

Do We Want Responsible Government?

A national committeeman of one of the great political parties is quoted as saying, "The voter doesn't care whether government is responsible. The voter wants to know what it is doing for him."

What remains to be seen is whether the majority of voters have just drifted with a tide, or have not recognized it for what it is, or honestly "don't care whether government is responsible."

Bill To Promote Strikes

Labor's "friends" in Congress are about to operate on the still-very Landrum-Griffin Act—to cut out its very heart, if they can.

Under the terms of this hard-won reform legislation, it is an unfair labor practice to picket, or strike, to force one employer to stop doing business with another employer.

The classic method was to threaten one employer, such as a general contractor, with a strike unless he stopped doing business with another—in most cases a non-union subcontractor or supplier.

But the relief provided by the Landrum-Griffin Act against this unconscionable and disastrous abuse of the right to organize will be short-lived if Congress can be bludgeoned into passing the Thompson Bill (H. R. 9070).

Passage of this bill and its counterpart in the Senate would license the construction unions and the teamsters to renew the "black-mail picketing" that proponents of the Landrum-Griffin measure fought to curb.

The language of this amendment is so sweeping it would permit strikes or picketing relating to wages, hours and working conditions of employes at any job site and stop every truck carrying ready-mix cement to the job.

Passage of the Thompson bill would make a mockery of the McClellan hearings and the public demands growing out of them, wreck the Landrum-Griffin Act and Taft-Hartley alike. It would inflate union power as never before.

Have you ever wondered about advertising that made you want to buy something you thought you couldn't afford? Well . . . pause and be thankful for it.

Farm Electrification

Ninety-seven per cent of the farms of America are electrified today.

Investor-owned electric companies serve 45 per cent of the farms with power, and the REA cooperatives and municipal lines supply the remainder of the farmers.

On May 11, the REA celebrates its silver anniversary. Along with the utilities, it can look with pride on a job that is near completion.

To make its accomplishments possible, the REA has loaned more than \$4 billion to 984 cooperatives and 101 other borrowers.

While the REA borrowers were expanding into remote areas, the utilities were also speeding the work of bringing electricity to the farm.

In addition, the utilities have continually struggled to find new means to aid the farmer in agricultural development.

May 11 is a good time to pause and add up the score. Nearly 97 per cent of the nation's farms are now electrified . . . 43 per cent of them are served by the electric utilities, the remainder by the REA borrowers.

Babson Is Optimistic, Whatever Happens

Babson Park, Mass., April 21—I am a statistician—not a politician. Most statisticians promise the impartial truth; while most politicians appear to promise what will get them the most votes.

NOTE THESE FIGURES Although the daily newspapers feature crime, yet only one in 10,000,000 will tomorrow suffer or witness any crime.

During the past ten years the population of the U. S. has increased 18 per cent; the gross national product has increased almost 70 per cent; consumer income, even after taxes, has increased 60 per cent.

When unemployment statistics increase they are featured as dangerous and the stock market goes down! Yet the social workers tell us that the chief cause of juvenile delinquency is the fact that mothers are engaged in industry and away from home all day.

Every Sunday I read a chapter from Bertha Conde's "A Way to Peace, Health and Power" (published by Score & Script, 76 Chestnut St., Boston, for \$3.00).

The same optimism is needed in business. Things run on about the same from generation to generation. Human nature is not changed. We continue to spend one third of our life in sleep, and the less we eat, the better we feel; the more we exercise, the longer we live.

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DON'T THEY KNOW?



Clinton Davidson

This Week in Washington

KANGAROO COURTS

Any business man caught in the meshes of a government regulatory agency cannot help but be reminded of the infamous proceedings of the so-called kangaroo courts of the past.

He may not be told who his accusers are, or even what he is accused of. He probably will not even know that he has been accused, or suspected of wrongdoing, until a crew of investigators descend upon him.

The department head of the regulatory agency—one of dozens of government boards and commissions with life or death power over business—may start the investigation by sending a crew of men with authority to seize and inspect all of the files and books of a company or corporation.

The agency staff then studies this material, following which it starts questioning under oath officers, directors and even customers of the business. Company officials may be questioned for days without being told why they are being questioned.

The business man being investigated may be warned that it would be improper for him to continue certain business operations which he thought were normal, during the investigation. The effect can be to close down a business, with heavy losses or even failure, while the investigation is underway.

There have been investigations in which the business investigated was not told the purpose of the investigation, but learned later that it was merely a fishing expedition in hopes that something would turn up to justify the arbitrary action of an agency staff member.

The agency staff realizes that the longer the investigation lasts the greater the damage to the business. In some cases the investigation is lengthened unnecessarily by first questioning all parties informally for several weeks, and then again questioning them under oath for additional weeks. Also, after being questioned a second time, a third interrogation, under oath, may be

AMERICA SHOULD BE FIRST

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Thoughtful Americans are beginning to demand an answer as to why the alleged plight of foreign peoples should be of much more concern to the U. S. government than the serious condition of our great middle class. The latter is menaced and harmed increasingly by inflation and by high taxes that are squandered on foreign aid and other wasteful projects.

It seems that our government is becoming almost pathologically obsessed with the wants and ambitions of peoples in distant lands. A few weeks ago the State Department intervened in California in an attempt to halt the execution of a sex terrorist. The reason was that communist agitators in Uruguay were demanding that this vicious criminal be given a gift of his life.

Within recent days, President Eisenhower called for drastic revision of the immigration laws of the United States. He called for doubling of the quotas. He proposed removal of many present limitations. He proposed, for instance, that large numbers of Asiatics be permitted to enter this country for the first time.

The reason for this is that political leaders in that part of the world are peeved at the United States because it prefers to preserve the basic racial and cultural character of the land through strict immigration laws. The administration now would appease Asian nationalists by altering the racial composition of the country. As for the proposal that immigration quotas be generally increased, no one seems to think of asking the American people whether they favor a flood of newcomers. Neither is the State Department interested in the fate of the Ameri-

FARMS... AND FOLKS

By J. M. Eleazer Clemson College Information Specialist



HELP BEAT COST OF LIVING

Does food look high to you? Well, most of us can help beat that cost of living by having a real, producing garden.

Back a few weeks ago, as spring dawned, most of us got the urge to garden. And most of the things have been planted. I hope you didn't plant too much. And I also hope that urge does not wear off, as the warm days come.

Most gardens are far too big. A small area made highly fertile, mulched, watered as needed, and successively planted can really roll in the vegetables. If you are rusty on many of the details of gardening, your county and home agents have many helpful hints and publications from Clemson that are free for the asking.

CHANGE IN 4-H

I speak often of change. It affects just about everything, even 4-H clubs. They are growing in numbers. But their organization is changing some. They used to be conducted in the schools almost entirely, and that's where they are still mainly centered. But with school consolidations and required bus service to schools, some communities are also organizing out of school 4-H clubs. County Agent Bull tells me they now have six of this sort in Abbeville. The latest one has 20 members that meets monthly in the local community.

SOME CHICKENS!

Aiken has quite a poultry industry. According to County Agent Mellette, their largest grower is Woodrow Hall, who produces hatching eggs from 30,000 hens and 5,000 roosters. Dotted through the sand hills down there are many successful poultry growers of long standing. Their well-drained sandy lands aid in sanitation, and the manure makes their planted acres bloom with promise.

CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL

The control of weeds by spraying before and after planting crops is a growing practice, according to what the county agents tell me. High labor costs for hand weeding are stimulating this. And, then, too, the scientists are bringing out more and more effective chemicals for this job.

The agents report last year 203,184 acres of small grain were sprayed for weed control, with generally good results. Also 68,172 acres of pastures, 16,313 acres of cotton, 9,764 acres of soybeans, and 13,859 acres of corn. County Agent Bull of Abbeville, tells me it really saved a lot of cotton for them during that wet spring. And Marrett says it sure helped in Anderson, too, as in many other counties where it was extensively tried.

Your County Agent has the details of when, what, and how to use these weed killers. They are not fool-proof by any means. So, if you plan to use them, be sure to use the right one and follow instructions.

These are strange and disturbing times in which we live. Clearly, the American Republic cannot survive unless this America-first attitude is brought to a complete end. The only way that a healthy America-first attitude can be made to prevail in the State Department and other agencies of government is for the neglected ordinary citizen to rise up and elect a conservative, aggressively pro-American Congress and President in November.

My Neighbors



"Got a little old five acres in downtown Dallas—how much will you pay me not to raise corn?"

good size cold biscuit. We'd punch a hole in the side of it with the forefinger and then pour it full of molasses, pumping it a bit to distribute the molasses good through it. Then out we would go rejoicing to some far place in the Stone Hills or down on the creek where seasonal things beckoned. That molasses would sometimes soak through and run down the arm a bit. But that didn't bother us. We'd just lick it off, pay no attention to the remaining stickiness, and go on our way.

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