



Liberty . . . has laws

I think of no word that is so often misused and misunderstood as the word "liberty." To many people it seems to mean that they have a right to do as they please regardless of the rights of others. I do a great deal of motoring, much of it over wide, smooth concrete highways, and I see many examples of drivers who have no regard whatever for the safety of others. Liberty, it seems to me, is not the right to violate law or to infringe upon other peoples' liberty. Unfortunately, we have in America a very large number of people, not all of them of recent foreign birth or descent, whose idea is exactly the opposite. It is an extremely prevalent idea among our foreign-born population that they don't have to obey any laws at all in this land of liberty to which they have come to escape, in many cases, from the rigorous regulation of their native countries.

Registration . . . of aliens

There is no nation except ours in the world that permits foreigners to enter and move about freely without identification cards and registration with the police or municipal authorities. These other nations protect the liberties of their own people against infringement by foreigners who don't understand or are not inclined to conform to their laws and customs, by keeping the closest tab on everybody who is not a citizen. In most countries a landlord is subject to severe penalty if he rents an apartment or a hotel room to an alien without first inspecting the foreigner's passport and other papers and immediately reporting the visitor to the police.

I have a strong feeling that the United States would have much less of a crime problem if we kept the same kind of tab of every stranger within our gates.

Fingerprints . . . of all

The suggestion has often been made, and I think the idea is gaining ground, that every child ought to be finger-printed at birth and a record of those fingerprints filed with the proper authorities for possible future identification. I cannot see where it would be an infringement upon individual liberty to require every citizen to carry with him at all times some identification, either a card with his fingerprints and name, or an identification tag such as are issued to soldiers in war.

A terrible howl goes up from some quarters whenever such a suggestion is made. My observation is that the howls mostly arise from persons or groups who are more interested in evading the law or helping violators of law to go free, than from law-abiding citizens.

Relief . . . goes astray

I have seen many statements lately of the number of aliens in the United States who are drawing relief money from municipal, state or Federal sources. Some of them, to be sure, have taken out their first papers. One case I heard of recently is that of a man and wife who have never earned a cent since they came to America. She was a widow with five children, he is a widower with six children, and their joint progeny has added another half-dozen or so to the population of America. The man has been supported by charity almost from the time of his entrance into this country. By any sensible test of qualifications for citizenship, this family never would have been allowed to remain here.

Nationalism . . . for us, too

I have little sympathy with the intensely nationalistic spirit which has seized the people of almost all the world in the past few years. I think it is about time we in the United States were tightening the lines. It is becoming a matter of self-defense. We have a greater opportunity to go on indefinitely as a self-contained nation than has almost any other country. We are dependent upon the rest of the world for only a few luxuries. I have never seen any human plan that was perfect, but it does not seem impossible for America to develop an economic system under which our own people will be able to consume everything that our mines, waters, forests, farms and factories can produce and provide a market which would still keep us in the position of the most prosperous nation in the world. Until the rest of the world ceases to set up stupid artificial barriers to the free-flow of international trade, it seems to me that America might show how much better she can do the job of being a completely self-contained nation.

Klamath Seed Harvest Large

Klamath Falls—The total harvest of small seeds in Klamath county this year will be approximately 750,000 pounds, or the largest amount in the history of the district, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson. It will include about a quarter million acres of alsike clover seed, a similar amount of bluegrass seed, some sweet clover and red clover, and the largest amount of other grasses. The best grass harvest is under way and indications are that yield will be good and quality excellent, says Mr. Henderson.

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