twenty-five years ago the tax rolls of the state were around the \$9,000,000,000 mark.

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