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## EDITORIALS

### SENATOR DUNNE'S POLICY

"Pay as you go" is the slogan of Joe E. Dunne, Republican candidate for governor and every taxpayer of Oregon knows that if the back breaking tax burden of the state is to be lifted, reductions in taxes effected, this "pay as you go" policy must be effected.

Joe Dunne has a legislative record which reveals his ability to achieve. He is not merely a man of ideas but he possesses those qualities of leadership which has enabled him in the past to secure passage of legislation which has translated ideas into facts—witness the \$5 license fee which was realized after years of effort both in and out of the legislature.

Mr. Dunne is a candidate with a platform which is practical and can achieve his aims — his platform pledges are not merely words to bait the voters. He stands ready to translate into realities all he promises. A business like administration fair to all, development of the state are the principal aims of Mr. Dunne. He CAN accomplish this task. Help yourself through aiding in electing Joe E. Dunne as Oregon's next governor.

### THE ISSUE IS CLEAR CUT

It has been interesting to watch the progression of socialism in the United States, although of course the politicians do not refer to it in this plain language. They fool the public by camouflaging their socialist program under various names and parties.

During the past ten years their principal vehicle for socialization of industry has been the drive for government ownership of electric developments. Take a few specific examples and see how this program fits together to build the socialized state.

The bell wether of the lot, the Muscle Shoals experiment, has already forced private companies out of business with heavy loss to stockholders.

The city of Seattle started with a small power plant, but political managers of that enterprise are now planning to acquire the largest power company in Washington and have the Seattle electric experiment furnish service to a large part of western Washington.

One sees on the Columbia River political hydro-electric duplication of private power facilities at public expense.

All of these projects, and similar ones in other parts of the country, endanger millions and hundreds of millions of private savings invested in the electric industry. All of these political projects are tax exempt and are not subject to the regulatory restrictions placed upon private industry.

In California comes the next logical step, where the socializing program has gone completely beyond power development. Upton Sinclair, the Democratic candidate for governor, is honest enough to frankly advocate general socialization of industry, and, if elected, promises to revolutionize the industrial structure of the state along socialistic lines. While one many not agree with Mr. Sinclair, one must admire his honesty and courage in not camouflaging his belief in a socialized state. In California the issue is clear cut.

From such political beginnings as Muscle Shoals, the nation now sees the complete socialization program as exemplified in California. Those who thought socialization of the power industry would not affect them, are now finding themselves faced with a threatened wave of socialization of all industry, and their own businesses. Power is a minor matter in the movement that is now under way.

It makes no difference whether Mr. Sinclair is elected—the mere fact that he was nominated on a program of socialization of industry, shows

the extent to which policies so alien to the fundamental theory of the American form of government have extended. No private industry is safe from destruction with the movement so far advanced.

The nation owes Mr. Sinclair a debt of gratitude for bringing this matter to a direct issue and tearing off the camouflage of the pussy-footing politicians, on both Republican and Democratic tickets, who are really advocating the socialistic program, but who have not the courage to sail under the socialistic flag.

Mr. Sinclair makes it possible for the people of a great state to vote on a direct issue—socialization of industry or perpetuation of private enterprise.

Any policy, Federal or state, that puts one line of industry out of business, is merely the first step in a program that threatens every line of business. You have the perfect example during the last decade, from Muscle Shoals to the "epic" plan presented to the voters of California.

### "AFTER THE WHISTLE BLOWS"

More than 100 large industrial plants, in New York and other eastern states, have inaugurated a campaign to bring safety into the homes of their workers. The campaign which is an outgrowth of the Fifth Annual New York Safety Conference, is known as "After the Whistle Blows."

During October and November employees are to be instructed in automobile hazards. Child and home safety were taught in September. Home hazards will be the December subject, and January will be given to first aid. February, with instruction in recreational hazards, will bring the campaign to a close.

The campaign will be carried on through letters to workers and thru group meetings of employees and their families. There will be safety competition between teams within the plants. Other features will be first aid lectures, a home hazards contest for mothers, and a drivers' school.

The National Safety Council points out that the significance of the campaign is found in the fact that about twice as many factory employees are killed in accidents while not at work, as in factory operations. American industry has made a remarkable record in reducing accidents—the list of large plants which go for many months without a single reportable

accident constantly grows. Part of this achievement may be laid to mechanical improvements and better guarding of machinery—but the larger share of the credit should go to the fact that managements have worked unrelentingly to make workers safety conscious while on the job. The "After the Whistle Blows" campaign will attempt to carry that consciousness beyond the factory gates.

The results of the work will be watched with great interest—and it would be a fine thing for the cause of safety if other plants, in other states, adopted similar campaigns. Our great and unnecessary accident toll is one of the worst blots on American civilization and intensive education is the only solution.

### THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

To a great many citizens, Americanism is just a word. They pay it lip service—but they have a very poor knowledge of its actual meaning.

Real Americanism is a spirit. It is that spirit which inspired the founders of the country—a spirit of unselfishness, self sacrifice, iron-clad character. It gave us liberty of church, of press, of political belief. It freed us from intolerable monarchic domination and established a nation where the government was to exist for the individual, not the individual for the government.

Today, the American spirit stands for these things precisely as it did in the past. They are as important today as ever, and perhaps more important. The public is beleaguered from many sides by those who would effect sudden and irrevocable change in the very foundation stones of our government. The advocates of fascism, communism, dictatorship and other theories are always active—and there is danger that they may seem persuasive to a people struggling with great, yet temporary problems.

The public cannot be too strongly warned against seeking temporary benefits at the expense of permanent principles. Even the worst of depressions pass—and we will be a sad nation indeed, if after this one passes, we find that we have lost those constitutional guarantees of corporate and individual freedom that have made us great.

If you build castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.—Thoreau.

## Collections By Land Banks Show Big Improvement

"The improved condition of Pacific northwest agriculture this fall is being appropriately reflected by a substantial gain in payments which borrowers are making on their Federal Land Bank and emergency Land bank commissioner loans," President E. M. Ehrhardt informs Warren Patterson, secretary of the local Central Point farm loan association sharing stock ownership in this cooperative lending institution.

"Not only are borrowers showing their good faith by prompt payment of their mortgage installments, but they are manifesting a more hopeful spirit all around, applying crop and livestock proceeds on their delinquencies and making more optimistic plans for the future.

"Indicative of the well merited improvement which has developed this season, some farmers are even remitting advance payments on installments that will not fall due until next year. Needless to say, we are welcoming such pre-payments, allowing a cash discount upon them. But the important thing is the new spirit of encouragement and willing cooperation that has replaced the irritability and despondency which existed before.

"Rising crop and livestock prices, generally speaking, have wrought this change, but to a large degree also the Land bank's program of emergency mortgage refinancing has been an important strengthening factor. During the past 17 month period, nearly 23,000 farmers have been able to refinance approximately \$80,000,000 of outstanding obligations by the aid of \$55,000,000 in Land bank and commissioner loans. This reduction of debt burden was accomplished through voluntary scale-downs on the part of creditors, with a resultant benefit to everyone concerned. In the same stroke, the lower interest rate gained through Land bank refinancing is saving these 23,000 farmers nearly \$750,000 a year in carrying charges.

"As a consequence, the wave of foreclosure which threatened to sweep farmers from their farms has been materially overcome, land values have strengthened and a more secure foundation has been placed under northwest agriculture.

"Now that farmers have been given this measure of protection and are

in better financial position, the land bank may reasonably expect to collect its payments more normally from now on. All during the acute emergency period utmost leniency has been shown borrowers who were doing their best but found it impossible to meet their payments. Large numbers of extensions have been granted and advances made for insurance and taxes.

"To permit a continued accumulation of such past due debts is unwise for the borrower's sake and is unfair to the thousands of other borrowers in this cooperative institution who are meeting their payments regularly. It is our policy not to institute foreclosure provided (1) the farmer is doing his honest best; (2) is applying the proceeds of production over an above necessary living expenses to the payment of his primary obligations; (3) is taking proper care of the property; (4) has the capacity to work his way out of his existing burden of debt under normal conditions.

"Some firming of our collection program is obviously now in order, but we are treating each case on its own merits, with intention that justice shall be rendered on both sides."

## Miner Holds Ton To Save Colleague

BLAENAVON, Wales —By Supporting a stone weighing about a ton on his back, Mr. Reginald Jones, a young Welsh miner, saved the life of a colleague after a roof fall in a mine here.

Mr. Nanty Hughes was being extricated from the fall when it was seen that he was in danger from another fall. Mr. Jones, regardless of his own peril, stepped under the slipping roof and held it up until Mr. Hughes had been released.

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