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Miles of Red Tape In Congress

In the view of many writers, one of the obstacle to the swift and efficient prosecution of the war is what might be termed the "Washington mentality." It is an insidious form of disease which seems to strike a great many government workers, both the important and the obscure. The symptoms are an ever-expanding bureaucracy which is bound lock, stock and barrel in miles of red tape.

In a recent column, Dorothy Thompson touched on this trouble. "In Washington," she wrote, "the facts of life are the government itself.Therefore all the struggles of life occur inside the government. In a normal city there is a constant interplay of interests, and one meets, day by day, industrialists, artists, officials, teachers, physicians, and all sorts and condition of men, so that there is a constant correction and adaption of one viewpoint. In Washington, since there is no normal intercourse, the world enters in the form of lobbyists—ambassadors from groups in the nation to the capital. And eventually the domestic life of the nation becomes as complicated as foreign policy.''

In Washintgon, in short, thousands of people are continually striving for political or economic power of some sort. The big men in the government—the President, his cabinet, the heads of major departments—are surrounded by "yes" men who are seeking to curry favor in high places. As a result, many of the big men become super-sensitive to criticism. They lose touch with the country. Often they are tremendously overworked, and their energies are devoted to routine matters which could and should be done by underlings. There is a tremendous waste of time and effort in making decisions on matters of major policy.

The lack of cohesion in the seat of our gvernment has been shown many times. It has become a commonplace for top officials to make opposed declarations to the same subject. The rubber problem is the prime example of that—practicaly every one in Washington has had his say about it, and the result has been a vast and need less confusion in the public mind. Selective Service policy is still another example. Every few days a new dictum is handed down—and very often it is greatly at variance with the one which preceded it. General Hershey says one thing, the state draft directors say another, some spokesman for the Manpower Commission or the War Labor Board says still another—and then the local draft boards,which are laws unto themselves, go blithely ahead and do what they please.

According to capital veter ans, some of the ablest men in the country have gone to Washington—and unconsciously become victims of the "Washington mentality." As the old proverb has it, they can't see the forest because of the trees.They too are enmeshed in red tape,and they too tend to regard criticism as a sort of treason. And in the meantime, the bureaucracy grows bigger and better entrenched, and the wheel move slower and slower.

Dorothy Thompson believes that the answer, in part, is to "decentralize our bureaucracy—decentralize it to the point where once a clear policy, has been laid down, decisions can be made all over the country and far away from Washington." Still another essential is to free responsible officials of routine paper work so that they can lay down clear policies. And a third essential is to stick to policies once they are made—and to keep third string officials from bedeviling the public with confused and contradictory statement Any major change in Washington must be made by the President himself. The most important bureaus are under the control of the Executive branch, rather thanCongress. He makes all the important appointments of per sonnel, and he has the power to clean house whenever he wants to and as thoroughly as he wants to. All agree that among the many men he has brought to Washington, there are numerous top rate ones. But it is felt that in many cases these men have not been given sufficient authority to adequately perform their jobs. And in many other cases these men have unconsciously tended to become complacent, and they need shaking up.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Keep On the Job

The home front can never be as productive of medals as the battle front. However, the importance of the home front is coming more and more to be recognized, as indicated recently when one of the top men at selective service headquarters warned workers against changing jobs with any idea of getting draft deferment thereby.

Thousands of workers throughout the country have jumped their regular peacetime and perhaps unglamorous jobs to go to work for defense industries.

Not only is this unlikely to result in draft deferment, but it might actually hasten the day of the draft call, according to Lieutenant-Commander Patrick H. Winston, assistant executive of selective service headquarters in Washington.

Addressing the convention of the National Association of Food Chains in Chicage, Lieutenant-Commander Winston said:

"A man moving voluntarily from a non-essential industry to an essen tial industry in which he has had no previous experience does not improve his craft status. On the contrary, such action to prevent immediate inductions might cause him to be called earlier."

So it appears that those of us doing what may seem to be prosaic jobs at home, had better stick to them. That advice is obviously based on the fact that the machinery of civilian life must not be disorganized by unplanned shifts from one place to another and one job to another.

The Army wants us to stay put until we are needed. If we get too impatient for change, the Army may say, "O. K., Bud. If you're in such a hurry, c'mon and get your rifle."

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URGE VICTORY FOR O'CONOR AND ENTIRE TICKET

State-wide Leaders Call Overwhelming Majority Best Way To Insure Continuance of Efficient War Effort

Tydings, Radcliffe, Jackson, join in unqualified endorsement of O'Conor Administration

All signs point to an overwhelming victory for Governor O'Conor and his running mates, Comptroller Tawes and Attorney General Walsh, according to State-wide leaders.

U. S. Senator Millard F. Tydings at a meeting in Salisbury said that "one way to help the national administration in the war effort is to elect Governor O'Conor and Attorney General Walsh and Comptroller Tawes. There should be no break in the continued support the Maryland governor is giving the national administration.

"When you consider Governor O'Conor's experience and his record in public office and compare it with his opponent's lack of experience and no record in elective office you have only one choice, the re-election of Governor O'Conor and the entire Democratic ticket."

Urges Veterans' Support

Senator Tydings, who entered World War I as an enlisted man and was advanced step by step until he became Lieutenant Colonel, reminded his audience that Governor O'Conor and Attorney General Walsh were both veterans of the first World War and members of the American Legion.

U. S. Senator Radcliffe in a radio address asked the voters to elect the Democratic ticket asserting that there would be closer cooperation with our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. The Senator said:

"There should be no divided responsibility. Our State Government and our delegation to Congress should be Democratic, especially now. Governor O'Conor, Comptroller Tawes and Attorney General Walsh have been alert, ready and helpful in the war effort. We need to retain in office men of ability and energy who will work vigorously in the furtherance of the war program."

Mayor Jackson Endorses

Mayor Howard W. Jackson, of Baltimore, in a state-wide radio broadcast, urged the election of Governor O'Conor and the state-wide ticket.

"Governor O'Conor comes before the voters with the approval of every element of the Democratic party of Maryland," Mayor Jackson said. "I believe the best interests of the people would be injured by any change in the State Administration at this time.

"Our State needs, in this period of emergency," Mayor Jackson continued, "the benefit of the experience of Governor O'Conor and his Department heads. A change means untried and inexperienced persons taking office."

The Mayor of Baltimore appealed to the voters to vote for Governor O'Conor, Comptroller Tawes and Attorney General Walsh and the Democratic Congressional candidates. He also urged support for the Democratic candidates for State, County and local offices.

The Mayor concluded his address by saying, "These candidates deserve your vote. I believe they will uphold and maintain the best traditions of our State, and that they will serve you well in the trying times through which we are passing. We face the enemy in all parts of the world. Those who risk their lives are entitled to the best that we who are responsible for the home front can do. We owe them everything that we hold dear. We must not neglect our duty to vote, and we must see to it that we cast our votes for those who are equipped to render the most efficient service."

Labor Endorses Ticket

Announcement was made that all groups of labor throughout the State were united behind Governor O'Conor and the State ticket. The endorsement of the American Federation of Labor, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Congress of Industrial Organizations all point to a solid front in the desire to keep the war effort unhampered by any change.

"The endorsement of labor," according to the announcement, "was based entirely on the war effort of each person involved. This is particularly true of Governor O'Conor and his administration since the outbreak of the war."

Throughout the State speakers stressed the fact that the Republican candidate for the high office of Governor was entirely without experience in public affairs, never having held elective office. Outside of being an orator and a secretary he had no real qualifications for the job.

Tire-Testing Stations

The poor motorist—or what is left of him—is to be harassed some more. Thousands of tire-testing stations are soon to be opened and the motorists will be compelled to report every sixty days—if he holds a ration card above A—for the purpose of examining his tires.

This will require a new army of civilian government employes to further complicate the man-power shortage. This scheme of inspecting tires will consume millions of man hours, both by the inspectors and the motorists, who no doubt will have to wait hours in long lines, as it will require a half hour, more or less, to inspect each car.

The writer is of the opinion that most motorists have been taking good care of their tires in the recent past, for good reasons, and if left to their own initiaative would see to it that their tires were recapped in time. In this connection, only a small percentage have been eligible for recapping up to now and many tires have been worn beyond the recapping stage.

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Pursuant to the Order of said Court notice is hereby given to all resident and non-resident creditors of said decedent to file in said Court their claims against said decedent with the voucher thereof legally authenticated on or before the 8th day of April, 1943.

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Republican Candidate for Congress

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Congressman Ward's Voting Record

Present	Absent	Aye Votes	No Votes
59 times	17 times	66 times	38 times
Not voting	Total roll calls	Voting	Failed to vote
19 times	199	163	36 times

Therefore, we had no representation in Washington 20 per cent of the time that Congress was in session, while Mr. Ward has served in office. Mr. Ward has never spoken either in his long years of service in Annapolis or in the 3½ years he has served in Washington.

Mr. Lloyd pledges he will not vote for a Congressman's pension either.

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