

# EDITORIAL



## Planned Inflation

Most of us tend to shy away from discussions of inflation by economists. They are apt to be lengthy, technical and, to the layman, hopelessly involved.

However, an outstanding banker recently gave a general description of the causes of inflation in words which anyone can understand. Here's what he said:

"Inflation was brought about in this country as a matter of deliberate government policy over a period of almost 20 years with World War II thrown in for good measure . . .

"Almost 20 years ago during a period of severe depression, those in charge of our government apparently decided that the fundamental law of supply and demand was too slow in functioning, and the economists wrote a prescription for a government-made, synthetic form of prosperity, really inflation, based upon a government-supplied excess of purchasing power and a government-created short supply of commodities. Such a program obviously required money, and lots of it. The government does not produce wealth—it consumes wealth . . . So the government embarked upon the policy of taking tax money from those who had something and piling up government indebtedness and spreading the money around in the form of doles, subsidies, parity payments, price support programs, and other such devices among people who would immediately spend it . . .

"Thus there was created the doctrine that the way for people to get along in this world was to get more and more for doing less and less. This was man-made, synthetic, artificially-inseminated inflation, manufactured to order and found for some years to be politically quite profitable."

There are the roots of our inflation, from which today's towering plant has grown. It is just one more sorry example of the fact that when govern-

ment attempts to "repeal" a natural economic law, everyone is hurt in the long run.

## We Are An Occupied Country

(New York Christian Economics)

Our big Governemnt is liberal in spending money on propoganda in favor of itself. Something over \$2 million a week is a modest estimate of the cost of publicity men, printing and mailing of hand-outs and holding of propoganda meetings. At least eighteen pages of The New York Times would be required each day to print material received from Federal agencies.

Public meetings are held in various parts of the country to which marketing administration officials, agriculture personnel and other Federal bureaucrats are invited. Eight dollars per day for living expense, plus 5 cents a mile for travel is allowed to thousands of bureaucrats who are assembled in these propoganda conclaves.

For the past five years, an annual meeting has been held under the joint sponsorship of the Department of Justice and the National Educational Association. Elaborately printed brochures for free distribution announce this and other similar "conferences".

These assemblies are used to promote state medicine, Federal aid to education, farm subsidies, and other socializing programs of the Federal government. Many of our citizens vigorously opposed to these measures are nevertheless compelled to finance propoganda in favor of them.

We have been occupied by a field army of more than two million Federal employees strategically deployed throughout the 48 states. This formidable force, equal to 140 divisions has been quartered among us to socialize our country over the protests of millions of people who resent the presence of these costly bureaucrats and the socialism which they seek to fasten upon us.

## THE AMERICAN WAY



Waiting For The Kill

tinue devices to control production and prices one single day beyond the period required to reconvert industry to normal peace time production.

We would have to substitute civil integrity for political trickery.

We would have to revamp our system of taxation—not for the benefit of business nor for persons of large income, but for the benefit of government itself (which is all of us), so as to insure adequate tax revenues. Business and wealth will lose their capacity to produce taxes if our present confiscatory rates of income and inheritance taxes continue to discourage initiative and enterprise.

Government would not be permitted to resume its persecution of "Big Business", or of any-size business.

Hundreds of thousands of unnecessary government employees would have to be released for productive labor in industry, thus taking them off the backs of the taxpayers.

Government would have to free itself from the domination of pressure groups in order that all citizens would promptly obtain simple justice.

Those are the principal MUSTS! In November 1952, we will elect a new President, a new House of Representatives, and one-third of our Senators. We must see to it that the man we put into the White House, the 435 Representatives we send to the new Congress and the 32 Senators we elect, are committed unequivocally to these "MUSTS".

If we do these things, Uncle Sam will have made a valiant start towards paying off. It will be a tough, long pull. It will call for sacrifices on the part of every citizen, exalted or humble. Will we have the wisdom and the courage to tighten our belts so that this colossal debt will not be passed on to our children and to the generations as yet unborn? That's the 300-billion-dollar question.

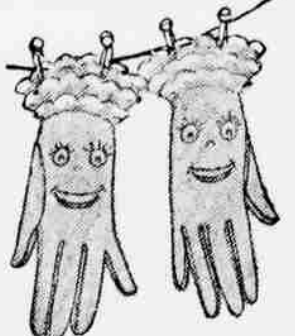
## Matrons Sponsor Shower For Miss Lorene Mitchell

Miss Lorene Mitchell, daughter of Mrs. Dorris E. Mitchell and the late Mr. Mitchell, was the recipient of many gifts at a shower tendered her by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Grace Hughes, Mrs. Sara McNamer, Mrs. Mary Stevens and Mrs. Fred Parrish in the parlors of the Church of Christ, Friday evening, May 11.

Presentation of the gifts was made by a miniature bride and groom—Sheryl Bellenbrock and Dean Robinson who pulled a well laden trailer house. The trailer house didn't begin to hold the gifts for the honoree, but it was a good beginning. The junior bride and groom were fittingly dressed, the little bride wearing traditional white and veil and the groom in long trousers and white shirt.

Miss Sandra Lanham delighted the guests with a humorous reading and Mrs. Ealor Huston spoke a few words of advice and warning to Miss Mitchell. Mrs. Lucy Peterson, accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner sang three songs. This constituted the formal program and the remainder of the evening was spent in opening the myriads of gifts showered upon the bride-elect.

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Final preparations are being completed to assure comfort and pleasure for everyone attending. A large attendance is expected, especially during the racing programs scheduled each evening of the show. Racing will be under lights on the new straight-away track. Improved bleacher accommodations have been added since the show last year.

In addition to cash awards, various business firms are offering valuable trophies to owners of top placing stock—this assuring top quality entries and keen competition.

## Treasury Chief To Make Presentation Of Flag To Salem

Secretary of the treasury John W. Snyder will be a guest of honor of Salem, Monday May 21, when he will present that city with the new U. S. Treasury Defense Bond flag it recently won and dedicate the Liberty Bell given to the state of Oregon last summer.

Ceremonies with military embellishments will be held on the capitol grounds.

Salem is the first state capital in the nation to qualify for the Defense Bond flag by signing up the employers of 80 percent of its payroll to make payroll savings available to their employees.

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## 30 Years Ago

Thursday, May 19, 1921

Frank Wilkinson of Portland has purchased the lower half of the Hager ranch south of Heppner. Mr. Wilkinson plans to move on to the place at once.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cornel Campbell of Social Ridge a son Friday, May 13, at the Aiken maternity home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius McLaughlin of Butter Creek on May 16 an 8 pound son.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license to August Schunk and Helen Rood, both of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harve McRoberts, who reside northeast of Lexington, a 9 pound daughter on Sunday, May 15.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson lost a portion of one finger Monday by having it pinched in the crack of a door.

H. D. Green, Eight Mile farmer, was in Heppner Saturday.

Charles Thomson, Fred Tash, Joe Waters, Charles Swindig and B. B. Kelley were Heppner K. of P's. who attended the district convention at Arlington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson

## The American Way

### THE 300-BILLION DOLLAR QUESTION

If the cold war does not develop into a hot one, Uncle Sam will owe his nephews and nieces somewhere around the 300-billion dollar mark. If we should become involved in an all-out third world war, it is a safe guess that the national debt will soar far above that amount.

The 300-billion-dollar question is, will Uncle Sam ever be able to pay off that debt? The answer is "NO" if the unsound, makeshift financial policies of the past 20 years are continued.

Uncle Sam, however, CAN dis-

charge this obligation—it will take a bit of doing, but it can be done. It would be a long, tortuous climb out of the morass of debt, and it would involve a number of "MUSTS".

First of all, we would have to abandon the idea sown by the Socialists, Parlor Pinks, the Planned Economists, and the Anti-Business Group that anyone who earns his way honestly and fairly, who by industry and thrift achieve more of material success than his less industrious and less provident neighbor must do so by thieving and to the detriment of his fellow citizens.

Having abandoned that silly idea, we would have to have a revival of thrift and economy; we would have to discard the foolish notion that dollar marks and price tags represent a standard of living, and recall that what we produce makes for the comforts of life. We would have to place production before thought of profits, and if wise enough to do this, history would repeat itself—profits in plenty would follow for both capital and labor.

We would have to insist that no politician be allowed to defraud us by tampering with the integrity of our national obligations, or be permitted to con-

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