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EDITORIAL

Since the authorities are finding so many irregularities and shenanigans throughout the nation, the question has been asked: "Is all the gold—\$24 billion dollars—at Ft. Knox, Ky. that was stored there?"
It may be counted soon.

The Nation's tax collecting bureau reports that seven of the nation's 64 regional tax collectors have left office in less than a year and in all 166 employees were fired or ousted last year, 60 for alleged dishonesty.

THAT'S A BIG BITE
The Atlantic Allies lay down a carefully-drawn plan to tap western taxpayers for 300 billion dollars for anti-Communists arms—a sum they believe can be scraped up without bringing economic ruin.

The cost will be spread over the three years ending with 1954 and is equal to \$750 apiece for each of the 400,000,000 people in the 12 original Atlantic Pact nations.

Although the people of this great country are opposed to increasing non-defense spending and although most of the recently ejected public servants in their most recent campaigns promised to cut non-defense spending, we learn that the total Federal non-defense outlay for the first half of this fiscal year has been increased by about one billion dollars over the corresponding six months period of 1951.

COST OF PRICE CONTROL
The News, of Cascade, Idaho, recently carried an editorial on the Office of Price Stabilization. "The OPS," it began, "is itself repugnant to every American tradition. The dislocation, confusion and injustice already caused by price control efforts shows us the urgent need to return to free market prices. Fair and open competition at the retail level offers the surest protection against excessive prices and profits."

The News then went into another phase of OPS' operations—that of cost to the taxpayers. It reprinted the annual payroll for OPS' Boise district office. Sixty-three names are on the list, at salaries ranging from \$2750 to 9600. The annual total comes to some \$320,000. This, remember, is for but a single district office—and one which the News says is among the smallest in the nation. Yet that office takes a third of a million a year for salaries to say nothing of rent, transportation, expense accounts, supplies and all the rest of the overhead.

Of course, this shouldn't surprise anyone. It is the old, old way of bureaucracies and OPS is certainly no exception to the rule. The more people you can put on the payroll, the more power you can wield—and the more important your own job seems to be. It would take a modern-day Diogenes to find a professional government official who ever willingly cut down expenses of any kind.

TAXES ARE PART OF BUSINESS COSTS
Are taxes a part of the cost of doing business? Most people would say "Certainly—as much a part as wages, material, rents and everything else." But the Office of Price Stabilization takes another and very curious view.

This, became apparent a short time ago when a western light and power company applied to the state regulatory commission for permission to raise its electric rates to produce urgently needed new income. Well over half the proposed increase would go to meet the boost in Federal corporate income

taxes. OPS' counsel appeared and argued that the rate increase should be approved, for the reason that the company's earnings were better than in other years—in the income tax increases were overlooked. He thus argued, at least by inference that taxes are not a part of the cost of operating business.

Of this remarkable viewpoint, the argument is without bearing; earnings before taxes are a figment. They are not profits out of which the regulated utility can pay a return on its investment. They cannot be spent on building dams or power houses. Until taxes are deducted, it is illusory to consider earnings as profits; just as illusory as I would be to consider them before deducting wages.

The cause of reason and good sense was served when the commissioner presiding over the rate hearing threw out the OPS contention and held that taxes are a part of the cost of doing business. But the reasoning which lay behind OPS' stand will bear watching. It is the kind of reasoning which, once accepted as valid, would destroy enterprise, lead to more state socialism, and sap the strength of the nation.

NEWTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. John Wittle, of Florin visited Mr. and Mrs. Victor Snyder, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Johnston, of Lancaster, Rev. Albert Dombach of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Salem Gamber and daughter, of Columbia R. D. were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Gamber.

Mrs. Katie Moore, Mrs. Blanche Frysinger and Mrs. Ida Eisenberger visited Dr. and Mrs. Phares Gibble, of Ephrata and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gibble and family of Manor during the past week. On Sunday they attended the ordination services for Misses Mary and Ethel Heisey, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Heisey, which were held at the Cross Roads Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Derr of Hazleton, visited Mrs. Matilda Derr on Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Witmer, and son were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Calvin Ness of Columbia R. D.

Mrs. Martha Fogie visited Mrs. Alfred Atland of Columbia, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Witmer and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kauffman Sr. of Ironville.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Aristice Wittle were Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Hallgren, of Mt. Joy, Mr. Joseph Wittle and daughter Judy of Columbia.

Master Robert Witmer spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Paul Witmer, of Marietta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erb visited Mrs. Ottilia Erb of Lancaster Saturday. Sunday Mrs. Erb visited Mrs. Paul Myers and Amos Witmer of Columbia R1 and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Erb, of Mt. Joy R. D., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Landis, of Lititz visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Witmer Saturday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Arndt were entertained Sunday dinner by Rev. and Mrs. Chester Hartman of Geysers. Rev. Arndt preached at the Geysers E.U.B. Church in the evening for their Evangelistic services.

Mrs. Aristice Wittle and daughter Ruth attended the birthday party, which was held in honor of Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wittle of Columbia. Judy celebrated her 2nd birthday.

Visitors during the past week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Arndt, were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lefever of Conestoga, Miss Mary Lefever, Lancaster, Mrs. Joan Melinger, Mt. Joy R. D. Mrs. Maurice Frysinger, Mrs. Ida Eisenberger, and Mrs. Grace Gelmacher of town, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Buch, of Manheim.

Jacob Erb and Robert Witmer visited Minnie and Ella Erb, of Mt. Joy, on Friday.

10,000 VOTERS IN COUNTY FACE LOSS OF BALLOTS
An estimated 10,000 Lancaster County voters, who have failed to cast a ballot for two consecutive years, face having their names removed from the voting lists unless they return reinstatement cards to the County Registration Office in the Court House.

Three thousand other persons, in the same group, have been reinstated as voters and will be eligible to cast ballots in the April 22 primary election.

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HAPPENINGS — of — LONG AGO

20 Years Ago

Wednesday, Mar. 2
Mrs. Elmer Heisey celebrated her birthday March 1.

Mrs. Paul Risser was remembered by her many friends on her birthday, Feb. 29.
Burgess Dr. W. D. Chandler, 74, died very suddenly.

Miss Minnie Eckert, of Lancaster, is our new community nurse.
The Court has decided that gum vending machines are illegal.

Pennsylvania's farmers were denied loans on the \$50,000,000 made available in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Mr. Devor, a teacher in the high school here, was taken from his work Monday by a Maryland officer. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

Local dairymen reduced the price of milk to 9 cents a quart.
The American Legion Auxiliary held a very successful social Friday evening.

Daniel W. Kramer, baggage man at the Penna. Railroad Station, was retired March 1 after 50 years of service.

The Mount Joy High School Debating Club will have its first inter-scholastic debate on Tuesday, Mar. 8 with Lititz High.

A 6-room house with all conveniences along the trolley in Florin is being offered for sale at \$3,650.
Coffee is so plentiful in Brazil that they use it to fire locomotives.

Harry Darrenkamp sells any brand of cigarettes you may want at two packs for 25c.
Here's an Owl Laff we think is worth repeating: Joe Hershey told Joe Detwiler to repaint the barber pole so Joe went to a local hardware store and asked for striped paint.

Dr. E. W. Garber will take a straw vote on daylight saving.

The annual report of the borough finances which appears in the Bulletin this week, shows last year's receipts were \$19,631.63. Expenditures were \$16,713.63, leaving a balance of \$2,917.99.

An effort is being made by the American Legion to eliminate unemployment in the borough within the next few weeks. A survey showed that 50 men, mostly heads of families, are idle.

Ministerial Asso.

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afraid, because he knows that Christ's Kingdom will ultimately prevail. When the way is uncertain the Christian looks up at the everlasting hills "from whence cometh our help", believing always that the eternal verities will stand the test of time.

So this Lenten season affords all of us the opportunity of a closer walk with God and the quiet confidence which comes when we give our souls into His keeping. It brings us the joy of fellowship with the Divine Mind in prayer and meditation. It brings the privilege of more frequent, happy trying hours with the Master in watchfulness and prayer. In such adventures of devotional life the sincere soul finds Lent a season of blessed privilege rather than of somber duty. Let all of us approach Lent with a joyful attitude and pray that out of these forty days we may come to a closer fellowship with Christ.

The churches of the Ministerial Association call upon every citizen of Mount Joy and vicinity to participate in this spiritual adventure. According to the practice and custom of its denomination each church, during this Lenten season, will emphasize the opportunity of a "closer walk with God". We invite you to participate. If you do not have a regular church home and desire to establish such a relationship, it is our special desire to have you know that a most hearty and cordial welcome will be given to you by all. We sincerely wish to have everyone feel that the churches of your community are your spiritual homes, and we ask you to help us in making this a reality by attending the church of your choice.

The Ministerial Association seeks the cooperation of the entire community in the sponsorship of the Community Good Friday Service, April 11. It is our sincere hope that industry and business may be held to a minimum, and that business establishments may be closed during the hours of this service, so that everyone desiring to do so may "watch and pray".
Let us make Lent an experience

of real and lasting value. Meditate upon the things that pertain to our eternal salvation, ever remembering that Jesus "gave Himself for our sins", and that you should "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".
Yours in the Master's service,
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The Rev. E. H. Ranck, Pres.
The Rev. C. F. Helwig, V-Pres
The Rev. W. L. Koder, Sec'y

E. Hempfield High

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Eugene Baker, Robert Wigham, Daniel Eberly, Gordon Ober, Kenneth Mumma, Carl Denlinger, Barry Dissinger, Baria Bailey, Philip Swarr, Charles Denlinger, trumpets; Darlene Banzoff, John Lyon, Barbara Dombach, Jean Longenecker, Lee Kunkle, Nancy Myers, Marian Lehman, Ruth Redway, Dale Fryberger, Glenn Stehman, Dot Goda, Marlene Good, Elaine Kiehl, clarinets; Norma Algier, oboe; Beth Trayer, Betsy Shaw, Carolyn Steckbeck, Lucy Lyon, flutes; Donald Crist, Sam Danis, bass horn; Harvey Mumma, Frank Fitzgerald, Philip Holtzapple, Marvin Maurer, Bill Ziegler, Sally Snyder, French horns; Mary E. Baker, Joan Root, Julia Lyon, Barry Rider, Fern Redway, Charlotte Charles, Nancy Musser, baritone; Russell Herr, David Weaver, Donald Hiestand, Vincent Kline, Kenneth Bowers, Marjorie Minnich, Berry Gast, percussion; Lois Steckbeck, tympani; and Shirley Hollinger, string bass.

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