

IT'S YOUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Editor's Note: To inform its readers about the widely discussed Hoover plan for reorganization — one of the most important issues confronting the American people today — the Mill Whistle presents another in a series of articles covering the findings of the Hoover Commission.

No. 1—THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM

The defense of freedom costs money — and lives. We've got to save money to save lives.

In these days of crisis you and your family have a bigger stake than ever in the success of the bipartisan Hoover Commission's report for "better government at a better price."

You remember that the six Democrats and six Republicans of the Hoover Commission told us two big things after more than a year of the closest study of our government ever made:

(1) Even in peace time the federal budget of over \$40 billions a year comes to \$1,000 per American family per year, and, (2) one dollar in ten (about 4 billions a year or \$100 per family per year) could be saved by better organization and more efficient management — by eliminating duplication, overlapping and waste in government operation.

Now Russia has handed us a bill for \$10 billions — that's what it amounts to — and before we get through with this international mess we may be faced with a debt of many billions more.

Citizens Pay It

Don't forget that it is you and I who will have to squeeze this money somehow out of our earnings. The government spends it, yes. But we citizens pay it, directly and indirectly in taxes that determine the cost of everything we buy, eat, wear, and use.

And don't forget, also, that the present government debt of about \$270 billions already constitutes an obligation of \$7,000 by the average American family. A mortgage, really. A mortgage that is not likely to be actually foreclosed, although such an event would be a great delight to our enemies. This may well be part of their plan. The Hoover Commission's task force on National security suggested, in fact, that one of the aims of the Kremlin is "victory by bankruptcy."

Don't think for a moment that I am opposed to these expenditures. My point is that our present defense needs are the strongest kind of argument for saving the \$4 billions or more, annually that would result from the enactment of the Hoover Commission's full program of reorganization. It has even been

pointed out that the cost of the war could be borne, or greatly reduced by the savings possible in this way.

So far I have talked only of dollars. They're important but there is something much more important — human life. The defense of freedom is going to require the sacrifice of lives, how many no one knows.

This we do know, however. The Hoover Commission's Report has already repaid the Nation a thousandfold in terms, not only of dollars, but of lives. The Commission's recommendations on military efficiency were put into effect by Congress last year through the Tydings Act, which the Citizens Committee endorsed.

Armed Services Unified

The result is more real unification, more real teamwork among the Army, Navy and Air Force than ever existed before. The unification act put an end to the squabbling and bickering that cost so many lives at Pearl Harbor. Today, as General MacArthur has said, the three armed services are working together as never before.

In the process, the wastefulness and folly of unplanned, competitive buying has been cut down by at least \$1 billion a year, probably much more. We've come a long way since the days of the first World War when the Army began its war effort (this was 1917) by buying 18 million square yards of mosquito netting for fear the Navy would get it first. Less waste means more fighting effectiveness. And that, too, will save lives. If the armed services can be streamlined, why not the whole government?

In this struggle, whose end no man can see, we need, as never before, a well-organized, efficient government machine in which there is no wasted action and in which every wheel and cog will do its full part in a coordinated whole.

Such a machine is envisioned in the Hoover Report and is possible through the enactment of the full reorganization program. You can do much toward achieving this result by writing to your Congressman, telling him how you feel about it. Remember: every dollar we waste is a gift to the enemies of freedom.

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Folks You Know



Picture above shows Katherine S. Cox, cloth examiner, second shift, at the Rayon Mill. She is a native of Spray and before her marriage was Miss Katherine Spink. Her mother, Flora Spink, works in the Packing Dept. at Central Warehouse.

Katherine is married to Glenn Cox, who is associated with his father in the operation of Cox Food Store. They live on Fisher Street in Spray.

New Gift Packages

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This year's packages are not only beautiful, but very practical as well. They are planned for all-year-around sale — and all the usual holly and Christmas motifs have been avoided so that stores can sell them for gifts at any season. Each box is individually wrapped in cellophane permitting stores to take off the lids and display the contents so the customers can see what is inside, yet protecting the towels from dust and handling.

"Gift packaging of towels is an important phase of selling today" said T. H. Ducey, who heads sales of the towel department. "People hesitate to give practical gifts like towels unless the goods are attractively wrapped. We know that a handsome package outsells a dull, uninteresting package by three to one. Our own packaging this year is the most ambitious program we have attempted and will result in considerably more gift set sales than ever before."

Some of the package sets sell for as little as \$2 in stores — others are priced about \$3, \$4, \$5, and \$7 — depending on the quality of towels and the number of pieces included. Only regular Fieldcrest quality towels are used so the customer knows she's getting quality as well as a handsome package.

scribe how the Hoover Report vitally effects the ways in which we use our resources, our dollars and, above all, our lives.