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EDITORIALS

BEWARE OF SMOKE

The demand for changes in the Wagner Labor Relations Act has been going on for a long time now. Meanwhile, the public has been increasingly insistent that a revision of the law be made. But so far, the voice of the public hasn't been heard.

In May, 1933, a Gallup poll disclosed that 62 per cent of the American people wanted the National Labor Relations Act either revised or repealed outright. Today, that percentage has risen to 71 per cent. Meanwhile, investigation by the Smith committee, appointed by the House of Representatives, has disclosed numerous "bugs" in the Act and its administration.

While public sentiment is solidly against the Act in its present form, the long delay in doing anything about it has created a condition that is extremely dangerous. The danger lies in the possibility that the whole situation will become so confused that the public will be thwarted. This might be done in two manners, both of which have been suggested in some sources:

1. Amendments might be put through which are really "dummy changes" and would not accomplish the desired end of promoting industrial peace. Some amendments that have been suggested, notably those of the C.I.O., would make the law even more militantly anti-employer than it is at present, and would therefore do all harm and no good.

2. Changes in the personnel of the Board itself might be made with the pretense that these were all that was needed. This would run counter to most of the testimony produced by the current Congressional hearings, which have shown that much of the Board bias has been the result of loose construction permitted by the wording of the Act itself. But the defenders-to-the-death of the Act in its present form might think that they could fool the public anyway.

The public has demonstrated for a long stretch now that it wants the Wagner Act amended. Now, as the time draws nearer when some form of change in Act or Board seems inevitable, is the moment when individual citizens must watch most closely to see that the public's desire is respected. "Eternal vigilance" is a prime necessity—eternal vigilance to guard against smokescreens under cover of which the public will be crossed.

In other words, now is the time to beware of smoke at the nation's capital city!

A LESSON IN AMERICANISM

Communist Leader Earl Browder has been sentenced to prison for four years for traveling under forged passports. He will have time, therefore, to ponder the important difference between the way things are done in the land of his origin—America—and the land he seems to think is so much better—Russia.

If the Red chief is a thoughtful man, he might well begin by pondering what would have happened to him if he had been a Russian in Moscow and had advocated that the Soviet change over to a democratic form of government based on the American pattern. Granted he was given a trial at all, it would be a political show, in which he would be prosecuted for his democratic beliefs, and be "liquidated" within 24 hours.

The trial at which he was convicted in New York City recently was of a far different order. The jury was not concerned with the point that the defendant was a Communist; the prosecutor stuck closely to proof of the fact that Browder had used American passports illegally—in other words, that he had abused his privilege of citizenship. This was the only ground upon which the man was convicted, and he was allowed to speak at great length in his own defense. Compared with Browder's oratorical flight and his claim of being "persecuted" for his political color, the summation of the case by the District Attorney is an abject lesson in real Americanism and real justice. Here is what he had to say about Browder:

"He has made a mockery of everything we hold dear—the sacred right of passport by which the American citizen travels abroad with the protection of the United States government; the proofs of citizenship in birth certificates and naturalization papers that were tampered with so that this man could visit oswon on passports in the names of others.

"Our country is not a laughing stock. It is not to be made a joke of, nor are its passport laws to be taken into Browder's abusive hands for reasons of his own selfish interests. The American people have a sense of humor, but the time has come to put a stop to this prostitution of the right of safe conduct abroad."

Townsend on the Air

By D. D. Davis

DON'T BE A CIPHER!!!—It is important that EVERY Townsendite be registered before the election. Otherwise you are a "nobody" without a vote and must be considered as among "children and idiots" who are not allowed to vote. REGISTER NOW. Your vote at the Primaries for your Townsend Pledged Candidate, Republican or Democrat is what will tell the story in November.

There used to be a hair-raising, thrilling drama titled "While New York Sleeps". This might be changed to "While America Sleeps". Why? Because: While Townsend is fighting to secure a just and equitable old age annuity for all our old folks, limited to a top of \$200 per month, we find in the Congressional Record of January 25th, page 1082, where pensions were voted for eight widows of deceased Representatives in Congress and to one daughter, the sum of \$10,000 each. Just a little \$90,000 in one sitting of these Congressmen who were so liberal with other peoples' money. Funny, too, there was no long drawn out red tape entailed in learning whether these folks could "prove" their need, or whether there was not some near distant relative who could be "forced" to come to their support. Quite different from Social Security and "Assistance to the Aged". We might ask one question: Are these "beneficiaries" so much more important to us than the millions of old people who are now destitute and sorely in need? You answer. This generous giving away of the peoples' money is not confined to any one Party. This "log-rolling" or "you do this for my constituent" and "I'll help you out" is one of the pitiful angles of our politics as played today. It is because of things like this that we must watch our Congressmen closer and then we must REGISTER in order that we can VOTE right and make our Government a better Government. Vote TOWNSEND!!!

I'll bet you never saw anything about this in any of your big daily newspapers; did you? No? Well then thank A. E. Powell for permitting us Townsendites a voice in his paper.

J. B. Coleman, who attended Club No. 2 meeting Friday night, has agreed to give an address before this Club one week from tonight or on Friday the 16th on the voting and registration set up in Jackson County. However in case you can not be present let it be known that the time for registration will be closed March 2nd until April 3rd and then will be open until April 17th. DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER AND THEN DON'T FAIL TO VOTE.

Good news! An Oyster Supper will be given by our up and coming Phoenix Club the night of February 12th. We will be againg fortunate in that W. A. Sumner, our beloved "co-worker", will give us one of his inspiring talks that evening. Come one, come all.

Again good news. Eagle Point Club on the same evening will have a Basket Social. Everybody invited.

We haven't the new bill before us to give you today, but Dr. Townsend says in its behalf: "The principle remains the same. We have, we believe, improved it in some details. We have for example exempted all those whose incomes are less than \$250 per month, or \$3000 per year." He also asks us not to write headquarters for the bill, that it will appear in its full entirety in an early issue of The Weekly. So please rest easy and keep your shirts on and leave the matter in the hands of the one man who has proven that he is working to the interest of us ALL, Dr. Townsend.

Doctor Townsend and Senator Sheridan Downey will speak at four mass meetings in important cities in New York State. Dr. Townsend says "the New York appearances will be a positive step in the direction of National Pension Victory in 1940". Also that "some of the shrewdest political observers believe with me that the outstanding domestic issue in the coming campaign will be pensions on a National basis."

The train just whistled and the brakeman called "All Aboard". We are on our way to Gallion, Ohio, the home of the huge Iron Works. Here we find that "FORTY merchants of this town are members of their Townsend Club No. 1." Congratulations to the Townsend Workers in

Ohio and double congratulations to these forward looking merchants of this town.

Anyway there are jobs for some. For example—According to the figures of the Bureau of the Budget the total departmental employees of the Social Security Board number 3060 with an annual payroll of \$6,009,720 while the "field employees" number 6,798 with an annual payroll of \$11,410,340.

Just a word picture—it can be repeated thousands of times. "He is a graying man with a puzzled look in his eyes, an eager grip in his handshake, and nervous laugh in his voice. He is anxious, hopefully friendly. He has been out of work for years since the company, he was with, failed. He had worked for that company 17 years. He'll soon get to going again, he declares with that nervous laugh. There are jobs. His younger son got a job last Spring. His older son has been working two years. That puzzled look deepens as he says there must be a place for him somewhere. He doesn't mention that his savings are gone and that his sons' wages won't support their own families and their father too. He is the man over 40, the middle aged man looking for a job. He lives just down the hall, across the street, or around the corner. He is not ONE man; he is several million."—To those who wonder just why the Townsend Plan is growing, this description of the man over 40, out of a job, is more than illuminating. It was written by Hal Broland for the New York Times Magazine and describes what happens to the middle-aged men when once their occupation is gone.

Hush, did I hear someone say we do not need the Townsend Plan?

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
At the Regular Session of the City Council on Monday, February 5, 1940, it was reported by the Members of the Building Committee that certain buildings in the City were thought to be unsafe, unsightly and a menace to public Health and Safety. And, in compliance with the requirements as prescribed in Ordinance No. 216, a public hearing is hereby called to be held at the City Hall at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, February 23, 1940, at which time and place it shall be decided whether or not the following described properties shall be condemned:

(1) The Two Story Frame Mercantile Building commonly known as the "Theiss" Building, situated on Lots 16 and 16, in Block 11, Original Townsite, and further described as being located at the North-west Corner of Pine and Second Streets, Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon.

(2) The Frame Ware-house situated in the rear of Damon's Cafe, Lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block 11, Original Townsite, and further described as being located between First and Second Streets and on the North side of Pine Street, Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon.

(3) The One Story Frame Blacksmith Shop commonly known as "Pearl's Shop" situated on Lot 8, in Block 2, Original Townsite, and further described as being located at the South-east Corner of Pine and Third Streets, Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon.

At said public hearing, the owner or owners or agents of either of said properties shall be heard, if such owner or owners shall request the same.

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The City Recorder is hereby directed to send by Registered Mail a copy of this "Notice of Public Hearing" to each of the reputed owners of above described properties.

Signed: A. E. POWELL, Mayor
Attest: GUY TEX, Recorder
59—Feb. 8, 15.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of an execution in foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 24th day of January, 1940, in a certain suit therein, wherein Callie Palm is plaintiff and Frank E. Upton, et al, are defendants, and wherein it is decreed that there is due and owing unto the plaintiff the sum of \$5,101.59, the further sum of \$480.00 attorneys fees and costs and disbursements taxed at \$57.10, and that said sums are a first, prior and superior lien upon the real property hereinafter described, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 19th day of January, 1940.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 24th day of February, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the defendants in said suit had on the 1st day of March, 1920, or now have in and to the following described property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the John Rankin Donation Land Claim No. 56, in Township 35 South of Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian and running thence West; on the North line of said claim 78.48 chains; thence south 20.38 chains; and thence North 20.38 chains to the place of beginning, containing 160 acres, more or less, and being part of said Donation Land Claim No. 56 in said Township and Range.

Also, beginning at a point 80 rods West of the Northeast corner of the Sewall Traux Donation Land Claim No. 55, in Section 26, Township 35 South of Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence West along the North line of said claim 20 chains; thence South 20 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence North 20 chains to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1940.
SYD I. BROWN,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon
By Howard Gault,
Deputy.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Clara D. W. Gregg, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified and is now acting as the Executor with the Will annexed of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at the office of F. J. Newman, attorney for said estate, in the Courthouse at Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 1st day of February 1940.

JAMES R. W. GREGG
Executor with the Will annexed of the Estate of Clara D. W. Gregg, deceased.
23—Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

In the Matter of the Estate of Cora E. Lewis, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed

and qualified as administrator of the estate of Cora E. Lewis, deceased; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, with proper vouchers, at my office in the Jackson County Bank building, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1940.

KENNETH G. DENNMAN
Administrator of the estate of Cora E. Lewis, deceased.
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