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Conflict of Policies

(Walter Lippmann in The Detroit Free Press)

Secretary Tugwell's speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors is, in substance, the aftermath of the Wirt affair. To the vague fears about the New Deal which Dr. Wirt expressed, Mr. Tugwell has replied with vague assurances of reasonableness and good faith. The net result is not particularly illuminating.

For it is not the good faith of the Administration that is really in question, but the wisdom of certain of its policies, and what the friends of the New Deal need to be concerned about is not the attack of reactionaries who want to go back to what Mr. Tugwell calls "the racketeering, the financial juggling, the exploitation" of 1929, but the unmistakable danger that some parts of the New Deal are in destructive conflict with other parts of it.

It is not malignant purpose, but confusion of purposes that raises the important issues and is creating resistance.

For evidence of the real state of affairs, Congress is the most reliable witness. What do we find? We find an immense sentiment for more inflation arising from the political supporters of the Administration. The President may be able to check it in this session of Congress, but he is compelled to use all his personal prestige to do it.

This is certainly an extraordinary situation when one remembers that the dollar has been devalued by 40 per cent, that we are running an immense budgetary deficit, are pumping out billions of dollars, and have created great facilities for monetary expansion.

In spite of all this the inflationist tide has been rising. You do not find anything like it in England or Australia or Canada or Scandinavia, where the depression has been very severe. In these countries, there has been about the same sort of inflation that we are having, but there is no great public sentiment, as there is here, for drastic increases in the speed and the amount of inflation.

What is the difference in our positions? The difference is, it seems to me, that those countries are allowing inflation to produce its results while we have been neutralizing it at vital points. There are at least three of these vital points.

First, by the blanket code and NRA the cost of production has been raised before industry had increased its volume enough to carry these costs. This has given those big companies which are most efficient a competitive advantage over weaker companies and small enterprises; the net effect is to curtail production as a whole and to retard re-employment.

Second, by permitting and even encouraging monopolistic practices under the codes, prices of manufactured goods have been maintained and substantially raised. This has made it harder to sell goods, and has nullified in large part the increase of money wages and the program to raise farm prices to their old parity.

Third, by the punitive features of the securities act, and by certain features of the banking act, the channels have been blocked through which the new credit created by the monetary policy can find its way into industry and agriculture, to create a demand for goods and labor.

These three features of the New Deal program are highly deflationary. They have checked to a considerable degree the restoration of a profitable working relationship between prices and costs and the flow of new purchasing power into industry.

Ever since last July we have been whipsawed between monetary policy on the one hand, and NRA and the financial reforms on the other. In the spring of a year ago, the inflation was set in motion and produced an enormous relief. Unfortunately, it did not under proper control, so it

got out of hand and then was allowed to go into reverse.

It is not the wisdom of the beneficial possibilities of an inflationary policy which raised prices above fixed charges and agricultural prices above industrial prices.

From mid-July to early October, there was drift in monetary policy, but a gigantic effort to launch the NRA. By October there was another crisis, and the inflationary policy was used to surmount it. The inflations followed some but not all the consequences of NRA. For it was held back by the paralysis of the investment markets, through which alone the effects of the dollar devaluation can take practical effect.

Thus we have the insufficient recovery. It reflects itself in the Congressional sentiment for more inflation. The way to meet that sentiment is to let the inflation we have started take effect. It will take effect if the Administration will hold back NRA from raising costs, will discourage monopolistic practices, especially in the capital goods industries, and will unlock the investment markets.

If it does not do these things the inflationist sentiment will continue to grow as recovery is impeded.

Mr. Tugwell speaks of the New Deal as experimental in its methods. Nothing could be more desirable. The next thing to do is to find out which of the experiments work well and which do not. If that be done, if the experiments which do not work be not abandoned, if the ones that do work perfected, the New Deal is not experimental at all. It is just as dogmatic as the old deal ever was.

As between clinging to the gold standard, though the heavens fall, and clinging to it at the expense of the Blue Eagle whatever the consequences, there is no great difference.

The measures of the New Deal are now in action. They are not all bad. They are not all good. To decide which are bad and which are good is our present job.

Those On Foot

(Exchange)

Statistics show that approximately one half of all motor vehicle deaths occur to victims on foot, and to add a note of tragedy to what the gruesome findings is the fact that a great many of those meeting death in this way are innocent little children.

In Michigan the courts have held on numerous occasions that once a pedestrian has stepped into the street under the protection of a "go" sign he is entitled to safe passage, although the light changes before he has reached the opposite side.

This places a heavy responsibility upon the motorist, as it makes him legally as well as morally liable for the safety of persons on foot. And a sign may not be under the same degree of legal restraint between intersections, it is always better to drive carefully where children are likely to be found playing in the street, where elderly persons have a habit of indulging in "jaywalking." Nobody wants to kill a child or an elderly person. Careful driving reduces the liability of this taking place.

By Our Bootstraps

(W. G. Sumner)

A man who believes he can raise wages by doing bad work, wasting time, allowing material to be wasted, and giving generous consideration to the least possible service in the allotted time, is not to be distinguished from the man who says that wages can be raised by putting protective taxes on all clothing, turkeys, chickens, butter, books, food utensils and tools. One lowers the services given for the capital, the other lowers the capital given for the services.

Read the advertisements in your home town paper.

WALLED LAKE

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School News

(The third of a series of talks on Child Care will be given by Miss Yerkes at a meeting on Thursday, April 26, at 2 p. m. in room 7 of the Walled Lake School.)

The baseball game scheduled at New Hudson last Friday was postponed until Tuesday, April 24, on account of snow.

On Friday, April 27 at 3:45 South Lyon will play at Walled Lake.

Clarkston will play at Walled Lake Friday, May 4.

Walled Lake will play at Farmington Tuesday, May 1.

The Kroger store sponsored a movie in the high school auditorium last Saturday evening. A mother and daughter banquet will be held at the Walled Lake school, May 2.

All girls attending the Walled Lake school, their mothers, and all other women of the Walled Lake community are cordially invited to attend the annual Mother-Daughter banquet in the school gymnasium, Wednesday evening, May 2nd.

(The entertainment will be arranged by a committee of the P. T. A. and the men will plan and serve the banquet.)

Ticket sales are in charge of Miss Bernice Lawrence and they may be secured through any of the school girls. Tickets are 35c each.

Methodist News

An enjoyable dinner was held by the Ladies Aid Thursday.

At a meeting of the Church Board on Monday evening, they decided to sponsor a Homecoming service on Sunday, May 28. A special program is being prepared for the morning services and also an afternoon service.

Rev. Carlless will deliver a sermon on the Parable of the Good Samaritan on Sunday morning.

"Ye Old Village Choir" will be presented at Commerce on April 27 by the Fourtowns Church Choir.

Mrs. Maude Davison of Pontiac was the guest of Mrs. Sam Smith on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mercer and son Glenn visited Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mercer of Mt. Clemens on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Rose and daughter, Kay Joan are spending this week at their home here and are preparing to move to Detroit. Mrs. Mae Rhodes has returned from her winter vacationing at St. Petersburg, Florida.

William Mercer and Donald Post were Sunday dinner guests

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Elmer Dohoney was hostess to about seventy-five friends and members of the Farmington Garden Club at a desert bridge Friday, April 20. Assisting Mrs. Dohoney was Mrs. Karl Ritter, Mrs. A. Nette, Mrs. Dalrymple and Miss Betty Dohoney.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster and daughter Margaret and Miss Betty Aulsten attended a performance at Redford Theatre Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hallock and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster attended the party held by Trinity Shrine No. 44 at Newville, Thursday evening, April 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Warthan attended the Shrine Ball held Friday night at the Book Cadillac Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Farmer and Mrs. Fanny Holloway spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway.

Mrs. Ethel French of Detroit was a guest Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Purling Brook Road.

Mrs. Carl Waack received the sad news of the death of a sister at Three Rivers, Tuesday, April 17, making the fifth death among relatives in the past six months.

Trinity Shrine No. 44 will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening, May 3 at 8 o'clock at Forester Hall, Northville. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Robert Jones of Avalon Avenue, Highland Park visited with friends Monday.

Mrs. Velma Wilite will attend the National Convention of White Shrine of Jerusalem held at Chicago April 30 to May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauve entertained Sunday in their home on Base Line Road, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Downie and family, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lahr of List St., entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Little of Detroit Saturday evening.

Mr. E. B. F. Thomas of Detroit, sailed on the steamship, President Coolidge, Friday on a business trip to the Philippine Islands in company with Jose Malenchao, Philippine envoy, Mrs. Malenchao and two daughters who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thom-

of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams of Detroit at a birthday dinner given in honor of Miss Milla Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutton motored to Nashville on Friday and Mrs. Hutton remained for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thayer entertained the Wednesday Club at her home in Hickory Hill this week.

775 couples were reported at the opening dance at the New Casino on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard and daughter Beverly spent Sunday with Mr. Shepard's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Shepard of White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoyt and daughter Wanda spent Sunday with relatives in Detroit.

Miss Virginia Fox of Detroit is the guest of Mrs. J. L. Taylor.

Miss Iva Parnalis is convalescing from an operation for tonsils at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gene Williams of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard, Miss Wanda Curran and Leslie Fraser were guests of the A. P. P. company at a banquet in Pontiac at the Hotel Holdenbrand Tuesday evening.

Twenty seven friends and relatives surprised Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lare on Saturday evening. Card games were the entertainment of the evening and a pot luck lunch was served.

Mrs. George L. Stoflet and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stoflet attended a funeral at Romulus on Saturday.

Miss Jean Stoflet spent Sunday with her cousin Jasper Moore of Romulus.

Miss Helen Seller of Detroit and Miss Jean Benton of Pontiac were week end guests at the Reimer home and Mr. Mac Brown spent last week with them.

Oscar Newman has purchased a restaurant on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and the Twelve Mile Road. However, they will continue their residence here.

Irwin Hansen spent the week end with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. E. J. Lindsay and Mrs. R. L. Herron spent the week end with relatives and friends at Moraga.

H. J. Smith spent several days last week with Mrs. Grant Withey of Highland Park.

Supt. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor spent the week end with friends at Lansing.

Harold King visited his parents at Olivet over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr Staples, Misses Geraldine and Florence Daley of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moss and children of Ann Arbor spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss.

as, Mr. Thomas is son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dohoney of Base Line Road.

Mrs. W. F. Zingleman and Miss Kathryn Robert spent Saturday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hallock and family and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster and daughter Margaret motored to Chatham, Ontario, Sunday.

The Clarenceville Young Peoples Association met at the home of Miss Louise MacArthur, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Earl Waack and daughter, Shirley spent Friday shopping in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams of Ferndale were guests Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hallock and family attended a theatre Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herald Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waack and members of their families motored to Three Rivers, Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Waack's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Zingleman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hays and Miss Robert attended a card party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Estabrook of Royal Oak.

Mrs. Kate Ellis of Milford, has been the house guest of Mrs. Elmer Dohoney.

Mrs. Charles Robert and Mr. Harry Widman visited Sunday with Mr. Ned Whipple at Carelton who is suffering from the effects of a recent stroke.

Mrs. Frank Styrpe and Mrs. David Crawford of Detroit spent Friday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Vanderburg.

Lulu Pink, champion seller of Noble School finished fourth in the district spell down held at New Hudson, Friday.

Mrs. A. Finkle of Rockwell Ave. entertained as her guest, Thursday, Mrs. Minnie Holker.

Mrs. George Holburn spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Bingham, who is ill at her home in Detroit.

What has become of the old-fashioned card party who put on an extra petticoat along about this season of the year?

Evidently there is not going to be any question about the Turkish quota being filled when Mr. Insull arrives.

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