

THE HOOSIER FORUM

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COMPLAINS OF WASTE IN SHERIFF'S CARS

By Tired Taxpayer

I watched an investigation being made by the Sheriff the other evening. There were two cars on the scene, and the Sheriff himself was there, the leisurely investigation taking more than one-half hour. All this time, the motors of both cars were idling and a man was sitting in each of the cars who could have turned the switch off.

Any mechanic will tell you that this is ruinous to a motor, but even if it weren't, what about the gasoline being wasted? This is a typical incident of the waste of this type of other cars in both the Sheriff's office and in the Police Department. I have seen police motorcycles stand running for 15 minutes. Just public money, boys, so don't worry about it!

MOTORS MUST BE RUN, SHERIFF SAYS

By Sheriff Otto Ray

For mechanical reasons, it is necessary that the motors be left running in our emergency cars. We must have our State police radio turned on at all times. If the motor were turned off, the extra-heavy generator used on the radio would run down the car battery during the course of an ordinary investigation.

CLAIMS WORKERS ARE THE GOVERNMENT

By A. J. McKinnon

It seems to me that Hiram Luckey has another think coming when he states that the informed workers are all for the John L. Roosevelt Co. I want to inform Mr. Luckey that I am in this fight the President put on, and that well-informed workers are beginning to realize the fact that their dollars released from their pay envelopes to the John L. Roosevelt Co. do not bring them anything but a loss while out on a strike.

In bygone days strikers were paid by the union while on a strike, but not today. Due to the John L. Roosevelt Co. A fine business to make dictators in America, and when the dictator gets control, the tune changes. The dictator becomes a millionaire, and labor the slave. Informed laborers are waking up to this fact and refuse to be forced out of their dollar without any returns.

That kind of a game won't work long. There is something better than that for the laboring man when he wakes up to the fact that he is the government, and that all Congressmen, Senators, and the President are our servants. When these servants hold a high head and believe they are something above us and can pull a dictator stunt on us, then it is time for workers who are the government to get busy and co-operate by means of petitions in our next election and get what we want, and not let dictators or politicians promise us this and that and forget all about those promises.

Petitions in our next elections will get the worker just what he wants, right when he wants it.

BLAMES DEMOCRACIES FOR THREAT OF WAR

By "Debunker"

Day after day we are being bombarded via the newspapers with the World War species of propaganda that Germany, Italy and Japan are the three bellicose bad-boys of the earth, and that England, France and the U. S. A. are the three sweet sisters of purity, peace and light! Bumcombe!

The British, French—yes, and our own country—have succeeded in shooting, rifling and otherwise phenaguing their way into possession of three-fourths of the earth's lands of milk and honey. Germany owns a very ordinary strip of Central Europe equal in area to California; Italy possesses a few rocky, flea-plagued chunks of real estate in Africa, while that bugbear of our naval admirals, Japan, doesn't con-

trol as much total wealth as there is in the State of Illinois.

The big robber barons certainly don't like the thought of sneak thieves and petty pickpockets emulating their 19th Century career of crime.

And to make matters even more ludicrous, our highly inconsistent President arises and shouts, "I hate war!" ("wah" was his pronunciation) while deliberately going out of his way to sponsor more hundreds of millions for our super-due offensive Navy. Then his humble State Department timorously squeaks, "Yes, sir, right, sir," to England's latest demand, and our tie-up with the Big Shots is more complete.

I predict that if a war of major proportions should erupt now, F. D. R. and Viscount Hall would have us in it on the side of the noble "democracies," England and France, within three months.

England is the Dillinger of imperial land-theft, while Germany is that fellow you read about who gets 60 days on the State Farm for petty larceny.

M'NUTT TOLD TRUTH, EDITORIAL SAYS

From the New York Herald Tribune

If the Administration harbors any animosity toward former Governor Paul V. McNutt of Indiana, it must be viewing with satisfaction his latest adventure as High Commissioner to the Philippines. A month ago he was the scapegoat in the transmission of a decision of the Administration respecting the relative rank of American and Philippine officials. The incident brought undeserved ridicule upon him. This time he has stepped into a hornet's nest of his own by asserting that "democracy in the Philippines is only a matter of form and not of substance." To his credit be it said that the anger which he has aroused among the Filipino politicians is owing to the fact that he dared to speak the truth. His was a simple statement of fact, but for reasons of their own the politicians do not care to have this fact emphasized.

Commissioner McNutt's words echo to the convictions of all students of Philippine affairs. Never was there a greater political delusion than the idea that it was possible to impose upon a primitive people a democratic form of government modeled on American state constitutions and have it work as it does in America. Even if the Filipino politicians had been as eager to promote democracy as they were to consolidate their own arbitrary rule, it would not have been possible to impose democracy on the

Pilipinos, for the simple reason that the forms of democracy are not the same as the substance, and the substance can be won only by a long apprenticeship in local self-government out of which modern democratic forms have evolved.

The world is full of examples of unsuccessful attempts to impose democratic forms upon people lacking democratic traditions. The record of the Pilipinos is certainly no worse than that of other peoples who started their democratic experiments from a higher cultural level than did the Pilipinos.

The resentment against Commissioner McNutt's remarks was not, therefore, because they were in any sense an affront to Filipino pride.

Rather were the Filipino politicians angry because if true democracy were to take root in the Philippines it would be much more difficult for them to hold their sway and feather their own nests.

Hence, by rushing to the attack against Commissioner McNutt they pose once more as the true champions and exponents of democracy and seem to belittle his charge.

It is quite possible that they may derive an extra measure of self-satisfaction from the thought that in making Governor McNutt seem like a ridiculous reactionary they may be pleasing the Great White Father in Washington. In the meantime, any rift between the American representative in Manila and his Government at home pines directly into the hands of the Filipino politicians.

Motorists were permitted to make any kind of turns they wished and drive or park along any street. Yet Milwaukee ranked second among the safest cities.

And which ranked first? New York City. That traffic juggernaut, with its steady stream of hundreds of thousands of cars, narrow streets and its avalanche of pedestrians.

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