

EDITORIAL



Should Try Economizing First

Announcement by the President that there will probably have to be an increase in taxes to meet mounting governmental expense due to the national defense program hasn't found a responsive chord in all circles. One United States senator has expressed the opinion that there is no need at present to raise the taxes on the overburdened American taxpayers. Senator George W. Malone (R. Nev.) issued a statement in which he said it is unfair to call on the American people to support Europe and pay for new domestic peace-time projects while they are carrying the cost of the war.

"We will provide whatever is necessary to win this war," Senator Malone said. "The Administration has called on the people to tighten their belts. The Administration should tighten its own belt along with them—call a recess in its world boondoggling, its peacetime projects, and, in fact, all domestic spending which is not absolutely necessary."

The Senator was not indulging in political criticism. He has something to offer which, if heeded by the Administration, would meet the eight billion dollars mentioned by the President as being the immediate requirement to prosecute the Korean war and build up the national defense.

He would "suspend ECA, a peacetime endeavor—save three billion dollars; suspend domestic peacetime public works—save one-half billion dollars; suspend extra foreign military assistance spending—save three and one-half billion dollars; suspend extra foreign military assistance—save one billion dollars. Total savings, eight billion dollars."

Commenting on the above items, Senator Malone observes that "ECA assistance was to be de-

pendent upon continuity of cooperation among countries participating in the program." Furthermore, ECA assistance to European industry—the carrying on our backs of sixteen foreign countries—was to be a peacetime endeavor. We must now pay for a new war.

"Worthy as are our peacetime public works, our taxpayers cannot be expected to pay for these while having to bear the heavy cost of war.

"Let us look at our budget for the current fiscal year:

National defense, \$13,545,000,000; veterans' services and benefits, \$6,080,000,000; interest on public debt, \$5,625,000,000; remaining, \$17,189,000,000, for a total of \$42,439,000,000.

"I have suggested that we save 20 percent on the last item, the 17-billion item. This would be a reasonable cutting back of the government's domestic expenditures, and would not take one penny from national defense, the stockpiling of atomic energy, veterans' aid or interest on the public debt.

"The money appropriated for military assistance to foreign countries can now be better spent in our expanded military program, which doubtless will be on a global basis. Our military programs should be unified. There is no valid reason for gouging the people to build up peacetime economy in Europe and finance domestic peacetime projects here while we are on a wartime basis. Economy is a much sounder method of meeting the increased military costs than burdening the American people with more taxes."

The question is, are we willing to take a lesson from World War II and try to economize instead of going all-out to see how much money we can spend.

The American Way

Let's Face It

By DEWITT EMERY
(EDITOR'S NOTE: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Assn.)
This Korean thing has most people a whole lot more worried than they care to admit. They aren't worried because of what might happen in Korea, but rather are deeply concerned over what may happen elsewhere. Russia definitely has the initiative and may break out any time in one or more of a half dozen other spots.

Personally, I'm most concerned over what may happen to this country if the shooting is not confined to Korea. It's a well known fact that plans have been drawn to conscript everything and everybody in the United States in the event of another world war.

If the absolute dictatorship which is now on the legislative drafting boards is ever established, none of us, yes, not even our children or our grandchildren, will live long enough to see freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of opportunity and all the other freedoms we now enjoy, restored in the United States.

Heretofore in this country when the killing and destruction were over, those who survived took up more or less where they left off. They resumed the pattern of their lives in the American way. They were free to work where and when they wished, to worship as they pleased, to speak their minds on any subject, to meet with their fellow men for any peaceful purpose, to be secure in their possessions and to have their day in a free court.

This time, if there is a time and if the military and defense planners have their way, ALL THIS WOULD BE WIPED OUT IN THE VERY BEGINNING; FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE WOULD PERISH FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR A LONG, LONG TIME IF NOT FOREVER. This is what we must avoid even though we may not at this late date be able to avoid being forced into another war.

I understand why, if we get into a full scale war, wages, salaries and prices should be frozen immediately and taxes increased. I also understand why rationing of civilian goods and allocations

of the materials of production in a total war effort are both necessary and desirable, all of which can be done without changing our government to a dictatorship.

I don't believe, for example, that when you chain a man to a machine of a bench or for that matter behind the wheel of a truck that you'll get as much production or service from him as you would if he were a free agent. Yet that is exactly what conscripting manpower means.

Conscription of wealth means that the government takes whatever you have that it wants by simply telling you to turn it over. Due process of law and just compensation are all the way out the window.

Maybe some of you don't like the name "dictator" as applied to this country. I don't either. But if the War Powers Act as now drafted should be passed by Congress, it would conscript manpower and wealth, and if that wouldn't set the President up as an absolute dictator, you'll have to tell me what it would do.

It is not necessary, desirable or in any sense practical to conscript manpower or wealth. All history shows that free men out-produce slaves (a conscript is a slave whether you like it or not) by a very, very wide margin. Also, the American people have never failed to oversubscribe every war bond offering made to them, and they always will as long as they understand the need and are a free people.

The way then to fight an all-out-war, if that becomes necessary, is to increase taxes, to freeze wages, salaries and prices at once and immediately put rationing of civilian goods and allocation of materials into effect. Then put on the biggest and the best sales campaign the United States has ever seen to get everyone in the country to do his or her job better and faster than ever before and to buy bonds as they are offered.

This will get the job done quicker and much better than any other method. We'd retain our freedom and come out of it with our Republic intact. Whether you realize it or not, our American way of life is the greatest blessing ever bestowed on mankind any place on the face of God's earth.

JUNE GASOLINE SALES HIGHEST ON RECORD

Oregon gasoline sales in June reached 48,237,971 gallons, highest June sales on record, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has reported.

The month's gallonage continues the steady increase in gaso-

line use beginning late in 1945 when war time restrictions were lifted, Newbry stated. The gain has averaged about 10 percent each year.

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30 Years Ago

August 5, 1920

Clifford Esselstyn of Echo is the new manager of the Lexington yards of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company succeeding D. L. Countryman who has resigned.

The public is jolted by an increase of 20 percent on passenger rates and freight rates on an average of 35 percent.

John W. Schleevoight and Steena W. Germinder were married in this city Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. W. O. Livingstone.

O. T. Ferguson of Sand Hollow reports that his Turkey Red wheat is making an excellent yield of 30 bushels per acre.

The new freight rate will add an increase of \$18 to the cost of Ford cars according to Chas. H. Latourell, local dealer.

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.
Church school 10 a. m. Worship and preaching 11 a. m. Singing and preaching 8 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
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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.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Youth for Christ 7 p. m.
Revival meeting 8 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH
J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister
Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. The Pastor is attending the area pastors summer school at College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. Rev. L. G. Wetzel will deliver the morning sermon.
Sunday church school at 9:45. Oliver Creswick, superintendent. A class for every age.
The Womens Society of Christian service meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.
Suzanna Wesley circle meets the third Wednesday at 2 p. m.

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH (EPISCOPAL)
Holy Communion 8 a. m.
Church school 9:45 a. m.
Holy Communion and sermon 11.
WEEK DAY SERVICES
Holy Communion Wednesday at 10, Friday at 7:30 a. m.
Choir practice Thursday 8 p. m.
No archery practice until further notice.

Suzanna Wesley circle of the WSCS meets every third Wednesday at 2 p. m.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Strickler at their home in Black Horse Thursday, July 29.

George L. Baker, mayor of Portland has acceded to public demand and will run for reelection.

Judge C. C. Patterson and family, after living here 20 years are preparing to move to Portland by the first of the month.

Stephen Basey, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Basey of upper Willow creek received a deep wound in the forehead Monday where he was kicked by a horse.

County fair committeemen decided against an agricultural fair this year. Plans are already under way for an enlarged fair to be held next year.

John Vaughn and Merle Kirk have purchased the John Blake wheat ranch of 1000 acres situated six miles from Ione. The men expect to farm there.

Miss Ruby Corrigal of the First National bank and Miss Odile Groshens, stenographer in the office of the county agent, left Sunday for a week's visit to Portland and the coast.

Mrs. Frank Anderson of Eight Mile has purchased the Clyde Willis residence in southeast Heppner and will take possession about the middle of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson and daughter Linda left the last of the week for a vacation in Portland and Albany. They were accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Grimes who will visit in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Leathers.

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY

There will be a daily vacation Bible school in Heppner starting Monday, August 7. The union vacation school is sponsored by the Methodist church, the Assembly of God church and the Church of Christ. A group of teachers from the student missionary council of Portland, which is an interdenominational organization will be in charge of the school with various ones from the three churches helping.

The sessions will be held in two of the church buildings. The children will all meet at the Church of Christ Monday morning and be divided from there. The school starts each morning at 9 o'clock, Monday through Friday for two weeks. All children from four through 12 years are welcome to attend.

Among those from Morrow county who have been called in for medical examination by Draft Board No. 31 are Matthew Hughes Jr. and William Joseph Healy of Heppner; Neil Stanley Wooley of Boardman and Donald Lee Adams of Irignon.

Shopping in Heppner Tuesday from Ione were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter, Mrs. Della Corson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepsen and Mrs. Millard Nolan.

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