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PORK BARREL

One of the most flagrant "pork
barrel" projects, the largest Rivers
and Harbors Bill in the history of
the country, was recently reported
out by a divided House Committee
and will soon be given consideration
by Congress. This disgraceful omni-
bus bill authorizes "first cost" ex-
penditures of almost \$1,000,000,000
on 236 rivers and harbors projects,
of which the great majority are of a
strictly non-defense nature.

Less than 100 are new projects.
The remainder consists of projects
which previously were either vetoed
by a President or voted down by
Congress. These rejected projects ac-
count for appropriations of over
\$700,000,000—70 per cent of the total.

This "pork barrel" bill will be con-
sidered at a time when we are told
on every hand that everything we
have must be given to the prosecution
of the war. It comes at a time when
the President has asked for almost
\$60,000,000,000 for the next fiscal
year alone. It comes at a time when
scarcities of critical materials make
it necessary to cut civilian consump-
tion to the absolute limit.

Furthermore, it comes at a time
when all economists are convinced
that the most rigorous reductions
must be made in non-defense spend-
ing if this nation is to avoid econ-
omic collapse.

Many of the projects proposed are
of little or no navigational value.
Many of them, in the opinion of
competent engineers, are impractical.
In every case, the cost of completing
them would be far greater than
"first cost" appropriations now ac-
ked.

Congress' duty is to vote such bills
down, and to use the money, the ma-
terials and the labor for real and
immediate defense work.

The people's duty is to retire public
servants who promote such extrava-
gance.

PRODUCTION

A foreign correspondent, writing in
Life, tells of a discussion he had with
a high-ranking British officer in
Singapore. This officer declared one
British soldier was a match for ten
Japanese. Unfortunately, he added,
there were eleven Japanese.

This accurately describes the Allied
position in the Far East.

So far as the quality of our troops
is concerned, we have every right to
be proud. General MacArthur's
American-Filipino forces have per-
formed miracles in the face of over-
whelming odds of both men and
equipment.

The exploits of less than 400 ma-
rines with a handful of planes and
guns at Wake in fighting a hopeless



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battle during which they destroyed
seven Jap ships-of-war, great num-
bers of aircraft and took a terrific
toll of the enemy's men, has already
become an epic.

But flesh and blood can do only
so much. In the end, the weight of
man-power and machine-power must
win.

What we are striving for, is time to
produce adequate instruments of
war—time to send them to the bat-
tlegrounds—time to create and perfect
an all-embrasive plan for combat.
To send inadequate reinforcements
to Luzon or anywhere else would be
futile. It would mean a possibly ruin-
ous dissipation and waste of our ef-
forts and our resources.

Many people may have thought
that MacArthur's stand was useless—
that fine soldiers were dying in a
battle which could not be won. But,
whether or not the enemy finally
takes all of the Philippines, the fact
that the Japanese are paying a high
price for every inch of ground they
gain, and that MacArthur's stand
makes Manila and its bay of no use
to Japan so long as the defenders
are able to fight on, is in itself a
military achievement that will play
an important part in the eventual
winning of the war.

On some fighting fronts the tide
runs in favor of the United Nations.
Correspondents who have followed
the Russian troops tell of seeing
whole trainloads of tanks, guns, mu-
nitions, food and other supplies left
behind by the fleeing Nazis. The
Russian Army—which, according to
the German Press Chief Dietrich
early in October, was "totally de-
stroyed" as an effective fighting
force—has produced a first-rate mir-
acle.

The Chinese, always fine soldiers,
are making splendid use of the ma-
terials of war sent them by Britain
and this country. Chinese generals
tell of almost incredible Japanese
casualties. And Chinese forces are
aiding in the defense of Singapore.

In Africa, Nazi General Rommel
escaped with part of his force from
Lybia with the aid of a sandstorm.
But the British have the territory
firmly in hand, and the great bulk
of the German tank divisions have
been destroyed or captured. Many
an expert thinks control of Africa
may prove the key to the winning
of the war.

In the Battle of the Atlantic, Brit-
ish shipping losses remain low. The
American-British convoys and naval
patrols are working far better than
they ever did before. Destruction of
Nazi U-boats has been heavy.

The battle which must be won at
once is that of the American pro-
duction front.

THE FAR EAST

Japanese land victories in the Far
East have overshadowed the fact
that we and our Allies are destroying
tremendous amounts of Nipponese
shipping. According to all authori-
ties, Japanese replacement capacity
is exceedingly limited, now that she
has been cut off from this country's
scrap-iron and other resources. Ev-
ery ship that goes down represents
a serious loss.

It is clear what Japanese strategy
is now. First, she must have oil—
that is the reason for invasion of the
East Indies. But the Dutch say that
they have destroyed all wells in Jap-
occupied areas so thoroughly that
many months of labor will be re-
quired to return them to production.

Second, she must completely con-
quer the Philippines. As long as Gen-
eral Douglas MacArthur's magnif-
icent troops are able to hold positions
on the mainland, along with Corregi-
dor fortress, key to Manila Bay, Jap-
an will have to maintain and supply
a tremendous army in those islands.
MacArthur's headquarters have re-
ported that the Japanese have be-
tween 200,000 and 300,000 soldiers
in the field against him.

Third, she must take Singapore.
Whoever possesses that great base
dominates the Far East to a tremen-
dous extent. If it should be lost to
the Allies, the job of defeating
Japan would become immensely
harder and longer.

Japan has gone all-out, following
the German blitzkrieg technique. Ac-
cording to reports from the front
lines, she apparently cares little for
casualties. MacArthur has said that
wave after wave of Japanese troops,
many without even complete uni-
forms have been sent against his
forces, mowed down, only to be fol-
lowed by more waves.

Japanese commanders apparently
feel that they must win swiftly, if

they are to win at all.

The next month or two may tell
the story. If Japan takes Singapore,
the Dutch Indies and the Philip-
pines, there can be little doubt but
that what years must pass before suffi-
cient Allied power can be turned loose
to unseat her.

If Singapore is held, and Allied air
and naval units are able to inflict
increasingly heavy blows on the en-
emy, the Japanese drive could lose
momentum very suddenly.

Today, Japan is the strongest force
in the Pacific. The hope is that the
balance of power will be reversed be-
fore she is able to consolidate her
gains and stabilize the positions she
has seized and is attempting to seize

That "Just a Minute" Means Most Anything Except What It Says

A little magazine, published "for
the trade" by the Imperial Type
Metal Company is full of good
things, briefly told. The current is-
sue, for instance, asks "what do you
mean by a minute?" Then it pro-
ceeds to give examples of the many,
many ways in which the phrase "a
minute" is used. Here's the list:

- May I have a minute of your
time?
- I'll just be a minute.
- Wait a minute.
- I'll have a table for you in a min-
ute.
- He was here a minute ago. I expect
him any minute.
- I haven't a minute to spare.
- I answered the minute the phone
rang.
- I'm only a minute late.
- I'll give you just one more minute.
- I must leave in a minute.
- Step this way for a minute.
- I'll have your change in a minute.
- Give me a minute to think.
- Hold the line a minute.
- I turned my back for just a min-
ute.
- Can't you wait a minute?
- I'll be gone just a minute.
- Hold these parcels for a minute.
- Stand still for a minute.
- Open the window for a minute.
- Take the dog out for a minute.
- Leave me alone for a minute.
- The bathroom will be free in a
minute.
- I missed him by a minute.
- He was mad for a minute.
- Come in for a minute.
- Dinner will be served in a minute.
- I'm going to read for a minute.
- You don't look a minute older.
- Let me see the paper for a minute.
- It won't take you a minute.
- Shut up for a minute !!! !! !!

AX THE AXIS

Here Are Deductions Which Are Permitted From Your Income Tax

Federal Income Tax returns are
now demanding the attention of mil-
lions of American citizens. The dead-
line for filing your return is March
15.

Every single person making \$750
or over per year and every married
person making \$1,500 or over per
year must file a tax return. This does
not mean that you will pay any in-
come tax. A single person who has
exemptions which bring his net in-
come below \$750 need pay no tax.
Likewise a married person who has
exemptions which bring his net in-
come below \$1,500 need pay no tax.
But in both cases, a return should
be filed.

Every citizen is entitled to legal
deductions from his gross income.
Some of these are: taxes on state,
county or city real and personal
property, automobile licenses, driv-
er's licenses, State taxes on your
bank account (if you are lucky
enough to have one), and state
gasoline tax. You may also de-
duct gifts to religious and charita-
ble organizations, such as your
church, the Red Cross, the Commu-
nity Fund, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W.
C. A., etc.

If you are a member of a labor
organization, you can deduct your
initiation fees, union dues, and spe-
cial assessment fees.

Usually, you may deduct any in-
terest you have paid on your bor-
rowings. If you have purchased your
home on the installment plan, you
may deduct the interest paid.

Other deductions allowed are:
thefts not covered by insurance,
damage to your automobile caused by
fire, storm, icy roads, or damages in
collision, if not due to your negli-
gence and not covered by insurance.

Lawyers, doctors, clergymen, and
teachers may deduct dues paid to
professional organizations and ex-
penses in connection with attending
professional conventions.

You may pay your tax in full
March 15, or you may pay it in four
quarterly installments. There is no
additional charge if you choose to
pay on the installment basis.

If you are in the income tax group
and have not received a federal tax
blank through the mail or other-
wise, be sure and secure one and re-
turn it on or before March 15. This
is important.

A camel being exhibited in Boston
several years ago was mounted by a
U. S. Marine. The camel toppled over
on the Marine. The Marine suffered
a broken collar bone. The camel died.

Cream Sours Sweetly If Buttermilk is Added

"Shake up five teaspoons of butter-
milk in a pint of sweet cream and let
stand for 24 hours in a warm place,
between 70 degrees and 85 degrees
F." That's a laboratory formula for
producing good-flavored sour cream,
—a formula any housewife can ap-
ply in her own kitchen.

Many women prefer sour cream to
sweet cream or milk for certain cook-
ing purposes, but if sweet cream is
left to sour naturally it often develops
an undesirable flavor and odor. Dairy
specialists of the U. S. Department of
Agriculture explain that the outter-
milk adds to the cream a large num-
ber of active milk-souring bacteria.
These grow rapidly but prevent the
growth of other bacteria—those that
may give naturally soured cream off
flavor or odor.

Leaflet 213, "Sour Cream," (free on
request to the U. S. Department of
Agriculture) gives details of this
method, and includes recipes. Some
of the uses of "sweet" sour cream are
for making gravies and salad dress-
ings, i n baking fish and meats, and
in making cookies, cakes, quick
breads and candies.

"Peeping Tom" Search Shows Cuiprit is Cow

Citizens of Crisfield, Md., had for
more than a month been reporting
the activity of a "peeper," so at a
recent excited call a small army of
police and citizens quickly surround-
ed the house where the "peeper" was
supposed to be. They caught the cul-
prit unawares, while she coolly
munched the herbage in a window
box—for "Peeping Tom" was a cow.

World's Oldest Cow, 29, Passes on in Australia

The world's oldest cow passed
away last month in Australia where
she had been imported from Scot-
land. Her age: 29 years.

Victoria arrived in Campbellstown,
near Sydney, in 1911. There in her
16th year she produced 15,595 pounds
of milk, 473 pounds of butterfat. At
20 she was champion of the Sydney
Royal Show. At 24 she won second
place with a production of 13,313
pounds of milk, 542 pounds of fat.

All overmuch governing kills the
self help and energy of the govern-
ed.—Wendell Phillips.

The highest purpose of intellectual
cultivation is, to give a man a per-
fect knowledge and mastery of his
own inner self.—Novalis.

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