

## LETTERS to the Editor

### PLAN A CRYSTALIZER

To the Editor:  
I am neither for nor against the Townsend revolving pension plan, but will say that I believe it would be one of the greatest aids in more speedily bringing about an end to the present impractical system—which must eventually come to an end anyway.

In the past many wise men have brought forth their various plans for the ending of the depression and for bringing about better conditions. But since none of these men are all-wise, their plans have been merely experimental and have failed to work—just as the Townsend plan will fail to work.

Because, like other plans, it does not get at the cause. It is merely the putting of another patch on an old, worn out "garment."

So long as a man is free from debt, he is somewhat independent, but as soon as he gets into debt his condition is not so good; he is now a slave to the money-lender, working for to pay him interest. The deeper he gets in, the worse his condition, and the nearer the time when his property will belong to the one who has the power over him.

As with an individual, so with a nation. During the last few years this country has been going further and further into debt, faster than ever before. At this rate, it cannot be but a matter of a short time until it will be owned, lock, stock and barrel, by the big fellows who have put up the money.

The people will then be at the mercy of these few men. They will then be their slaves—more than ever before. When this time comes, perhaps they will then commence to realize that there really is something radically "hay-wire" with the present "garment," and will start thinking about how to go about getting a new one.

We realize this: Whether times are good or bad; whether there is little or much money in circulation, these money lenders never fail to get their share (with compound interest). And since they control and have their strings on everything, the more money in circulation, the bigger their share.

The Townsend plan would put a lot more money into circulation. Consequently, for every revolution of this fund, these same men would get a comparatively bigger slice, and the bigger the slice, the sooner they would have it all; they would have the life of the "goose which has been laying the golden eggs"—and so the finish.

If you wish to speed up a condition which will eventually lead to a real change, don't fail to boost for the Townsend plan.

With best wishes for your success in your new venture.—J. H. McCOIN, Medford, Oregon.

### ACCEPTS INVITATION

To the Editor:  
I read with interest your editorial in the Miner of February 8 concerning the Townsend plan and wish to avail myself of your kind invitation to supporters of the plan to give their reasons for such support.

First, I wish to say frankly that I will be a pensioner under the plan if it goes through. I want to say equally frankly and honestly that I believe that a majority of

the people over 60, including myself, feel that they will be better off without a pension under prosperity than with it and a continuance of the times of the past few years.

I do wish, however, to call attention to some phases of the plan that apparently escaped the attention of the writer of the editorial. The purpose of the Townsend plan includes much more than the mere pension. One of these is that recipients of the pension must spend it within the current month. The other is that the pensioner must relinquish all remunerative employment.

Up to about 20 years ago the Benjamin Franklin theory that thrift and savings are the way to national prosperity. It was in Ashland about that long ago that an Ashland business man first declared to the writer that the man who spent all his salary as soon as he earned it was a better citizen than the man who saved. Since that time the theory has become almost the economic panacea for poor business. When the stock crash came in the fall of 1929 the gospel of recovery preached regardless of party affiliation was to keep on spending. This advice might have been good, but those who could afford to buy would not and those who could not afford to continue to spend beyond their means. At that time it took a brave man to advocate stopping buying until debts previously contracted were paid.

The doctrine of spending ourselves rich has been hammered into the American people so consistently that they have come to believe it. Assuming that the doctrine is true is not the Townsend plan the logical thing to do? It will turn \$24,000,000,000 (estimated) into the channels of trade within 12 months. None of this money can be banked or given away by the pensioner. It must be spent, either in satisfying existing indebtedness, for merchandise or for travel. It is true the pensioner can, under the plan as advanced, give the merchandise away.

This is but one phase of the plan. The taking all over 60 out of business and pay jobs will make a place for millions of unemployed. It will make at least that many jobs for younger men and women, probably more.

The writer knows of one family in California where the wife's mother, over 70, is slaving to care for four lively youngsters because the husband cannot get enough relief work to support the family and the wife is working in the olive industry to help out. If the Townsend plan goes through undoubtedly the mother will assist in the maintaining of the family, the wife will stay at home to care for the house and children and the husband will devote his time to developing a mountain ranch and thus aid in building up the coun-

try. Instances like this might be multiplied indefinitely.

To say that the elderly people, who have striven years for a livelihood, would overnight become either parasites or fools is an insult to the American people. It may be that if the money is to be spent by youngsters it would go for riotous living, but it is not.

Practically every relief move of the present administration has been based on the belief that the measure would put money in circulation. If the Townsend plan is "fantastic" and "cockeyed" then every relief measure of the present administration is "fantastic" and "cockeyed," as all are based on the same economic principle.

Were every person in Ashland over 60 to receive a pension under the Townsend plan think what it would mean. Hundreds of homes would be repainted; much needed clothing would be bought; new books and pictures would adorn the homes. Probably hundreds of aged workers would be replaced by younger ones. Many elderly people would gladly pay companions and house help who are now lonely and overworked.

The Townsend plan is eminently more sound than the other relief measures because of the fact that it is a "pay as you go" plan. The present relief plans, county, state and national, are very largely financed by bonds. In other words, we are robbing children yet unborn to aid those needing. Is this honest? Is it fair?

The writer went to California last year much prejudiced against a sales tax. He found, much to his surprise, that the people, merchants and customers alike, approved of it. The California plan is simple. The merchant charges a definite tax on each purchase and is compelled to place it at once in a separate till. This definite amount on each purchase makes grafting impossible. It is a well-known fact that when the cotton, wheat and pork taxes went into effect though the tax was in itself small, yet the mark-up to the customers was big, on some small notions as much as 100 per cent.

In 1934 the people of California paid in round numbers \$53,000,000 sales tax and paid it so easily that California has come back and almost unanimously asks the privilege of paying a federal sales tax to finance the Townsend plan.

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### RECLAIMING LOST CITIZENS

Through the newspapers of Oregon the parole board of the state penitentiary is seeking to acquaint the public with figures showing that, judiciously applied, the parole system is a success. It is declared that of 591 men either on parole October 1, 1932, or paroled between then and June 30, 1934, only 94 or about 15 per cent violated paroles by failing to report. Moreover, it is shown that only 31 crime commissions are chargeable to any of this group of 591 reclaimed offenders during the biennium.

If we may take the word of police officers and jurists experienced in dealing with youthful first offenders the parole system can be

used to advantage in teaching the lesson that "crime never pays." It has been shown, they say, that to sentence a convicted youth to a year in prison and then parole him in two or three months while he is still unfamiliar with prison life, homesick, and eager for freedom, is usually the best possible medicine.

Added to the report of the parole board is the plea that organizations turn their attention to establishing in our penal institutions facilities for practical and vocational education.—Newburg Scribe.

The Ashland Miner observes that while it is great to watch a magician pull a rabbit from a hat, "level-headed people always remember the rabbit had first to be placed in the hat." In other words, taxpayers will know from whence comes the Townsend rabbit.—Weston (Oregon) Leader.

A senate majority seemed to

think it would be less embarrassing to disregard world court decisions when out of it than in it.—Weston Leader.



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