

Alphabetic Bureaus Of the Administration

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man was a three-page typewritten letter, reading as follows:

On May 4th I had a letter from you relative to the Alphabetical Agencies created under the Roosevelt New Deal Party. Am sorry I could not answer sooner.

I did not send you the folder. It was sent by some one else. For many months I had been wondering about the number of these Bureaus. Either there was no record of them, or those in charge did not want to give the information, so I decided to get it.

After printing a limited number to give to friends I thought might also be interesting in seeing such a list I became a bit uncertain, and sent out only a few copies as a "feeler" to names taken at random from my local mailing list. The response overwhelmed me. By noon the second day I had calls for more than 5,000; before these could be printed the requests had grown into the thousands, and at this date I am nearing the 200,000 mark—every one asked for, I shall continue to bear the burden of supplying free to those willing to distribute, and who ask for them.

I have received more than 2,000 letters, and yours is the only one critical. They come from every walk of life and every section of the nation. Small town merchants about to fold up; large manufacturers fearful of what is in store; postal cards; RFD numbers; farmers; cooperatives, and just plain citizens.

Senators, Congressmen, Governors—those high in the ranks of both parties—have written for copies for distribution. All ask that they be billed for the cost, or enclose checks. A money order for \$2 from the mother of three boys in the armed forces—one in Africa, one in the South Pacific, and the youngest in a Texas training camp. She attempted to carry on the filling station business of her boys had to give up. The OPA was so hard-bolled she closed the business "improper handling of gas rationing coupons." It has been my information that no two of these Bureaucrats have ever been able to agree on how they want anything handled.

What do you suppose her boys are going to think of that Bureau when they return, if they do, from fighting for America?

I have returned every contribution and shall continue to do so. The records are open for the inspection of anyone you care to designate. You will be astounded at the comments. Taxpayers Associations in three states; educational groups; the Secretary of the South Texas Press Association wrote for 200 copies, and in a few days asked for 350 more to supply the demands.

I am convinced the people in America are awakening to the dangers involved in these damnable Bureaus, every one of which at this very minute is high-pressuring the Congress for larger and larger appropriations not for war purposes, though some of them are so camouflaged, but solely for the benefit of the self-seeking politicians operating them, and who are not interested that our nation is engaged in a life struggle and too busy to guard the rat holes.

I have but one purpose in supplying these folders: I want to do something to put our Government back into the hands of the people and their duly elected representatives, and to restore faith and confidence in the minds and hearts of the people in their Government. Can this be done under the Roosevelt New Deal Party?

An attempt was made to liquidate the NYA. The War Manpower Commission was created with McNutt in charge, and according to newspaper reports, the first thing he did was to pick up the NYA bodily and carry it over to the new Board—not a day lost, not a cent saved the taxpayers; another Board took care of the faithful.

We see every day where some defeated New Dealer is placed in a better paying Government job than his home voters ousted him from. There's Josh Lee, of Oklahoma; an attempt to pay off Jimmie Allred, of Texas; Flynn, and Brown, and so on down the line. You know them better than I do. Will Congress awaken to such practices before it is too late. Is the Roosevelt New Deal Party allowing evil influences to hide behind a false cry of WAR while the nation is being plundered?

You ask who I am and what line of work engaged in. I am the head of a small but very modern printing company. Do not own one dime of stock in any other corporation; draw a modest salary; am able to get along comfortably and hope to retire in a few years—unless the New Deal Party gets us all in reverse.

As to your question: "Whether or not you would prefer going back to the conditions which existed in every line of business in 1930-32 when Mr. Roosevelt took charge as President

of the United States."

That is a fair question and I shall answer it sincerely:

YES! I would prefer what we had when Mr. Roosevelt took charge to what we have now, and I am not referring to the war part.

Then we had distress, but we had our rights, we had our liberties, we had our self-respect, we had our initiative, we had self-confidence. We had faith in our Government, and faith in our ability to come out of the depression. The "gimmie" era had not blossomed.

We did not have "verboten" signs at every turn; we had not been fingerprinted, numbered, regimented. We had not been told where we could work, when we could work, and for what salary we could work. We had not been told what we could plant, how much of the crop we could harvest, where we could sell it, and for what price we could sell it. We had not been told what we could buy when we could buy it, where we could buy it, and the number of points we had to pay for it.

Had the people of America been warned of the ultimate cost of the spurious generosity of those experimenters in Washington, such a foolish program would never have been allowed. But like old age, it crept upon us so slowly and was fed to us so adroitly that we were enmeshed in the coils before we realized what was happening.

Then we were individually burdened with debts, but now look at what we are collectively burdened with, and in addition we have all these damn Bureaus on our backs.

Yes, I would prefer a system that allowed me to buy that for which I did not have the money to pay, than a system that forbade me to buy that for which I did have the money to pay. I object to regimentation; object to being ruled by a bunch of fanatical theorists who are attacking everything that has made America great—even the geography, the calendar, the clock, and the unchangeable laws of supply and demand.

It is easy to rebuild our lost fortunes, but liberties and human rights once taken away are not easily recaptured.

I note you are Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and as I have long been active in that line, am making some observations:

I objected then and I object now to the slaughtering of some 6,200,000 pigs; hundred of thousands of breed sows; more than 800,000 dairy cows, not even allowing the hides to be saved because that would lower the price of leather, when at that time shoes were so high most people could not afford a new pair. I objected to destroying hundreds of thousands of acres of growing farm products, the essentials and necessities of life. All this with millions hungry and un-

clothed. Some how I feel that God will punish those who do such foolish things.

I protested to our Congressman when two new post offices were erected in this county—right in the midst of cheap gas, cheap and abundant fuel oil—and the heating plants were designed and installed requiring hard coal from Pennsylvania and other states. John L. Lewis was in the saddle, and the railroad boys were whooping it up for more rail tonnage. The New Deal Party graciously complied.

Was it right, sensible or honest—It was extravagant.

We have Boards, Bureaus and Commissions to deal with production, and we have Boards, Bureaus and Commissions to deal with surplus along the same lines. That does not make sense. The real burdensome surplus we have is that of Boards, Bureaus and Commissions, and a surplus of political gangsters living off the producers and the farmers. All the farmer asks is a market, and he will find a way to produce.

I am getting along well in years and have gone through several depressions, some of them much worse than this one, but none so deliberately and purposely drawn out. The other got going in a short time. I lost something like a quarter of a million dollars in this depression, but I did not blame the Government. If this depression had been left alone it would

have corrected itself, as the others did. But the New Deal Party had to call in a bunch of super-economists, Guinea pig experimenters, and it has been prolonged needlessly.

The Roosevelt New Deal Party will go down in history for just what it is: A rotten, selfish, plundering political machine. I do not believe that any true Democrat can go along with the Kelley-Nash-Mead-Flynn Hague outfit—every one of them a front rank New Dealer.

The whole policy of the Roosevelt New Deal Party seems to be to upset everything that is proven. We were wrong yesterday, therefore we are right today because we are different. If things are scarce we shall make them too plentiful, and if plentiful we shall make them too scarce. If prices are high we shall make them too low, and if low we shall make them, too high.

I have in my possession a list of large land owners in Texas who were paid \$5,000 and more per year for not producing crops. Many of them are big ranches, insurance companies, and corporations that never did produce crops. Others were paid more for allowing their land to lie idle than they could have made by working it. The tenants went to the cities and got on relief, the lands grew up in Johnson grass and weeds, and thousands of rich bottom farms are now ruined for all time—a high price the land owner paid for New Deal

relief. At the very time our cotton industry was at its lowest ebb, the largest cotton concern in the world (Anderson, Clayton Company, of Houston) began erecting modern gins (electric), oil mills, compresses, and great cotton plantations in Mexico and South American countries, taking away America's cotton business because we were paying a bonus for NOT producing while foreign countries were paying a bounty TO produce. Another indictment that the New Deal Party paid a premium on laziness and put a penalty on thrift.

I fear the confusion, turmoil and strife now prevalent is for a sinister purpose, and that it has been deliberately planned by those who brought forth such Bureaus as the NYA, the USES, and others equally vicious. There may be those who want things to get out of control so that martial law can be invoked. That will be the final step of a dictator.

I love my country, love its past, I love what its future can be. The same methods that made America great can make it even greater. I have fear of what is in store unless those of you in charge at Washington take back to Congress the control you have surrendered to the President and these selfish Bureaus and Agencies. I pray that you be given the courage to do so.

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