

Business Should Be Responsible For Establishing Welfare Guards

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Russell W. Davenport, writing in Fortune, believes America can provide its citizens with the welfare safeguards they demand, without falling into socialism.

In his view the whole burden of saving the situation rests upon the business community. Unless our business leaders take the initiative in bettering the conditions of life for the average man, he says, then the nation will drift into a socialist pattern.

Davenport concludes that the American system revolves about the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He classifies these respectively as economic, political and spiritual rights. And he thinks the economic rights are most critical to the issue whether we are ultimately to have state control.

Socialism assumes government must assure economic rights, that business necessarily must devote itself to markets and other strictly business problems. Davenport disagrees, saying that holders of such a view are confusing economic and political rights. He says government is ill adapted to taking care of the economic variety. "The people who are best able to implement such rights, in all their manifold aspects, are the people actually engaged in the economic process, namely, the owners, managers and workers. Between them they know, or can find out, what the troubles are, how to fix them, how to provide better solutions for the future, and what the costs of such solutions will be."

The way to avoid socialism, Davenport adds, is not to deny people their economic rights—as some apparently would. It is to transfer to private hands the primary responsibility for those rights.

As a starter, he sees three avenues along which businessmen might move in seizing the initiative.

One is economic security, defined by him as the right to be able to live in a society, participate in it, in a permanent and confident way. Davenport declares that worker opinion indicates more stable employment would do more than insurance systems to satisfy this need.

Secondly, he says industry and business must humanize their operations. Collective bargaining isn't enough; a worker needs a "sense of belonging." He wants to be treated as a human being, not a payroll number. Continues Davenport: "The humanization of industry is something that has to be undertaken with the utmost earnestness and it must have the personal attention and enthusiasm of the topmost executive."



STAR FARMERS OF THE YEAR—Winner of the Future Farmers of America's top award—Star Farmer of America—is Kenneth England, 19, second from left above, of Chandler, Ariz. Chosen at the 22nd annual convention of the FFA at Kansas City, Mo., England will carry home the first prize of \$1,000. With England are three other youths who were chosen as Regional Star Farmers. Left to right are: Robert S. Stevens, Jr., 19, of Lynchburg, Va.; England; John Castroginni, 22, of Montrose, Pa.; and Jack H. King, 20, of Dadeville, Mo.

Third, employees need to have genuine participation in the destiny of a business. If they get it, says Davenport, their individual productive energies will be released in a way beneficial both to them and the enterprise in which they are engaged.

He concedes that many enterprises have taken steps to protect and expand economic rights, but insists that too few have tried, that efforts generally have been scattered and grudging.

"To make obstacles an excuse for doing nothing is merely to increase them," he says. Davenport is convinced that totally different atmosphere would develop in America if 100 leading firms would announce that henceforth they intended to be primarily responsible for economic rights and were undertaking a program of action to that end.

It seems to us and Davenport has adopted a sane and aggressive approach to the biggest domestic problem of our time. If socialism is ever to come to this country, it should not arrive by default. Those who believe capitalism is the best guarantor of human well-being must prove it by making it work. That they can never do if they abdicate their responsibility.

Budget Approved By Green P.-T. A.

The Green school Parent-Teachers association at a meeting Friday, Oct. 7, approved the budget for the coming year. The hot lunch program was also discussed. The membership drive will continue until the next meeting.

The program featured a talk on "Safety" by Mrs. Howard Hurd, safety engineer for Pierce Auto Freight lines.

The lights went out during her talk, so the time was filled in with community singing. The power failure prevented the giving of a play by the eighth grade.

Refreshments were served by the committee. Mr. and Mrs. Foree, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Fortune and Mr. and Mrs. Medford.

The committee for the next meeting includes Mr. and Mrs.

Foot, Mr. and Mrs. Eskine, Mr. and Mrs. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil.

The first Labor Day celebration was held in New York City Sept. 5, 1882.

Icebergs are never seen in the Arctic Ocean because there are few glaciers around it large and active enough to produce bergs.

Coffee gets its name from the province of Kaffa in Abyssinia.

Mrs. B. Howard Of Happy Valley Dies

Mrs. Belle Howard, 81, a resident of the Happy Valley district for 25 years, died Monday at a Eugene hospital, following a short illness.

Mrs. Howard has been active in community work for many years. She organized the Green Sunday school, and took a very active part in the Christian church work in that vicinity.

Last Mothers day at the age of 80 she sang a song in her church.

She was born Dec. 26, 1867, at Magnetic Springs, Ohio. She was the wife of the late J. W. Howard. Surviving are a step-daughter, Mrs. George E. (Edith) Houck, and two step-sons, John Howard, Corvallis, and Roy Howard, Prineville, and the following nieces and nephews: O. D. McAllister, Dillard, Mrs. Myrtle McCarthy and Mrs. Harry Chenoweth, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. Royd Bruton, Roseburg; and Mrs. Fern Head, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, in The Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg funeral home, at 2 p.m. Vault interment will follow in the Odd Fellows cemetery beside her late husband.

Burial robes of Roman emperors 2,000 years ago were made of asbestos.

Pheasant Outlook Best in Years

PORTLAND, Oct. 19 — (AP) — The State Game commission said Monday prospects are encouraging for the upland game bird hunting season, opening Friday.

The pheasant outlook was reported the best in years. Umatilla and Malheur counties have the best prospects.

The commission announced that the bag limit on valley quail would be eight a day, but not more than 24 in the season.

The commission opened Kla-

math county and that portion of Lake county lying west of Highway 395 and North of Valley Falls to valley quail hunting from Oct. 21 through Oct. 30, the same dates that prevail for the quail season in other southern and Eastern Oregon counties.

Early reports from the Che-waucan public shooting area operated by the commission near Paisley told of the heaviest concentrations of ducks and geese in ten years.

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