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No Political Party Can Bring Secure Prosperity

Your chances of obtaining a definite solution for our social and economic ills by voting either for Roosevelt or London are, to be perfectly truthful, pretty slim; neither one could, even if given an all-wise Congress, bring to this generation the Millennium. A Millennium is possible to a people only when a vast majority of them, knowing and practicing social and economic truth, live together—which is far from the conditions of the American people—or any other nation.

Your average politician can perform about on the same level as the itinerant medicine man of long ago, who, from the back of his horse-drawn wagon, told a gullible audience that "one swallow of this will kill off your rheumatism, two swallows will drive away chronic cases of gout, three swallows will take years off your life, four swallows will bring summer back into your old lives, and five swallows will make you an angel." Your average politician today, can, if he possesses a charming radio voice, make tremendous impressions upon the majority of voters, even though he avoid every mental and logically developed plan for operating government.

There is a constant ebbing and flowing of the tides of the public whims and emotions; and the successful modern politician is the one who, guessing the way the winds will likely blow, trims his sails accordingly and sets out upon its whirling eddies and currents.

Oh, we're not discouraged with democracy, or what we are pleased to call self-government; we're only discouraged because some otherwise able and honest men and women in high places, knowing how easily the average voter is led astray, betray their trusts by "playing down" to social and economic ignorance and thus perpetuate themselves for a brief while on the public payroll.

Is The Radio Controlled By A Political Bureau?

Please don't get too excited over the fact that, a few evenings ago, the "freight chat" between Republican United States Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and the recorded voice of President Roosevelt were cut off part of the Columbia Broadcasting Company's national hookup. Senator Vandenberg, you may recall, was conducting this "chat" under the auspices of the National Republican Committee, from Chicago. He was attempting to "interview" Mr. Roosevelt, by broadcasting some of President's recorded speeches, both before and since his election in 1932.

It may be true, as is being rumored, that someone high in the Democratic Party put in a telephone call that cut off part of the CBS hookup; it may be true that some CBS official, apprehending the terrific wallop that Vandenberg's talk was making against the present administration, put through an order that disconnected millions from listening; it may be that someone connected with the Federal Radio Commission (now controlled by the Democrats), did some telephoning on his own account; or it may not be any of the above mentioned items. Maybe word, leaking down upon this politically afflicted country, caused certain sections of the ether to refuse to carry radio waves; or, perchance, a flock of wild geese or ducks, winging their way southward, sat down too heavily upon one of the wires used by CBS in its national hookup system, and caused the wire to break.

But we are all agreed that the eastern seaboard of the nation was cut off the CBS chain. Personally, we feel that politics was somewhere in the woodpile. But, be that as it may, let's not get too excited about the whole thing—for its counterpart has happened millions of times, in various manners, in the use and exercise of "free speech" in this country. Some of which may stack up to the discredit of magazines and newspapers.

As a matter of fact, your average newspaper censor news in its daily presentation to the people; some newspapers censor as little as humanly possible, of course, and others censor to such an extent that they often become "free speech" papers, in name only. For years, one must admit, newspapers and other periodicals have refused to espouse the cause of every group, or even to print legitimate news of certain groups that function within some newspaper's sphere of influence.

This, in a very comparable manner, "free speech" has been cut off by a so-called "free press," just as part of Senator Vandenberg's address was cut off by the CBS radio people one evening last week.

The important thing to remember from this incident, however, is just this: radio is now an important part of our communication system and, although supposed to be operating through privately owned radio stations, is actually under the control and domination of a federal bureau; this bureau grants radio station licenses for periods of only six months—which just naturally makes an impression upon people who invest their money in such stations. Quite naturally, too, they don't want to get in wrong with a political bureau, and lose their license. The fundamental and original reason that radio stations come under government control is because of the need to regulate radio wave lengths, so that one station may not unduly interfere with another's ability to gain clear reception.

There is, then, this difference between newspapers and radio stations in the dissemination of news: radios depend upon government action for their licenses, while newspapers may be started anywhere, by anyone who has sufficient knowledge and money to make the venture. To this extent, then, the newspaper holds no absolute monopoly upon the dissemination of free speech through a free press.

Some day this nation will have to decide how its radio stations will operate, whether under government domination, as by license, or whether under government subservient to the political party in power at the time, or whether radio stations will be taken over by a central government, as in England, and operated without commercial or purely partisan political programs.

It seems to us that radio stations, themselves, will have to show more plain courage in finding a solution for this problem.



'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

Repeal Social Security Act
 The wage earner has been led to believe that the Social Security Act provides a help toward security of income in case of unemployment and old age. He is, in the least, discouraged to find that instead of providing an additional income, it imposes in case of unemployment, disability, and accidental death, a total sum of four hundred dollars, and so inadequate in the amount of it, that its value is negligible.

There is however no uncertainty about the cost to the employee or his employer. The employer by law is compelled to deduct a percentage from the pay envelope of each employee and then add an equal sum of four hundred dollars, and, beginning next January, to send it to Washington. If a worker is out of a job more than he gets a job. That leaves the unemployed out. No payments to unemployed or aged begin until 1942, although by that time a total sum of four hundred dollars has already been paid in.

Below are some comparative illustrations of what the money paid for this government-planned insurance could buy in corporation group insurance. A regular insurance company.

Under the Social Security Act
 Beginning at age 65, Pension \$53.75 per month
 Cost of insurance 3% of average salary of \$1800 per year is equal to \$1,800
 Employer's equal contribution \$1,820
 Total \$3,620
 A provision is made for unemployment insurance of \$15 per week for fifteen weeks, provided, however, that the State has passed an unemployment law. The payroll tax goes on whether a State possesses such a law or not. There is no provision for sick or accident benefit. It has no loan or cash value. Therefore, if a worker is incapacitated before 65 years of age, he is out of any benefit from the money paid in, and provides no cash payment in case of death.

But, saddest of all, in the **Actuarial Experience Table** that is shown no expectation of life at 65 years, and only 81% at 55 years of age. This means that before the age of 55 years, 91% will have died and left no returns to the Government.

Corporation Group Insurance
 The following table from the records of a well-known Detroit concern employing many thousands of men and women, beginning at age 65, Pension \$80 per month
 Cost of insurance \$50 per month for 30 years \$1,780
 Employer's equal contribution \$1,780
 Total \$3,560
 This also carries life insurance payable at death, for a few dollars additional annually, both health and accident insurance. Cash surrender value, 5.6 of all premiums paid.

Regular Insurance Companies
 From the rate book of a well-known life insurance company which writes also health, accident and retirement insurance, I find the following:

Participating insurance taken out at age of 35 and maturing at 65, annual premium, \$12.90 for benefit of \$5,000. 4% compound interest \$1,135.50
 Benefit at 65 of \$4,000 compound interest \$245.00
 or, \$25 to \$30 per month for life and \$1,000 paid up life insurance payable at death.
 Cash surrender and loan values at any period after 3 years at the end of the 30 years is payable guaranteed and vested in the policy. Six or seven dollars additional annually will include an amount of insurance, with compensation for sickness, total and partial disability, and accidental death.
 The corporation group insurance and the regular insurance company policies are not an asset to a man whether he lives or dies. While the only definite thing about the Social Security Act insurance is the expense of it.

would amount to \$10,000. A 4% interest on \$2,000,000,000 would be \$137,520,000.00. The actual money paid in would be \$1,240,000,000.00, or only \$44,240,000.00.

But it is said they will stop at \$7,000,000,000.00. Let us assume \$47,000,000,000.00 by 30 years and we get the annual contribution of \$1,660,000,000.00. The earning power of this money at 3% compound interest for 30 years when the maturity is 45 is then \$74,724,000,000.00.

Our present Federal debt is \$24,000,000,000.00. At 3% simple interest, in thirty years, if all interest is paid in more bonds, it will amount to \$84,000,000,000.00. By new astronomical figures it will be seen that the money to be paid by the workers and their employers, plus the earning power of the money at 3% compound interest, would be enough to pay all the national debt with interest and have \$12,000,000,000.00 left over.

To put that load on the shoulders of the working man and his employers represents a quiet kind of sympathy for the working man.

Do not doubt that unemployment and old age pension insurance is highly desirable, but it must be separated from the above that the Social Security Act is not the answer. The administration which sponsored the present bill can hardly be trusted to draw up a good one. Workers should organize to obtain an increase or strengthening of collection of money until the law can be adjudicated or repealed.

The Hands That Shape America
 By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
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For many decades America has led the world in the development of new machinery and new methods that lighten the labor, enrich the lives and speed the progress of humanity. The motor car, the motion picture, the modern radio set, the many uses of electricity in our daily lives—these are a few of the newer developments which American enterprise and ingenuity have made available to millions of men and women.

Altogether, the newer plastic and metal products, modern farm methods and machines, oil in its multiple uses—these are a few of its gifts to transportation and industry and production.

Who is responsible for these achievements?
 The politician, operating through the slow hand of government? Or the American citizen, working free and unimpeded to translate ideas into practical reality—as did Edison, for example.

The answer is obvious.
 The story of American achievement is the story of many Edisons who, through their enterprise, their practicality and their success, have given higher standards of living and greater opportunities for employment to millions of fellow-workers.

The story of politics and bureaucracy has been the reverse. To often have been the story of men who, planted in the paths of the men who are laboring to carry American enterprise to its highest development—to make ideas grow into generous production and long payrolls.

For the politicians and the bureaucrats to assert that they, rather than the workers and farmers, created our success is to jump the claim of the very men who made America advanced the American people.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Political Scouts Tip Candidates to Opposition's Campaign Plans

WASHINGTON—Scouts from "There, it is said, will be of the secret" type, and will be an effort to offset favorable business news by forecasting disaster to business in case of Roosevelt re-election.

The Democrats are planning a fast, punchy Democratic comeback from Roosevelt over a no social hook-up.

A political campaign is not all speeches, straw votes, and statistics. Its open season for pranks and stunts in Washington. There's some donkey business going on among government clerks who sympathize with the administration that gave them jobs.

The Republican National Committee went down the list of names in the Democratic column and sent out appeals for dollar contributions and mass gassies by enclosing stamped addressed return envelopes. The list included the names of many Republicans, and the Democrats are having great fun slipping the names of their own into the stamped envelopes and sending them back to the Republican committee.

THE REPUBLICANS have Mrs. O'Leary on their side. She is making the colorful character in nearby Virginia. Mrs. O'Leary is 75 years old and rides alone in the country perched in side-saddle fashion on a horse that has no saddle and appears nearly as old as his owner.

She is being decorated with placards which read "The horse and buggy days were good enough for me." The Republican sponsors say Mrs. O'Leary never has voted, but is going to cast her ballot this time for Alf Landon.

The Other Chap Says ---

HOME DISCIPLINE NECESSARY
 Law enforcement officials are studying the "1936 model" criminal. The conclusion is that if the law is to be effective, it must be based on the influence of mother and father. The influence of mother and father was strongest for there was the greatest cause of crime—intelligent guidance and sympathetic understanding to all.

Separation of parents, faulty home training and parental misguidance and influence loosened, provide fertile soil for the seeds of crime.—Paul Park, Coarner Northern.

RANDOM REMARKS

Cary T. Grayson, National Red Cross Chairman, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 "The nation of America includes more than 700,000 boys and girls of less than voting age."

Alfred M. Landon, Republican Presidential nominee.
 "It is in the direct interest of the consumers and other producers of this nation that the farm or a good provider and a good customer."

Henry W. Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.
 "Stabilization of world currencies is the foundation that had first to be built before we could begin to export to other countries and recover in the world trade."

John T. Flynn, author-economist.
 "People do strange things are acting their head. Hence things are more disposed to spend freely."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, President.
 "An enduring agricultural production must be built upon the firm foundation of home and farm ownership."

Joseph B. Lindley, Superior Judge of Washington State.
 "A boy needs a gun as much as he needs a dog."
 "It is my considered opinion that the only alternative for us is to slash war organization for peace or perish."

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