

EDITORIAL



Federal Aid in Abundance, But Taxpayers Pay For It

Uncle Sam has a bargain basement sale in the making with a total of 307 attractive offers of financial aid to state and local governments.

In a special study released today State Chambers of Commerce added the bills for federal aid before this 81st congress and came up with the total of 307.

If all of them were passed, they would add approximately \$3,200,000,000 to present federal spending the first year and well over \$6,000,000,000 a year by the sixth.

These proposals cover 41 different types of grants-in-aid. They include such measures as spending \$8 million for the federal government to enter the character training field and another \$50 million to promote the health and soundness of youth.

Federal grants-in-aid to state and local governments have grown steadily since the end of World War II, both in total dollar expenditures and in the number and variety of services subsidized.

The amazing thing about this flood of grant-in-aid measures is that few, if any, state governors have come to Congress asking for such legislation. Many state legislatures have adopted resolutions roundly criticizing federal grants-in-aid as a growing and costly evil.

A Chance To Command

Oregon voters will be given opportunity at the November election to command their legislature to reapportion representation on the basis of 1950 population.

Because the proponents of the so-called population plan, known more widely as the Neuberger plan, failed to accompany their well-filled petitions with affidavits this plan will not be on the ballot and the voters will have but one choice.

There is, however, no difference in the fundamentals of the two plans. The balanced plan sponsored by the Farm Bureau federation, would limit Multnomah county's maximum representa-

tion to 25 percent of the total personnel of the state legislature while assignment of as much as a third of the total would be possible under the Neuberger plan.

Under the balanced plan, its proponents aver about seven counties would lose and 12 would gain representation in the senate and 11 counties would gain and nine would lose in the house.

Under the Neuberger plan it was estimated that 19 counties would lose and 11 would gain representation in the senate while 17 would lose and three would gain in the house.

The balanced plan, however, is the one on which the vote will be taken. Whatever plan may ultimately become law, the legislature must by all means do something about reapportioning the now disproportionately constituted legislature.

Hinterland More Important

This newspaper would like to see all of the roads finished in this area, but if there is to be a choice between two certain highways, namely, the Lena-Nye Junction section and the Chapin Creek-Spray Junction section it will be along the line of consistency to pull for the road to the interior.

Readers of this column know that the real preference is for a road from the mouth of Chapin Creek to Monument, a distance of 26 miles. Such a route would be of more service than the present route to Spray junction can ever be.

The commission is well aware of the condition of the Heppner-Spray road beyond the point of the present improvement. It so happens that that stretch comes under the forest highway program, but since the state is completing its share of the road to the National Forest boundary, and the road beyond that point is becoming progressively more difficult to maintain, surely something will be done to give the road more permanence and reduce the maintenance overhead.

30 Years Ago

July 29, 1920 Born—in this city Sunday, July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, a daughter.

Wheat is rolling down hill into Lexington at a lively rate according to W. G. Scott, baner and warehouseman who spent a few hours in Heppner today.

T. G. Denisse, local contractor returned to Heppner Tuesday after spending the past nine months visiting at his old home in the Netherlands.

T. D. Taylor, more familiarly known as Tli Taylor, was shot and mortally wounded by Neil Hart Sunday afternoon.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farley near this city Sunday, July 18.

Morrow county is undergoing a pronounced change in its wheat production. Several thousand acres of Blue Stem will give way to the premier of all dry land winter wheats, Turkey Red.

Oscar Davis, who is herding the Bruce Kelley sheep on Kelley Prairie recently killed a cougar near the camp which measured over seven feet from tip to tip. Another cougar of nearly the same size was seen last Sunday by Kelley.

Sheriff George McDuffee, city marshal Walter Cason and E. M. Shutt, former Morrow county sheriff, have gone to Pendleton to assist in the capture of the murderers of Tli Taylor. Sheriff Taylor is the man who captured the train robbers after McDuffee who was then deputy sheriff of Morrow county, frustrated their plans and killed the leader, Manning, near Meacham. Mr.

CHURCHES

LEXINGTON CHURCH—Your

Community Church Z. Franklin Cantrell, Minister We are not leaving August 1, as we had planned, but instead we are going to exert every effort to have a real old fashioned revival soon. Watch for it. And don't miss any of it; you'll be sorry if you do.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Pastor Shelby E. Graves Old fashioned revival meetings will continue every night at 8 o'clock. God is moving in our midst. Services that will help and you will enjoy.

METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday Church school at 9:45. Mr. Oliver Creswick, superintendent. A class for every age.

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church School 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 11. Week day Services: Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 and Friday at 7:30 a. m. Choir practice Thursday 8 p. m. Archery classes on playing field between school and Willow creek Saturday mornings, Boy scouts, 9, Girl scouts 10, Cubs 11.

Public Employment Up 52%

In 1900 about one million persons were employed by the federal, state and local governments combined. The 1950 figure exceeded 6,250,000, according to the national industrial conference board. The nation's governmental payrolls today total \$22,000,000,000.

The American Way

THE ACID TEST

By Morton Clausen

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

There is no doubt about it—America is at war. The "cold" war we have waged against Communist Russia during the past four years has flared into a "warm" war in Korea, where the communists are making their first break-through in an attempt to overrun the free nations of the world.

Whether Russia will decide to openly enter the fray, and thus plunge us into a "hot," full-fledged Third World War, remains to be seen. If she doesn't, we are nevertheless to be subjected to many more serious break-throughs around the perimeter of communist-controlled areas.

This means that from now on, and perhaps for many years to come, the American economy will have to be placed on a war footing, with billions expended for arms, supplies and manpower. If a full-scale war should ensue, our expenditures and national debt will reach astronomical proportions.

There are those who have predicted, and with good reason, that even should America win such a war against Russia (and let there be no doubt but what we will) we shall nevertheless lose our freedom and liberties as individuals to a totalitarian state and ideology. Thus, even in defeat Russia will have won by destroying our American system.

Among several reasons for this is the fact that from a social, economic, political and moral standpoint America has already gone a long way toward the socialistic concepts that have sapped our strength as individuals and as a nation. We are rapidly creating the same sort of welfare state that led to the debasement of Germany, the enslavement of Russia and the disintegration of the British Empire.

Although we have decried the collectivist philosophy of our ownism, we have created a brand of collectivist philosophy of our own that carries within it the seed of disintegration of America as a nation of great material wealth, social equality, political integrity

and moral strength. Like Samson, after having dissipated in the cups of "something-for-nothing," "the world-owes-me-a-living," and "do-as-little-as-possible," our locks of power are being shorn by the Delilah of the Welfare State.

This is not a pretty picture, but one painted in the strong, honest colors of stark realism. And it has ever been the habit of America in times of crises to cast aside the pallid tints of pastels to heed the more virile truths of reality. These are the truths:

The American economy is being strained to the breaking point in preparation for and participation in a war of survival against communism. Whether it shall break and whether we shall win this war, become a matter of personal survival of every man, woman and child in these United States. We now face the acid test.

Therefore, the time has come when every one of us must cease asking for hand-outs, governmental and otherwise. Each of us must roll up his sleeves and produce as never before. We must be willing to face uncertainties and play the game of life as men, without protection against personal losses and without guarantees of personal security.

We must have the courage and forthrightness to demand the defeat of every politician who attempts to buy his office by way of the public purse. We must deny the use of the Treasury to any group or individual for personal gains and safety. We must demand of our government the strict economies that will insure successful prosecution of the war.

Thus we have come to the phase in our personal lives and in American history when we must re-evaluate Americanism for what it really is in its purity of concept as designated by the Founders of this nation. Only then shall we achieve the individual and collective strength—not only to win this war for freedom, but also, to win a peace that may see the dawn of a new and better world.

BRAVO, JOE DICKMON!

By George Peck

Joe Dickmon of Library, Pa., has become a national figure. He is the coal miner who last January dared to criticize Boss John Lewis, and for this exercising of his American right of free speech was banished by his union—the United Mine Workers.

Because of this banishment, Dickmon has been denied the right to engage in the only trade he knows—coal mining—thereby losing another of his American freedoms—the right to work. Dickmon and his family have not only endured great privation but have been subjected to taunts and insults—all because he had the courage to bespeak himself by crying out against tyranny. His experience proves conclusively that we need an amendment to the Taft-Hartley law—not to weaken it as certain labor leaders demand—but to strengthen it so as to render it impossible for any labor leader ever again to do to a worker what John Lewis has done to Joe Dickmon.

When our forefathers drew up the Declaration of Independence they naturally assumed that "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" included the "Free Right to Work," because without the latter, the former three are impossible of attainment.

But today, certain arrogant labor leaders have asserted a new doctrine, to wit, that American citizenship does not carry with it the Free Right to Work. Under this un-American doctrine, millions of American citizens have been forced to apply to a labor union and pay for New Citizenship Papers in order to work at

the job of their choosing. Union labor has made great progress in recent years. Favorable public opinion has enabled it to do so. But labor must throw off the shackles of a greedy minority of its leadership, which is exploiting it for the labor leaders' own selfish purposes. Unless this is done, public opinion will turn against union labor and its gains will be nullified.

It is estimated that the "aggregate tax" now levied against union workers by our "sub-government" of labor politicians is well over a billion dollars a year. Under existing laws, for the most part, this vast sum is spent in whatever manner the labor dictators see fit for their own selfish aggrandizement, and to the disadvantage of all other groups of our citizenry.

Yes, we need an amendment to the Taft-Hartley law—one that will give the American worker freedom to choose for himself, whether or not he wishes to become and to remain a member of a labor union.

Joe Dickmon's courage, his sacrifice, his resolution, most certainly must not go unrewarded. Whether he realizes it or not, he has started a one-man crusade to emancipate American workers. He has launched a movement destined to bring about legislation that will enable workers to enjoy the "Free Right to Work," so essential to the rights to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—without having to apply to a labor union for New Citizenship Papers.

Bravo, Joe Dickmon!

FOREST PROTECTION COSTS COMPUTED ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

Assessments levied against timberlands for forest fire protection costs will be computed upon a calendar year basis rather than the past fiscal year, according to Cameron Mull, forester in charge of the tax roll section at the state forester's office. Mull reported this action was approved by the board of forestry and that the new fire patrol lists for Oregon would be made upon the basis of actual expenses incurred in forest protection work during the regular 12 month period.

In changing the system, the forester warned that the present list included costs from July 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 only and that the next tax bill against landowners would be filed January 1, 1951, covering the present year.

The forester pointed out that the rate per acre which is levied is the actual cost of forest pro-

tection during the period July 1 to December 31, 1949. "If the rate appears to be high," said Mull, "remember the fire season in Oregon normally occurs between July and September and includes fire crews, lookouts, equipment and other fire fighting expenses. As a result, the major portion of the expenses fall in this last half of the year, making the rate per acre for this six month period higher than a half year period would ordinarily be."

Mull reported that the state forester's office protected 7,294,764 acres of privately owned forest lands, all of which contributed the fire patrol costs which are collected by the local county tax collector's offices. Private associations protected another 3,500,000 acres.

M. and Mrs. W. E. Garner of Boardman were business visitors in Heppner Monday. They run the telephone office at Boardman,

The U. S. Interior department published, at a total cost of \$61,242, a 23-volume series on the Columbia river basin. The printing cost per set was \$36.06, but the publications were put on sale at \$6.90 per set. Many sets were distributed free.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

THE WILD WEST

THE STORY OF THE OPENING OF THE WEST—OF THE TAMING OF A WILD COUNTRY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW AND ORDER BY THE COURAGE, DETERMINATION AND SKILLS OF A COMPARATIVELY FEW MEN—LIVES TODAY AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST VITAL TRADITIONS.



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