

In the Day's News

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Let's talk a little more today about the subject of federal spending—particularly federal spending for things other than war and national defense. When we get into a war, we have to go through with it—no matter what it costs. In these days when wars are fought largely in the air, possibly with atomic weapons, we HAVE to be ready to defend ourselves at the drop of a hat.

Never again can we declare war officially and then spend a year or more getting ready to fight. Those days are gone forever. The next war will start NOT with a formal declaration but with enemy bombers overhead or enemy guided missiles falling on our cities.

So we can assume that what HAS to be spent for war and national defense has to be spent.

LET'S talk today about other kinds of federal spending, with emphasis on the kind that got started when states, cities, counties and so on began to find out they could get what at the time seemed to them to be MANNA FROM HEAVEN money from Uncle Sam.

That started a rush on the federal treasury that has had momentous consequences to the taxpayers.

THAT raises this question: Has it turned out to be manna from heaven money?

SOME interesting light has been shed on that subject by the National Tax Foundation, Inc., a privately endowed tax research organization, in a pamphlet entitled Allocating the Federal Tax Burden Among the States.

According to this pamphlet 14 states pay back to the government in federal taxes more money than they receive from all forms of federal spending within their borders. The other 34 states get back more in federal spending than they pay in federal taxes.

I suppose it could be said that in these 34 states at least a part of the money received from Uncle Sam is manna from heaven money. The manna, of course, is provided by the 14 states that pay back to the federal government more money than they get.

LET'S take a look now at Oregon.

Oregon is barely over the line on the manna side. For every dollar it gets from the federal government, it pays back 96 cents in federal taxes.

Among the states that are on the manna side, Oregon gets the LEAST manna. Next in line is Florida, which pays back 93 cents out of each dollar it gets in the way of federal spending.

NOW for California—our neighbor just over the border from us down here in Southern Oregon.

California is just over the line on the MANNA GIVING side. For every dollar California receives in the form of federal spending, it PAYS BACK \$1.05 in federal taxes.

THAT is to say:

If we're wise here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, we'll look rather carefully in the mouth of the gift horse before accepting it—or at least before ASKING for it.

On the Oregon side, we pay back all but four cents of each gift dollar we receive. Our neighbors on the California side pay back \$1.05 for each gift dollar they receive.

LET'S take a look now at our neighbors.

For every dollar Arizona gets from good old Uncle Sam, she pays back only 51 cents. Nevada pays back only 48 cents. Idaho pays back 46 cents. Utah pays back 49 cents. Washington pays back 79 cents.

In other words, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Washington at least know what they're about when they yell for more government spending. They get back a lot of manna. We of Oregon just about break even. Our neighbors over the line in California GET GYPED.

Small Boys Admit Starting Church Fire

Chicago—Two small boys, one of whom said his ambition was to be a bank robber, have admitted setting a \$500,000 fire that destroyed St. Paul's Episcopal church on Chicago's South Side, police said today.

Authorities said the boys, aged 9 and 12, also admitted Monday scores of other arson, burglaries, robberies and the theft of a U.S. mail truck.

The boys told authorities they soaked the St. Paul Church's fire hose with paint thinner to start the blaze March 16, 1956. They also admitted setting two fires last fall at the Corpus Christi Roman Catholic church.

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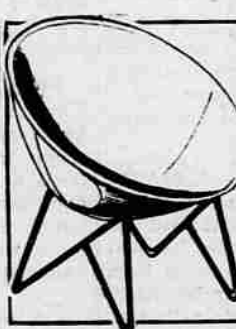
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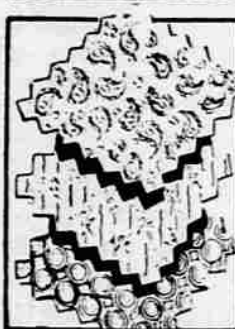
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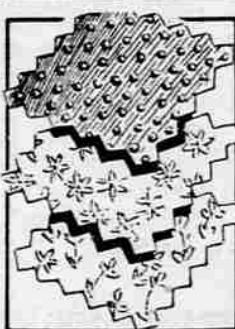
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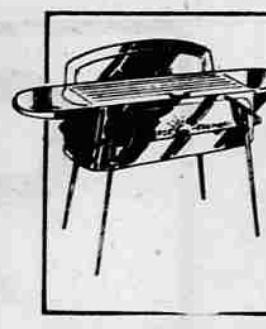


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