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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(Jack Rives, vice-president and manager of production, is President Kirchofer's guest columnist this month.)

March 15 has come and gone. Each of us has settled up with Uncle Sam and the State. Very likely most everyone figured, fussed, fumed, and then paid, wondering why the operating cost of our government runs into such high figures. Should every "John Q. Public" realize that more hidden tax is paid than these very obvious March 15th taxes, he would really be in a quandary as to the high cost of operating the United States of America.

Let's take a look at this operating cost. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce reports that one dollar out of every three goes for taxes. This means the buying power of the dollar is only two-thirds what it appears. No one will question the fact that it takes money to operate a government such as ours—to maintain our fighting forces, and supply aid to our allies.

One out of every 10 people employed in the United States is on a government payroll — another part of our operating cost. Government spending, excluding the Marshall plan and military spending, has risen 50 percent while our population has increased six percent.

Is it not time for us to do some serious thinking about this situation? Is it necessary for one out of every ten to work for government? Will taxes remain static or will they be increased? Who pays the salaries of government employees? You and I, the American taxpayers. It is a known fact that for each dollar paid out by the government, 50 cents was spent in the handling process to pay it out.

History has shown that governments fall when the people become complacent and expect the government to solve all problems and provide security. Rome is as good

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WINNERS—Manager of Production Jack Rives (center) is holding one of the new safety awards won by the overall and pants department. At his left are Artie Oakley, safety committee representative and Azzlea Frith, both of the overall department. On his right are: Esther Brooks, supervisor, Margie Coleman and Betty Saltz, safety committee representatives, all of the pants department.

Overall And Pants Departments First Two Winners Of Safety Award Banners

Nearly Perfect Scores Made By Sewing Rooms

Overalls and pants were the first two departments to earn Anvil Brand's new safety award banners, the safety committee decided at its last meeting. Both had "excellent" ratings which means they had almost perfect scores.

The big red, white, and blue banners, which carry the Anvil Brand emblem, were to be installed this week.

Although these two departments carried off top honors in the safety field, there were a number of runners-up, and indications were that the winners will have some stiff competition from other departments intent on taking the banners away from them next month.

There were three departments which received "very good" ratings on both of last month's inspections. This rating is next door to "excellent." Departments receiving it were shirts, utility, and

pattern. The dungaree department had a "good" and a "very good" rating on its inspections while shipping, maintenance and cutting received a grade of "good."

Most of the faults found by inspectors during the past month were of a minor nature with the exception of the first inspection made of the offices. The housekeeping in the offices proved to be about on a par with that of the sewing rooms when they underwent their first inspection.

Committee members enjoyed a laugh at the expense of their chairman, Ossie Wright, who plead guilty to having a pair of shoes out of place, of their secretary, Aline Carter, who had a fly swatter decorating her window sill and blueprints in the corner, of Henry Short whose office floor held pasteboard boxes, and of Jack Rives who had a filing cabinet loaded down like it was going to market. The last two also are members of the safety committee.

Jack expressed the appreciation of management for the cooperation of the supervisors, the sweep-

ers, the maintenance department, and indeed of all Anvil Brand workers. "You couldn't have done the job you have done without the cooperation of everyone," he continued, "and when the operators stop to think about it I'm sure you will have their thanks and appreciation also. Because you have saved some of them from pain."

New representatives have been named from the various departments to serve on the safety committee for the ensuing three months. They are: Mary Murphy, shirts; Ruby Jenkins and Virginia Reece, pants. Frances Russell, utility; Delores Myers, overall; Edna Worrell and Louise Lester, dungaree; Warren Shelton, cutting, shipping, maintenance and pattern; and Anna McKinney and Clayton Holmes, offices.

VISITOR

Abbie Jean Quick, personnel consultant of Kurt Salmon Associates, paid a brief visit to Anvil Brand earlier this month, but saw few of her friends here outside the personnel office.