

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted
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Washington.—President Roosevelt again has changed courses on relief. This time he tries G. O. P. has launched an Relief Plan experiment that becomes most significant and interesting because he is trying out in a small way the very heart of the relief proposal contained in the Republican platform.

Without any ballyhoo or any detailed statement, the President has allocated \$22,700,000 of Public Works Administration funds for use in direct grants to states and has laid down a formula for use of this money that takes it into the same category as the Republican plan. The President took this action personally. He has not only prescribed the conditions under which the grants will be made but has laid down rules for PWA which will, in effect, bring to his attention any completed arrangements involving these funds.

The program provides that the federal government will bear 45 per cent of the cost, a municipality or county contributing the other 55 per cent out of its own funds, and before the allocation is made definitely, the municipality or county receiving the funds must agree to employ 100 per cent relief labor.

In this manner, the "need for relief" becomes the measuring stick. If the local community is unable to supply only unskilled labor from the relief rolls and the project of construction planned for the community requires the use of skilled labor, it does not get the money. The projects considered to fall within the category of this new experiment include a great many worthwhile construction jobs such as school houses, sewage systems and water systems. The things proposed, therefore, may be said to be of permanent value and to that extent represent a veering by the President to the theory which Secretary Ickes of the Department of Interior always has held, namely, that if federal funds are expended they should be used in the construction and maintenance of permanent improvements.

Although the general idea of this new experiment in relief, new to the New Deal, was practically forced upon the President by the necessity of the present relief mess, it nevertheless represents a return to a method long regarded by many students of the problem as the only way in which relief funds can be properly handled. It places back in the hands of local communities the task of looking after their own destitute and charity cases. The federal government contributes a share of the funds, of course, but it does not boss the job as has been the practice under Harry Hopkins and his Works Progress Administration further than the requirements that relief labor be employed.

As stated above, the plan now on trial constitutes the very heart of the Republican proposal for handling federal relief. The Republican platform calls for "federal grants in aid to the states and territories while the need exists upon compliance with these conditions: a fair proportion of the total relief burden to be provided from the revenues of states and local governments; all engaged in relief administration to be selected on the basis of merit and fitness; adequate provisions to be made for the encouragement of those persons who are trying to become self-supporting."

I hear much discussion around Washington that the President's experiment meets the Republican program in every way except as to the second provision which relates to the selection of the administrative personnel "upon the basis of merit and fitness." There are many who believe Mr. Roosevelt has reached the conclusion that there is considerable merit in the contention that unless steps are taken to get relief of the unemployed back into the local communities, it will become an unworkable monster, a Frankenstein.

On the other hand, some of the bitter critics of the Roosevelt administration are contending that Mr. Roosevelt seeks to try out the Republican proposal in this manner in order to demonstrate that it is unworkable. They point also to the omission of the second provision, just mentioned, and declare that the President will use political patronage rather than merit as the means of creating supervision.

While the new method has not been made fully operative so that anyone can see it in full detail, the restriction which Mr. Roosevelt has laid down that only relief labor shall be used is looked upon as providing a means of dodging complete operation of the plan. It is to be noted that the Republican plank

does not limit the workers wholly to relief. In making such a restriction as the President has done, it is held in some quarters that there will not be too many communities able to take advantage of the fresh federal funds. The reason for this is that particularly in the smaller communities there is not a great amount of skilled labor. This comparatively small proportion of skilled labor, comparatively small when measured against the amount of common labor, or unskilled labor, available makes it impossible in a good many instances for the smaller communities to obtain money.

The situation is simply this: in the construction of sewage and water systems and most other construction jobs, there is more skilled labor required than will be available in the communities where these public works are to be undertaken. Further, with the pick up in industry, however small it may yet be, the skilled artisan has more chances to get jobs than has the common laborer. In addition, I think it can be fairly said that a skilled worker is of the type to be among the last to go on relief rolls. In any event, he will not go on the relief rolls until there is no other alternative. He is able to earn a much higher rate of pay than is available to him as a relief dole and naturally is not content to remain on the relief rolls longer than is absolutely necessary.

In this direction then, trouble may lie. Possibly some communities will be guilty of seeking to induce skilled workers to go on relief rolls for a sufficient length of time to enable them to carry out an agreement to employ only relief labor. This is a regrettable possibility but it is a very real one.

In all fairness to the President, I think it must be said that he is proceeding on a method to reach communities and unemployed that hitherto have been rather like stepchildren. The big relief projects under the former PWA system, and the Harry Hopkins method of handling relief in some way or other have managed to be concentrated in the great cities. While some persons may be unkind enough to say that the President is expanding his vote-getting machine to the small communities, it nevertheless remains as a fact that the system now undertaken will let some relief dribble down to those who have not had it before. In any event, since it is the Republican proposal and it is being tried out by the New Deal, it is an experiment very well worth watching.

The nations of the world find themselves in one of those peculiar and almost humorous situations that can develop only from the queer quirks of diplomacy. It has not progressed far enough yet for anyone to say what the outcome of this new diplomatic situation will be but it is not devoid, nevertheless, of possibilities both from the serious as well as the humorous side.

It may have escaped general notice that, under Mussolini's orders, King Victor Emanuel is now not only king of Italy but he is also emperor of Ethiopia. He was given this new title immediately after the conquering hordes of Italians had held their triumphant march in Rome and, as far as Mussolini was concerned, Ethiopia had gone out of existence, a dead nation.

Despite the fact that Mussolini would like to have Emperor Haile Selassie known only as a plain Mr. Tafari, most of the nations of the world still are compelled, through treaty agreement, foreign policy or plain desire to consider that Mr. Tafari still has the title of emperor of Ethiopia which he and his ancestors so long bore.

There is, however, this circumstance: since no nation has extended formal recognition to Italy as embracing Ethiopia, no diplomat can be formally received in that capacity. For example, the new Italian ambassador to the United States will come to Washington as the plenipotentiary of the king of Italy and emperor of Ethiopia but our ambassador to Italy, Mr. Welles, will go to Rome when he returns to his post this fall as the ambassador to the court of King Victor Emanuel—nothing being said about Ethiopia.

All of this results from American foreign policy and the foreign policies of other nations who oppose the taking of territory of another nation or race by force. It is a policy firmly footed, as witness the course of all of the nations excepting only Salvador in their attitude toward Manchuria which is now under Japanese control. Salvador recognized Japanese sovereignty over Manchuria largely because it was thereby enabled to consummate a great coffee sale.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Marshfield—Release of the state planning board's recommendations regarding consolidation of Marshfield and North Bend into one city is expected this month, according to George Godfrey, public relations representative for the board.

Klamath Falls—Plans are under way for an inoculation clinic in the Main district because of two deaths attributed to typhoid fever. The county health office and the 40 & 8 organization are cooperating, and inoculation will be given free to all persons wishing it.

Corvallis—Mrs. Mary H. Whitby, 80, earliest living graduate of Oregon State college, died last week after a paralytic stroke suffered some time ago. She was a member of the class of 1871. Her death makes Mrs. Clara T. Harding, San Diego, class of '73, earliest living graduate.

Monmouth—Ira Ray, Elkins farmer, will harvest a first crop this season of the Boisen berry, the first to be grown in Polk county. Developed recently in California, the berry resulted from crossing the Cuthbert raspberry, loganberry and a blackberry. It is black and has a loganberry shape.

Corvallis—One of the finest private libraries in the state on mining and geology, belonging to the late Hiram Dryer McClaskey of Central Point, will be added to the Oregon State college campus library. More than 1000 bound volumes and several hundred unbound volumes, valued in excess of 2500, comprise the collection.

Silverton—J. D. Drake, local photographer, has a hobby which deserves the appreciation of all wildflower enthusiasts. He has scattered many thousands of various flower seeds along the Mt. Hood Loop trail, along Mt. Jefferson and into Breitenbush. He raises many millions of lily seeds, his favorites, on his ranch in the Silverton hills.

Crater Lake—Accommodations for winter visitors at Crater Lake national park will be available if enough southern Oregonians indicate before fall that they will use them, David Canfield, superintendent of the park, said last week. Tentative plans call for renting cabins in the rim area for \$10 a month or \$60 a season. Two snow plows would keep the road open to the rim throughout the winter.

LaGrande—Congressman Walter M. Pierce has announced that he will hold a designation examination for appointment to the United States Military academy at West Point on Saturday, October 17. The successful candidate will enter the academy in July next year. One principal and two alternates will be chosen in October, with a further qualifying examination listed for March. Applicants must have reached their 17th birthday but must not have reached their 22nd, on the date of entrance into the academy.

TO CONSIDER HEALTH RULES
Bend—Contagious diseases such as those that swept through schools of Bend last winter can be controlled only by "putting the blame where it belongs—on the parents," Dr. C. A. Fowler told members of the city commission last week. He suggests an amendment to the city health ordinance to penalize parents or guardians who allow children with communicable diseases to go on the street or to public places.

Agreeing with Dr. Fowler that the only way to check the spread of these diseases is to make parents realize their responsibility, the commissioners passed at first reading an ordinance to hold parents responsible. Final action will be taken next week.

FIRE WARNING GIVEN
Salem—The most hazardous forest fire situation in the past few years faces the forestry department now, John W. Ferguson, state forester, said last week in announcing rigid enforcement of the law prohibiting discarding lighted material. Special precaution was urged along highways to prevent fires starting from thrown-away lighted cigars, cigarettes or matches. Ferguson estimated that one-third of all man-caused fires are due to careless smokers.

Because of a favorable spring with frequent rains resulting in unusually dense growth of grass and weeds there is a definite increase in the hazard over past years, he pointed out. As the growth dries out, fire danger, especially during August, increases sharply.

Halfway—An epidemic of brain fever among horses in the Pine and Eagle valleys has alarmed farmers and horsemen with its high toll of fatalities among the animals. Pine valley has suffered the loss of 20.

The Dalles—Joe Steers, city recorder, declared last week that a traffic school should be conducted for local business men. Eleven of 16 tickets handed out by local police to traffic violators one day went to business men and women for minor infractions of the law.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Debunking War's Romance
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Mrs. "Bud" Lighton, one of the smartest women on this or any other coast, has started a symposium of suggestions for the promotion of national sanity the next time diplomats or politicians, profiteers or professional sword rattlers, or all of these types combined, try to rush a country into futile and uncalled for war— which classification covers most wars.

Her peace formula includes these ideas:

No brass bands whatsoever. No speech-making by stay-at-home orators. No recruiting except by men who have themselves enlisted for active service. No brass buttons. No shiny buckles, no gaudy regalia. Respect for the flag and, if necessary, all proper defense for it, but no cheap waving of it beforehand. No blatant emotional displays being turned off or on like a hydrant. Reason to be invoked rather than mobsteria.



Irvin S. Cobb

Red Baiters' Field Day
A GENTLEMAN in Iowa, who presumably inquired into the matter, asserts that in this country are upwards of 4,000,000 aliens who entered illegally and that the vast majority of these—over 90 per cent, are on relief. While we're fighting corn borers and tobacco worms and boll weevils with government funds, wouldn't it be a grand idea to turn a lot of G-men loose to round up these smuggled-in human parasites and ship them back where they came from?

Locally speaking, I'm told that the average foreign-born agitator, ostensibly seeking to organize the casual workers of this state, is really a red agent spreading communistic doctrines under cover of his seeming activities in the industrial field. In other words, his real aim is not to unionize labor but to disunionize America.

Watson, the fly-swatter and the insect poison—quick!

The League's Big Moment
AT LAST here's a chance for the League of Nations to function. For the poor thing it has been an uphill pull to slide down hill so steadily, with each descending step toward the bottom marked by disappointment and failure. It had almost as tough sledding as a smooth-faced, bearded lady would have trying to get a job in a museum.

But now, the league can punish at least one small nation for persistently breaking the otherwise solid front presented by nearly all the important European powers. Surely, ere long, it will hang some sort of penalty on little, simple-minded Finland for regularly paying installments on her debt to us.

This disruptive thing cannot possibly be permitted to go on forever when the sacred principles of dishonor, ingratitude and repudiation are all at stake!

Paging the Black Legion
IT IS passing strange that the Black Legion is so slow about offering Herr Hitler honorary membership in the mother-lodge up in Michigan. Both parties seem to feel alike on the subject of persons of color.

Meanwhile just so long as they didn't try to stop him from shaking those nimble feet our brown-skinned flying squirrel, Jesse Owens, should worry because a dictator refuses to shake his hand.

With Metcalfe and other dark colleagues helping him pile up so commanding a lead for the American team in the Olympic games, it's almost time for the band to play "All Gawd's Chillun Got Wings."

Synthetic Spanish Hidalgoes
AND the famous Santa Barbara fiesta flouting on every side and yours truly looking as much like a Spanish hidalgo as anybody born in McCracken county, Ky., could be expected to look.

Plenty of other disturbing occurrences, too. Heat wave still hanging on in spots. Fresh European complications on account of the Spanish mess.

Down at his home on the range where seldom is heard a discouraging word—except from Washington, D. C.—we behold Uncle Jack Garner, with his head over the corral bars, beginning to moo plaintively. And now, on top of all that, it seems we must start worrying about Tommy Manville's next wife or wives, as the case may be—and probably will.

I do wish Tommy could see his way clear to hold off till fall. If memory serves me aright, the fall always was his favorite marrying season, anyhow.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for August 23

THE GOSPEL FOR ALL MEN

LESSON TEXT—Acts 11:5-17; Romans 1:15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Learns a Lesson. JUNIOR TOPIC—Peter Makes a Great Discovery.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—First Steps in World Brotherhood. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Universal Brotherhood in Christ.

Christianity early found its progress impeded by a difference of opinion. Such a difference when met in a Christian spirit will not be a stone of offense, but when properly and tactfully settled may be a stepping stone to progress.

Jewish Christians at Jerusalem were disturbed by the report that Peter had received the gentile Cornelius as a Christian brother without requiring him to fulfill the Jewish law of circumcision.

Peter defended his action not by asserting his position or appealing to his apostolic authority, but by relating what God had done. Henry Drummond once said, "The best argument for Christianity is a Christian." The best proof that God has actually been at work is to present the unanswerable evidence of a redeemed soul. In thus making his plea Peter reveals that

I. He Had a Vision of God's Purpose (vv. 5-10).

God had spoken to him. When we meet a man who is in touch with God, we should at once give heed. He may be, and perhaps should be, the minister or a Christian leader, but he may be and frequently is some humble, unknown servant of God. But if God has spoken to him we will do well to listen. Peter had learned the great lesson that what God had cleansed man should receive as clean.

II. He Had Seen God Work (vv. 11-15).

The Holy Spirit had fallen on the gentiles and they actually had been saved. Is it not singular that in the early church they could hardly believe that a gentile could be saved? Now we are astonished if a Jew is saved! Why will we in our unbelief limit the Holy One of Israel?

The all-powerful gospel of the grace of God is still saving men and women, Jews and gentiles, from their sins. Have you seen it happen? It is a great inspiration to faith and service. God is ready so to encourage us—he is the same today as he was when he sent Peter to Cornelius. Are we willing to run his errands, proclaim his message?

III. He Had Received a Fresh Insight into God's Word (v. 16).

The best way to learn the meaning of God's Word is to use it, live it, obey it. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" (John 7:17).

Peter had learned anew that God's Word meant just what it said. We who are his servants should believe his Word and act on it in faith.

IV. He Knew Better Than to Withstand God (v. 17).

When God has not raised any barriers of race, creed, color, class, or social position, it is not for his followers, and assuredly not for his servants, to build "fences" which he would not authorize or countenance.

One of the needs of our day is that those doing God's work should not withstand him and his will. He who is the same yesterday, today, and forever is ready to work as powerfully today as he did in the days of Abraham, Moses, Daniel, and of Peter. Let us give him liberty to work in and through us, not as we may wish, but as he desires. Who are we that we should withstand God?

V. In Conclusion (Romans 1:15-17).

This portion presents a magnificent declaration from Peter's co-worker, Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believes, Jew or Greek. Regardless of race or condition, we are all unrighteous, and there is but one way of salvation—through faith in Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility and privilege to make this message known to all men everywhere. Your neighbor and mine, whether in the next house or on the other side of the world, is our opportunity. Not one is unclean or untouchable, although he may be stained with the dark pollution of sin. God is ready and willing to save. Let us tell men the good news!

Kindness

I shall pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human creature, let me do it now; let me not defer it, or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—S. Grellet.

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