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GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

The following compilations are presented because of their informative value. They are the output of the National Industrial Conference Board.

General Increases

Year	Local	State	Federal	Total
1923	\$4,793,000,000	\$1,242,000,000	\$3,885,000,000	\$ 9,920,000,000
1929	\$7,126,000,000	\$1,990,000,000	\$3,932,000,000	\$13,048,000,000
Incr.	\$2,333,000,000	\$ 748,000,000	\$ 47,000,000	\$ 3,128,000,000
%	49%	60%	1%	32%

Per Capita Increases

Year	Local	State	Federal	Total
1923	\$42.97	\$11.14	\$34.83	\$88.94
1925	50.74	13.34	32.78	96.86
1927	54.60	14.01	34.43	103.04
1928	56.84	15.24	33.12	105.20
1929	58.64	16.38	32.36	107.37
Increase	36%	47%	1%*	20%

*Decrease.

CONGRESSIONAL WASHINGTON COMMISSION

The Hon. Sol Bloom, head of the George Washington Memorial Commission, we are advised, will spend the following sums during the coming year by virtue of Congressional appropriation:

“Honor to George Washington” pamphlets \$55,000; “George Washington” pageants and plays \$32,500; Programs for groups—on “How to celebrate” \$47,200; Material for newspapers and magazines \$62,500; “An appreciation course for teachers” \$80,000; Publication of music of Washington’s period \$27,000; Commission expenses one year \$452,000.

This causes the “Public’s Business” (a taxpayers’ publication) to remark: “Representative Huddleston of Alabama, having in mind the fact that the million dollars which Sol is spending must be gathered dollar by dollar from the already overburdened American people, called the Bicentennial ‘a sort of racket.’ He will probably be censured severely, as lacking veneration for the Father of his Country, but—”

If the item of expenses were a little less top-heavy, we could gladly say, we think it’s worth it in spite of the criticisms and our modified prosperity.

SCIENTIFIC PENOLOGY

We are obliged to give credit to the active California Bar once more for the following constructive program to eliminate defects in our system of penology:

1. Permanent segregation of dissolute criminals from contact with society;
2. Correction of mental or physical defects in criminals;