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EDITORIALS

SCHOOLS GET A JOLT

The following paragraph, taken from the New York Journal American of January 27, 1940, carries a message that is of considerable interest to many school districts and other divisions of local government where highly taxed private electric properties are being taken over by tax-exempt government electric projects:

"WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Polk County, Tenn., will have to close its schools and stop maintaining its roads unless it is reimbursed for tax losses incurred since the Tennessee Valley Authority took over its local utilities. The House Military Affairs Committee has been so informed today by Polk County Attorney Harry J. Schaeffer."

Items like the above are bringing many local communities to a realization of the fact that they cannot destroy their tax cake and still have it to eat. Government in business destroys more than the private companies which are put out of business. It destroys opportunity and local independence. It destroys sources of tax revenue which keep all the functions of local government going. And it breeds a spirit of dependence upon centralized authority which is the very antithesis of true democracy.

BORING FROM WITHIN

"Boring from within" is an old radical technique. The "borers" attempt to destroy a government, an industry or an institution on a piecemeal basis. They move slowly, and avoid the real issue. They use all possible camouflage. They join or desert other groups as opportunism dictates. They make every effort to keep the public confused and at sea. And finally, if the boring technique succeeds, the public wakes up one fine day, rubs its eyes in amazement, and discovers too late the havoc wrought by the destruction.

The present socialistic attack on the electric industry provides a case in point. It is never called socialism by its attackers—instead they use resounding vague phrases they use the magic words "liberalism" and "democracy" frequently appear. They attempt to allay the public's fears by arguing that destruction and absorption by government of the private utilities only affects a few "big fellows" and doesn't have anything to do with the "little fellow."

That last argument is due for analysis. It may be true that comparatively few "little fellows" are directly affected when a private electric utility is forced out of business. But the "boring from within" technique doesn't stop there. When the government builds generating stations and transmission lines, the next step is government acquisition of local distributing lines. At this point the local electrician may find himself in competition with government in connecting houses and places of business to the power lines. After the wiring is in, the political urge is for the government to sell power appliances

ONE-SCALE JUSTICE



—Duffy, in the Baltimore Sun.

—thus competing with the private appliance dealer. Does that sound far-fetched? Well, wait until tax-exempt, tax-subsidized government competition hits your business, and you will think it a mild statement.

The point to be remembered is that no country can exist or prosper half socialized and half free. Political domination, control or ownership of big business is a prelude to the same treatment of little business. The politicians' lust for power knows no bounds—it grows as it feeds on the resources of a nation.

Every time we surrender a right to government, we move another step toward dictatorship. Give socialism an inch, and it wants a mile. And the "little people," the ordinary men and women who are the backbone of a nation, are the greatest losers—they lose their dearest possession, individual freedom of action and opportunity—the right to make a profit from their private enterprise.

Townsend on the Air

By D. D. Davis

The Townsend Organization now holds the balance of power. Nominate any man you wish in any Congressional district and let his opponent of the Townsend Plan disparage the Townsend Movement and this OPPONENT will go down to certain defeat. The organization has become so strong that the World's Fair committee asked Dr. Townsend to come there to make two addresses which he did. Scores of thousands were there to hear him. The day was set apart and called Townsend Day. After hearing his talk 125 representatives of big business asked him to appear before them and explain his plan, which he did. After such an outstanding piece of news not one of the great (?) dailies even mentioned it. The Townsend Organization is made up of all classes of our people, from common laborer to millionaires. Yet we ask, where

is our "independent press today?"

Attorney speaks for the Plan—W. W. Smith, prominent Attorney of Huntington, W. Virginia, in an address before the Y.M.C.A. Forum, made an outstanding plea for adoption of the Townsend Plan. He was introduced by Judge H. Clay Warth.

Huge Townsend Rally at Cleveland, Ohio—Rep. Robert T. Secresone of the "11" immortals addressed over 1000 people in the Engineers' Auditorium here Sunday afternoon. He urged his listeners to build an organization so STRONG that every Ohio Congressman would be sure to vote for the Townsend Legislation.

Writer Labels Security Act a "tragic sell out"—"On February 1st, Social Security checks will be sent to people sixty five years or over. These to people who have worked since 1937 and who will voluntarily retire from gainful occupations. What a tragic sellout. Who will quit \$5 to \$100 jobs to live in want on \$20.60 to \$25.75 per month?"

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Have you registered yet for the coming primaries? Can you vote in November? Do you want your favorite candidate to win? Are you going to be a peace-time "slacker"? Then get busy and REGISTER.

Be sure to tell your friends to tell their friends about the great Townsend Rally of March 15th, in Medford, when Charles Wetterman will be here to address us. The plans as outlined so far will be first that unexcelled Virginia Baked Ham dinner to be given by Club No. 2 at Townsend Hall, beginning at 5:30 and lasting through until 7:30 after which everyone will go to the High School Auditorium to hear Mr. Wetterman and his colleagues. Speaking to start at 8:15 P.M. This will be the outstanding event of the year and everyone is urged to attend. This invitation to be there is directed to all people, the young folks, the old folks, the business men, the lawyers, doctors, bankers and anyone interested in getting the latest facts about the Townsend Plan and its movement. We include the farmer as one of our specialized business men. Come one, come all.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler likens Unemployment as Problem No. 1 before the Nation. He says "Private industry must furnish work to the unemployed or the Government must. Thousands of able-bodied Americans willing to work have been unemployed many years and the skill and training have been completely lost. The MORALE of these persons and their families is distressingly low. Production is becoming increasingly efficient and technological unemployment is developing with increasing rapidity. Although industrial production is reaching 1929 peaks, fewer workers are required to maintain this production level. Scores of communities are becoming 'ghost towns'. Over three millions of the unemployed are young men and girls under the age of 24. They have no immediate prospects of jobs—yet upon their welfare rests the future of the Nation." (End of quote.) How about your Townsend membership? Are you paid up? Are you backing the plan? Are you supporting this your local paper that honors us with the privilege of bringing these special news to you? Have you joined your local Townsend Club? How do you expect the movement to succeed without your support and the support of thousands more? It's up to you folks. Get busy. In numbers there is strength. A solid front cannot be defeated.

Send in your Club news and doings to your paper. Help to spread the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers of Portland, accompanied by Mrs. Meyers father, Mr. Davison, left this week for Portland, where Mr. Davison will visit for a while. He will also visit his grandson, Kenneth Wyatt, who is in the Shrine hospital. Kenneth is doing nicely.

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HI-WAYS TO HEALTH

by ADA R. MAYNE

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A good-flavored chowder or a substantial cream soup will satisfy hearty appetites and at the same time supply the protein, mineral matter, and vitamins of milk as well as the food value of the other ingredients.

Clams are usually associated with chowder, but people in different places have varied this rule by making chowder with other kinds of fish, with meat, or with vegetables of many kinds. Often a single vegetable, such as corn, supplies the outstanding flavor.

Modern homemakers have worked out several less-filling variations of chowder and of these—cream soups is the standard favorite. Cream soups are often made from a single vegetable—such as peas, corn, carrots, or asparagus, although several vegetables may be used together. There are as many variations of cream soups and chowders as there are combinations of vegetables, meat, fish and seasonings. All of them respond to stirring and tasting... with a "little of this" and a "pinch of that" added. When seasoned just right and served piping hot, any one

of these soups will make an appetizing meal for the most critical family.

Although chowder originated as a community fish-stew on the coast of France, it was popular in New England during the early days of colonization. And today chowders have been adopted as a main supper or luncheon dish everywhere. You can make a complete meal from a bowl of rich chowder, if you serve with it plenty of crisp crackers, a cool salad, and some simple dessert.

Garnishes for the soup are also important in giving it "eye appeal". One that is good on soups that have a definite color and flavor is salted whipped cream. Try sprinkling the cream with paprika, chopped celery leaves or chopped parsley.

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