

Effects of Inflation on Nat'l Economy Is Discussed by Women Voters' Groups

was the subject discussed last week by seven groups of Birmingham citizens sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Because the National League feels that with tremendously stepped-up defense spending the problem of how to avoid the evils of inflation is one that needs to be understood by all, participation in these discussion groups was open to anyone interested.

The general opinion expressed in last week's discussions was: The government can follow either of two courses in controlling inflation—(1) by indirect controls such as taxation and credit controls, it can siphon off excess money which would otherwise be used to bid higher for civilian goods not in sufficient supply, (2) by means of direct controls, such as rationing, price and wage control, and allocation of scarce materials, it can set prices and so completely control inflation.

DISCUSSION GROUPS, which met early in the week, the problem appeared to be most acute in the case of the building of inflationary trends in the face of an expanding national economy in which the production of military needs took precedence, civilian production would be very high.

However, by the time the later groups met, the situation had changed with the problem of inflation for total mobilization. For such an all-out job, it was agreed that direct controls would also be necessary to make what civilian goods there are available to all, regardless of income.

In all of the groups the concern was that although it would involve personal sacrifice, it was desirable to finance rearmament on a pay-as-you-go basis. This was agreed to be possible, though painful, and there was a strong feeling that the government would have to plan with care and wisdom for both direct and indirect controls in order to avoid placing too much of the burden on the lowest income group, and on people with fixed incomes, such as annuities and pensions.

THERE WAS GENERAL agreement that financing increased mobilization would require heavier taxes all around. A larger income tax would be necessary, but many urged that this be planned so that the standard of living of the lower income groups should not be depressed. An excess profits tax on corporations was generally regarded as not being as effective as an increased corporation tax.

In addition to taxation, government borrowing through sales of savings bonds was agreed to be necessary to bring federal revenue up to a high enough point to make a pay-as-you-go policy feasible.

However, it was pointed out that there is a danger of inflation in this course, because people can always cash their bonds to bid for scarce goods when direct controls are relaxed.

Even with greater revenue coming in, it was the general opinion that non-essential government spending should be trimmed to the minimum.

SUGGESTIONS were made that appropriate areas for government economic would be: the farm-protect program; rivers and harbors projects not essential to defense; the Veterans Administration, though it should still care for disabled veterans adequately.

While all of these indirect financial controls were found to be necessary to reduce the dangers of inflation at this critical time, the majority in all the groups thought the government should work to develop a coordinated and intelligent tax program that would set the necessary revenues but would cause the least possible hardship.

In line with a request she received Monday from the group's national headquarters, Mrs. Grant Schunck, local president, said next week she will ask her members to act on their opinions supporting government credit regulations by writing or writing Thomas B. McCabe, chairman of the Federal Reserve system, chief of governors, and W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Local Fires Bring Warning from Chief

With two fires in two days resulting from children playing with matches, Fire Chief V. W. Griff, fifth asks parents to use extra caution in this regard.

"Fortunately both fires were discovered almost immediately, and were extinguished before the department arrived," he said.

"Both these fires were started in the basement where the children apparently had gone to play and above the chance of costly property damage is a basement fire, parents should be more cautious than ever because of the danger of suffocation.

"A CHILD MAY cause a fire which will be of minor danger as far as personal burns or property damage goes, and still lose his or her life.

"At this time of the year with most rooms closed, suffocation dangers are greatly increased. No one wants their home destroyed and no one wants their children killed. Keep matches away from small children or be sure that they are properly trained to leave matches and all forms of fire strictly alone."

High School Choir Holiday Schedule

The Christmas season for the Baldwin high school choir will start off with the annual Christmas program for the Rotary Club and Birmingham High 12 club at 7:45; Dec. 21, Baldwin Christmas program.

Dates for later programs are Dec. 14, broadcast over WCAB at 1:45 and an assembly for Barnum; Monday, Dec. 18, 15th annual Christmas program for the Rotary Club and Birmingham High 12 club at 7:45; Dec. 21, Baldwin Christmas program.

The choir is under the direction of Victor Ulrich.

BIRMINGHAM VETERAN NEWS

Compiled from Veterans News and National Veterans Information Centers

"Civilian 'ham' radio operators heretofore will be accepted as members of the Army's Military Amateur Radio System (MARS), Fifth Army Headquarters announced and above the chance of costly property damage is a basement fire, parents should be more cautious than ever because of the danger of suffocation.

Civilians interested in joining the system are invited to contact the MARS-Army Director, Fifth Army Headquarters, 1660 East Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 15.

City Vacates Portion of Alley

The city commission vacated a portion of the Maple-Willits alley to the Wakeek corporation at the meeting Monday evening.

Oliver Kirk, attorney for the corporation, presented a check for \$200. The Wakeek firm requested several weeks ago that the city vacate the portion of the alley which it doesn't use.

THE PENALTY BOX

Disposition of court cases heard in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills justice courts last week.

Birmingham
Howard J. Terryan, Lincoln Park, improper right turn—\$15 fine, paid.
Kathleen Scoloro, Waller Lake, failure to stop in assured clear distance—\$15 fine, paid.
William C. Dawkins, Royal Oak, drunk and disorderly—\$20 fine and \$5 cost, paid.

Bloomfield Hills
None.

We Heard It Said By—

City Commissioner Garland D. Tait: "Since the city commission last week discussed skating at Quaston lake, I've had a number of persons bring to my attention that Quaston is a natural skating spot and the kids will go there regardless of what the city does officially. They point out that it's just one of those things the city and the mothers have to face."

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FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO
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French Fried Potatoes 10 Oz. Pkg. **2 for 47¢**

COOKED SQUASH Lb. Pkgs. **2 for 39¢**

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Whole or Strained **2 tins 29¢**

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Tasty Pineapple Filled Cookies per doz. 62¢
Whipped Cream Pumpkin Tarts 3 for 43¢
Dainty Cinnamon Tea Rolls per doz. 58¢
Chocolate Fudge Angel Food Cakes each 58¢
Toasted Almond Double Chocolate Cup Cakes 6 for 44¢
Individual Danish Streusel Currant Coffee Cakes 3 for 47¢
Delicious Twisted Glazed Donuts per dozen 63¢
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY)
Royal Chocolate Layer Cakes each 58¢
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY)
Apricot Pineapple Cream Layer Cakes each 95¢
(SATURDAY ONLY)
Whipped Cream Chocolate Layer Cakes each \$1.00

HEINZ KETCHUP 2 large bottles **45¢**

BREAST O' CHICKEN SOLID PACK WHITE MEAT TUNA FISH
Tin **39¢**

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MORE ALLIED MUSCLE—Along with 31 other British 58-ton Combat tanks arrived in Berlin to "prove" to the Allies that business when it comes to the defense of the Soviet Union is a capital. The arrival of 200 more combat-trained U. S. troops further strengthened Berlin's Western defenses.