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Should We Weaken

The Constitution?

Suggestions to change the Constitution, in order to give the Federal Government powers the Supreme Court has decided it does not now possess, should be critically weighed by the American people.

Whether we realize it or not, it is the Constitution which protects the ownership and the sanctity of the home. It is the Constitution which safeguards the independence and rights of the worker. It is the Constitution which maintains the sanctity of contract. And, finally, it is the Constitution which guarantees and supports the rights, the liberties and privileges for which the forefathers of the nation fought when they changed America from a foreign-dominated colony to a free nation dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Those who would change the Constitution would do so on the proposition that it is out of date—that it is no longer capable of meeting the problems, the conditions, the issues, of the times. If that is true, human liberty is out of date. Individual freedom is out of date. Democratic government—which has as its guiding principle that the people are the masters, not the servants of government—is out of date. Private initiative and individual ambition are out of date.

Every time we tamper with the Constitution we weaken it. Under the existing Constitution, a delicate balance of power is maintained between the central government and the 48 state governments. The Federal Government is enabled to do that which individual states could not efficiently do—while the states are left free to make laws, rulings, regulations and policies that are in accord with the beliefs and needs of their people. If we broaden the powers of Federal Government we shall simply be giving bureaucracy a greater free and unchecked field for action—at the expense of the states, of industry, of workers, of every citizen.

FACTS

And now the disagreeable fact creeps out that no "tax-the-rich" program, no matter how confiscatory, will ever produce enough money to make a dent in the federal debts that are piling up.

The deadly fact is beginning to sink into the minds of our lawmakers, as well as into the minds of our taxpayers, that the only way to collect the billions of dollars a year needed to meet present public expenditures, is by a tax that reaches down into the toe of the sock of every individual who has an income above the bare subsistence level.

It has been predicted that within the next five years we may claim the distinction of being one of the most heavily taxed nations of the world.

To Avoid War

President Roosevelt's announcement that the United States will carefully avoid war is welcome in the present disturbed state of international relations.

Following up Secretary Hull's plea to Italy and Ethiopia to settle their differences under the Kellogg plan, the President has enunciated two cardinal points in America's peace program.

They are: The continuance of our "good neighbor" policy and the avoidance of issues that do not concern us. They can be made to apply to two situations in the world today—that in Ethiopia and that in Nazi Germany. Mr. Roosevelt makes it clear that America doesn't want the old world to dump any of its vexatious problems, domestic or international, on our doorsteps for our solution.

It is said there never was an Irish brass band because agreement as to the leader could not be reached.

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Babson Says....

Today's Greatest Need

Babson Says Character Training Only Sound Basis of Reform

Babson Park, Mass., Aug. 9.—Our greatest need today is not more goods, higher wages, bigger profits, nor further legislative reforms. Rather, it is the strengthening and rebuilding of our national character. For the last fifty years we have concentrated on the development of our machines with the result that the development of our national character. For the feel very strongly that unless the education of humans catches up with the improvement of machines, we can never hope for further spiritual or material growth.

Pyrrhic of American Character?
Business is now three per cent above last July, but there are still approximately as many without jobs today as a year ago and the number on relief has actually increased. How can this be? Is it that Americans no longer want to work? Within three centuries we have converted a vast wilderness into the most prosperous nation in the world. Yet, since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in 1620 our standard of character has utterly failed to match the progress of our standard of living. We have lost those sterling qualities which enabled our forefathers to build America.

I have just returned from Gloucester, Mass.—my birth-place. There I had a beautiful view of the landing place where the settlers first set foot on Gloucester soil over three centuries ago. As I listen today to the towns' people, talk of the hundreds living "on the city" I wonder if there would be any United States of America now if our ancestors had had no more guts than many of those on relief rolls. If it were possible to graft into the millions who are accepting public aid today the same backbone of iron and will of steel of their forefathers, we would have accomplished more than all the alphabet agencies rolled into one.

Balking at "Hot-House" Reform
Naturally, readjustments and reforms in all governments are always needed. The President's goal to bring about more equal opportunities for all is basically sound and good. Such a goal is in the interest of every one's children and grandchildren. To make complete and sweeping reforms, such as the Administration is trying to do, however, is a serious blunder. Changes should be gradual so that gains may be consolidated before new crusades are started. The recent sharp criticism of the President's program is due to his use of "hot-house" reform methods. He has tried to build too big a structure on too weak a foundation!

There are three powerful laws that not even Congress, the New Deal, nor the Supreme Court can change. These are: (1) The Law of Survival of the Fittest; (2) The Law of Supply and Demand; and (3) The Law of Action and Reaction. We cannot break these laws—we can only break ourselves against them. Those New Deal experiments which violate natural laws are doomed to failure. The President can make far greater progress toward his goal by taking advantage of these great truths than by trying to circumvent them. In fact, laws cannot be made, they can only be discovered; and character cannot be legislated, it can only be developed.

Only Safeguard to Democracy
The solution of the world's long term problems will come only through the development of character and intelligence. More equal opportunities for all will be brought about through self-control of individuals—not through the state-control of income. As a matter of fact, we can do our national character grave injury by the repudiation of public contracts, by unfair and discriminatory taxation, by unwarranted federal extravagance, and by government molly-coddling of the indolent. Reforming the bankers and industrialists is a step forward; but it will not make democracy safe unless supplemented by an efficient movement to reform also the politician, the labor leaders, and the voters themselves.

Surely our present methods of combating war, crime, graft, class conflicts, and business dishonesty have made little progress in the past three decades. How much better the results would have been if the moneys annually spent trying to cure these national cancers had been used to build up the nation's character resistance against such plagues. How much better of we would be today if this money had been used to influ-

ence the desires of people for things and of the wants and desires of any more worthwhile. Raising the standard people automatically boosts their standard of character.

Birth vs. Gold Standard
Vital statistics show that democracy will ultimately collapse unless primary consideration. Today parents with strong characters and alert minds have only one or two children and hence do not reproduce themselves, while parents with weak characters and unbalanced minds have from three to eight children. Just as sure as two and two makes four, this system spells inevitable disaster. Compared with this question of heredity, the New Deal's social and economic program is mere twiddle-tiddle. Our Birth Standards is far more important than our Wage Standard, Our Gold Standard, or our Living Standard!

The thought which I want to leave with you is that no army or navy, no New Deal nor EPIC campaign, can save our most precious heritages—democracy and liberty. In the last analysis our national future depends upon our national character. What ever the New Deal's "must" bills may be there is in reality but one real "must"—to develop our human resources as we have perfected our mechanical resources. Today's greatest need is to instill in our children those same qualities which made it possible for our ancestors to blaze the trail of American civilization from ocean to ocean!

Business, as registered by the Babson chart, now stands at 21 per cent below normal, but is 3 per cent above a year ago.

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Live Stock Men

Paying Off Debts

Better Market Prices Result in \$6,370,000 Liquidation Through Credit Bank

How rising live stock prices have helped turn the tide for northwest cattle and sheep men is indicated by a report from the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane that live stock paper to the extent of \$6,370,000 has been liquidated during the past four months out of marketing receipts. Payments from the sale of stored wool have totalled more than \$4,000,000 and from cattle and lamb \$1,730,000 and \$840,000 respectively.

The intermediate credit bank does not lend directly to stock men or farmers, nor does it lend federal treasury money. It discounts soundly secured agricultural paper for live stock loan companies, cooperative production credit associations, rural banks, etc., obtaining its loan funds by marketing debentures to the investing public. Credit bank debentures are in such favorable demand that a record low discount rate of 2 per cent has been in effect for more than a year. Lending institutions which discount through the bank are restricted to a margin of 3 per cent, establishing a present rate of 5 per cent to farmers.

The credit bank has approximately \$27,000,000 of sheep, cattle and dairy loans outstanding.

Thoughts for

Serious Moments

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul.—Addison.

I hate the man who builds his name. On the ruins of another's fame.—Gay. No man is a whole man until he knows how to earn a blameless livelihood.—Emerson. Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of good books.—Colton.

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