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THE "LITTLE MAN"

Of late we have been hearing about the "little man" and references of that sort are common in an election year so it is not surprising. Other terms that probably apply to the same group are the discredited ones of "common man" and "lower class". The common man decided that he wasn't any more common than anyone else and the lower class never existed except in the minds of demagogues.

We don't know who is being called the "little man" nor why. Often times references made to the former political classes were done by those who hoped to profit from generosity proffered by government to them. It may be true again.

Of one thing we are quite certain; that no one is a "little man" unless he has contributed greatly to his admission into that undefined group. In this country a man has a chance to use whatever abilities he has in raising himself to any position he desires. Education is available for the ambitious. Loans may be had from government to almost anyone who has proved his responsibility. Certainly there is no need for anyone to be a "little man" unless perchance he prefers to drink beer instead of study to prepare for a better job.

If reference is to an economic class it is entirely unequal for working men get higher wages proportionately and in buying power than they ever did in any country or in any time. And for less work in terms of physical effort or hours worked. Machinery has taken over the back breaking jobs. In Oregon the lowest paid workers are especially favored in payment of taxes as compared to Washington and California which have sales taxes. The "little man" has never had so good an opportunity to get to be a "big man", nor so comfortable a time if he remains a "little man".

Surely a government is justified in doing what it can to aid men to use their abilities and develop their full powers. There are rewards for the successful. Who is there among us who would prefer a system of society that rewarded those who did not try or who were not successful? That wouldn't work. There must be rewards for those who labor better, those who think clearer, those who persist, who strive. If to be a "little man" is to fail at all of these there is no need to grow tearful about him even if it is an election year. There are depths beyond which no demagogue should go—or will be believed if he does.

There isn't much sense in classifying human beings other than tall and short, light and dark. Those who apply themselves can do more with their abilities in this country and in this generation than ever before in all history. There are no "little men" except by their own volition and they do not deserve, nor desire, tones of sympathy.

What would you think about government taking over newspapers or aiding them. Aiding education is as bad.

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If a man has six kids and sends them all to school he pays the same taxes as he who has none. And wouldn't there be a howl if there was even a \$20 a head per year charge on education?

We are rather proud of the gas tax that makes those who ride most pay the most tax, yet we make everyone pay for the hordes of federal and state employees who pander to the demands of certain classes of citizens. Would it be so highly unfair to make a unit charge for services rendered? What's so bad about it except that we are used to doing it another way?

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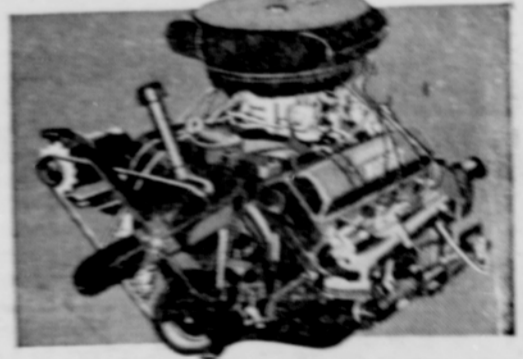
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