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O'CONOR ISSUES APPEAL TO STATE OFFICIALS TO CONSERVE FUNDS

Encouraged by the splendid response made by department heads last year to his call for economy, which resulted in the reversion to the State Treasury of $363,000.00 in unspent budgeted funds, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has issued a similar appeal to the heads of all State agencies.

The greatest economy is essential, Governor O'Conor pointed out, if his administration is to carry out the pledges he has made to bring about a reduction in taxes generally at the very first opportunity.

Partly because of the large amount reverted to the Treasury last year, the State was enabled to end the fiscal year with a surplus of $4,000,000, and it is the Governor's hope that this figure will be exceeded this year at the close of the fiscal year of September 30th.

"It is desirable again at this time", the Governor pointed out in his appeal to State officials, "that our policy respecting this matter (return of unexpended balances) be indicated to the Heads of all State Agencies for their guidance.

"Attention is called to the provision of the Budget Law which says, "Any unexpected balance of such appropriation, against which there will be no outstanding obligations at the end of the fiscal year, except balances from sources dedicated by any Act of Congress or by the laws of the State to some specific purpose or purposes, shall revert to the General Treasury of the State at the end of the fiscal year." It is the obvious intention of the law that all unobligated balances be returned to the State Treasury.

"If, for any reason, such a condition exists in your Agency, I urge that you regard such sums for what they are, namely, unspent balances, and revert the same to the Treasury.

"Our State is in a sound financial position, our budget is balanced, our reserves sufficient and our bonds are held in high esteem by the investigating public. The times, however, require the utmost prudence, caution and economy in the administration of government fiscal affairs, and every financial resources of the State must be conserved.

"I know that I shall have your complete cooperation in making effective the policies herein indicated."

PEOPLE WANT DEFENSE, NOT WAR

A financial authority recently made this significant observation: "Let us be on guard against building of war hysteria. Let us keep it clearly in mind that what we are talking about is defense and not going to war. This is the time for clear-thinking rather than emotional thinking."

The standard polls indicate that while the American people are almost unanimously in favor of adequate prepardness, they are also overwhelmingly opposed to belligerent participation in the European slaughter.

Industry does not want war because, if for no higher reason, it knows from its experience in the last World War that it results in ruinous taxation and depression. It will do all in its power to avoid war even while it does all in its power to make our defenses so strong that all aggressors will hesitate at bringing war to us.

The two great political parties of the United States have made their choice of presidential candidates.

Only Mr. Roosevelt can speak with full authority in defense of New Deal activities and purposes. And only Mr. Wilkie, among the opposition, has brought to bear on the New Deal, criticism which has been based on philosophical rather than partisan principles.

There can be no question but that the New Deal has vastly broadened the powers of government over the people--over individuals and industries alike. That is the New Deal's basic philosophy--a centralized government in Washington, exerting its influence over almost every phase of life. It is exactly this which Mr. Wilkie opposes--a Jeffersonian in tradition, it is his thesis that the State is basically the enemy of individual freedom, and that the least possible government is the best possible government for the governed.

SLOWING DOWN FOR THE CURVES

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., August 12-Just a few weeks ago Washington had its first serious attack of hysteria and jitters, for several years. The war excitement was described as almost as intense on this side of the Atlantiic as in war-stricken Europe. A "total defense" program was rushed through Congress with more speed than in 1916-17.

If the two great national political conventions had not intervened the speed at which the Government was going might not have slowed down for dangerous curves. Perhaps we should be thankful to politics for having given Washington statesmen time to cool their heads and rest their nerves.

The strength of Democracy is asserting itself once again, as is proved by the fact that the people of our country show a determination to save America first, by preserving private enterprise, individual liberty, cultural and economic riches, peace with progress and technical gains that have been wrung from the closets of scientists, electrical engineers, and from the laboratories of chemists.

While party politicians were rounding the slippery curves at Philada., and Chicago our loyal American public took inventories of New Deal reforms, and seriously appraised all the existing measures and programs that have been on trail the last half dozen years. Should they be carried on, or dropped as "obsolete"?

The political yells from Republicans and Democrats demanding thousands of airplanes a week, and thousands of tanks and ships, and compulsory training of boys and men for war, sounded rather crazy to the rich man, poor man, beggar man, editor, lawyer, chief, etc.

Some weeks ago America's Air Ace made an appeal for a definite program for prepardness, and he was vilified by the politicians who proposed to do the same thing in reverse; prepardness in a jiffy, without waiting for the program. Since then the Government at Washington has slowed down at many curves and learned a lot of lessons from cool Stettinius and Knudsen and many sensible outsiders.

New plants must be built, tooling, machinery, equipment and plans; as well as skilled and trained workmen must be brought to the job. Time must elapse before a thousand planes a day, or any other great production can be expected.

Even more significant is the restoration of commonsense, by force of public opinion, which revives the historic belief that so much haste will "spill the broth." Finally, one may write, that the United States and the Western Hemisphere face no immediate dangers. The high-muck-a-mucks of our Government, Army and Navy know that there are two or three years, at the least possible calculations, before all these "total defense" plans will be needed, or can be made operative; and they also know that Nazis and others will need an equally long time--after they finish Europe, to come across the Atlantic Ocean to wipe up the United States. That's why there has been a lot of slowing down at the curves--which is a good deal safer and more sensible than the hysteria--and--chatter--ways of just a few weeks ago.

Besides: The Nazis kind of tools of war that we are making may be "obsolete" by the time the Nazis arrive on our shores. It is not at all unlikely but what this devilish warstuff will also become "obsolete" before the United States is "next".

Under all the circumstances the American thinking people are likely to turn their attention to the Fall election, and pick their party-- recalling at the time the old practise-sentence that "now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."

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Republicans Sit Easy

The two new Republican Cabinet officers, Stimson and Knox, seem to fit harmoniously into the Democratic Cabinet, and they are holding to their promise not to meddle in politics but to look after the duties of the War and Navy Departments. Stimson has had Assistant Secretary Louis A. Johnson replaced by his personal friend, Judge Robert Porter Patterson of the United States Court of Appeals.

Mr. Johnson was a strong man in favor of definite prepardness. He quarreled with former Secretary Woodring, and Stimson apparently did not want to take chances with him.

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The New Adjournment Date

Congress has resumed and the latest word from Capitol Hill is that it is planning to "get through" by the first of September. A little modern history is worth recalling, and this reminds us that the President asked Congress in January to get through in May. Then he gave them another month and before June was up there was opposition to the White House adjournment date. It was so loud that the time was postponed and recesses were taken over the periods of the two big political conventions. Now a date is set again.

A comment and prediction is in order and our Washington correspondent states the belief that the national campaign will be so hot that the session of Congress will run past September first, and into October, at which time some sort of recess will be patched up with an agreement to call Congress back in session if, as, and when, matters get so hot and warlike, and the country so excited over real and imaginary dangers that it becomes necessary to have the lawmakers on the job, ready to shoot American fireworks without delay.

THEIR FIRST BIG ADVENTURE

Parents of the army of first-graders who will be tackling the three R's for the first time when the schools open in the fall, are reminded by Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, of certain "musts" that should be attended to before the children start off on this, their first big adventure.

"First in order of importance," he said, "is a general health examination. The correction of unfavorable conditions comes next. Health conferences for the examination of children who will enter school in the fall, have been held in all of the counties and our records show that a great many youngsters have already been examined.

"Special attention is paid in the health examination of prospective first-graders to the general health and development of each child, to the throat, nose, chest, teeth, vision and hearing.

"If you have put off having your child examined don't wait any longer. Take the youngster to your family doctor for a thorough checking up. If the doctor finds something that needs attention go ahead and have it done, so that your small boy or girl may enter school as free as possible from conditions that might be responsible for ill health later on.

"There are two other 'musts': Be sure that your child is protected against smallpox before he starts to school.

"Our State law requires all children to be vaccinated against smallpox before they may be accepted at any public school in Maryland. The State has been kept comparatively free from smallpox, largely through the observance of this law. The disease is widely prevalent in other parts of the country, but because we hear so little about it in Maryland, parents have to be reminded that the children must be protected against smallpox before they start to school.

"Diphtheria is as preventable as smallpox. You can have your child immuned - that is protected - against diphtheria through the use of toxoid. You can have your child safeguarded against these diseases either by your own doctor or at one of the county health department clinics.

"If you have neglected any of the essential health measures just look at your calendar to see how soon the schools will open, and have them attended to, without any further delay."

The conference of the 21 American Republics, which recently took place in colorful Havana, got off to a rather discouraging start. Secretary Hull made a forthright speech in which he called upon the nations of this hemisphere to band solidly together in commercial and military ties, to oppose European agression of any kind. Mr. Hull also roundly states, intimating that might happen South of the Rio Grande unless unity is achieved. Most of the Latin American foreign ministers present, paid lip service to this doctrine. But there were strong undercurrents of dissension. In many cases, South American economic interests come into direct conflict with ours, and South American business was afraid it would get the short end of the stick if the Hull programs were adopted in toto. On top of that, the Axis powers have unquestionably made serious inroads into Latin America. Certain countries, notably Brazil, have been largely settled by Germans, and Hitler's agents have been working for years to convert them to the Nazi ideology. All of South America is, of course, of Latin origin, and Spanish and Italian influences are strong. Italy is an active German ally, and Franco dictated Spain is Hitler's passive ally.

However, it looks as if the majority of Latin American governments are genuinely afraid of Axis activity, and are determined to remain Republics. So, at the end, they came at least half-way to agreeing with proposed U. S. policy.

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MOTORIST OF STATE ASKED TO REPORT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In an effort to collect complete information on traffic accidents in the State, as a step towards increased safety by the prevention of such accidents, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committte has issued a call to all the motorists of Maryland for assistance.

A new "short form" for accident reporting, formally approved by the Traffic Safety Committee, will be made available at garages, filling stations, and many other locations throughout the State for the use of motorists involved in accidents. The reports will be on double post-cards, one side containing full instructions, the other addressed for detaching and mailing to the proper officials.

The Traffic Safety Executive Committee emphasizes that these forms are for their information and should cover all minor accidents, whether these accidents involve personal injury or not. They will be exclusively for statistical purpose, and not for court action or legal use, and will not eliminate the necessity of filling the standard form required by law, which must be filed to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles whenever a personal injury results from an accident.

A complete report of accidents showing where, and how they occur are an absolute necessity in the work of the Traffic Safety Committee. By telling the enforcement officials where traffic law violations are most commonly resulting in accidents, they help the traffic engineer to know where to apply signs, signals, markings, or other safeguards to prevent the constant recurrence of accidents.

CHECK HOOPS ON SILO BEFORE FILLING

Ray W. Carpenter, specialist in agricultural engineering for the Extension Service, says that it is a good idea to check all of the hoops on the silo for tightness before filling this year. He states that just because concrete staves are regarded as inelastic one cannot assume that reinforcing hoops on a silo which has once been filled are tight enough when they appear snug.

It is probable that expansion and contraction of the silo parts has resulted in readjustment and loosening of hoop tension and even a slight decrease in hoop tension may result in mortar cracks between staves under the pressure of ensilage. If excess juices are present, they will enter these cracks and may cause accelerated etching or corrosion of the concrete and mortar.

Mr. Carpenter suggests that since damage can be done by over-stressing the rods through the use of a long handle wrench, an open end type of wrench, not exceeding 10 iches in length should be used for the job.

STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL

Maryland's plans for according full cooperation to the Federal authorities in the matter of National Defense and Resources, appointed recently by Governor Herbert O'Conor. The activities of the Council are being carried on from the executive offices in Baltimore, under Isaac S. George, Executive Officer. J. Frank Robert, well-known Baltimore industrialist, is Chairman of the Council.

The Maryland Council of Defense and Resources has been charged by Governor O'Conor with the duty of compiling complete information on Maryland's industry, man power, transportation, housing, and other facilities, with a view to making them instantly available for call by Federal authorities, should on emergency arise.

The Council will await a detailed report of the discussions in Washington during the past few days before it launches its program for coordinating and correlating the State's activities with Washington's plans. It is certain, however, that as the nearest connecting link to Washington of the important Governor's Conference, Governor O'Conor will be called upon to play an increasing part in maintaining complete cooperation between the Governors of the respective states and the authorities in Washington.

INCREASING DEATH TOLL ON HIGHWAYS

Increasing death toll on the highways of this, as well as other States, prompts the Keystone Automobile Club to warn motorists that "eternal viligance is not only the price of liberty, but under present-day traffic conditions the price of life itself."

"We do not," said George E. Keneipp, Manager of the Club, "subscribe to the thought that 'war jitters' are responsible for the upward swing in highway accidents. Our own observation is that there has been a let-down on safety consciousness. Last year the pendulum swung in the direction of safety, with tremendous public opinion backing all movtments calculated to reduce accidents. This year the emphasis on safety has not been as great, and motorists, being human, are slipping back to careless methods of driving.

"Pedestrians also must assume a full share of blame, because there has been a noticeable lack of co-operation on their part at busy corners and under other conditions where the motorist normally has the right of way. Accidents to persons crossing in the middle of the block and to those who appear suddenly from behind parked cars cannot be blamed on careless operation of motor vehicles."

"An increase of 26 deaths in Maryland in the first six months of 1940 over the corresponding period in 1939 certainly is cause for alarm. The death toll now has amounted to 214, with the heaviest traffic months still to be counted. Unless there is marked improvement in driving and walking habits, the record for the year may reach horrifying proportions."

The entire world depends upon one spot for its supply of cloves and that spot is Zanzibar, now exporting 500 pounds of cloves every time just one minute goes by.

QUICK ACTION IS ADVISABLE WHEN INSECTS INVADE HOME

When the housewife finds herself the unwilling hostess to numbers of hungry insects at this season of the year, the more quickly she does something about the matter, the better, for many large families are the rule rather than the exception with insects.

In waging war on insects that come into the kitchen, there are two anti-insect preparations that will be helpful over and over again, according to Dr. George Langford, specialist in insect control for the Extension Service. One of these preparations is poisonous sodium fluoride powder and the other is one of the kerosene-pyrethrum sprays so common on the market.

For ants, one of the most persistent of kitchen pests, sprinkle sodium flouride around window sills, drain boards, foundations, and other places where the ants crawl, but not where it will interefere with housekeeping operations. If this drives the ants away, it is a cheap and easy way to control them. But it is poisonous to man and should be used carefully, kept out of food and away from children and pets.

The ideal way to kill ants, of course, is to find the colony where the queen and the young ants are, and destroy it. When the colony is not to be found or is inaccessible, try sodium flouride powder first. If that doesn't work, it will then be necessary to resort to poison baits made to suit the taste preference of the ants.

In the meantime, until these remedies take effect, keep ants off tables, refrigerators, and other movable furniture by wrapping poison ant tapes around the furniture legs, or by setting the furniture legs into shallow dishes with a little kerosene in them. Kerosene-pyrethrum spray will kill the ants it actually hits.

Sodium flouride powder is also the best all-round remedy for cockroaches. Because cockroaches hide during the day and come out to forage at night, spread the powder around with a duster or small bellows in the evening. Put it back of shelves, drain boards, and into hiding places. Leave it there for 2 or 3 days. Repeat the application after a week or two. Two or three thorough dustings usually will be enough. Kerosene pyrethrum spray will kill all the cockroaches that it hits. Since roaches are fast on their feet, it must be sprayed into their hiding places to do much good.

Stocks of wheat in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses in Maryland on July 1 were 60,000 bushels, or 10,000 bushels more than stocks on the same date one year ago, but 6,000 bushels below the July 1 average for the period 1935-1936 according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service.

According to recent news reports, Congress is now in a mood to carefully scrutinize and analyze future requests for expenditures for national defense.

This means that Congress is determined to see to it that all money spent for defense shall go for necessary purposes--and that the maxium results are attained with the reatest possible speed.