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### Keep It Flying

#### CROOKED THINKING

It has been said countless times that the strikes in war industries of this nation were the result of labor leadership and did not represent the will of the individual workman. The coal miners have proved that theory doesn't hold water. And the railroad workers threaten to follow suit.

It gives one a sick feeling to read the headlines, "60 U. S. Bombers and 600 fliers Lost in Record Attack," "Miners Strike Spreads," "Strike Paralyzes Shipyard," "Walkout Closes Steel Furnace."

There is something wrong with the thinking of any man on the home front who enjoys all the blessings of personal liberty, and then strikes in wartime instead of staying on his job and backing the men on the war front who risk their lives to preserve the liberty he enjoys.

#### GET THE "FEARS" STRAIGHT

A recent advertisement shows the picture of a wife plowing in 1777 while her husband was away fighting for their country's independence. The advertisement then stressed that by building up certain financial reserves, one can gain "freedom from the ugliest fear of all—want."

Nowhere was the point made that the woman plowing was doing a job to help free herself and her husband and her country of a fear much greater than that of financial want, namely, fear of tyranny, fear of oppression, fear of injustice.

"Freedom from fear" and "freedom from want," as they are generally presented to our people today, seem to be based entirely on material things, as if easy living and a full stomach were the principal guarantee which we should worry about.

The right to be independent and free of domination by any government, any king, or any bureaucracy, is what the 1777 woman and her husband were fighting for. A full stomach or financial security were the least of their fears.



Westward Ho!

Hello Folks:

Well, in the mornin' I'm a startin' way out west to Los Angeles! You know way back yander there wuz a wise ole feller by the name of Horace Greely, who said, "Young Man go Out West and Grow Up with the Country." Every time I start West I think of ole Horace and how I struck western Kansas in Grover Cleveland time and "Blowed Up with The Country"—fer they wuz a sand-dust storm on! Now I'm not a tryin' to be Steinbeak or whatever his name wuz that made all us Okies mad as blazes! Anyway, I git a thrill everytime I start West! This time I may be runnin' into an Earthquake but I'll just be a gittin' more experience! I have been out in the Californy country two times before and they wuzent any earthquakes! But you know the further west you go the more thrills us Eastern Okies think you ought to git! About the biggest thrill would be to see the telegraph lines a breakin' down with words about Hitler and his bunch a "Blowin' Up!"

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#### Decrees Don't Produce Cows

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Farm labor costs, dairy feed, seed and everything the dairy farmer uses, have shown either normal or abnormal rises. No matter how fine our economic planners spin their theories, all of them combined cannot produce a milk cow in less than three years, by law, executive decree or otherwise.

There is just one way to get more milk, and that is to allow the farmer who produces it a fair and reasonable profit based on the cost of production and the labor involved. Until that is done, the milk, butter and cheese supply will grow shorter and there is no use in kidding the American people about the issue.

#### Babson Says . . .

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fire insurance stocks and chain store company preferreds.

My appeal today, however, is not so much to the banks and trustees as to my readers, who should get busy to get state laws changed. The fact is that the banks may be tied down too much by state laws regarding the investment of trust funds. In view of impending inflation, instead of all these laws protecting widows and orphans, some of them may be penalizing those deserving beneficiaries. Surely, if we are going into a period of inflation, certain stocks may be safer than the very best of bonds.

**Trust Funds Rapidly Increasing**  
Another thing: Trust funds are growing at a tremendous rate. So far as the beneficiaries are concerned this is a good thing; but is it good for the community? Owing to state laws regarding trust funds, trustees are frightened of their shadows. Hence, they put no money into new enterprises to help the community or the nation. This is bad practice. A dog cannot live indefinitely by chewing his own tail. A country cannot survive without continually putting new money into new enterprises.

State laws should compel trustees to put 10% of their money into "venture capital."

We should encourage thrift and the best way to encourage thrift is to give a fair interest rate to those who will save. Interest is merely a wage paid for sacrifice and saving. The Administration at Washington, however, is apparently following a direct opposite program. It has forbidden banks to pay interest on current deposits; and it has beaten down the interest rates on government bonds. The high tax rates have forced the prices of municipal bonds to sky-high figures so that thrifty people can no longer afford to buy these. While the farmers are demanding a floor for farm prices, the widows and orphans of the country should have a lobby and get a floor under interest rates.

**What Can We Do?**  
The most honest and safe method of getting security for old age is by saving money and taking care of it either directly oneself or by putting it into a revocable trust fund. The present Social Security program of the U. S. Government is questionable. Why? Because the money which is taken out of your pay envelope every week is not "saved" for you by Washington, but is spent by the government which gives you only a credit on its books. When you get old the government may be obliged to print new money in order to pay you. How much these new greenbacks will then be worth is a question.

Another thing you can do is this: When making a new trust for your family or relatives, insist that the money shall be invested in securities netting at least 4% or 2% above the current rate for U. S. Government bonds maturing after twenty years. I think you will find banks willing to take trusts under these conditions provided you agree that they shall not be held liable for losses by following such a policy. You should also stipulate that you will look to the bank only for the total valuation of your trust account allowing the bank to use profits to balance losses which, under present legislation, often cannot be done.

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By Fred P. H. Clyde

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#### Tolerance

I am tolerant of all things, except that filthy product of egotism and conceit—intolerance.

Intolerance of a race, a religion, a creed, or a man's color is back-handed way of saying how much better you are than the other guy you single out for your abuse.

Who are you to say that the Almighty has created you better than your fellows?

It is upon this sad, human frailty that demagogues as Hitler prey as they foist their way to unholy power. Politicians who are covering filthy linen of their own, often bring race and religion into the government as red herrings across trails of fact. Hitler first cast the Jews into his melnstrom of brewed hate, a minority tossed into a bottomless pit of human heartlessness. This wasn't the end by a long shot. Next came the Catholics. Then came the Masons. Minorities—all, but one by one he cast them to the rabble he created. By then, he was firmly in the seat, and the self-respecting could do nothing except weep bitter, hidden tears of self-redress for not observing the rotten taste of intolerance and secretly wonder as many Germans must wonder today: "Did God create me better than my fellows?"

#### Who Takes a Beating?

Now I'm wondering (like a lot of other draft age pappas) about a lot of things. Those that say otherwise are prevaricators of the first order. (This last is defined as liars—only prevaricators, is considered to be more "a la Emily Post.")

First—after all the solo gents and childless eligibles have gone over the hurdles that start with "Greetings from the President"—Will the little woman and the kids be able to tough it along after we're gone? (Or are we concealed?)

Second: While they're breaking us in that's what they call it in bus driving)—I'll bet we get out in some Forsaken Camp at Fushet's Creek, Kansas, and not be able to get a good home cooked meal in case the camp grub's lousy—it always is to us married "ball and chainers."

THIRD—Now to get to the crux of this whole thing—they say there's not going to be any more of this lim-

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Yessir—I can see myself now—it's about 6 a. m. on a dark, rainy morn. There I am; sleepy, but there with bells on slightly muffled at this hour, of course) corns, lumbago and all (draft board please note this last.) I have an eighty pound pack on my back. Maybe its only sixty—but no matter it'll feel like 200 before I go a block.

The sergeant barks an order—I don't like that guy—we're on the move.

I shall spare you the painful intervening three miles. It will probably happen on the fourth. There will be a cry:  
"Man down—tongue hanging out—bring water and stretcher bearers, What's his name? Just a minute, Sarge—till I spot his tag. It's No. 6 and 7-8. That's Clyde. Yep—one of these guys they got when they dragged the bottom of the manpower pot. Looks like we got a new digger for our sanitary facilities."

#### The Low Down From Hickory Grove

I been researching. Lit out to see what was taking place elsewhere. Found out 3 things. The first thing was that everybody had skads of foldin' money. And the second thing was that everybody was mad, and unhappy.

Most folks were mad about how many steaks they can have—if any—or how much gas is on a coupon. Nobody was mad about the price.

Any notion that anybody is lugging around, "that just money, or something like "security from the cradle to the undertaker" will make you happy, is all wet. That is a good thing to find out. That is progress.

And the third thing I dug up was about gasoline. The gent I talked to savvied oil—backwards and forwards. One place where we could get more oil, he says—and maybe increase your coupon a gallon or so—and quick, is by rehabilitating a lot of our old wells. Easy as pie to do.

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he says, but a little too costly at present prices for oil. Well, I says, if pork chops and steaks are up, how come oil is held down? If you have any readers, ask them, or the Govt. or somebody—not me, he says.

#### Should Mail Xmas Packages End of November

The postoffice department would like to see all Christmas packages well on their way by the end of November. The postoffices everywhere are suffering a shortage of manpower and would appreciate the kind thoughtfulness of early package mailing.

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