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." The judgment is a cynical one. But that does not mean that it is wrong, or can easily be disproven. Indeed, some of the most successful political figures of the last generation have followed the dictum almost exactly. And the present burden of debt and taxation, along with the steady decay of individual freedom, individual responsibility and basic individual morality is, in part, their montment.

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." If the last is the case, this country is done for, and the only thing to speculate about is when the final curtain will come down on what used to be called the American Dream. The one hope is that the voter will recognize that what welfare state government is doing to him is a great deal more important than what welfare state government is doing for him — and will revolt before the last battle is lost.

Bill To Promote Strikes

Labor's "friends" in Congress are about to operate on the still-new 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. Such action, more commonly known as the secondary boycott, had long been the chief organizing routine of the million-and-a-halfmember Teamsters union and the 18 Building Trades unions with a membership of three million.

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 pon-union subcontractor or supplier.

But the relief provided by the Landrum-Griffin Act against this unconscionable and disastrous abouse of the right to organize will be short-lived if Congress can be bludgeoned into passing the Thompson Bill (H. R. 9070). This sly, 18-line measure amends the section outlawing the secondary boycott by excluding its application to any "common situs" where the employes of more than one employer are engaged in the alteration, painting, repair, or other work at the place where the work, alteration, painting or repair is being performed.

Passage of this bill and its counterpart in the Senate would license the construction unions and the teamsters to renew the "blackmail picketing" that proponents of the Landrum-Griffin measure fought to curb. No non-union plumber, carpenter, electrician, painter, or other building craftsman or maintenance man could be hired to build, alter, repair, paint or install equipment in a building without the neutral employer being subject to picketing-and the closing down of the entire operation if the employes "respected" the picket line. No company could safely employ a non-union sub-contractor.

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. If houses were being constructed or repairs being made by non-union workers at an air base, for instance, all of the gates could be picketed and every union man in every other job on the base stopped from doing his work.

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. It would make Jimmy Hoffa a giant. It would promote a rash of strikes such as we have never seen before.

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Farm Electrification

Nineyt-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. Two-thirds of the cooperatives purchase some or all of their electricity from the utilities.

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. Much of the drudgery of farm labor is now a memory.

To make its accomplishments possible, the REA has loaned more than \$4 billion to 984 cooperatives and 101 other borrowers. The bulk of the money went to the cooperatives to build lines to outlying farms and make possible a broader distribution system.

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. The companies' programs have included research on production, nutritive values of fertilization. water requirements of grass, spinach diseases, sprinkler irrigation, hybrid corn development, soil and conservation practices, and in helping the farmer solve his labor problems electrically.

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. The task of the REA is almost finished.

Babson Is Optimistic, Whatever Happens

Babson Park, Mass., April 21-I am a statisticiannot a politician. Most satiticians promise the impartial truth; while most politicians appear to promise what will get them the most votes. As a result of the latter, the following facts are entirely forgotten. People allow themselves to get scared and vote foolish sums of money, thinking that they will thereby have government boards and commissecurity, freedom from accident,

and employment.



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

storm. Business failures are increasing, but they are told why they are being questioned. think it would be a mistake to indecreasing on a percentage basis. The stock market has to go down before it can turn up. If trees grew any higher they would blow down. Everything which gated may be warned that it would pleted the investigations the matter happens is for the best.

During the past ten years the population of the certain business operations which Obviously, the business could pass U. S. has increased 18 per cent; the gross national he thought were normal, during the out of existence while being paproduct has increased almost 70 per cent; consumer income, even after taxes, has increased 60 per cent. No figures on crime, accidents, or juvenile delinquency can equal these increases.

COST OF LIVING DOWNWARD

The politicians and labor leaders present figures which the business investigated was Strange to say, now that a mato show that the "cost of living" is constantly going not told the purpose of the investi- jority of the board and commission sively tried. up. This is because new products, greater conven- gation, but learned later that it was members have been appointed by a iences, and other items have been added to the list merely a fishing expedition in hopes Republican Administration, busi- of when, what, and how to use these which makes up the index. If it covered the things I that something would turn up to ness men find it harder to get along weed killers. They are not fool-proof had when I was a boy in Gloucester—and my father justify the arbitrary action of an with them than when the Demo- by any means. So, if you plan to use was a well-to-do merchant-the U. S. "cost of living" index would be only one half the figure now published.

the accidents and deaths by automobiles are much greater the damage to the business. of being friendly to business. The U.S., but Southerners who dissent less than those from the "horse and buggy," when In some cases the investigation is commissioners and board members from federal dictation are informed figured on a mile basis. The cost of light, heat, and lengthened unnecessarily by first lean over backward to show they that they will be shoved into line by power has continually decreased. Even food has questioning all parties informally are neither controlled by, nor more troops. dropped in price—for the same menu which we had in for several weeks, and then again friendly to business than are the These are strange and disturbing my boyhood days-and we were then as healthy and questioning them under oath for ad- Democrats. The result is business times in which we live. Clearly, the strong as are the young people today. We made our ditional weeks. Also, after being gets kicked in the shins more often American Republic cannot survive own candy, picked our own apples, and made our questioned a second time, a third in under the Republicans than under unless this America-last attitude is own cider; soft drinks were not then for sale.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS OPTIMISTIC

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. When I was a boy, no mothers worked in factories. We kids were trained to help about the house and to help take care of the large families which most of our mothers had. I grew up as a "baby sitter," but the U. S. government than the se pay wages of only 20 cents an hour. never received or expected any pay therefor!

WHAT EIGHTY YEARS HAVE TAUGHT ME

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 dered on foreign aid and other ed will depend entirely on how \$3.00). At the end of the book are several blank pages on which I write a line each month about something I had worried about that never happened. Then, when some new problem comes, I read those notes. They

are better than any tranquilizer pills!" 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. The world is very slowly but surely getting better. We all should be optimists.

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DON'T THEY KNOW?



Clinton Davidson

May 11 is a good time to pause and add up the seems. Nearly 97 new cent of the nation's

KANGAROO COURTS

meshes of a government regulatory agency staff has developed new in agency cannot help but be remind- formation. ed of the infamous proceedings of the so-called kangaroo courts of the commission, while asking for per-

suspected of wrongdoing, until a gators intended to take. crew of investigators descend upon

ulatory agency-one of dozens of

ness any crime. When a man is material, following which it starts be: killed by lightning it is reported all questioning under oath officers, diover the country, yet only one man rectors and even customers of the in our staff. They have learned out of every 5,000,000 will be killed business. Company officials may be through experience the best method Bogor W. Babson by lightning in the next very bad questioned for days without being of handling these situations and we FISHING EXPEDITIONS

be improper for him to continue will come up for decision." investigation. The effect can be to tient. In one case where the invesclose down a business, with heavy tigation was prolonged for months, losses or even failure, while the in- the staff member in charge shortly vestigation is underway.

There have been investigations in competing company. agency staff member.

From every point of view I am an optimist. Even longer the investigation lasts the publicans are accused everywhere terrogation, under oath, may be the Democrats.

Any business man caught in the ordered on the grounds that the

In one case, the staff told the mission to investigate, that the in-He may not be told who his ac- vestigation would require only a cusors are, or even what he is ac- week. After it had run for several cused of. He probably will not even months a member of the business know that he has been accused, or asked how much longer the investi-"We don't know," the investiga-

tor replied, "maybe three months The department head of the reg- and maybe six months." SILENCE DEMANDED

sions with life or death power over does get up courage enough to go to drained sandy lands aid in sanitabusiness-may start the investiga- the agency, or commission, and say tion, and the manure makes their authority to seize and inspect all of ing the case with you, but we wish the files and books of a company to complain about the manner in CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL which the investigation is being The agency staff then studies this conducted," the answer is likely to

terfere. We suggest you just be pa- job. The business man being investi- tient and after the staff has com-

thereafter became an official of a

crats were in control.

The agency staff realizes that the The reason given is that the Re- and follow instructions.

AMERICA SHOULD BE FIRST By THURMAN SENSING, Executive Vice-President

Southern States Industrial Council

wasteful projects.

attempt to halt the execution of a companies in the United States.

of the immigration laws of the Unit- speak softly and take no action. As ed States. He called for doubling of Senator George Smathers (D-Fla) the quotas. He proposed removal of said recently, the fruits of appeasemany present limitations. He pro- ment of the property-seizers will be posed, for instance, that large num- bitter. bers of Asiatics be permitted to en- Or consider the action of the State ter this country for the first time. Department in condemning the The reason for this is that political white government of South Africa leaders in that part of the world are for putting down a riot in which 20,peeved at the United States because 000 near-savages stormed a police it prefers to preserve the basic ra- station. Acting only on a press recial and cultural character of the port of the incident, the State Deland through strict immigration partment moved quickly to condemn laws. The administration now would the South African government for appease Asian neutralists by alter- controlling the riot. No one suging the racial composition of the gested that the 101st Airborne Dicountry. As for the proposal that vision be rushed to the aid of the immigration quotas be generally South Africans. The bayonet tacincreased, no one seems to think of tic seems to be reserved, not for asking the American people wheth- Castro or his ilk, but residents of

Thoughtful Americans are begin- can textile industry, to cite only one and elect a conservative, aggresning to demand an answer as to why example. Vast quantities of foreign- sively pro-American Congress and the alleged plight of foreign peoples made textiles are being imported President in November. should be of much more concern to into this country by alien firms that rious condition of our great middle Frank Leslie, vice president of a class. The latter is menaced and large textile organization in North harmed increasingly by inflation Carolina, said recently: "The and by high taxes that are squan- amount of domestic yardage replac-

much our foreign competition wants It seems that our government is to take and that, at the moment, is becoming almost pathologically ob- the only limitation." The U. S. govsessed with the wants and ambi- ernment's policy is of giving protions of peoples in distant lands. A tection to Japanese and other Orienfew weeks ago the State Depart. tal textile producers, not to the emment intervened in California in an ployers and employees of textile

sex terrorist. The reason was that This America-last policy has some communist agitators in Uruguay strange twists. In Cuba, where an were demanding that this vicious estimated \$1 billion in U. S. assets criminal be given a gift of his life. are gradually being taken over by Within recent days, President Ei. the communist front Castro regime, senhower called for drastic revision the State Department's policy is to

er they favor a flood of newcomers. Little Rock. South Africans can't Neither is the State Department maintain law and order in their interested in the fate of the Ameri- country without a protest from the

FARMS...

By J. M. Eleazer Clemson College Information Specialist



BOYS ARE THAT WAY 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 largely made our sweets. We grew

dawned, most of us got the urge to we had the ingredients. garden. And most of the things have been planted. I hope you didn't plant too much. And I also hope that urge we'd play with them as we ate them. out we would go rejoicing to some does not wear off, as the warm days They were stored in a large jar to far place in the Stone Hills or down

Most gardens are far too big. A small area made highly fertile, a chance to get stale. mulched, watered as needed, and successively planted can really roll every Saturday ,for company was bother us. We'd just lick it off, pay in the vegetables. If you are rusty usually expected the next day. I like no attention to the remaining stickion many of the details of gardening, layer cake best, mainly for the fill- ness, and go on our way. your county and home agents have ing. Cake without plenty of good fillmany helpful hints and publications ing didn't rank much with me, and from Clemson that are free for the doesn't yet.

CHANGE IN 4-H

I speak often of change. It affects some, making peanut brittile. Then just about everything, even 4-H some of it we'd pull between our clubs. They are growing in numbers. hands until it got a light amber col-But their organization is changing or. "Molasses candy" we called some. They used to be conducted in that. We'd often have parties called the schools almost entirely, and "candy pullin's." Boy and girl would 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 com-

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 If the business being investigated growers of long standing. Their well

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

The agents report last year 203, 184 acres of small grain were spray ed 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 exten-

Your County Agent has the details them, be sure to use the right one

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

As kids, we sure liked sweets. But commercial sweets were rare then, and money was scarce. So we the flour, made the syrup, and pro-Back a few weeks ago, as spring duced the eggs and butter. So there

And our candy, too, we made that

mainly from molasses grown in the sorghum patch. We'd put peanuts in

pull together and get a thrill just from the touching of hands a bit. Our standard sweet was to finish off meals with .We seldom had 'desserts as we know them now. But just about every meal was topped

off with molasses. Mixed in fresh butter and sopped with hot biscuits, that's still tops in eating for me. Along in mid-morning and mid-afternoon we'd come in simply famshed. The remedy was usually



in downtown Dallas - how much will you pay me not to

good size cold biscuit. We'd punct Cookies and ginger snaps were finger and then pour it full of moamong our favorites .Cut out as ani- lasses, pumping it a bit to distribute mals, people, moons, stars, etc., the molasses good through it. Then keep 'em fresh. But we took that lid on the creek where seasonal things off so often, none of them ever had beckoned. That molasses would sometimes soak through and run Cakes, too, were cooked just about down the arm a bit. But that didn't

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