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SPENDING SPREE GOES ON

The government was accused last week in the national house of representatives (and the accusation has not been denied) of spending an average of \$3,250,000 a week more than it collects in revenues. This policy, the congressman charged, is moving the nation "inexorably along the path toward disastrous inflation."

Monthly income is up \$84,000,000; monthly out-go is up \$97,000,000; with an average monthly deficit of \$13,000,000.

If you are an average person, government spent \$142 of your money last year. If you are head of a family of four, that means \$568 of your earnings went for taxes. The federal government is now spending at the rate of almost \$1,500,000,000 a month; \$49,000,000 a day, Sundays and holidays included, and \$34,000 an hour.

These figures show clearly that the nation is having taxes piled upon it that are confiscatory. They reveal that the talk of President Roosevelt and administration leaders about a balanced budget is all ballyhoo. No honest effort has been made to balance the budget, as figures clearly show. When a declaration is made that expenditures must be reduced, particularly the huge relief appropriation, mayors of the great cities now living in large measure off the government, rush to Washington and loudly proclaim that there must be no cut or retrenchment. And so the story goes—more spending, more waste, more piling up of debt—all of which means that inflation is here with an inevitable upward spiral of living costs for everything we eat, wear and use. Prices are rising and will continue to climb higher until a budget balance is achieved, and the country knows where it is headed for.

WHAT HAPPENED?

When Senator Byrnes originated the senate amendment to condemn sit-down strikes, he stepped into the limelight and his action was heartily endorsed throughout the nation, for those who use their brains and have a sense of fairness, know that he was right in his position.

Ranking on the inside with other close Roosevelt men, and referred to often as one of the president's coat-tail swingers, it was believed that his effort would meet, as it should have done, with the sympathetic interest and support of the chief executive and administrative leaders.

But it didn't work out that way. Senator Byrnes went up the hill, so to speak, and then marched quickly down. He got hold of something he couldn't handle. In short order his rider to the Guffey-Vinson coal measure which sought to put the senate on the spot against sit-down strikes in industry, met defeat.

What happened, many have been asking. Why did Majority Leader Robinson of the senate oppose and fight the Byrnes amendment and come forth with his own bill, later adopted, denouncing sit-down strikes, company unions and industrial espionage? Robinson described his resolution as "merely a definition of policy" and acknowledged that if it were violated congress could do nothing but feel regret and continue to look for some way to enforce this policy.

It was urged by other senators that the measure be made a joint resolution—which would require the president's signature or veto—rather than a concurrent resolution, which would not call for presidential action.

Was Senator Byrnes attempting to "smoke out" the president on the sit-down strike, or was he taking a position which he knew was not objectionable to President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, and at the same time altogether objectionable to John L. Lewis of CIO fame? If his intention was to force the president to take a stand on the issue he failed completely, even though he caused administration leaders to twist and squirm and dodge. At any rate, the Byrnes rider, later killed, had the president in a close place.

And it should be added that, up to this writing, the country has been given no comment by President Roosevelt on the Byrnes resolution.

FACTS WORTH CONSIDERING

The Committee for Industrial Organization (C. I. O.) is an offshoot of the American Federation of Labor. Advance organizers for the Textile Workers' committee of the organization are now in this state holding rally meetings to mark the beginning of Lewis' campaign to organize the

textile industry of this state as well as of other states.

Nobody questions the right of an individual to join a labor organization if he so chooses. But it seems reasonable and sensible that Southern textile workers should do some serious thinking for themselves before they blindly follow agitators of Lewis calibre who would destroy the blessings that they now enjoy. If such high-pressure organization as is proposed leads to unlawful sit-down strikes in this state, as a weapon in industrial disputes, those who follow Lewis will be the ones to suffer and lose most. Labor has a right to collective bargaining if it so desires—it has a right to throw up jobs and walk the streets—but not to trespass on private property.

The Textile Bulletin, of Charlotte, lists several pertinent facts in connection with Lewis' CIO invasion of the South, that are well deserving of the serious thought and consideration of the thousands of workers to whom he is making his partisan appeal. They follow:

(1) There is no money in sight for anyone except the organizers. They have guaranteed their salaries before they start. There is no money in sight for those people who go on strike.

(2) According to reports, Mr. Gorman thought so little of the possibility of success of the efforts of the CIO, that he completely sidestepped the issue in order that his own head might not get hurt in the failure of the CIO.

(3) If Mr. Gorman thought a strike in 1934 could accomplish something, and everyone knows its final results in death and disaster; and if Mr. Gorman, in 1937, thinks the effort of so much doubt that he has been willing to sidestep, the new effort of the CIO must look dark and gloomy.

(4) During the recent labor disturbances in several of the major industries, several rather outstanding students of industrial relationships and labor problems have been carefully and earnestly studying the philosophy and economics of the CIO, and have come to the conclusion that the CIO is not the answer or the best solution of employer-employee relationship.

WHY A PRIVATE MATTER?

The house of representatives has passed a resolution calling on Governor Johnston, Director Fulp of the temporary department of public welfare, and State WPA Administrator Pinckney for complete information concerning expenditures for relief in South Carolina during the past two years. The resolution was unanimously adopted as it should have been. And now those who sponsored the measure should push it diligently and see that the accounting is made and not allowed to be side-tracked or pigeon-holed.

Johnston, Fulp and Pinckney are requested to give the public a complete, itemized report as the text of the resolution shows:

"Be it resolved by the house of representatives:
"Section 1. That his excellency, Hon. Olin D. Johnston, governor of South Carolina, and Hon. J. D. Fulp, director of temporary state department of public welfare and administrator of emergency relief funds, and Hon. Lawrence M. Pinckney, works progress administrator, are each of them respectfully requested to transmit to the house of representatives, the following information covering the past two years:

"First: An itemized report of all receipts and disbursements of federal emergency relief funds, WPA funds, department of public welfare funds, social security board funds, and any other funds provided by the federal government and used in this state for relief, work-relief, or administration purposes, including all funds provided by counties or cities for matching purposes.

"Second: Copies of the last complete audits made of each of the aforementioned funds and offices.

"Third: A correct and complete statement showing in detail the amount or amounts of each of such funds spent in each county of the state.

"Fourth: A correct and complete statement showing number of cases on relief, work-relief, WPA, and in administrative work in each county, by months, for the past twelve (12) months.

"Fifth: A correct and complete statement listing salaries paid monthly out of each of said funds and in each of said offices, and in each county of the state up to date.

"Section 2. It is the intention of the resolution to request of each of

the aforementioned officers only so much of said information as should be properly in his possession with regard to his particular office or duties.

"Section 3. It is respectfully suggested that the above information is very necessary for a complete understanding of the administration of the aforementioned funds, and to the preparation of a program for the future.

"Section 4. That in case all the information be not immediately available, they each be respectfully requested to furnish immediately as much as possible."

This information is necessary, and unless it is forthcoming there should be no provision made by the legislature for a continuation of relief activities in the future. It is a reflection on the federal relief department that such a request must be made because the records have been kept from the public.

The government wants to know everything on earth about your business and whether you succeed in making a dollar, but has kept from the public all details about WPA and other federal agencies and activities in this state. Several times in this county we attempted to get such information but failed in the effort. Upon a visit in Clinton of one of the high-up "relief" administrators, we asked him why no such data was available. His reply was that it was contrary to government policies to give out such information. There have been people on relief rolls in this county, and still are we presume, who are deserving and entitled to the aid they are receiving. There have been others who had no right to be on the rolls. There are people holding salaried positions all over the state, this county included, in varied WPA activities who will never make an honest effort to find other employment so long as the government keeps them up at the expense of taxpayers.

The requested information concerning the handling of federal relief funds should be made a matter of public record. The salaries of state and county federal office-holders should be made known. Why keep the people in the dark by withholding this information? There is entirely too much secrecy in the handling of public affairs from the cross-country name to the capitol's flag-pole. And that such practices are allowed to exist, only the people are responsible. They can go to the ballot box, and put an end to "hidden financing," and will when public opinion becomes sufficiently aroused as it probably will one of these days.

Turn on the light. Let the taxpayers know how their money is being spent and wasted—they have a perfect right to know, regardless of the attitude of politicians to keep from the public the salaries and wages paid by federal agencies.

The house deserves commendation for the effort it is making to inform the people. It is always a healthy thing to have a full accounting of the spending of public funds of all kinds.

10 Years Ago

Items of Interest From The Chronicle of April 21, 1927

George W. Young, life-long Clinton citizen and farmer, died suddenly at his home here Friday morning.

The State Training school, located near here, is included in the state appropriation bill for \$67,000 for two additional dormitories and equipment.

Mrs. S. A. Philson, 84, died yesterday morning at her residence here following a period of declining health.

Miss Rosanna Vance has returned to Lucy Cobb college after spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Vance.

Rev. C. B. Betts, E. B. Sloan and A. B. Blakely were in Charlotte Tuesday attending a board meeting of the A. R. P. church.

Mrs. J. Lee Young returned Sunday from a visit to her sister in Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Douglas and daughters of Columbia, were here Sunday for the funeral of George W. Young.

Mrs. Horace Payne and little daughter of Plant City, Fla., arrived yesterday to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Copeland.

The many friends of J. Will Milam will regret to know he is a patient in the Laurens hospital where he underwent an operation on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon of this city, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Mason, to Dr. Lewis McNeil Bailey of Spartanburg, the wedding to take place in June.

Mrs. John Henry Hipp announces the engagement of her daughter, Emma Blanche, to William Carlin Shealy, the marriage to take place in the early summer.

A marriage of interest was that of Miss Sara A. Dominick and James Virgil Stilwell which occurred at the Lutheran parsonage at Silverstreet on Saturday. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dominick, who reside near here.

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With the Press

Lawful, But Is It Expedient
The Wagner labor act is ruled legal and Constitutional, but is it wise and feasible?

Will it make uniformly for the ends for which its partisans have claimed it was devised?

Will it minister to the end of achieving industrial peace?

Will it be accepted as being as fair to employers as it is to employees?

There are things, said Saint Paul, that are lawful, but not expedient.

This may be one of them.
—The Charlotte Observer.

The 100-Per-Center

The governor of South Carolina reiterates that he is "100 per cent for Roosevelt." That is interesting, but it would be more interesting to know if he is 100 per cent for the so-called "anti-lynching" measures which the president is said to favor. The president has never uttered a word against these measures and a word from him would kill them dead. That he does favor them has been repeatedly published. If the congress shall pass an anti-lynching bill and the president shall allow it to become a law, will Governor Johnston be 100 per cent for it? Will he say as much? Or will he reduce his Rooseveltism by 15 per cent when he speaks to the South Carolinians?

In the last three lynchings in South Carolina, in Aiken, Walhalla, and Union, the mobs were largely made up of people from cotton mill villages—or so it was said in the published accounts. There was no excuse for these lynchings. In the mobs were no presidents, secretaries or superintendents of cotton mills, no lawyers, doctors, bankers, editors, no "economic royalists."

At whom are the anti-lynching bills aimed? They are certainly not aimed at the "aristocrats," the "silk-stockings," of the South. The Northern Negroes are at the back of them. Is President Roosevelt against them? If he is, why does he not say so? Is it difficult for a Southern man, like Byrnes, like Russell, the Harrison, to be 100 per cent for Roosevelt—and they do not pretend to be although they adore the president.

The News and Courier agrees with Borah, the Republican, in this matter and will be 100 per cent against Roosevelt if he shall approve a federal anti-lynching bill. It believes that lynchings should be sent to the electric chair by juries drawn in their state courts. It is 100 per cent for South Carolina. It is NOT 100 per cent for any living man born of woman.—The News and Courier.

P. C. Trackmen Defeat Furman

Annual Encounter With Baptists Results In 74 to 57 Win For Blue Stockings. Bob King Is High Scorer.

Lonnie McMillian's P. C. trackmen captured nine firsts and a 74 to 57 conquest of Furman on Saturday afternoon in Greenville. Bob King took high scoring honors with three firsts and a second in the field events.

Cole, Dennard and Green won the 100, 220 and 400, respectively, to dominate the dashes, and Huntley came first in the mile. Reynolds won both hurdle events and Thompson leaped 21 feet, 9 1/4 inches to take broad jump honors.

Hipp bettered King's performance in the javelin-throw to take first, and Beeman annexed another first in the pole vault.

The summary:
Mile run: Huntley (PC), Alston (F), Franklin (F). Time, 5 minutes, 51.4 seconds.

440-yard run: Green (PC), Beasley (F), Whitaker (F). Time, 53.4 seconds.

100-yard dash: Cole (PC), Dennard (PC), Thompson (PC). Time, 10.1 seconds.

120-yard high hurdles: Reynolds (PC), Stevens (F), Davis (PC). Time, 15.9 seconds.

880-yard run: Beasley (F), Green (PC), Huntley (PC). Time, 2 minutes, 10.2 seconds.

220-yard dash: Dennard (PC), Nolan (F), Ritch (PC). Time, 23.3 seconds.

Two-mile run: Alston (F), Franklin (F), McCully (PC). Time, 11 minutes, 13.2 seconds.

220-yard low hurdles: Reynolds (PC), Davis (PC), Stevens (F). Time, 26 seconds.

High jump: King (F), Jacobs (PC), Hicks (F). Height, 5 feet 6 inches.

Pole vault: Beeman (PC), Hemphill (PC), McSween (PC). Height, 11 feet, 1 inch.

Shot put: King (F), Babb (F), Jacobs (PC). Distance, 43 feet, 3 inches.

Discus throw: King (F), Williams (PC), Hipp (PC). Distance, 129 feet, 3 inches.

Javelin: Hipp (PC), King (F), Stevens (F).

Broad jump: Thompson (PC), Ritch (PC), Hicks (F). Distance, 21 feet, 9 1/4 inches.

Relay: Won by Furman (Beasley, Hodgens, Whitaker, Jenkins). Time, 3 minutes, 42.7 seconds.

The Furman freshmen defeated the P. C. freshmen, 85 to 45.

WHAT DO . . .
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. . . DO?

Nobody's Business

By Gee McGee

Flat Rock Brevities
The pocketbook which a tourist lost while buying a hot dog in flat rock on his way from Florida last Friday was found by Holsum Moore and turned over to the poleman, but the money that was reported as being in same when dropped was missing. Mr. Moore do not know how it got out.

Very little gardening work has been done since spring arrived on account of it rains ever time the ground gets dry enough to dig in with a hoe or pick. Our wimmen folks are getting badly discouraged. Some of them are tired of eating everthing out of tin cans ansoforth.

Miss Jennie Veeve Smith, our school principle, is getting reddey to have a big commencement exercise at the close of her scholl. she will have 2 pageants, 3 may-pole marches, 4 dialogues, 22 speeches, and several plays. she has rote way off for a man to come and preach the back-laurate sermon this year. rev. will waive the back-laurate was a complete flop last year.

All of our bizness houses in flat rock reports the best bizness they have enjoyed since Hoover started his depression in 1929. Pres. Roosevelt is getting creddick for the improvement, but everbody is afeard that if he fails to pack the supreme court with 6 young men that our prosperrity won't last long.

The chicken and poultry bizness is also picking up in our midst. several fresh laid eggs is being harvested ever morning by our wide-awake back-yarders. yore corry sponkette fetched in 3 nice yellow eggs in one day last week, much to the surprise of his wife who didn't even know that all 3 of our hens were laying how.

The soil erosion checks have about all arrived and have been spent. seven new cars are patrolling our streets on account of government aid, and everbody is happy except a few fellows who say that their checks were not as large as promised by the agents who measured their crops for same. they have been reported to secker-terry walls of the agge-culture dept.

Wedding Bells Will Ring ALOUD In Flat Rock During June

The oncoming wedding of miss sudie lou hartfelt and mr johnnie green wishbone will be solemnized some time during the month of june according to a statement made by the bride's father at the drug store tuesday night.

This wedding was to have took place last year and all plans were made, the preacher was hired, flowers were decker-rated about their pallatial home of the bride, presents were sent, and everthing was set, but the groom failed to show up.

No presents or anything were returned last year, so whoever comes to the new wedding that fetched presents befor will be welcome without same, but the rest of the folks who have not heretofore con-

trobuted will please come bearing gifts suitable to the occasion.

Mr. Green has never stated why he backed out last year, and seemed very sorry about his disgrace when he returned back home 4 months later from out west, but it is thought that he was very jellous of her, and would not risk being married to her as long as Pete Brown and Skeet Williams remained single. they are both happily married elsewhere at this writing.

The color scheme will be roses, lilacs, Johnnie quills, running vines, and twining plants. the only lights in the room will be candle sticks and jappernese lanterns. she feels very sure of her man this time as he has invested in a ring that cost at least 4\$. and he is too stingey to lose that much monney on anyboddy.

No rote invertations will be sent this time, but everbody who looks like good present givers will be foamed or asked in person to attend this big nuptial affair. it will be held at the same place as befor. her 3 brothers will see that he is on hands this time, but man-power mought not be needed, so everbody hopes. wishing them many happy returns, i remain—

yore corry sponkette,
mike Clark, rfd.

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