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## California Reorganization Plan

OREGON'S recent experience with legislative reapportionment proposals demonstrated how difficult it is to alter the status quo of state government. For years, interim committees have been meeting and making various proposals for various other changes, and most of them have met the same negative treatment given every suggestion for legislative reapportionment. Efforts to alter the methods of conducting the legislature have been similarly received. The need for various changes is generally recognized, but it's almost impossible to get action on the details.

Viewed with some misgivings, therefore, are the prospects for a drastic "streamlining" of California's state government, just outlined in a 50,000 word report that follows a five-year study by an exceptionally able non-partisan committee. What happens to the California plan will be worth watching.

Here are a few of the things it does:  
Transfers relief to the counties; creates an elective auditor general representing the people; consolidates tax collections in a new department of revenue; creates a department of public safety; abolishes the department of penology, with most functions transferring to the department of institutions; abolishes the motor vehicle department; puts all publicly supported higher education under the state board of regents; spreads duties of department of public works among other departments; and includes many other suggestions.

This comprehensive proposal to eliminate California's rather typical hodge-podge of bureaus and departments is hailed by serious students of government as promising "astounding" savings to taxpayers. That very fact may spell its doom, for it probably means a stubborn fight by those who would be forced back from the public trough if the reorganization were effected.

In California, as elsewhere, state officials in power will fight to keep from losing either jobs or authority, regardless of how logical the move is from the standpoint of the state as a whole. There are the usual petty jealousies between departments, and too often legislators themselves have particular interest in some department and object to changing its scope.

California's state government costs more than half a billion dollars every two years. That's a lot of money, and there has been some public clamor for economy through consideration and separation of vast overlapping bureaus and departments. Whether the clamor has created sufficient sentiment to bear down on those whose selfish interests are served by retaining the present situation will be watched with interest, but not a great deal of hope, from this side of the border. One commentator opines that while it's a safe bet the 1941 legislature will adjourn without enacting many of the proposed changes, the constructive suggestions "may start a trend toward a simplified and more logical state government."

## Matter of Policy

THE public should be informed that a degree of "voluntary" censorship has been established by the press in the United States. Certain military and naval developments and movements involving forces of the United States or of Britain have been listed by those in authority as not proper for reporting in the public press on the grounds that they would give information to those unfriendly to the United States.

While censorship is always distasteful, to press and public, circumstances can develop that make it necessary, to a limited degree. The news agencies with which this newspaper is affiliated, and our own policy, are committed to cooperation with our government along the line suggested above. We believe our readers favor our following such a policy.

## Gems of Thought

**BOOKS**  
Books are standing counselors and preachers, always at hand, and always disinterested; having this advantage over oral instructors, that they are ready to repeat their lesson as often as we please.—Chambers.  
The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory.—Mary Baker Eddy.  
The colleges, while they provide us with libraries, furnish no professors of books; and I think no chair is so much needed.—Emerson.

Be as careful of the books you read, as of the company you keep; for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as by the latter.—Paxton Hood.  
The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that.—James McCosh.  
No book can do good as to be profitably when negligently read.—Seneca.

**BANK CALL**  
WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday, April 4.

## Brooding Prisoner Mails Money for License for Dog

TACOMA, April 7 (AP)—A recently arrived prisoner at McNeil Island penitentiary sat in his cell and brooded over the possible fate of his dog, left behind when he "went over the hill."  
He sent a letter to Holmes Eastwood, Tacoma commissioner of public safety, enclosing money for a dog license, and asked police to be merciful if they picked up his pet.  
Commissioner Eastwood replied by the next mail the dog had been located living with neighbors, and seemed to be happy wearing his shiny new license.

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It's Here

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, April 7—The only ire Mr. Roosevelt raised over defense strikes concerned the Allis-Chalmers slugging bee—and he was not alone in that. Personal relations of half a dozen members of his official family have been strained by the overlapping muddles each has created in individual efforts to handle the strike. Personal hoots and boos have been heard inside and a hatpin has been wielded.

In a telegram Labor Secretary Perkins confessed pointedly to Senator Byrd she was unaware of the bold efforts of Messrs. Knudsen and Knox to reopen the Allis-Chalmers plant. She indicated her labor department was getting ready to certify the case to the labor mediation board when the Knudsen-Knox letter broke in the public prints. Miss Perkins was not the only high official left out on the Knudsen-Knox effort. In the dark with her were Mr. Roosevelt's labor coordinator Sidney Hillman and apparently FDR himself.

This flash of darkness was really only the sequel to Mr. Hillman's fall down the same cellar stairs six weeks ago. A settlement then was effected. In conferences here February 15 both labor and management agreed to a formula worked out by John R. Steelman's labor conciliation service with Father Haas, the well-known labor conciliator, and two men from Hillman's division. Basic point was that it would provide an umpire. But in telling of the agreement later Mr. Hillman opined it would not mean a closed shop for the union. That started the fight all over again.

Conflicting official fingers in this pile from the start include Miss Perkins, Steelman, Hillman, Knudsen, Knox, War Secretary Stimson, Governor Hall of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin employment relations board and now the labor mediation board.  
This, it appears, is what made Mr. Roosevelt mad.  
The way congress and other interested parties have backed

off to let Mr. Roosevelt personally work out the defense strikers threat to American safety reflects a curious inside situation.

Mr. Roosevelt and his aide, Miss Perkins, are personally responsible for having started the CIO movement. They backed it in more than one way. Hardly an informed congressional authority doubts that they want organization of Henry Ford and Little Steel. But now the deeper obligation has been imposed upon the president alone by congress to get defense goods out in time for Britain to defeat Hitler, and to defend our shores. The president, laboring between these two contradictory programs, has occasionally become involved in contradictions, as manifest by the above recital of how his various agents have worked at odds amid more or less mystifying White House silence.  
He started it. It's up to him to stop it.

## PROBERS

Well backed for the guiding job of general counsel of the new Vinson congressional committee to investigate defense strikes is Edmund M. Toland, strong, efficient conductor of the Smith investigation of NLRB. His appointment would eliminate any suggestion that the committee might whitewash the labor situation. Energetic guide of the senate investigation of defense contracts will be Hugh Fulton, 32-year old SEC man who worked up the cases against Hopson and William Fox.

## ELECTION

Republican victory in the St. Louis mayoralty was due to the interest of sincere business men, the old timers here say. A

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young alert business group went first into the republican primary and defeated the regular political machine. Carrying its candidate into the election, it defeated the democratic machine.

## COPPER MINE

Patience of Hitler with Yugoslavia was not entirely due to his surprise. Largest European producer of copper (the Bor mine) is in Yugoslavia; Germany took over its control from the French after the fall of France. Hitler has no other place to get copper.

## NAME CHANGE

The British "purchasing" commission is significantly but quietly changing its name to the British "supply" council of North America. Council will be expanded to include two new divisions, a merchant shipping mission under Sir Arthur Salter, and a food supply mission under Hon. R. C. Howe (working closely with Agriculture Secretary Wickard).  
The British now have the whole 9th floor of the Willard hotel, a Massachusetts avenue mansion and nearly 1000 employees.

## Volcanoes Are Beneficial

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general who made the remark that war is —, and also the local merchant who made the remark that the new taxes which is to come, that he will have a hell of a time getting the money to pay for same.  
Thanking you,  
T. R. COLTON,  
Box 51, Klamath Falls.

## JOB INSURANCE PAYMENTS DROP

Unemployment insurance payments for the month just past were less than half those of March, 1940, while a comparison for the entire first quarter shows a drop of 28.7 per cent from last year.

The monthly resume just issued by Administrator Silas Gaiser shows benefits of \$419,163 paid to the unemployed during March, bringing the total for the year to \$1,170,812. These figures compare with \$895,917 and \$1,641,682 last year.

## Washington IWA Hits Bridges Trial, Mediation Board

CENTRALIA, April 7 (AP)—The fifth annual southwest Washington district convention of the International Woodworkers of America closed here Sunday night with adoption of resolutions demanding a halt in attempts to deport Harry Bridges, condemning the national labor mediation board and calling for resignation of one of the union's international vice-presidents.

The delegates voted two to one for the third resolution, demanding resignation of Worth Lowry, of Seaside, Ore., accused in the resolution text of having described sabotage against national defense. The labor board resolution declared the board was a challenge to labor's rights to strike and picket.

The feature of the first-day sessions of the convention Saturday was a Memorial service on the scene of the hanging of Wesley Everest, 1919 mob victim and I.W.W. leader. Dick Law, of Aberdeen, presiding at the service, declared Everest was "a victim of the desire for an eight-hour day, the right to organize and freedom from war." Doktor and O. M. Orton, international union president, also spoke at the service.

## Judge Says Rings Belong To Wife

PHILADELPHIA, April 7 (AP) Judge George Bowen Parry holds that a husband has no claim on his wife's engagement and wedding rings.

Parry ordered Joseph Weintraub yesterday to return the rings to his wife, Mrs. Jessie Weintraub, who contended her husband took them without her consent when they separated last September.

Weintraub declared he gave the rings to his wife on the condition that they would always be a part of his estate.

"It is so unusual and so contrary to ordinary experience," Judge Parry said of Weintraub's claim. "I unhesitatingly rejected it."

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