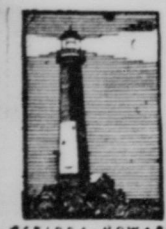


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### ONE CHILD IN FIVE

WHEN the war with unemployment finally is over, pitiful human casualties will remain with us as they did after the World war. The veterans of this later war are children.

Babies, only a few months old, and school children will bear the marks of this war. Already one-fifth of all the pre-school and school children in the country are showing the effects of poor nutrition, inadequate housing, lack of medical care and the sense of insecurity brought by unemployment, the United States children's bureau reports.

If our understanding of what this means to the next generation and to the future of America had been great enough we could have prevented the tragedy. For there was food enough in the country for all. The food was at hand—the children might have had it. Because they did not, these children will go through life with less than normal strength and energy. They will be subject to disease. Their minds will be less active. They will be less capable of grappling with the unsolved problems we shall hand them. The national bill for public health services, hospitals and prisons probably will mount.

With the help of a national administration not afraid to look squarely at this problem now, we have begun to realize that we have done less than our duty in the past. This winter when need and destitution still will be with us, no matter how fast the re-employment program moves, we must do more for the children.

### U. S. WARS ON CRIME

KIDNAPERS, racketeers and gangsters have been declared in on the new deal by President Roosevelt. And they will be the only ones who will not like it.

The President has instructed the department of justice to use all its resources in helping local authorities stamp out lawlessness.

This action will be welcomed not only by a public which has at last become alarmed over the succession of sensational kidnappings and the growing depredations of gangsters, but it will be welcomed also by local authorities, for organized crime has been conducted on a scale with which city and county police have been unable successfully to cope.

The United States government can not, under the Constitution, set up a central detective agency like Britain's famous Scotland Yard. But the federal government can perform many similar functions.

It can bring to the aid of local police the services of a corps of highly trained and efficient agents who are not hampered by questions of jurisdiction and who can coordinate local efforts to bring criminals to book.

There is no desire on the part of the federal government to usurp local police functions in the preservation of the peace, but intervention has been made inevitable and is now desirable because criminal operations have become national in character, and a national problem. Joseph B. Keenan, in charge of the government's anti-racketeering campaign, called the situation "a veritable revolt against orderly government."

The federal government in recent years has demonstrated its power by putting in prison a number of gangsters who had been able to operate in large cities virtually without molestation.

Lately, the government has done effective work in arresting several persons in millionaire kidnapping cases soon after the victims were released. These men will be prosecuted in federal courts under the so-called Lindbergh law. Federal agents assisted in obtaining the death penalty for the kidnaper of Mary McElroy in Kansas City.

"The department of justice will build up its force and increase its activities in co-operation with the states to crush the bands of kidnapers and racketeers, promised Attorney-General Cummings.

It seems safe to predict that gangsters are witnessing the beginning of the end.

### BE AN EAGLE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT might well have made his Blue Eagle appeal read: "In the name of salvation, of patriotism and humanity."

Unless Roosevelt's recovery plans speedily begin to lift this country out of the mud and finally succeed altogether, American patriotism is but a sentiment to be aroused by rage to cut other people's throats in bloody warfare, for fair reason or foul, and it would be more fittingly symbolized by a Black Buzzard than by a Blue Eagle.

NRA means conflict, in large part, but not wholly, between selfishness and patriotism; and, selfishness is a strong feature of the human equation, the mass psychology. Four years of depression's exactions have compelled every employer to think and work, night and day, to make his individual business profitable, if not to actually keep its head above water.

Thousands of concerns have been jumping into the "red" and out again, month by month. It has been a long period of uncertainty, fear and general chaos, a condition, since human nature is human, promoting selfishness and aim to look out for one's individual interests, letting intangible, ephemeral, sporadic patriotic sentiment look out for itself. Salvation of true patriotism and humanity, the latter to starve to the point of gnawing its finger nails unless NRA succeeds, depends upon the breaking down or discarding of that sort psychology based upon selfishness.

There is, already, glorious evidence that a great majority of big employing concerns will join the Order of the Blue Eagle, making some sacrifices, which all must, wisely considering

that to be the only way out of the hellish chaos that has prevailed for four years.

There will be a minority of employing concerns who will not see that present sacrifices mean final return to normal prosperity, if not actual salvation of their own businesses. Such, and there will be comparatively few of them left when NRA shows that it successfully carries on, will be as buzzards eating at second table, after the eagle.

Be a Blue Eagle, Indigo blue!

### HANDICAPS

WASHINGTON informs that Great Britain, France and the United States are in competition for \$500,000,000 worth of orders from Russia, the deciding factor to be the length of time credit the winning country will give. Of course, our nonrecognition of Russia is a handicap.

Individual American firms have been financing their own sales to Russia, our R. F. C. already has financed the sale of \$4,000,000 worth of cotton to Russia and it is fact that Russia has not yet defaulted on any of its commercial obligations.

But Uncle Sam's backing of another half billion of credit to a foreign nation is a matter for hard thinking. He already has outstanding about ten billions of credit extended to foreign countries which stand a mighty good chance of being credit account forever.

If this present Russian trade matter were a proposition to give all Europe a half billion of credit, what a roar there would be. Incidentally, it would be interesting to know what sort of roar Borah would emit.

### THE LIMIT

"THE ceiling is no longer the limit."

Such the notice hung up in the Chicago pit, by the leading gamblers in the nation's food stuffs. You see, the gambling had become too dangerous and was creating too strong a stench, so strong that it might provoke an administration actually for government, of by and for the people to impose law prohibiting transactions in which there was not actual transfer of the foodstuffs, and even of stock certificates representing merely the tools of the game, as do the ivory or celluloid chips in poker.

What sense in Mr. Roosevelt's vastly increasing the taxation of all of us and paying rental to raisers of foodstuffs for their idle acreage in order to raise farm prices, when the pit controls the prices? The pit sees the point.

Possibly, the pit suspects that, before he will permit the gamblers to ruin his costly endeavors to get more money into the hands of our 40,000,000 of agricultural folks, President Roosevelt will demand just that prohibitory law referred to above. The temptation for him to do so act must be strong, especially since the gamblers themselves announce that the play with the food raiser's prices has been too high and risky.

At present the pit's reform movement has got as far as limitation of the fluctuations in grain prices in any one day to 5 cents for wheat and other grains in proportion. The little suckers still can do their gambling and the big pools still can reel their suckers. But, more reasonably, fellow citizens, more reasonably!

Maybe, President Roosevelt will yet have the Chicago pit and that New York Stock Exchange working under regulations. He will find all of his great recovery plans much easier to make work, should he wipe out speculations in margins altogether. The grain and stock gambling produces nothing, and may wreck everything.

### HULL AND MOLEY

REPORT has it that Raymond T. Moley, assistant secretary of state, is on the way out. We hope and believe that he will remain in the administration.

Almost every one agrees that he has made certain errors of tact and judgment. And it is a fact that he has been a much less frequent visitor at the White House since his return from London. State Secretary Cordell Hull is reported returning home to demand his resignation.

It will be very regrettable if this reported friction continues to the point where either Hull or Dr. Moley leaves the administration.

Both of these gentlemen have served the country well, and have served the President unselfishly. Dr. Moley, as head of the so-called brain trust from the beginning of the campaign, has been the President's right-hand policy man. Hull, in the senate and later in the cabinet, has been one of the President's most valued political advisers.

Admitting that Dr. Moley has made mistakes and that Hull has preserved a dignified patience, Dr. Moley is not chiefly to blame. The President is responsible for making his chief policy adviser assistant to Secretary Hull and thereby inviting a disastrous division of authority. And the national emergency is responsible for Dr. Moley working about eighteen hours a day, seven days a week, to the point of exhaustion, where the finer points of bureaucratic etiquette begin to blur.

The irony of this is that the position of assistant secretary of state is one of the few in the government which Dr. Moley is not particularly fitted to occupy. He is not a specialist in foreign affairs and does not pretend to be. Apparently the chief excuse for giving him his present job was the need for a title and rank approximating his real importance in the administration. The theory may have been good, but it has not worked. It has not helped the state department nor Hull. And it has interfered with Dr. Moley's larger usefulness.

The state department needs an assistant secretary in fact as well as in name. And Dr. Moley needs a better job in line with his unusual ability as general policy adviser to the President.

### LAND OF THE FREE

A WOMAN went to Homestead, Pa., to tell the steel workers about their rights under the national recovery law. That was communism to the mayor. He refused to let her speak on the town square.

Her name was Frances Perkins, secretary of labor.

Must some steel or coal town official jail the President as a red before America awakens to the fact that free speech is dead in many parts of this country.

### BABY BONDS

"INVEST in your government!" might well be the slogan to accompany the United States treasury's official announcement that it will float a \$500,000,000 bond issue in denominations as low as \$50.

Here are the so-called baby bonds, to run for eight years and pay 3½ per cent interest. They may pressage the refinancing of other long term government war-time issues on which larger interest rates are being paid.

Treasury Secretary Woodin, announcing the issue, stressed President Roosevelt's appeal for national co-operation, pointed to the economies instituted by the President, to the special taxes levied to assure that extraordinary expenses would be definitely met.

The new bonds are attractive securities for persons of small means.

Invest in your government!

### THAT STRAW HAT PROBLEM

AS if the world was not borne down enough by weighty problems, this is the season of the year when to every man comes the moment when he must decide what to do about his straw hat.

The chances are, that going into August, that straw hat is not what it used to be. It's a little soiled, to begin with. There are faint gray streaks under the scales of the brim. The band frays distressingly along the edge of the bow. The brim is a little floppy from the after-effects of that rain storm that descended unannounced at that June picnic.

What's to be done? Many a man's reason has trembled on the edge from contemplating less weighty problems than this. Get it cleaned? All right so far as general polishing-up is concerned, but it's never quite the crisp affair that caught the eye in early summer.

Throw it away? The late-summer prices, down to half or less from spring, are tempting. But then it will be still good next summer, and by that time the style will diabolically have changed. Wear it on through the dog-days? Then it will be the same fading, untidy-looking object that now causes distress, and here is always the risk of wifely sarcasm.

London conferences may come, and Geneva sessions may go, but the problem of the late summer straw hat goes on forever.

Roman senators were appointed for life.

Shakespeare is said to have played the part of the ghost in his "Hamlet."

Fleece-bearing dogs were once domesticated by the Indian tribes along the North Pacific coast; a few dog-hair blankets are still in existence.

About 2,000 persons could be accommodated in the Baths of Diocletian in ancient Rome; six of these establishments were constructed during the days of the Empire.

There are 3,096 county divisions in the United States, and twenty-two independent cities.

Egyptian papyrus 2,000 years old are in better condition today than some of the paper which went under the printing presses during the World war.

The largest plant in the world manufacturing smokeless fuel, gas and oils, is at Glenboig, Glasgow. Its daily output is 100 tons of fuel, 15,000 gallons of crude oil and 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

From 100 to 200 earthquakes perceptible to the human senses occur in the United States every year, the number observed by instruments is far greater.

### M. E. Tracy Says:

WHILE some men use their wits to go around the world faster and faster, others try to figure out how it is and what the climate was like ten, fifteen, or even forty thousand years ago.

According to geologists and astronomers, we of the northern hemisphere are in a season of cool summers which has lasted some 4,500 years and which still has 6,500 years to run.

Previous to that, there was a warm season of 11,000 years, and previous to that, another cool season of similar duration.

There are those who believe that civilization has the same kind of variations. Some go so far, indeed, as to imagine that long extinct races of men knew all about airplanes, automobiles, electricity, radio and other devices which we consider new.

This is an interesting theory, but there is little to back it up, save the apparent rhythm which characterizes the processes of evolutionary development.

THE brief space covered by written history leaves no doubt that mass movement, organized society, political progress and the technique of civilized life are all subject to ups and downs. The fall of Rome resulted in a well-defined collapse, with little advance in material knowledge for 1,000 years. China made little progress from the fifth to the seventeenth century A. D. Not only the Babylonian empire, but Babylonian civilization were extinguished about 400 B. C.

Men appear disciplined if not incapable of maintaining continuous efforts in one direction very long, which is neither illogical, nor inconsistent.

Civilization grows complicated, if it grows at all, with one branch forever affecting another, and with new ideas constantly replacing old ones. Besides, there always is a tendency to overplay ideas, to abuse power, to exaggerate the value of discoveries and inventions. Most systems, enterprises and activities have broken down because they were carried too far and created a natural opposition.

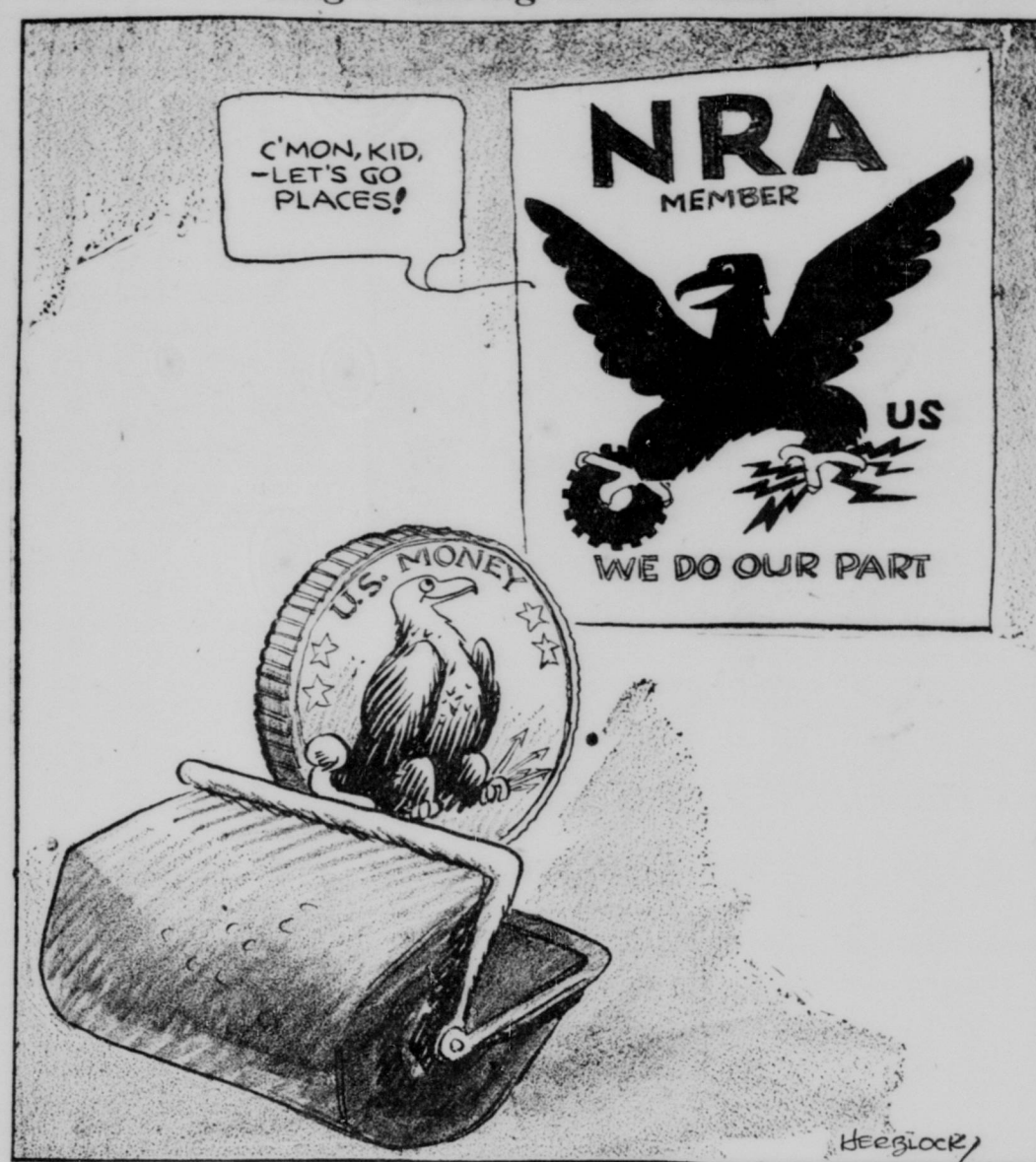
THE human mind will tolerate a certain amount of organization and discipline, especially when it is in trouble, or seeks the accomplishment of some definite purpose, but the human mind primarily is imaginative, and it will not tolerate such a degree of organization, or discipline as permanently interferes with that function.

The urge to rove mentally, as well as physically, is irrepresible. Human nature demands the right to dream, explore and experiment. It will abide by fixed conditions only long enough to develop regions, complete projects, make discoveries and perfect systems.

Then it insists on the privilege of going forward once more. Change is and always has been the basis of man's progress, and change rests on freedom of the imagination. Many of the changes we have made are so big and important as to call for long periods of co-operative action, but what those periods call for is temporary.

The all-important factor of progress is change, and no system can last very long without recognizing and accommodating itself to that factor. Any form of government, or social order which presumes to stop, change or suppress the imaginative instinct is doomed.

## Eagle Calling to Its Mate



## :: The Message Center ::

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