Dondero Challenges Reasons for Huge Gov't Expenditures and Payrolls

WASHINGTON — Renewal of earlier administration pleas that government reorganization for economy and efficiency must not be permitted to hamper "essential" services to the people, this week drew from Congressman George A. Dondero some facts and figures to show what a moloch of bureaucracy has been created under the guise of such services.

"By his public statements and by the kind of reorganization proposals he has sent the Congress", said Dondero, "the President has made it doubly clear that he proposes to reorganize along the lines recommended by the Hoover Commission only insofar as such reorganization leaves the present tremendous bureaucracy intact.

"He evidently intends that not one government employee, no matter how needless he may be, shall be discharged from the federal payroll. In fact, he has gone on adding to the payroll at the rate of several hundred new employees each day ever since the Hoover Report was made public.

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"Implicit in all his statements and his actions is the assertion that federal government has become so important in the daily lives of the people, and the country has grown so fast in wealth and population, that the huge bureaucracy is necessary to render the so-called essential services. But let us see whether this is true or not.

"The population of the United States has increased over the past twenty years from 120,000,000 to 148,000,000, or 23 per cent. But in the same period civil employees of the federal government have increased from 570,000 to 2,100,000, or 268 per cent. The number of sections, units, and services has increased fourfold, to more than 1,800.

"Annual expenditures of the federal government have increased from $3,600,000,000 in 1929 to $42,000,000,000 in the year ended last June 30. This is an increase of peacetime expenditures of more than 1,000 per cent. At the same time, the national debt per average family has increased from $500 to $7,500. In 1939 interest on the public debt cost $7 for each person, and today it is $37 annually."

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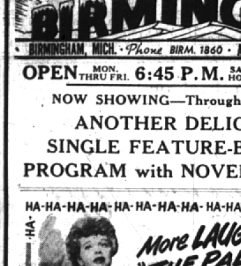
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Many young men of this area are going to recruiting stations located in Wayne county and elsewhere, Lynn D. Rexford, local recruiting chief stationed at the Pontiac office, 53 ½ W. Huron, Pontiac, said this week.

"This should be discouraged because many prospective enlistees forget one thing or another and thereby are forced to go back home, paying their own way. If items are forgotten or certain forms are needed, by coming to this station we can get them for you," Rexford explained.

"If you wish to contact us concerning enlistment in the armed forces, call or write and we will call upon you or furnish means for you to come to us," he continued.

Recruiting stations are also maintained in the lobbies of the Pontiac post office and the county courthouse.

There are now a limited number of billets available for petroleum engineers in the Naval Reserve, it was announced today by Lcdr. A. J. Schultz, Jr., in charge of Naval Officer Procurement in the Detroit area.

Candidates should be graduated from an accredited college or university with an Engineering Degree (preferably in petroleum or chemical engineering) or have at least 10 years of actual refining or laboratory experience in analysis of petroleum products. Candidates must not be over 30 years of age and if selected will be commissioned as ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve. They will serve 18 months of active duty.

Further information is available in room 949 Book Building, Detroit.

Doctors of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine may now go on active duty with the Army for 29 days or less.

A single tour of duty will not exceed 29 days. However, a series of tours not to exceed a total of 90 days during one fiscal year, is permissible under this program.

Eligibility includes holding a commission in the appropriate section of the Organized Reserve Corps, dated after June 28, 1945, and must be in the Active Reserve. Those desiring to participate who are not so commissioned, may apply for appointment under existing regulations.

Duty will be performed at any Army installation in the vicinity of the officer's residence. Officers recalled under this authority may be placed on temporary duty in the United States or overseas provided that return to proper station can be accomplished prior to expiration of this type of tour.

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Remembering Mama

Edward Gravlin does more than make an impression on Cynthia Creighton during rehearsal for "I Remember Mama" which will be presented by the Cranbrook Summer Theatre School on the evenings of August 5 and 6 at the Greek Theatre on Lone Pine Road. Maurice Yenn is directing this production. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

Cranbrook Players Present Two Plays Starting Tomorrow

Maurice Yenn's production of John Van Druten's nostalgic comedy "I Remember Mama", scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday nights at Cranbrook's Greek Theatre, and Carl G. Wonnberger's new musical version of "Warrior's Husband", due Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week, will ring down the curtain on the season of Cranbrook's Summer Theatre.

For Mama Phyllis Lentulo and Cynthia Creighton will play the title role on successive nights, with Lee Stott as Papa, William Gravlin as Uncle Chris, and Helen Bulgin as the Woman for both performances.

Others in the cast will be Janet McHattie, Mary Helmig, Barbara Davison, Linda Hepburn, Judy Perry, Nancy Alice Wonnberger, John Lutz, Luanne Ayers, Sue Green, Mary Barton, Louise Kelley, Ellen McDonald, William Guilcaisla, Winifred Roensch, and bault, Carl Luckenbach, Bert Tom Hawley. In case of rain the postponed performance will be given Sunday evening.

New Musical Score

The production of "Warrior's Husband" with Alice Shaw and Ann Walrad in the Katherine Hepburn role on successive nights, and Ellen Adams and Mary Mahon alternating as Hippolyta, will feature a completely new musical score, with arias sung by Mary Ann Hatos, Arthur Webb, Alex Novitsky, Lennox Shekkel, Ellen Adams and Mary Mahon, and a chorus and dancing chorus under the direction of Marion Nevill Kirk. Arthur Webb and Alex Novitsky will share the role of Sapiens.

Others in the cast will be Don Langlois, Dale Chalk, Nancy Rutherford, Katherine Koboski, Gwen Luce, Anne Swartwood, Imogene Powrie, Nancy Kriecht, Nancy Alice Wennberger, Shirley Blameno, Alice Mohler, Kitty Bell, Gail Toepfer, Kit Scheifele, Beryl Wilson, Pat Hogan, Diana Creighton, and Marcia Kelley.

In case of rain either night, "Warrior's Husband" will be presented in the Greek Theatre on the next clear night.

Recreation Roundup

For those kids who tell us that their kick of the summer is to read their comics in the Eccentric, we announce the following new tournament winners—Kite-flying: Jeffery Dukes, George Close, Dick Close, Phillip Satterthwaite, Sally Satterthwaite, Bob Wolfe, Barbara Sowards, and Tom Burdick; horseshoes: Butch Marks, and John Braidwood; boxing: Butch Marks vs. Glenn Orr, draw; Jim Lyons vs. Bill Neehman, Lyons on points; Dick Groves vs. Dick Sheldon, Sheldon on points; David Phillips vs. Charles Poole, Phillips on points; and Bruce Peterson vs. Mike Cleary, Cleary on points.

Trampolining: boys—6 year old class: Douglas Ward; 8 year old class Butch Marks; 10 year old class: Jimmy Zimmerman; 11 year old class: Allan Jones; 12 year old class: Tom Unger; 14 year old class: Tom Tracy; and 15 year old class: Bill Carnon. Girls—5 year olds: Barbara Partwood; 6 year old class: Suzy Schaefer; 7 year old class: Sandra Hauck; 9 year old class: Anita Baker.

All round boys and girl champions are Tom Tracy and Shirley Hopkins; tennis: John Bolton, Bob Howier, Ronald Israel, Glenn Orr, and Tony Salisbury. Tournaments which are now being held are jackstones, boys and girls swimming, marbles, and croquet.

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Swift justice without the usual short length of rope is very much in operation on the Barnum playground. Last Thursday while playing left field in a practice game, "Louie Landmouth" was run over by a hit and run artist who gave evidence of having a great deal of efficiency at this sort of thing.

Immediately the playground was all action. Witnesses were assembled, searching parties were sent to find the car, detectives whipped out note books and began to gather legal evidence, lawyers passed out business cards, playground police pooled information with city police, photographers photographed, and everyone else got into everyone else's way to add to the confusion.

In less than two hours, the car was found and returned to the scene of the crime. The driver was apprehended. The playground trial is being held today in the Barnum school.

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To the boys and girls who were unable to get their "object de art" in the Chamber of Commerce window for the playground crafts display, we apologize for the physical limitation which held this years show to include about 250 projects. Perhaps a double decker arrangement can be made next year.

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Last Tuesday's rifle shooting featured a shoot the "spots off the playing cards" affair. It goes without saying that many of the old timers rolled over in their graves on boot hill but by and large a few of the regular customers are developing a trigger squeeze and shooting eye that we will match with old Dan Boone any day now.

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Politeness has its advantages but sometimes it can lead to mental disquietude. Take for example how well our mothers and daughters took in the rifle instructor's talk on how to point the thing and fire in a straight line, only to blast expert scores when once they got behind the sand bags.

Well, anyway the instructor didn't make the mistake of firing for a demonstration. It is our opinion that a women's rifle team could be formed in Birmingham which could equal and perhaps better anything which the opposite sex could offer.

The girls fire every Tuesday evening at 6:40 p.m. till dark on the police range. Newcomers are welcomed.

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There have been times when all of us have read, seen, or heard about outstanding or unusual recreational events held in other cities. "Why cannot we have something like that in Birmingham" is usually the next question which follows.

Well, this season we have had several projects which have placed the shoe on the other foot. For one example, Miss Ruth Hull has given our folks one of the best municipal drama activities that can be found in the United States. In fact, up to date, we can not find any town or city which has offered a program which can compare with Birmingham's efforts this summer. Do you know of any?

Naturally, there have been a few beginners mistakes. Even attempting to hold such an affair in what we call our "auditorium" could be listed as starting behind the eight ball. However, the show did go on. Casts practiced night and day seven days a week and enjoyed it. The audience, although small of number, came, saw, and was very pleased.

The expressions on the faces of the three, four, and five year olds while performing in the children's pageant were enough to sell the whole business, anyway. We pay this week's recreation tribute to Ruth Hull and her staff of Dorothy Allen, Maurice Yenn, Irene Mortensen, Harold Scrimgeour, Alice Price, and Janet Bainbridge for pioneering a very worthwhile project.

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The big day of the summer program is next Thursday. The recreation department is sponsoring its annual picnic at Springdale Park. Come one! Come all! It's going to be an old-fashioned shebang with ball games, sack races, three-legged races, and featuring box lunches.

The affair will start at 10 o'clock in the morning. Parents are requested to supply transportation if at all possible. Kids who can't get out to the Park will be picked up at their playground and returned there. The picnic will end at 3 o'clock so there will be time left for rehearsals for the water carnival at Barnum Pool the same night at 7:30.

Be sure to bring your own lunch, and also golf clubs, tennis racquets or any other sports equipment you'd like to use. If it rains, the picnic is postponed until a year later, because Friday, August 12, is clean-up day, the last day one can pick up anything one made and left at the playground.

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Few sports offer more opportunities for all round physical development than swimming. The health and hygiene control, the learning of neuromuscular skills, the building of physical endurance, and the challenge of mastering one of the earth's most common elements are ends which evolve from a well planned water program.

Activities at the Barnum pool are arranged around three basic assumptions. First, that all swimming will be done in a healthful environment. Second, that all swimming will be done in safety. And third, that all swimming will be recreational in nature.

To accomplish these objectives, hourly and daily sanitation inspections are made of the pool and the swimmers using it, a continuous teaching program is in operation, activities offered are progressive in nature, and swim meets, water pageants, rhythm swimming, speed swimming, diving, and other fun providing events are made a predominating feature of the daily and seasonal program.

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The annual playground golf tournament is to be held, Monday, August 8, at Springdale. Play is open to all Birminghamites regardless of age and sex. Participants should secure free golf tickets at Hill School and turn in their scores with full name and age either to course manager or to Hill School. The name of one witness should be written on the back of the golf score to make it official.

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