

WRITER SAYS COMMITTEES TOO NUMEROUS

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The sagebrush, crackerbarrel or waterfront philosopher who first wisecracked, "The best kind of committee to appoint is a committee of three members, two of whom are dead," should be rounded up and brought to Washington to save his country. He should be ordered to speak his piece into every private office and over every private telephone line in government circles. Secretaries who are listening in should, take the speech down in shorthand and put neat little typewritten reminders on the corners of their bosses' blotting pads every morning.

Idea men dreaming up slogans, creative artists painting posters that will win the war, government propagandists, gov-

ernment ghost-writers of brass hats' speeches, press handout hackwriters, government "educational film" directors, even the government's radio script writers should be called in on the play, for nothing less important than winning the war is at stake.

If something drastic like this isn't done soon, Washington is going to be overrun with so many committees there won't be enough conference rooms to go around, or enough chairs for the delegates to sit down in, and of course they can't all be standing and speaking at once.

Up to NRA Tricks
It all started, apparently, in the Office of Production Management when the production and the purchases and the priorities divisions of OPM decided there would have to be defense advisory committees, in order to get manufacturers into line for all-out defense. These committees were carefully planned, and they were set up with department of justice blessing, in such a way that they could do what the old NRA code authorities tried to do.

These OPM defense industry advisory committees were probably all right in their conception. There were to be only about 50 or 60 of them, and they would split up the U. S. industrial world in such a way that

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every business would be represented and have its interests looked out for.

Getting Smart
If the committee setup had stopped there, all might have been well, but on top of this OPM list of committees, Leon Henderson's office of price administration and Civilian Supply decided that it, too, must have defense industry advisory committees. And so, gradually, there is appearing on the Washington scene a second set of committees, the OPACS committees.

Some of the boys are beginning to get smart now, and they're appointing the same men to the different committees without telling the bosses. That's all right with the committee members, but they still have to serve on two committees.

The height of silliness in this conflict came the other day when Henderson announced that passenger car production would have to be cut 50 per cent right off. It was Knudsen who had arranged for the first 20 per cent cut, and why Henderson should have gone over Knudsen's head is one of those great mysteries that worry Washington, but the rest of the country doesn't give a hang about it.

Line Forms Here
If this confusion of committees isn't enough for you, just consider the other defense fountain heads from which all blessings may flow in the form of appointments to committees.

The labor division of OPM has defense labor advisory commit-

tees to match the production-purchases-priorities defense industry advisory committees. When it comes to naming committees, Sidney Hillman's division is second to none.

Then, E. R. Stettinius Jr., head of the priorities section in OPM has just announced his contribution to the general confusion. Stettinius doesn't call his committees, but branches, and his first line-up listed eight commodity branches, ranging from No. 1—rubber, synthetic rubber and cork to No. 8— asbestos, mercury, industrial diamonds, quartz, crystals, platinum metals, radium, uranium, kyanite, abrasives, diamond dies and jewel bearings.

If you haven't surrendered already, it might be mentioned in closing that the boys thought up another dodge last week. Not committees and not branches—panels. Just what the difference is between a committee and a panel is not yet clear, but first indications are that while the committees will be permanent, the panels will be temporary. Panels will just be called in to solve specific situations, temporary crises, and they will then be expected to dissolve.

The gag around Washington now is that OPM will die, one of these days, of its own sheer weight and clumsiness. An equally good bet is that congress will appoint a committee to investigate OPM. Or the supreme court might be argued into declaring it unconstitutional.

Hamburgers Are Husky Fare
For Outdoor Picnic Dinners

By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX
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James Beard is a big man who looks like a football player who ate the other fellow's dinner, too. He makes a wicked hamburger. In his latest book, "Cook It Outdoors," Jimmie Beard leads off with this recipe: "Choose a good piece of the top sirloin or the boneless rump and have your butcher grind it. Buy a pound and a half or two pounds (for outdoor appetites, use half a pound per person.) Have it in one large lump and be very careful not to squeeze it or press it down. Mold it very tenderly with your hands into a round steak about 1 1/2 inches thick. Pat—do not press. If you are broiling it, have your coals just at the peak of their glowing heat and slip your steak on a wire grill over the coals.

"Let it sear on one side, turn quickly; then sear very quickly on the other side. Sprinkle heavily with salt and pepper—the freshly ground pepper—and coarse salt are the best—and turn again. Salt and pepper the other side and by that time you should have a perfect hamburger that is crusted on the outside and tender and rare on the inside. Slice and eat with a good slice of onion or with a large helping of succotash and a chunk of French bread."

Here's another gem of outdoor cooking from Beard's "Cook It Outdoors":

BARBECUE SAUCE
"Saute 1 large onion, finely chopped, in 1 cup olive oil until onion is transparent. Add 2 cloves garlic, chopped, and 1 cup chopped mushrooms, adding 1 tablespoon butter with the mushrooms. Season with 1 teaspoon each of oregano, tarragon, and just a whisper of sage. A tablespoon of chili powder is mixed with 3 small cans of tomato juice and added to the pan with the other ingredients. Simmer gently for about 40 minutes.

"Salt and pepper to taste, and add 1 cup chopped olives and 1 cup chopped sweet pickles, being sure there is a tablespoon of vinegar with the pickles. One-half cup chopped parsley will help this out, too, if added at the last moment.

TIMBER CRUISER'S FUNERAL FRIDAY

SEATTLE, Aug. 1 (AP)—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for William Burnett, 87, widely known timber cruiser and one-time sparring partner for the barekist fighter, Jake Kilrain. He died at Tacoma Tuesday.

Burnett, known to timbermen all over the nation cruised timber until two years ago when an attack of appendicitis finally convinced him he was old enough to get out of the woods.

"The last of the old-time cruisers," commented R. D. Merrill, president of Merrill & Ring, "And a great fellow!"

He said Burnett, who had estimated timber stands in the southern pine regions, the Carolina cypress swamps, the Great Lakes timberlands and all through the Pacific northwest's Douglas fir forests, filed the first claim on the fabulously rich iron ore region north of Duluth; sold

it for 50,000 and "took a vacation" which consisted of joining Kilrain's boxing stable for no salary and paying his own expenses.

Mrs. Burnett, and brothers in Vancouver, B. C., and Ontario, survive.

Hop Yard Worker Killed in Crash

MONMOUTH, Aug. 1 (AP)—Lester Locke, Independence hop yard worker, was killed last night when the car in which he was riding struck the railing of a culvert bridge two miles west of here. James Allister, whom state police said was the driver of the car, and Fay Allister, his brother, were injured slightly.

You can hear at this moment in the streets of London nearly all the languages of Europe. Far more even than St. Paul's Rome or Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, London now is a city of the world. — Canon F. R. Barry in Westminster Abbey.

Mosquitoes fast for several days after each full meal.

Excellent Safety Record Made At Air Corps Unit

According to Lt. Col. B. H. Hensley, district recruiting officer U. S. Army for Oregon, an amazing record has been established at one of the larger air corps training centers on the coast. This record was made for safety. Since this training center started in September 1940, fatal accidents have resulted at the rate of only one (1) in every 3,300,000 miles of flying.

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aviation cadet training and only well trained enlisted men maintain the planes that are assigned to them.

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and successfully completed the regular course to become an officer and pilot, but also has been required to take a special course to adequately prepare him as a qualified instructor. The aviation cadet and enlisted man is always in good hands.

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