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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way"

## Government by Gunmen

The charge by an Indianapolis newspaper man that an effort had been made to assassinate him because of his insistence on federal investigation of crime in northern Indiana is too serious to be overlooked by the highest officials of the government.

If true, it means that we have government by gunmen in this state and that any one who dares to demand an end to the reign of gangsters, election crooks and bootleggers invites execution by the new rulers.

If it does nothing more than to call to the attention of very high authorities, and President Hoover would not be too high to take an interest, the peculiar conditions in the Calumet swiftly and may be remedied.

The history of the investigation has not been such as to give confidence to the people who prefer a government of law to one by gangsters.

Many months ago the charge was openly made that in the elections of 1926 and 1928 vast frauds had been perpetrated at the polls. It was charged specifically that in the 1928 election truck loads of colored voters had been imported from Chicago, carried from precinct to precinct, and voted repeatedly.

The size of the vote in Lake county was such as to invite suspicion. It was many more thousands than the number of legal voters estimated by either party or reasonably expected from the census reports.

When the grand jury met to make an investigation, the district attorney was on a vacation and returned only after widespread criticism of his absence.

One jury listened to evidence. It recommended that the inquiry be continued. There was delay in calling a new jury. The statute of limitations was running against any possible exposures as to 1926.

Finally there came a demand for special assistance. The government sent two or three special attorneys from Washington. One of them had an Indiana background of politics that gave little hope of real action.

Another was heralded as the most expert man on the drawing of indictments.

The jury listened to evidence, much evidence, and proceeded to indict the mayor of one city, the police force of another and numerous bootleggers.

The jury indicted no one for an election fraud. But the dry raiders for the government were able to find hundreds of booze violators. There had been no raids for three years of any importance. The charge was openly made that immunity had been given to the bootleggers in return for votes at the elections.

It is significant, and more than significant, that the local authorities apparently had made no effort to curb the activities of the criminal element, so easily found when public opinion forced attention to that locality.

The record since then is even less assuring. At the first hearings, one big batch of alleged conspirators was turned loose because the court held that the indictment, the product of the government expert, was so faulty that even the poorest lawyers could find the flaws.

Two men who appeared before the grand jury and gave, so it is reported, evidence against the gang, were killed. They were killed immediately after their testimony.

The government ordered the marshal to put on a force to protect witnesses. But one citizen of that county, prominent in forcing inquiries, has hired his own private guard to protect his life.

Up to date the batting average of the gangsters has been nearly a thousand.

Two witnesses against them have been killed. Another charges that an effort was made to murder him because he discovered evidence of frauds and corruption.

There have been a few small fines, a few short sentences and many suspended ones, for bootleggers who confessed to violation of the law.

Thus far the government has indicted no one for election frauds. It has convicted no one of importance. It did not even send flowers to the funerals of its witnesses.

## Business and the Farmer

The United States Chamber of Commerce, through its agricultural service department committee, has endorsed the "principle" of co-operative marketing and the creation of the federal farm board. The conclusions of the committee, we are told, are the result of study since last October.

But "at the same time attention is called to the fact that the national chamber advocates co-operative marketing and measures in support of it only insofar as they are not discriminatory against other business enterprise." This conclusion is self-contradictory.

Is the chamber's conclusion a revelation of the attitude of business toward the farm relief program?

The farm board has created a wheat marketing cooperative through which it is hoped the bulk of the country's crop eventually may be handled. Similar corporations will be organized for other commodities.

This inevitably will mean the displacement of some dealers—commission men, and others who col-

lect toll on every bushel of grain the farmer raises. It is the idea of the farm board that the growers themselves should market their produce, and put in their own pockets the money they have been paying others to do it for them.

The farmers would control output, distribution and other processes.

The government agreed to foster and advise co-operatives and supply them with funds when the equalization fee, the export debenture, and other suggested measures were turned down. The farm board has been doing what the law contemplated.

The purpose of co-operative marketing is to eliminate some middle men in the interest of economy and efficiency. If the chamber accepts the principle of co-operative marketing, the chamber can not complain when co-operative marketing achieves its purpose.

Solution of the farm problem will benefit the country as a whole. It is hoped that these business interests represented by the chamber will find it possible to go along with the farm board, even though a few toes are trod upon.

## Start In Right Place

The Christmas season is a funny time of year, when you stop to think about it.

For a brief two or three weeks we seem to step out of our ordinary characters. We take on a generosity and a thoughtfulness that we don't exhibit very much at other times. We let other people's poverty and misery bother us, and we try to do what we can to help.

In every city in the land people are joining hands to bring happiness to the homes of the unfortunate.

Coal, flour, meat and clothing are being got together for families that stand to be cold and hungry this winter. Newspapers, luncheon clubs, charitable organizations and other groups are collecting toys, boxes of candy and so on for children who are looking forward to a barren holiday. There will be turkey dinners for folks who haven't had a good, square meal for weeks.

All in all, people are really going to a good deal of trouble to see that those who are less lucky, less well supplied with this world's goods get an even break on Christmas.

This is mighty encouraging. No one can look on this spectacle—this sudden flare-up of generosity and kindness on the part of millions of people—without getting a new faith in human nature.

But we're a strange race, at that. For we tend to confine our generosity and our thoughtfulness to this one period of the year.

Around Christmas time we get so that we're bothered by the thought that there are people in our town who haven't got as much as we have. It makes us unhappy to think of them; so unhappy that we get busy and do something about it.

But during the rest of the year it doesn't worry us. We don't take time to think about it. The people that we help at Christmas time can fight their own battles—and lose them, too—from January to December.

Generosity is a beautiful thing. But why should we display it only on two weeks out of the whole year?

We don't really amount to quite as much as we think we do. We're not quite as good, or as kind, or as noble, as we suppose.

If we could only carry over into every-day life the sensitiveness and consideration that we display around Christmas, we could make this into a pretty fine sort of world. The job of building the city of God, right here on this trouble-stained earth, isn't half as hard as it's cracked up to be. It would be dead easy if we'd start in the right place.

And where is that right place? Right in our own hearts, of course.

Put into your daily life the anxiety about your fellow man's welfare that you display on Christmas, and you'll have done your part.

That's all there is to it. Simple, isn't it? One of these days, won't we be able to do it?

## Paying College Athletes

College athletes should be paid, and college athletics handled as a business proposition, in the opinion of Dr. George K. Carothers of the University of Michigan.

If a football star can swell gate receipts by his performances, he is entitled to \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year, the doctor thinks.

Perhaps the suggestion has at least the merit of recognizing the commercialism of college athletics, about which there has been so much complaint. It would make the whole thing above board.

But it overlooks the fact that the business of colleges is to educate, a fact Dr. Carothers' colleagues no doubt will be quick to bring to his attention. Football percentages would stand out academic achievement. Moreover, out-and-out commercialism would destroy much of the attraction of college athletics. There wouldn't be the thrill in watching paid performer go through his paces that there is in the case of a youngster playing for love of the game and his school.

With the suggestion of Dean James D. Hoskins of the University of Tennessee that credits be given for football. This would be in the nature of a reward, and the conferring of recognition for brawn rather than brains. Imagine a "doctor of football!"

A Massachusetts professor says women teachers are feminizing the thought of the nation. There must be some reason why men smoke cigarettes, at that.

A hunting party has gone in search of the grylloblatta, an insect that lives at the foot of glaciers. That's about the only thing not included in the tariff list.

A Rochester professor says there are 507 known annoyances in the world. Wonder if there's a place on the list for the dentist who smiles when he sticks that burr in your teeth.

You probably have heard of Calvin Coolidge. He is the father of John Coolidge.

A man in Kansas married to get out of jail. Some times you have to take what comes.

Stories from Canada tell of the Doukhobors running around without any clothes on. That must be some kind of bathing beach society.

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## M. E. Tracy SAYS:

As the Recent War Proved, It Is Becoming Harder and Harder for Nations Not to Take One Side or the Other.

THE Haitian rumpus reaches this country, with 500 communists demonstrating in New York, and 50 in Washington. The communists claiming that they were expressing their sympathy for Haiti.

The way they went at it left the impression that what really touched their hearts was the rumpus.

Not pausing to argue at that point, they blocked traffic, and if freedom of speech is desirable, so is freedom of movement.

President Hoover is right in believing that communists should not be exalted as martyrs by spending a night in jail.

A better way should be merely to clear the streets and let them alone.

A better way still, would be to set aside a park, or some other convenient place, where they could hold forth without being interfered with, or interfering with others.

As things stand, free speech and free traffic are in constant conflict, of course, is unnecessary.

## Think All Must Fight

COMMUNISTS and the British government appear to have one idea in common. That is that we're all going to become belligerents.

Without analyzing the communist proposition, the British government reasons that the Kellogg pact ends neutrality.

The reasoning runs like this: Since all nations, or practically all, have signed a treaty outlawing war, it follows that any nation making war is an outlaw, and that the rest must be arrayed in opposition.

Eventually, that may happen. Just now, we are betting on the hope that everybody will keep a contract, without any authority to enforce it.

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One can believe that the world is approaching a situation in which the great governments are not only willing to establish an international court, but an international police force to back it up, and still realize that the accomplishment is centuries away.

We are dealing with a stupendous conception, a conception that reveals many of our pet traditions and ideals.

Nothing less than sheer idiocy supposes that it can be translated into effective action over night.

Under present conditions, the thought of such a super-sovereignty is too jarring for complete acceptance.

Though great governments may be willing to bind themselves not to make war individually, and though public opinion may be against war in times of tranquility, even civilized nations have not arrived at a point where they are ready to pool interests for the sake of world-wide law enforcement.

Wisely enough, they are attacking the problem cautiously—trying out methods and compacting in a tentative way.

Some folks denounce this as hypocrisy, declaring that statesmen are doing merely no more than they must to keep the people quiet, and that their real purpose is to leave the peace movement so weak that it will crumble under the first strain.

"Lay the ax to the root of the tree," say these folks. "If the idea is good, let's put it into effect; if not, let's abandon it."

Fine, but things are not done that way, especially big things.

Once in a while human nature turns a complete somersault. The French did in 1789 and the Russians in 1917.

The American revolution was better planned—and left far less to do over again.

## Questions and Answers

What will be the cost of the new Internal Revenue building and the new Commerce building in Washington?

The estimated cost of the Internal Revenue building is \$17,500,000, and for the Department of Commerce building, \$10,000,000. These costs include removal of the old buildings, and for the Commerce building \$850,000 is included for the land.

Is the Spanish almond different from the almond grown in the United States?

The Spanish almond is a type very similar to the American almond, although it is a trifle darker. There is little difference in the taste.

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## Who Says a Man's Home Is His Castle?



## DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

### Gerson Treatment Isn't Sure 'T.B.' Cure

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A MERICAN correspondents for the last few months have been sending from Europe encomiums for a new method of treating tuberculosis credited to Dr. Gerson, who, it seems, has been working with the famous Professor Sauerbruch, widely known for his discoveries in connection with surgery of the chest in tuberculosis.

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Professor Klemperer is willing to grant that the Gerson diet may have a favorable effect on lupus or tuberculosis of the skin, but he has not been impressed by the results in tuberculosis of the bones and joints and he has not been convinced that the method was only such as were regularly seen in the sanatorium in patients on the usual diet.

There were furthermore no signs of detoxication. The cod liver oil and phosphorus used in the Gerson diets have long been