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Cut Non-Defense Expenditures

FROM various responsible sources comes a plea for reducing the non-defense expenditures of government. It is a sound suggestion that the cost of the defense program, which has given a great impetus to industry, should be offset in part by a decrease in expenditures for governmental activities that were set up when and theoretically because industry was in the doldrums.

No one who has watched governmental bureaus pile up and reach out for more power and more taxes will expect them to give up without a fight. Virtually every government bureau set up in the depression period and since is now claiming to be a "defense" activity. Every bureaucrat is seizing the opportunity to reach out for more power on the grounds that he has something indispensable to the national defense. The socialists and the totalitarians who haven't the courage to come out under those banners are preparing to make hay in the defense and war crisis.

No sincere American is unwilling to pay, and pay heavily, for governmental outlays that are necessary in the proper military defense of America, even in all of the ramifications the national leadership is giving that program. But the American people should not be made to continue to pay for pyramided bureaucratic set-ups conceived by reckless spenders and wild experimentalists in depression years, who now want to carry on in order to preserve their own power and to control big outlays of government largess.

They should get relief from that additional burden. But they won't get it, if the bureaucrats can help it.

They Believe in Service

ANOTHER organization is holding a state convention in Klamath Falls this weekend. It is the state junior chamber of commerce, composed of the young men of Oregon communities who believe in giving service to their home cities and in working together with their neighbors for general civic betterment. The delegates of such a high-purposed organization are warmly welcome in Klamath Falls.

Klamath is particularly interested in the state chamber because of the part local men played in forming the state organization two years ago in Eugene. At that time Klamath, which had a junior chamber organization for nearly a decade, sent delegates to the state organization meeting and one of them, Charles Mack, county assessor, became the first president of the state junior chamber. The first state convention was held a year later in Eugene, with Ed Eggen of Portland becoming president for the second year of the organization's existence. The convention opening here Friday is the second in the history of the state group.

Through the state organization, junior chambers are able to make their program more generally beneficial. They are planning, for instance, a tourist greeting effort that will be most effective through a statewide program. Cooperation, mutual assistance, and exchange of ideas are the main objectives behind the formation of the state chamber.

Locally, we have had ample demonstration of the effective work that can be done by a junior chamber of commerce. Safety campaigns, clean-up weeks, the boat regattas, and many other civic movements have stemmed from this organization of enthusiastic, active young men. They are now playing host to a state convention; the best way to give them deserved cooperation is to extend the community's warm hospitality to their guests. To the visitors, welcome and best wishes for a constructive meeting.

A Klamath man was arrested at Spokane for tearing

Yep



up an overtime parking ticket. It couldn't be that he was just following a home-town custom not understood elsewhere, could it?

To our convention visitors, we can only refer to the rain with the accepted Los Angeles alibi: "It's unusual."

Walter Wiesendanger asks us to stop forest fires, referring, of course, to the season that lies ahead. You couldn't start a forest fire in this weather.

A friend suggests that boys patrol the canal on bicycles to keep youngsters away from the dangerous water. Not a bad idea, but a bike patrol couldn't do much to stop adults bound for the canal in an automobile.

All of this civic effort in behalf of a smoother road to Reno has nothing to do with the Nevada city's function in the local matrimonial situation. Those marriage-bound Klamathites probably never realize the road is rough. Unfortunately, many will learn all about rough roads after the knot is tied.

Husband Claims Wife Rented Him To Another, Wants Half of Fee

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP)—The loss of her husband's affections. Samuel Brummel, 56-year-old insurance salesman who contends his wife rented him to another woman for a year, demands half the \$10,000 Mrs. Brummel said she received. Seeking a divorce from Mrs. Lillian Patton Brummel, whom he married in San Francisco in 1911, Brummel alleges that although he returned to her at the end of the year, she deserted him without splitting the fee as promised. He is suing for half as community property.

Mrs. Norma Peppin, middle-aged county employee, tearfully acknowledged in court that she paid the sum to Mrs. Brummel, but declined to say what it was for. Mrs. Brummel testified it was "to compensate" her for

the loss of her husband's affections.

Asked on cross-examination where the money came from, Brummel blandly replied: "It was from a business deal."

"Is it then your contention that Mrs. Lillian Brummel made an agreement whereby she loaned you out for \$10,000?"

"Yes."

"And what did you say?"

"I said all right."

Mrs. Brummel obtained a divorce in Tijuana, Mex., July 1, 1936, court records show, and the following August 5 Brummel married Mrs. Peppin in Fresno, Calif. They separated a year and 10 days later and last August 2 Mrs. Peppin obtained an annulment on the ground Brummel already was married at the time of the Fresno ceremony. She contended the Mexican divorce was not valid.

As the basis for his claim for half the \$10,000, Brummel testified:

"I came home one day and Lillian told me that Mrs. Peppin was receiving a large estate—40 to 50 to 60, maybe \$80,000."

"My wife said she had it all arranged for the \$10,000 and that I shouldn't stay with Mrs. Peppin longer than a year. She said she was just loaning me to her and that just as soon as I got free from Mrs. Peppin half of the money would be mine."

"And what did you say to that?" he was asked.

"I said O. K."

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

LINDBERGH UPHELD PORTLAND, Ore. (To the Editor)—Wish to thank you for the prediction about Colonel Lindbergh's bravery. Many cannot comprehend how immeasurably safer and easier it would be for Lindbergh to take his desk job as per his rank in the aviation end of defense, than to stand up and tell the truth as did his father 24 years ago.

As you suggest, the "me too" yappers and the profit-taking

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 2—Stalin's mystifying ban on arms shipments across his country has been variously interpreted as a slap or a kiss for Hitler. It was recognized here as neither, but rather as another clumsy red limitation of clever Nazi double-dealing in diplomacy.

The truth will be out when Stalin shortly signs a commercial treaty with his intimate enemy, Japan. The treaty will include an "equitable" allocation of freight car space between Japan and Russia on the crowded Trans-Siberian railway. The Japs are shipping cotton, rubber, minerals, soy beans, vegetable oils and food products (no "war materials") across Siberia to Germany, and the Russian treaty will give them more space.

United States will not like this. Yet the only places where Russia can get vitally needed metals, machinery, and small amounts of machine tools are the United States or Germany, and Germany can't afford to send much. Russia already is afraid her sellout to Japan in the non-aggression pact will cause the American government to cut her thin trans-Pacific line of supplies from us.

So the lumbering bear of the Kremlin, trying to imitate the tiger of Wilhelmstrasse, supplied an idle friendly gesture toward a hand that is feeding it before again biting it.

NO EFFECT

The ban can have no harmful effect on Germany for many other reasons. Enough is the explanation that Germany does not get any war materials from anyone through Russia and does not expect any. The step might stop an unimportant trickle from Germany to Japan or from Sweden to Persia, but this would not work against Hitler.

Any time Hitler says boo to Stalin, the bear will run and in the direction Hitler points. You can depend on that, no matter how many stupid diplomatic gestures are contrived by the Kremlin to create a different impression.

LIBYAN FORCE

The Nazis have been slipping reinforcements through the British sea lines to Africa, and are

loading up for a big direct blow at the Suez. A counter on the job there has led authorities here to believe the Germans are massing 25 divisions (200,000 men) and between 2000 and 3000 tanks in Libya. This would be in accord with the basic German strategy, of concentrating overwhelming numbers of men and equipment for a single point of attack.

The British have good defensive lines but their available men and equipment are strung out from Ethiopia to Crete.

NOTE: 300 of these Nazi tanks in Libya are the best of the French. No one knows how Hitler got them.

PATROLS

FDR is energetically stopping speculation as to whether our patrols are 2000 or 10,000 miles out. He criticized his good friend Admiral Stark, chief of naval operations for saying 2000 miles (Stark said 3000 in an interview before he made his speech), and his friend La Guardia for saying 1000 miles. Actual distance has probably become incidental. The president announced the patrol would roam the seven seas and invade even war zones "if necessary to defend the western hemisphere."

SUB ACE MISSING

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—Lieut. Comm. Guenther Prien, German submarine ace who destroyed the British battleship Royal Oak at Scapa Flow early in the war, has been missing since April 13, the British Broadcasting corporation said today.

BBC said the source of the report was a Reuters (British news agency) message "confirmed by a neutral source in Berlin."

Tonight Midnight

Owl Show Preview

OF SUNDAY'S COMPLETE PROGRAM



PINE TREE

ENDS TODAY

IT'S A DEAL OF A JOB HANGING ONTO A HALO... for an angel who'd rather raise Cain!



News

Coming Sunday

She WANTED TO BE NAUGHTY... in a Nice Way!
Her most delightful and slightly daring role!

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RAINBOW
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2 BIG HITS

WAS HIS FACE RED!
AND HIS NOSE TOO!

W.C. FIELDS
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with LINA MERKEL - Richard Purcell

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Cesar Romero
in
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Coming SUNDAY

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It's love in double doses!

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SARAH Padden
DOROTHY TREE

PELICAN

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with
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AS CHARLIE CHAN
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Sen YUNG - DON DOUGLAS
Katharine ALDRIDGE

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