

EDITORIAL



Citizens Can Force Economy

History has recorded the downfall of numerous rich and powerful countries as a result of over-taxation. Certain ruling elements, backed by demanding groups seeking governmental assistance for this, that and the other thing, keep piling up expenses until the taxpayer is no longer able to pay and the final result is government confiscation. And when government takes over entirely the subjects enter upon a life of serfdom.

The seriousness of the tax situation in this country has become such that even the man in the White House, who, at election time is a would-be giver of all things to all people regardless of the cost, is aware of the fact that the present rate of taxation and federal spending is heading this country towards national bankruptcy. He showed his anxiety when he asked former President Herbert Hoover to head a commission to check up on governmental agencies and make recommendations to Congress relative to effecting economies in government. That only a small part of these recommendations have been acted upon may be due to lack of interest on the part of the very people who are most vitally interested—the taxpayers themselves.

There has been an awakening in recent months and Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report groups are forming all over the land. They are looking into such matters as the post office deficiency, the almost scandalous expenditures for government hospital construction, and other items of government waste which are costing the people an unnecessary \$4 to \$5 billion a year and which, if the Hoover Commission recommendations were followed up, could be reduced to that extent.

Isn't it about time the public know something about these inefficiencies that are responsible for huge government deficits? Here are some examples: The Post Office spends about two and one-half cents to print and deliver a penny postcard. About 85 per cent of all postcards are used for business purposes. Savings of \$140 million a year can be realized by streamlining the Post Office, modernizing its equipment.

Government hospitals cost from \$29,000 to \$51,000 per bed to build. Voluntary private hospitals average \$16,000 per bed.

Last year the amount of free mail sent out by the Government Printing Office cost the citizens \$76 million. The Post Office, although it is potentially self-sustaining, had a \$263-million deficit in 1947, \$310 million last year and will probably lose \$500 million this year. This is one of the many facts revealed by the bipartisan Hoover Commission, indicating that if the Hoover Report is adopted, savings of from \$3 to \$5 billion a year

can be realized, according to the Citizens Committee for the Hoover report.

Are these facts of sufficient interest to all of us that we should form a Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report in this community, or should we just go on paying through the nose and let others try to figure out ways and means for saving us from being taxed to death?

Give 'Em The Bombing Field!

A communication from Congressman Lowell Stockman informs this newspaper that "survey teams of trained technical and professional personnel will visit towns in all parts of Eastern Oregon soon to gather factual data concerning a site for the proposed Air Academy."

Morrow county towns back from the river have little opportunity to get recognition from delegations of the nature mentioned by Mr. Stockman, and besides, the requirements for the proposed air academy are such that it is doubtful if this end of the county could deliver. For that matter, the doubt may be stretched to include the north end of the county, although there are some favorable conditions over that way. Transportation, for one thing, is abundant along the river—rail, highway, water, and air. Then, too, there is the bombing field with its upwards of 100,000 acres which will eventually come under irrigation possibilities with the completion of the McNary dam.

The experts may stop off and consider these factors and the least we can do is to offer them the bombing range—with the Army's consent, that is.

Attendance at the old-time dancing school in lone Tuesday evening was such as to warrant the assertion that people still like the old dances best. Eighteen sets in the quadrilles was quite a showing, since many of those present were not familiar with the square dances and other dances introduced during the evening. Patrons of the country-style dances used to ride many miles on horseback, in carriages of different types and in later days by automobile, to start in tripping the light fantastic around 8 in the evening and whoop it up all night—right up to breakfast time. The writer has intimate knowledge of those days, or we should say nights, for he was one of the musicians filling engagements in different parts of the county. There was a brief pause at midnight to feed the guests and by 1 a. m. the program would start all over again. It is unlikely that a revival of that type of all-night exertion will result from the effort being put forth by the home extension department, but many people will find real enjoyment in learning the old-time steps.

portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who here spent their lives that they may spend our money. It is altogether anguish and torture that we should do this. But in the legal sense we can't evade, we cannot cheat we cannot underestimate this tax. The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here, have gone far beyond our powers to add and subtract. Our creditors will little note nor long remember that we pay here, but the bureau of internal revenue can never forget what we report here. It is for us taxpayers, rather to be devoted here to the tax return which the government has thus far so nobly spent. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining; before us that from these vanishing dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining; that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in a higher income bracket, that this taxpayer, underpaid, shall figure out more deductions, and that taxation of the people by the congress for the government shall not cause our solvency to perish.

30 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1920
 Frank Z. Bell, a pioneer farmer of Morrow county passed away at his home in Spokane Friday, February 13 after an illness of a couple of months.
 Mrs. J. E. Gillespie died at the family home on Rhea creek Monday morning following a brief illness of flu-pneumonia.
 Robert Neal Crawford died at Baker February 14 from an attack of pneumonia following the flu while on his way to his home at Heppner.
 Mrs. Frank Griffin died at lone early Wednesday morning following a long illness.
 The synchronized electric clock system has just recently been installed in the high school by Oscar Borg, the local jeweler.
 Twenty-eight years an active member of Doric Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, is the record of Andrew Road of this city. Mr. Road was presented with a veteran's jewel at the regular meeting of the lodge Tuesday evening. Miss Ruth Van Vactor assisted at a reception given at Reed college Wednesday afternoon. This is one of a series given by the Board of Regents to acquaint the citizens of Portland with the students at Reed.
 Twins, a boy and a girl arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs. Frank Llewellyn of Ibea creek, Thursday, February 12.
 Mrs. Oran Stubblefield has opened up a hotel in Lexington in the Lee building.
 Mr and Mrs. Emil Swanson entertained at 500 Friday evening at their home in Gooseberry. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. August Lundell, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom, C. R. Peterson, B. O. Carlson, Edwin Esteb, Miss Albert Wilcox and Miss Mildred Eisert.
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THE MODERN GETTYSBURG
 (Anonymous)
 One score and sixteen years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all

THE AMERICAN WAY

UNIONISM VERSUS LAW

By Morton Clausen



EDITOR'S NOTE: Morton Clausen was for many years publisher and editor of a weekly newspaper.

Traditionally the patience of the American public is long, but once stretched beyond a certain point, reprisal becomes a swift and certain eventuality. Few men in our history have more arrogantly tempted that point than has the beetle-browed United Mine Worker's czar, John L. Lewis.

Presently there looms largely upon public awareness the question as to whether labor unions should be subjected to the anti-trust laws of the land. It is a question of far-reaching implications to every citizen, to the labor unions, to our national economy and not in the least, to the legal framework upon which this nation is to an increasing degree must erect its social, economic and moral structure.

Under present interpretations labor unions as such are not subject to the anti-trust laws. Consequently, any labor czar can tie up not only one but several industries while the public is being made the hapless victim without recourse to law.

The only reason that can be logically advanced for such a situation is that labor holds restraining powers over our national administrative and judiciary machinery to such an extent that the laws of the land are rendered inoperative.

It seems only logical and reasonable that if a labor union willfully perpetrates the identical offenses that brought the law into existence, it should make little difference from a legal and ethical standpoint whether the

intent of the anti-trust law was that it should or should not apply to labor unions. A law is enacted as a safeguard against a PRACTICE, and not only against a specific group guilty of that practice.

The anti-trust laws specifically forbid such activities as price-fixing and quota-enforcements. But last summer John L. Lewis attempted, together with management, to establish joint control over the coal fields of the nation, thereby seeking to determine not only wages, but also to establish certain definite over-all production levels.

Fortunately, the plan failed to materialize. But since then Lewis has imposed an enforced three-day week upon the miners, thereby seeking to achieve the same end. It would be much too naive to assume that he is using this method of production control merely as a bargaining weapon.

We have here the unique example of a labor union ceasing to be primarily an instrument for bargaining, substituting itself for management, and yet escaping the very restraints imposed by law upon management.

Furthermore, we have a case where the instrument of law is available, but the machinery for application and enforcement of that law restrained from using the instrument.

It is entirely conceivable that John L. Lewis may, through the arrogant flaunting of his egotistical powers, force such legal action upon the United Mine Workers Union as may deal all labor unionism, if not a fatal, certainly a setback blow from which it would be unfortunate, because good

New Attractions Added To Kinzua Theater Program

By Elsa M. Leathers

On Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Herb Wright, manager of the local shows added a new attraction. For a half hour before the show music by records has furnished entertainment. This week Samuel Matteson as announcer, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Cook and Don Brock entertained a capacity crowd. Mrs. Cook sang several songs accompanied by guitars and the electric steel guitar. Shirlee Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams sang "Jealous Heart". It was announced that Shirlee would be on the amateur hour at Fossil February 15. This feature will be continued on both Saturday and Sunday evenings until further notice. The Cooks, Matteson and Brock have played on the radio at KODL The Dales.

Jim Dimboski had the misfortune to let a board fall on his foot Friday, painfully injuring it. He was rushed to Condon where an x-ray showed no bones broken. He is able to be about.

Fossil school was the center of basketball games the past week.

labor unionism has carved a valuable niche for the laborer in American progress. The deplorable thing about the whole aspect of present-day unionism is that in too many instances the individual member has exceeded certain inalienable rights as an individual and citizen to an unscrupulous leadership. The time has arrived when a union member must regard his citizenship rights and duties above those of his union membership.

It is a blot upon a nation's integrity when its government fails to afford protection to its citizens under law, making the laws of the land subservient to the dictates of a minority group for the purpose of political greed and corruption.

On Tuesday evening the A string took Condon to win by a large score, 39-17. On Wednesday both grades from Fossil and Kinzua played a game in the afternoon. Again on Friday night the A and B strings played Dayville with another victory for the A. Saturday, Mitchell with its A and B strings and girls volleyball teams motored to Fossil to have the Fossil Falcons, B. and girls win all three games. Each night refreshments were served to the crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnes made a business trip to The Dales on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Samples and Mr. and Mrs. John Green and Hugh Samples and sons Fred and Leonard of Fossil motored to Prineville Sunday where they were on the March of Dimes radio program in the afternoon. Jack sang several numbers that were requested from Kinzua and one from Prineville. Harlan Denton requested a number for his wife. Each request was accompanied by \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis and daughter spent the week-end at Lonerock. This is the first time they have been to their home in three weeks because of cold and snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Tripp attended the grange meeting at Clarno Sunday and also spent some time at their ranch on the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Graham went to Condon Saturday evening to get their son Dick who came home from Oregon State for the week-end. Richard Mortimer accompanied him home. They attended the ball games Friday and Saturday.

Joe Worlin who has been ill for the past few days was able to return to work during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schott spent the week-end in Portland where they met their daughter Lillian, who came up from Eugene to meet them. This was a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson and daughter Doris spent the week-end in Heppner visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Merrill. They also went to Hermiston to see a sister of Mr. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Litchenberg spent Saturday at Condon visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vickley. The object of their visit was the infant daughter of the Vickleys who is Mrs. Litchenberg's name-sake and niece.

Mrs. Lee Hoover visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Francis Woods and family here from her ranch home near Fossil, Thursday evening while her husband

accompanied the town team to Heppner to play basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. "Slip" Wright went to The Dales Friday afternoon where Mr. Wright was consulting a doctor. Ethel Mitchell accompanied them and all returned Saturday.

Mrs. Mabel Anderson and small son left Saturday for John Day to join her husband who is a cook in a cafe there. They plan to make their home there. Mrs. Anderson has been employed in the confectionery here for the past year. Mrs. O. L. Adams will take her place.

Miss Blanche Davis of Lone Rock spent the week-end with her brother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis and daughter, Miss Davis will put on an act at the Amateur hour show Wednesday night in Fossil.

Mrs. David Peterson is ill at her home here.

Mrs. Ralph Moore is suffering infection in both ears. She consulted a doctor in Condon.

Mrs. Lillian Searcy returned to Kinzua after spending several weeks at Prineville and The Dales. Mrs. Searcy is staying at the Carl Coleman home with Carl Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis took their daughter to Condon Friday to consult a doctor. They returned to Condon again Tuesday and were accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Moore.

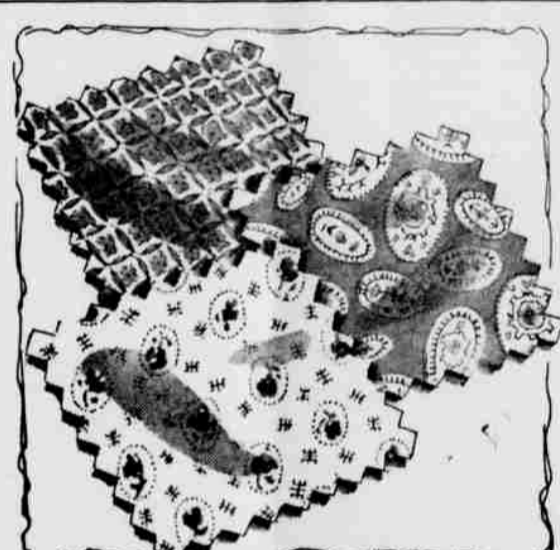
Mr. and Mrs. Delvin McDaniel left Monday noon for Prineville where they had been called by the death of Mrs. McDaniel's father, Mr. Sparks. The interment was made in Pendleton Wednesday. Mr. Sparks has owned a ranch near McKay dam until failing health forced him to leave.

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