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## Study This Bill!

Congress may enact a Columbia Valley Authority bill of some kind. For all we know such a move is inevitable. But it should be the fervent prayer of every right thinking citizen in this great region that the bill up for consideration, Senate 1646, be not passed as is. If that occurs, our future will be vested in and subject to the whims of three political appointees who will be the sole interpreters of the law. If the three-man board so wishes, the CVA can become absolutism in its truest form.

What is worse is the fact that the CVA is to be the guinea pig in the drive for national socialism—totalitarianism, if you please. If, in the judgment of the planners, the project is a success, then the rest of the country will be divided into eight other "authorities", thus placing the entire government in the hands of twenty-seven "wise" men—a sovietization that will make the Russians look like a bunch of kindergarten kids. The once proud, independent spirit that built this nation to a point of world supremacy will be stifled, if not entirely crushed.

That is a gloomy picture but if the American people sit idly by and permit the True Dealites to put this bill through without restrictions then we might as well get ready to accept a complete reversal of our American way of life and acknowledge to Stalin & Co. that theirs is the right form of government, even if its ruling class is a bit plebeian.

The text of the bill is too long to go in for a section by section discussion. Each individual should get a copy and study it from beginning to end. There is not a thing in it to protect the state and local governments, nor the rights of individuals. All authority is vested in the three-man board.

Is this necessary? Is the development of this great region so essential that we must surrender what is left of our American heritage in order to bring it about? It has been repeatedly demonstrated that private enterprise, when not hampered by too many governmental regulations, can and does rise to the occasion and the private and federal agencies now working on projects designed to care for the needs of this growing region could finish the job were it not for the "big boys" who want to seize control of all industry and regulate the lives of every one of us through a program of regimentation.

Somewhere this country got along quite well until the brain trusters took over. We grew from a thin ribbon of colonies on the Atlantic seaboard to a full forty-eight states and barring a setback here and there found life quite satisfactory. Then along came the New Deal with its program of paternalism which has caused the per capita cost for federal expenditures to rise from \$37.41 in 1932 to \$282.82 in 1949—and the end is not in sight, unless the people take a tumble to them-

selves and put the public foot down on these socialistic schemes. And the start had better be made before CVA becomes a reality.

Your representatives in Congress will appreciate hearing from you. Inform yourselves on this bill and give them—both senators and representatives—your opinions.

## One Thing Calls For Another

Comment in this column relative to the housing situation brought to light one phase of the subject that has had a direct influence on numerous prospective home builders on the question of whether or not to build. That is the lack of a sewage disposal system in Heppner. More than one of these prospects has been heard to remark that he would like to live in town but will not build until there is a sewer system.

Since the people refused to sanction an increase in the city budget last spring the council has been a little timid about advocating improvements and little has been heard about the proposed sewer system and disposal plant the past few months. The city officials may be taking the attitude that if the people want this much needed improvement they will make their desires known in the proper circles. The officials are not due for criticism if that is their attitude. They were preparing to submit a sewer system proposal to the people and in so doing were placing the city in the position of asking support for something which rightfully should come from the citizens themselves.

Whatever the ethics of the case, there should be a move made to get a sewer system. Any step the city government and/or the people can and will take to make for better living conditions will be worth the effort and expense even if it does not stimulate a general home building program. There is reason to believe that more people will move into town and build nice homes and those who are holding back because of this lack of sanitary service have a valid excuse.

The state board of health has been holding back for some time to see what Heppner does about this phase of the health program. The state board is not clothed with authority to come in and order a municipality to build a sewer system. It does have jurisdiction where the pollution of streams enters into the picture and it would not be surprising if representatives from the department come in some day and plug up the several sewer outlets pouring into Willow creek, if it is found that the waters of the little stream are being polluted—and if our schmozzola is not deceiving us, something of that nature is in the atmosphere at different points along the stream.

So, if we are to have a town that will attract home builders, and commercial builders as well, we will have to do something more than think about a sewer system.

## The American Way

## LESSONS OF PATERNALISM

By George Peck

"When more of the people's sustenance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of government and the expenses of its economical administration, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of free government."

Who said that? No, it wasn't Senator Taft nor was it any conservative Republican. Grover Cleveland, Democratic President, said it in December 1886, during the course of his second annual message.

Were Cleveland alive today, undoubtedly he would demand that the Federal Government change its attitude toward business and industry and abandon its program of robbing the taxpayers to play Santa Claus to the American citizenry.

The political planners would do well to read what Jordan Swift wrote in his "Voyage to Broomingag" early in the 18th century: "Whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together."

Were Swift able to speak from beyond the grave, his advice to America would be to stop aping the socialist experiment in England; to once again encourage individual thrift and initiative; and to see to it that achievement as formerly, gets a reward commensurate with service rendered.

Our federal government up to 1930, for the most part, kept its nose out of the affairs rightfully belonging to the individual states and to business and industry; it encouraged competitive enterprise and made a fairly successful attempt at keeping the national debt down and the budget balanced.

When we entered World War

I, the federal debt was slightly over 1 billion dollars, even at the end of that war, the debt had risen to only 25½ billion dollars, and by 1930 this had been reduced to 16 billion dollars.

Now, we stagger under the twin handicap of a debt in excess of 250 billion dollars and exorbitant taxes. The Administration, taking no heed of the morrow, advocates socialistic schemes that will further increase the national debt and add to the already onerous tax burden. No real American begrudges one single dollar economically spent to keep our armed forces strong and well equipped, or helping nations abroad stave off Communism.

But the federal government must tighten its belt. Extravagant and unnecessary expenditures must be cut, most certainly no new ones must be added. The Hoover Commission has pointed the way for a reduction in the army of servants who are eating at the public trough at the taxpayer's expense. Congress should swiftly, perhaps with some minor revisions, adopt this plan. The chief function of many of the government bureaus seems to be to hamper business, to frustrate competitive enterprise and impede "The American Way." Their abolition would have the twofold beneficial result of easing the tax burden and taking bureaucracy off the backs of business and industry.

Then, if Congress will say "NO" emphatically to the various socialistic schemes that are now being proposed, this nation will again attain some semblance of an orderly economy. The Congress would do well to heed Grover Cleveland, to quote him again, said in his inaugural address on March 4, 1893: "The lessons of paternalism ought to be unlearned and the better lesson taught that while the people should patriotically and cheerfully support their government, its functions do not include the support of the people."

and son returned Monday from a business trip to Portland. Dinner guests at the C. C. Jones home Tuesday night were Principal Joe Feathers and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomeroy of Kelso, Wash., are visiting her brother, W. E. McMillan and other relatives and friends in Lexington and Mr. Pomeroy's niece, Mrs. Dick Borman, at Heppner.

The Amicilia club met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Carmichael last Wednesday. High prize was won by Edith Munkers, guest for the evening, and low by Jerry Doherty.

Mrs. Elroy Martin and Mrs. George Graves were hostesses to a blue and pink shower one night last week for Mrs. Ellwayne Peck. The shower was a surprise, with 18 guests meeting at the home of Mrs. Graves and going on to the Peck home. Refreshments of pie, ice cream and coffee were served. Gifts were presented in a baby basket wrapped in pink and tied with blue ribbon.

Mrs. Earl Warner and Mrs. Lou Broadley left Saturday night for Portland and Corvallis.

Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker visited Mrs. Frank Parker in Heppner Tuesday. Mrs. Parker recently returned home after a stay in the hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt were Portland visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Teachers' reception will be held Friday night of this week, with an interesting program being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tobin of Stanfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brisford of Cove were visitors at the W. E. McMillan home Saturday. Besides the mentioned couples, other dinner guests of the day were Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin, Joe Clark of Lone and John Spence and Mrs. Cecil Jones.

Charles Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buchanan, is attending business college in Baker, having gone there Saturday.

Property changing hands in Lexington the last week included the E. J. Evans house to the Glover Peck family, and the Jimmie Davis property to Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin.

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October 2, 1919

Henry S. Neel, prominent stockman of Lone Rock, received injuries Saturday night when his car plunged off the grade between Canyon City and John Day which resulted in his death several hours later. Jeff Neel of Heppner is a brother.

James Huston Wyland died at his home in Hardman Tuesday following a paralytic stroke.

Heppner's list of business houses will be increased by one when another meat market will open its doors in the Ashbaugh building. Owners are C. W. McNamee of Lone and Q. F. Sorenson of Morgan.

Arthur Campbell and Norton Winnard left Sunday for Eugene to resume their studies at the University of Oregon.

Miss Neva Chidsey became the bride of Delbert Clabaugh of Pendleton last Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chidsey.

Whether the captains of industry or the strikers are successful in the present steel strike, it is a lead pipe cinch that Old Man Public will be the biggest loser.

A 19 and one-half pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Neill on Butter creek on Tuesday, September 30. The Hardman Drug Co., with

Dr. N. M. Hayden at the helm, has again opened its doors to the public after having been closed during the war years.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license last week to Oral Hendricksen and Miss Lucille Huff. Both young people are members of prominent families of Cecil.

Mrs. Mary Wattenburger died at the home of her son, J. C. Wattenburger of Portland Sept. 26.

Heppner's new \$82,000 hotel has just about passed the visionary stage. It came down to reality last Saturday when 20 local men, stockholders in the Heppner Hotel company, signed up a guarantee to raise the remaining \$8,000 now necessary to complete the stock.

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The Lexington P-TA held the first meeting of the year Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium, with the new president, Gerald Baker, presiding and the following officers and committees present: Mrs. Toni Baker,

Monument 4-H's  
Capture Awards At  
Grant County Fair

Monument was well represented all three days at the Grant county fair. The 4-H boys and girls from this end of the county were back this year competing for more honors. Those taking top honors were George Flowers, grand champion hog; Rhoinie Bleakman, reserve champion hog; and Joan Roach, reserve champion steer. Rhoinie also took first in showmanship. Those taking honors in sewing were Shirley Fleming, Grace Wilson, Loretta Music, Lola Wilson, Rhoinie Bleakman, Marjorie Batty, Carol Sweek, Kay Johns, Joan Roach, Joe and Lewis Batty, and Brownie Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Flowers were in Portland last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vandetta are the parents of a son born at the Blue Mt. hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Rourke and son of Longview, Wash., Wayne Jones of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Brick Smith and daughter of Portland came to see their mother, Mrs. Lee Jones who is a patient at the Blue Mt. hospital.

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