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Can Capital Organize Labor? POLITICS AND LABOR

WHO SHALL MEND THE LABOR POLICIES?

A NEW SYSTEM OF LABOR-organization, or shorting up the old system, is in such active demand now that HOPE for required change seems warranted.

But it behooves those who are looking for SUBSTANCE because they have had so much experience with SHADOWS, to watch carefully their step!

This juncture in domestic labor war is fraught with MORE than the vast dangers surrounding our global peace settlement. I will cite two cases showing the danger I fear: 'FORTUNE', which should be loyal to business and capital, gives nearly the whole of an issue to an article by John Chamberlain purely in appraisal of the status quo of labor-unionism.

The 'World-Telegram' gives generously of its columns to Donald Richberg for new unionist plans and commendation thereof: which plans I am sure are no solution of the labor problem.

I concede they might make a bad system MORE TOLERABLE and therefore more palatable. It

that seems to these truly progressive publishers a proper object. Aside from these notable cases there is a widespread assumption that congress or the administration or President, have only to set about it, through NLRB or other law, to perfect or improve unions and solve labor's problem.

IN FRANKNESS LET ME SAY that my belief is that CAPITAL, being LABOR'S TWIN in the production of all wealth should be the only required form of labor organization.

Capital is the essence of labor organization. This, of course, is the exact reverse of Marxism which is in essence Unionism. And while I see no progress to be gained in appraisement of either of these ISMS, I know it may take time to arouse our twins of production everything to advancement on their highroad: but now is the time to SET ABOUT IT!

Capital is 100% saved up labor: it naturally has no interest not absolutely parallel to labor's.

This is a statement of ECONOMIC SCIENCE which is as exact and immutable as mathematics or any other science or LAW OF NATURE.

Compare this to the FALLACY that utterly rules unionism and its father, communism, which pose capital as the enemy of labor and prescribe perpetual class-war between them!

This labor-chaos now exerting its full force on us leaves another and prior chaos in full force—that of a dual system: of BASIC MONOPOLY fed by an equally virile system of CONSUMER-TAXATION.

SOMEWHAT ASTONISHED AT the use of a man of the Richberg type by a paper of the 'W-T' type, I will comment briefly on his 'findings':

Don complains no one does anything but kick about 'labor policies'; the answer is, labor is subject to PRINCIPLES: policies are

tired out! Decisive change, reeling, skidding, wrongful seizure, irresponsible labor, lawless government, etc.

All fine language. Too bad he has no concept of principle to apply to these abuses. Don is still back in the old NRA days! His mind takes in details and he would (does) succeed as a bureaucrat for this reason.

But no where do I see any more than faint assurance that he can patch up and perhaps make this system run better. As Mr. Perkins says in RE-introducing him to us he is an EXPERT in labor and railway laws: and when you realize that expertness in such laws consists in attempted evasion of the natural laws of science, you understand.

Labor produces ALL wealth, labor also produces capital by saving itself—labor—up. Capital has multiplied labor's output INFINITELY. This is done by hoarding labor's organization methods.

What ORGANIZATION can labor utilize beyond what it's own twin-brother has accomplished IF that multiplied product is ALL divided equally between them?

The answer to that question answers the whole industrial complex, and thence the whole social complex.

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE tragic fact that BECAUSE we have not confined capital to the service of labor: because capital has become entangled with BASIC MONOPOLY, something like half the MUTUAL PRODUCTION is lost. Wealth produced by labor assisted by capital has been taken from the producers, leaving them to quarrel over division of the balance.

Here enters LABOR ORGANIZATION which is mere labor exploitation. Labor leaders gradually pick up the Marx doctrine that capital is robbing labor: and we are now in the midst of the class-conscious warfare prescribed to right labor's wrongs!

Following capital's error closely: (1) it permitted itself to be taxed: ignoring the fact that IT (capital) could not pay the tax: and that it must be passed to its customers—the 135,000,000 consumers.

(2) The crucial point ignored, however, was that this tax (now pre-war, 23 billion dollars) would cut mass-buying power about half. This made business depression and as high as 20,000,000 UNEMPLOYED and will do so again.

(3) This business-consumer tax also built monopoly of basic resources by exempting them from tax when they are the only natural tax source.

Finally, let us note the REQUIREMENT that the tax be shifted onto the monopoly values so that capital can retrieve its place as the sole organizer and servitor of labor.

A NEW SET-UP OR FORM-ULA for labor and capital' is a better way to state it than a new labor-policy.

'Policy' has been very well portrayed in the past decade by New Deal treaties, not with LABOR, but with its self-constituted representatives, leaders, delegates, and racketeers.

If 'labor policies' be continued as a title honored (?) as for example our protective-isolationist for-

eign policy is, let us agree in the first line following the title that 'the relations of labor and capital shall be set absolutely on ECONOMIC LAW'. This will be our labor Constitution.

Let us in few words sketch this basis, to contrast with the labor chaos (policies) we are so familiar with: (1) this is the law of wealth production. (2) it is natural law, interpreted scientifically.

(3) Labor produces all wealth. (4) Capital is labor's subdivision and helper. (5) Ownership follows production.

(6) Therefore, all wealth goes to the co-producers, labor and capital. (7) And none to ANY alien interest.

(8) This excludes taxation which must therefore go to social sources of revenue, natural resources, franchises and economic rents.

TAX REFORM

10 MILLION MORE JOBS FROM TAX REFORM

THIS IS THE SCRIPPS HEAD-line of the C. E. D. Plan of the Committee for Economic Development comprising Paul G. Hoffman, Undersecretary of Commerce, and other economic professors for whom Harold Groves, Jr. or WAS seems the spokesman. This is big news even if it doesn't go far enough or in just the right way.

It's big because industry and the colleges are the two big defaulters on the subject of TAXATION OF INDUSTRY and we must be thankful for ANY move in the right direction by them and especially in combination.

This Committee doubtless aims to get all industry, including labor, behind it and then our 1500 colleges. To do this they should be content with no HALF MEASURES. From newspaper reports they so far attack mainly the direct taxes on corporations.

But if even the 10 million job increase is ASSURED it must get further into the cause of unemployment which is lost buying power of the consumer. The passing of practically ALL existing taxes to the buyer of products and services, in prices, is inevitable.

'BUSINESS CAN'T PAY ANY TAXES!' This slightly over-drawn statement means that business, in its everyday operation concerns itself with placing its taxes in its products where they will hurt the least. That business can IT-SELF pay taxes is mostly fiction. Business only pays taxes on behalf of its customers. The check is drawn by the manufacturer or merchant but it is charged to the customer who is eventually THE CONSUMER.

So Mr. Hoffman should steer his committee with a steady hand to the single object of SHIFTING all taxes from business, so its customers as such won't be destroyed by them. Then this becomes an ECONOMIC QUESTION for these economic professors to handle.

Their answer will be clear if they follow only SCIENTIFIC economics. This states the law: that taxing is a social function and must be only upon social values such as site values, utility franchises and natural resource

DO WE WANT A LABOR GOVERNMENT?

SHALL WE JUDGE BY ENGLAND'S experience? Shall we decide on our sentimental regard for 'labor'? Or on the 'general principles' of New Deal or progressive reform? Or frankly accept the trend into unionism and also if that is communism, take that too?

David Lawrence predicts that FDR will turn definitely to the left if he's elected: and he gives many good reasons for that belief. This is one of Lawrence's almost naive 'postulates' which you always thank him for as sober, sane, truly conservative opinions.

The President won't call it left. 'Isn't labor a good thing?' he may ask. 'And aren't the people good things too? And what is statecraft for if not to help these good things to have all's coming to them?' And no one (that IS anyone) has challenged my statement that economic laws are made only by ourselves.

Yes, Lawrence sounds the alarm! He will turn more left. That will be more union-communism. He may sell out New Deal to PACIO. That will be the KIND of labor government we DON'T want. If FDR didn't think that way about economies he would give us a labor party that would displace both old and less parties!

WE NOW HAVE A NONDEScript government, whether it is N.D. or GOP. The N.D. tends so strongly to Marx collectivism in its evil combination of unionist-racketeering and cheap corrupt political bureaucracy as to fairly justify calling it blantly COMMUNISM.

GOP besides handing N.D. its running start in unionism, gave it a legacy of SIMON PURE MONOPOLY amounting to \$200 billion. And a GOING SYSTEM of subsidy and product-taxation which robs labor and capital of half their wages and profits. This is a fair description of 'fascism,' a counterpart of communism.

So we have our choice between these popular favorites, communism and fascism. And if it will serve to assist 50,000,000 or so honest citizens who can't be blamed for being in doubt how to vote in Nov. 1944, we may honestly say there's little difference between these BEAUTS. Toss up a cent!

Finally, YES! We sadly need a labor government—a LABOR-CAPITAL government. And a man of FDR's tremendous ability could give it to us in short order. That's the ORGANIZATION labor demands to pull capital out of the monopolistic mire and put it at work serving labor and the 135,000,000 public!

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IN ORDER TO ATTACK CAPITAL, BUSINESS AND WEALTH, collectivists have undermined the main body of capitalists—the laborers, who produce all capital.

royalties, which are ample to sustain all normal government. This will relieve consumption, so that the total business turnover of \$150 to \$200 billion will come without strain. Without such relief it will not likely ever pass the \$100 billion mark.

THAT HUNDRED WORD PLATFORM

IT IS TRAGIC HOW NE (but how rarely) we appreciate science and sense in our politics (that should be STATESMANSHIP). A recent case was the indispensable FDR's challenge threatened us with hundred-word platform!

The last recrudescence of urge was at the famous Jack day dinner in Washington previewing the Wilson nomination which was an elimination contest, lady-statesman from Wisconsin moved that we have a platform 'short enough to crowd the leaders off the front pages'!

I hear no one now-days is TRYING to defend either conditions or their platforms. Even good columnists like Lawrence and Mallon admit they only see the doubtful function of UNT But a 100 word platform is not be a joke any more than Atlantic Charter need be.

While there's no reason for saving of words, boiling platform to statements of principles should itself by a principle which would be an excellent test statesmanship to apply. THAT HUNDRED WORD PLATFORM HERE IT IS!

OUR PARTY HAS BUT ONE vital interest. That is the being of the masses, the so-called common people. This means PHYSICAL or ECONOMIC fare. These secured, complete welfare will follow. Directly opposing welfare is our tax system which impoverishes the masses enriches the classes.

The taxation of labor produces in half the people's consumption, creating millions of unemployed, business depression poverty.

Shifting about 25 billion dollars of taxes to basic monopoly exempt, would give construction their full needs, double production, jobs and wages and a PERMANENT prosperity peace.

THIS MAY SAFELY called the first appearance of economic principles in a political platform. We have seen nearly two centuries without it so you may argue that we continue politics without reference to science, natural law or ethics.

And that is perfect logic if don't mind having from 5 to 15 million unemployed, a third of 125 million people on the verge of poverty, a constant labor-bellion, and a world war of traction every generation. But to those who still believe that mankind has some sort decent destiny, I give the assurance that it may be achieved by a brief economic political form—and only by that or equivalent way.

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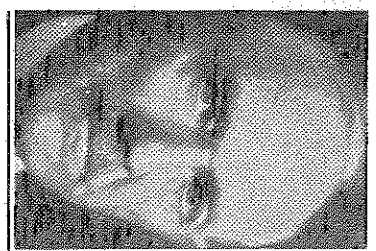
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WOMEN'S JOBS AFTER THE WAR?

I LIKE TO TRY MY HAND at answering tough questions ahead of the professionals (like Eleanor Roosevelt) to see how they look alongside: to do this of course I hide my eyes from what they say, as in this 'My Day' till my 2c worth is deposited.

I assume the First Lady will do big planning for her sisters and that the 'job' as headlined is not figurative: A glorious future for her sex in the business world. But I'm going to imagine a house and buggy or cradle-rocking remittance.

Just suppose we could have a President (and no objection to his being married) who would procure the UNTAXING of all labor products and all the UNDER-privileged, by shifting ALL taxes (prewar \$23 billion) to the OVER-privileged or their PRIVILEGES: so 135 million consumers would consume double!

This, of course, would provide jobs for every man and every woman too and even the children: and at unprecedented wages. BUT does Eleanor think that with business volume double so any man could be independent and build and support a home the 'career woman' will be so popular.

And that we shall ever hear of child employment again? Will she and FDR have a real broad smile over the idea of having such a President?

JOHN S. CODMAN, 222 SUMNER Street, Boston, is what I like to call a Fundamentalist in Scientific Economics, or a Physiocrat of whom there are none too many among the global 2 1/4 billion 'pops'.

As an example of the Codman quality: he refuses to line up with the mine-run 'economists' who think rent—meaning land or economic rent—enters into and becomes a part of the (high) price of the products produced or sold on a given site.

A curious and hence human, rabble-rousing, tendency induces many otherwise pleasant people and partly informed economists to bitterly denounce ALL rent and interest collectors, when it is only the USURIOUS ones who merit such 'abuse'.

In other words, there are two kinds of BOTH rent of land and interest of capital: and it is equally fallacious to denounce the wrong (RIGHT) kind and God-man shows with perfect lucidity JUST why neither rent or interest do (not) normally make high prices.

But Codman thinks these denouncers don't really mean it—just a difference of words. I insist that he make an issue of it and use all his powerful logic to uproot such careless thought—and talk.

WE HAVE 2-WAY PRODUCTION of wealth, by labor and capital; and 3-way division of the products; between labor, capital, and monopoly.

"democracy" is not a whimsy; it is the missing half of democracy—its economics.

TOP PRODUCTION

THE PEOPLES CAPACITY TO BUY

YOU NEVER KNEW PERHAPS that your lively interest in buying the things you like and need is EXACTLY at the point of solution of all our biggest economic problems!

I mean: what you are sometimes told are your selfish, extravagant desires, if fairly indulged, would also satisfy the full demands of property, prosperity, of business, of labor and of capital. Yes, it would end the presently unsolvable problems of society!

Because it is the mass-enforced self-denial that is responsible for subnormal business turnover, 'ECONOMISTS' talk wisely of 'OVER-PRODUCTION' in this naive search for causes of unemployment of millions. There's nothing to this phenomenon but this UNDERCONSUMPTION.

Just the simple lifting of the lid of 'everyone's' capacity to buy all they want instead of, as now, the little they can afford—this lid now held down tight by a devilish kind of tax that is plastered onto every price and on the average about doubles it.

Chambers of Commerce are now straining to show industry (labor and capital) how to raise volume from 80 to 140 billion without disturbing the tax that KILLS the 135 million consumers' capacity to consume. They can't find that lid!

THIS GOSPEL OF PLENTY

THIS IS JUST THE GOSPEL everyone wants and could get for themselves overnight if they had some REAL LEADERSHIP. If colleges, from their splendid landings stages, projected economists SCIENTIFICALLY equipped instead of ROBOTS, we could have that gospel.

For it needs simply the shifting of some \$25 billion taxes pre-war, from the products that labor and capital produce to the labor—AND AMPLIFIED—source of all taxation where it would not even annoy anyone. This is also a monopolistic source that the tax would break up.

Natural resources get all their values SOCIALLY from all the people. That's why they are a natural tax-source, because taxing is a social process—government. Then, these resources are the raw materials of production: and must be FREED from monopoly.

To get the MAXIMUM business turnover planned we will have to do two things: (a) Free the people's total mass buying power of ALL INFLATIVE TAXES. (b) This almost doubled production will demand doubled use of ALL RESOURCES including utilities, sites and opportunities: so these must be freed from monopoly.

WHEN SOCIALISTS ARE READY TO MEET RUGGED INDIVIDUALISTS half way, and vice versa, we may then have a democracy that will work.

capital: and land values in society (7) that government being a social requirement may only be supplied from social sources (8) that this leaves wealth production and products UNTAXED.

(9) That this will insure MAXIMUMS of (a) consumption and enjoyment of all products by everyone (b) employment of capital and prosperity of business (c) employment of labor, and of idleness and poverty (10) that normal economic conditions will end labor war and world war.

ECONOMICS—THE MASTER SCIENCE

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE OF ECONOMICS?

I WON'T TROUBLE TO LOOK in Webster's, for the 'time is short yet endless' and I know it is:—'The natural law relating to the production and DIVISION of wealth.'

Wealth is produced from the raw materials of the earth by labor assisted by capital which is a sub-division of labor. Wealth is what everyone needs and desires: it is a synonym of property.

Ownership derives from production (of wealth) and creation (of social or land values). Thus all wealth must, as produced, belong only to labor and capital: and all land values (about equal to all wealth) must belong to society since they are created by ALL the people, COLLECTIVELY.

The same identical collection of people requires government and social service. Hence the land values or rent ONLY may be used to pay for such service. This leaves all LABOR PRODUCTS or wealth for NET DIVISION between their two producers, labor and capital now untaxed.

This formula of economic science gives consumers (everyone) about double the present products, business a doubled volume and labor full employment at natural wages. It is the formula of maximum production and natural distribution or division of wealth.

WHAT IS AN ECONOMIST?

THE CONVENTIONAL ANSWER is: One who has a diploma from one of the 1500 colleges chartered to issue diplomas. But what shall be done if it is found that in none of our colleges is there any authentic FORMULA OF SCIENTIFIC ECONOMICS?

This will apparently be a battle of DIPLOMAS VS FORMULAS. You will find plenty of Diplomats and Chairs and Ecdyonic Professors comfortable in them but no formulas that you—or they—can understand at all like above.

Then are economics so difficult? What do you say after reading THE FORMULA? Are not all the words clear? Are not all the POSTULATES clear and logical? Does not the formula parse or check? Is it not provable by common sense and common knowledge?

Then is not this the answer to 'what is an economist?': A person capable of understanding THE ECONOMIC FORMULA? Maybe this is DEBUNKING economics! I think the formula contains the Essence of Scientific Economics and that its brevity and simplicity rather takes the DISMAL out of economics: and THE STALL in teaching economics away from the 'economist' in our 1500 colleges!

THE MASTER SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE ECONOMISTS

WE ALL KNOW THERE'S SO much bunk in education that it is no surprise to find plenty in this relatively new science. The 12 years of New Deal, nurtured by the college cult, specially supports this conclusion.

Yet, I don't depend on the N.D. weakness to support this novel position as to the MASTER SCIENCE. I claim it as self-supporting.

It requires to understand but one resolution on the part of any person of AVERAGE intelligence: which is a DETERMINATION to use that ability.

These ten postulates: (1) I claim need no AUTHORITY for YOU to accept: (2) that science MUST be the basis of wealth production (3) that science is nature's law interpreted by common sense and experience. (4) That wealth is produced by labor and capital (5) that social values are created by all people.

(6) That OWNERSHIP is inviolable—wealth in labor and

DIVISION OF WEALTH

HOW MAY DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH BE RENDERED SCIENTIFIC?

The production of wealth IS scientific: in its detail, in its bulk and its miraculous achievement it is conducted ONLY in conformity with a series of matured and unchallenged scientific laws.

AND with a strange and tragic inconsistency it is as confidently stated that in the obviously simpler process, of DISTRIBUTION of wealth science plays no part and has not even been consulted! Here it is necessary to specifically define the word 'distribution' as not meaning the physical spreading of wealth around: but the exact division of it: and presumably among those concerned in its production.

These last words are thrown in because—as proving the need for resort to science and proving the 'non-consultation'—it might seem from facts to be presently stated that producers were NOT to be concerned in the HAVING of what they produced!

Restating and defining our question therefore: 'we—say industry, which is labor and capital—have done a perfect job of WEALTH PRODUCTION: to be specific, amounting to \$200 billion in the USA, because guided by science.'

YET we (now including all the professors and statesmen) by overlooking science in division have made a mess of it—even to overlooking, and thereby impoverishing, the producers of it all.

AGAIN A LITTLE DEFINING:

'distribution' or 'division' of wealth is not the physical process of delivery of it to those producing: but the rather bookkeeping process of paying over the proceeds or profits like declaring a dividend in wages and interest!

How can we supply that essential quality of science to this seemingly simple process? (a) Science—economic science which reigns in this field—declares that:

(b) OWNERSHIP derives from production or creation.

(c) That wealth is produced by labor. (d) by human labor assisted by its organized form called capital (e) that hence there can be no ownership of wealth, as produced, other than by labor and capital.

(f) That required by wealth production are the raw materials of the earth and all the inexhaustible facilities of natural and other resources of land (g) that these requirements give land a value equal to all accumulated wealth and property.

(h) Yielding income or economic rent enough to cover all social needs of the people (i) that these needs now being drawn from labor, the consumer, and industry, by the taxation of products about doubling their cost—should OBVIOUSLY be secured from land values as the only source of taxation.

REALLY THE ART IN PRESENTING this question of "How we can render dividing wealth scientific" is to make a question of it: Here we prove that only two factors, labor and capital, make EVERYTHING that everyone wants which we've named wealth. And we then have to ask that question! And especially as everything they do in making or producing is strictly scientific. It is actually in the 'believe it or not' category. Ownership and possession even by finding or capture, not at all in the class with producing it, is protected by every device known to man.

Our most drastic punishments are given those violating this division of property rights. Yet we have allowed our two PRIMARY PRODUCERS to be robbed in broad daylight of about half their product. And by a SYSTEM of taxation operating in the interest of a major system of basic monopoly.

A NEW SLAVERY

PEGIER WAS A POET

other day and now is a bibliophile He has read over the 100-year-old debates on Negro slavery a found an English Lord coal mine employing free labor at 4c a day and arguing excitedly against importation of African slaves.

Naturally Mr. Lord faced strong arguments from an American slave-owner who at least kept 1 slaves from starving. And Pegier uses the incident to compare what he finds in certain phases of unionism which he refers Messrs. Roosevelt and Hillman.

I applaud and would carry 1 comparison further, to our totalitarian slavish economy, which the unionist charge broadly true except as to cause and for which I hold capitalists responsible: for not organizing labor to end it, by removing ALL taxes from labor (and capital products, to BASIC MONOPOLY).

'INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY' a reality we have left for interpretation of rabble-rousers, unionists and communists: instead dealing with it factually and scientifically. And it includes phases (and races) of RACIAL WAR. It justifies the Pegier comparison and should bring him the cause and its removal.

Industry guided by PSEUDOECONOMICS of our co-ops—'loving itself to be tangled in' basic monopoly by a ridiculous product-taxing system, tolerates (1) a high price level of the products (2) hence a low volume level of its customers' buying power (3) a depression level business turn-over (4) low employment and wage level.

Poverty of people and business, ANTI-PROSPERITY, amounting frankly to INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY in which race war and labor war and world war (in serial thrice like the green bay tree.

ENSLAVING LABOR BY UNIONS

YOU HEAR EVEN IN OUR intelligent quarters of the 'Principles of labor unionism or organization. These are mainly 1 means of gouging the most out (a) the employer (b) the work (c) the consuming public. And add (d) miscellaneous sources, a tribute to efficiency of unionism.

This comment may be variously characterized by organizers a their well-wishers (of which there are many who are bewildered the labor problem). But I am 1 of those who either hate, bait wonder at the manipulation of labor by unionists AND politicians.

'Enslavement to the politics Sydney Hillman' is described George Sokolsky in narrating 1 7 year fight of CIO on the independent' union of the Wier Steel of 8000 members in which the union has spent \$340,000 year. Having lost ground even inch of the way, now NLRB 1 come to the rescue, in a suit 1 the union.

Unions feed off labor as inevitably as do bureaucratic politicians and monopoly: and if all feed off capital and industry just as they do from labor. Union are no less an exploiter of labor than are its other three enemies.

WE HAVE CONSUMER, 1 sales-taxes, because we don't 1 lect rent and royalties due us fr basic monopoly.

BASIC MONOPOLY IS PLI three ways; between natural sources, site values in cities 1 utility franchises.

The real question is how 1 we get these producers around to the point of joining in 1 adoption of science in division their product by shifting A 1 their taxation to their ene 1 monopoly. Capital has the org 1 izing power and labor has 1 votes, when will they start?

SHALL WE MAKE LAND COMMON PROPERTY

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND MONOPOLY OF THE EARTH

OPENING UP OUR FRONTIERS

THE BYRD ECONOMY COM- mittee reports that the U. S. Government owns 384 million acres of land in the country which is not far from twenty percent or one-fifth of the 3,000,000 square miles or 2 billion acres.

The rapid acceleration, and the duration, of this communistic process relating to the basic element of our national existence; and other unusual enterprises of this administration, prompts some very pointed statements by this committee. The 26 republican governors, Mr. Dewey and his campaign committee are also making full use of this spectacular statement.

It brings to the surface (or should) the question of LAND MONOPOLY and maybe will get that fundamental question into a position of SOLUTION. This monopoly is at the base of all other forms of monopoly; it consists of withholding from the use by labor and capital, the producers of all wealth, of all the varied forms of the NATURAL RESOURCES of the earth.

Our inverted economics whereby the exclusive sources of all the raw materials for humanities' subsistence are allowed in private ownership and speculation, are responsible for a wrong which no government should permit.

WHILE IN A VAGUE WAY— as with other communist aims—the Federal land buying may be aimed at land monopoly, there has been no effect of this sort felt; nor is PURCHASE a practical method; this aggravates the disease. Taxation of this monopoly is necessary.

Let us at this point consider another equally important phase: the fact that possibly enough more acreage to make the total more than half of all land is now in default of taxes and subject to sale. This puts the various branches of government in direct partnership with the land speculators.

The land racketeer buys a farm on the edge of a growing city paying \$400 an acre and selling in a few years at \$100 a lot or \$1700 an acre. BUT the expected boom may disappoint; and for 10 or even 20 years he may pay no taxes.

AND THEN he may pay off his SILENT partner and take a big profit. A recent survey showed many states with a large portion of their land in this situation of default. I think Michigan, California and Florida were reported at over half. This affects mainly the local and county treasuries as Federal taxes are not drawn from land directly; nor are the states largely. Though tax bills in various ways get into the higher government's possession.

★ OPENING UP OUR FRONTIERS

NOW IS THE TIME OF THIS era—a century of industrial climax—to take inventory and put into full use a VAST IDLE SOCIAL ESTATE. Historians and sociologists are telling us every day that we have gone by our heyday, when vast rich natural resources were available for the asking.

That is their answer to the numerous tragic economic problems that beset us from business depression, unemployment, to poverty and war. Yes, this is true; people, 200,000,000 of them, get their whole subsistence from their MOTHER EARTH and when that mother is over-run with land speculators or monopolists, this happy hunting ground for racketeers does APPEAR to have run short.

But what these chroniclers fail to notice is that the shortage of our frontiers is an artificial man-made one! The exploitation and sabotage of this rich earth, filled with everything we can possibly use, goes on under cover, unnoticed by our statesmen or justice

departments or even our colleges and churches, which are in fact our richest racketeers.

And, running wild as most anything will, this landracket has almost killed itself off: so today, something like half the area, of many whole states is hung up waiting for tax-foreclosure; and much of it has been for many years—some for generations!

THIS LAND RACKET IS THE greatest of all rackets; you may say my other statements just made, negates this; but it only looks so. It is 'the greatest' because it brings to its smug, aristocratic gamblers the cream of our social wealth, the equal of all private wealth; and with no effort or show of compensation, while all other racketeers give some quid-pro-quo.

On the other hand, this greatest of racketeers becomes the most degrading one in its inducement to masses of humble and honest people to ruin themselves in it; and this is the ruin depicted by the million square miles and speculative areas in which the government are virtual partners in speculation, through tax delinquency. And this is what now becomes our greatest opportunity to (a) begin the most fundamental reformation of all time—in our TAXATION and LAND TENURE; and (b) serve the post-war emergency in three vital ways.

We can give '40 acres and a mule' to every returning soldier that wants it. We will help industry to give 75,000,000 jobs. Help liquidate the huge war debt. Further, these millions of tax defaulters, most of them also farmers and home-owners, will have the only chance possible to regain their properties through a perpetual lease as I have proposed.

TO OPEN UP OUR FRONTIERS, virtually as they were open 100 years ago: except there will be no Indians to scalp us; and that the 'frontiers' will include every conceivable type of 'property'—to do this will require only the simple action of TAX FORECLOSURE. Simply enforcing existing law.

This seems almost ridiculous; that a special movement of such obvious propriety is required. But so does degeneracy of government work in both theory and practice. This in fact is where our democratic-individualism has gone—and let unionist-communism slide into its place.

Our government (which is 'we') has not seen the vast evil of land speculation (equally bad in the rich and poor phases I have mentioned). And so the heavy taxes on improvements and products have combined with the failure to collect on land, to DEVASTATE communities, counties, states AND OUR NATION!

Now let us, EVERYONE, wake up and have our governments (especially local and county) forthwith FORECLOSE all VACANT LAND taxes. NEXT we shall offer all such land FOR LEASE, not for sale for periods so long as the economic or land rent is paid. This action would make land and homes accessible to millions in the U.S. who today are competing with each other in over-crowded cities for jobs. OPEN OUR FRONTIERS! BACK TO THE LAND!

LET US SEE HOW OPENING the frontiers would affect these exterior emergencies and stagnations. Assuming half the land is monopolized and idle, the millions it would care for are uncountable; and this is not exaggerating or assuming every one wants to live on a farm. To reduce congestion and wage-competition only a fraction need do so.

This movement in land and natural resources would not only remove the spectre of UNEMPLOYMENT but it would cut down prices and increase production of

all the raw materials required by industry.

This broad action of land taxation will result in ending taxes on labor and capital products that double their cost to the consumer and halve his buying, business volume and employment. The very thought of the industrial and agricultural movement resulting from throwing into the stream of activity the billions of acres of now idle land challenges measurement. This would be like taking back from an alien horde that had misused (or NOT used) it and turning it over to our own millions for their urgent service, for them, estate Nature created for them. And this WITHOUT MONEY OR PRICE except that annual measure of land's value called Economic Rent, limited to what it will yield to labor in extra production of wealth.

★ THE NATURAL LAW OF OWNERSHIP

A REFLECTIVE PERSON OF average reasoning power, considering the extent to which this FUNDAMENTAL LAW IS ignored and violated would not wonder so much at the 'crazy' things he observes, such as war, race riots, delinquency, strikes and poverty.

This law is a part of the newish science of ECONOMICS which includes the production and division of wealth. But, bringing it closer to the average person, it is the law of common sense, right out of the copy book and a part of human instinct.

The law reads that ownership derives from production of wealth by labor and capital. And from creation of social values by ALL people collectively.

★ RENDER UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S

'PROPERTY RIGHTS' AS DISTINGUISHED from 'Human Rights' are shown by investigation to be mainly IDENTICAL. The human's right to his own person is not very real if it does not include all he produces, individually and collectively, and the right to freely exchange it.

Property, a synonym of wealth, should have the word INVIO- LABLE written in its TITLE. But this cannot be so long as man's collective or social creation is not also made inviolable in society.

MAN produces wealth and property and must own and possess them—ALL MEN, all men collectively, make up SOCIETY and create social values mostly in land and natural resources and equaling all wealth. Because we don't render this value to society our private wealth is in jeopardy.

★ 'THINE, MINE AND OURS'

THINE AND MINE, OUR OWN private wealth, is most precious to us; because we directly produce it and directly spend it. But it is of no greater value to us as a total and an average than 'OURS'; the social values we create collectively, communally and socially.

Because (a) the latter sells for as much in the market and (b) the security of 'thine and mine' rests on the security of 'ours,' OWNERSHIP is the key to the master science of economics.

And unless and until we learn that our possession of private property can only be cleared by yielding social values to society we will be under threat of MARXISM, Bureaucracy, and the State.

★ 'APPLIED SCIENCE' IN PRODUCTION is responsible for the success of capitalism. When will it apply the science of distribution to what it produces?

★ OWNERSHIP, AS BASED ON creation or production, is the first tenant of our jurisprudence. Yet the first thing a survey reveals is a 50% robbery of created wealth by non producers!

MORE GUFF ABOUT THE GUFFEY BILL

SOMETIMES A STATESMAN or even a politician can discover his mistakes in a few years of observation and refrain from repeating. This the President has not done in case of the great coal strike 'settlement' where John L. Lewis was the spear-head of a great coal-labor political conspiracy.

I use the ugly word because the name of Guffey was used to accumulate all the raises of 600,000 miners and the other demands of operators, transportation, distributors and all, and plaster them onto the coal-consumer's price. That's the formula of the Guffey bill which FDR pleads for renewal of.

This plea must be the work of the star presidential ghost-writer, so clever in bold sophistry and assertiveness is it. It is hardly necessary for critics to point to FDR's objective in trying to stall Lewis' break to the Republicans with his potential half million votes and dollars, for sake of which 'Dear John' was close in for many years.

The coal mine monopoly and this labor monopoly fit ideally into the scheme of the New Deal political monopoly; and the President's specious letter justifying it is a perfect flower.

THE JONKER DIAMOND HAS been written up a hundred times. But now that it's South African Dutch discoverer has died, Jacobus Jonker, who got \$350,000 for a FIND that took him not even a moment, deserves another word as a MONOPOLIST.

For this is one of the rare examples of pure basic monopoly which constitutes our major phenomenon which lies at the base of all our SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

This, in a few words, means that the diamond is one of millions of Nature's gifts to MEN—not MAN, and the problem we haven't yet solved, or rather put the solution to practice, how to distribute ALL Nature's benefactions to ALL her people. ECONOMICS holds this solution but this is a strange word (like DEMOCRACY).

WHAT IS AN 'EXPORT LICENSE' now being 'eased' Well, it's a part of the Foreign Policy you've heard lots of (and once in a while a realist will tell you we 'ain't got none'.

You see trading with foreign countries is very ticklish business—the trading isn't, it's the FOREIGN.

It's not the selling that's so ticklish, it's the BUYING. Ask a PROTECTION - ISOLATIONIST he'll explain it. If we buy cheap goods in foreign markets that will empty our factories and reflect the pauper foreign wages here. And of course ships can't go back empty, so if we don't IMPORT we can't EXPORT.

So we hold down to zero maybe \$50 billion of business by TARIFFS LICENSES, etc. The catch is that for every shipload we import, we export an equal shipload; so there can be no loss as claimed by real isolationists.

★ IF WOULD SEEM THAT 'Labor' is pacifist, since in this biggest year of war labor has put up its biggest year of strikes—by 1/3 over last year, which was the record.

So far 3,035 (average 5,208 for year) violations of the solemn no-strike pledge to the President and Commander-in-Chief. As proof that unionism is communism and therefore DIS-order and DIS-organization, striking goes right on as usual, in spite of promises and also (claimed) in spite of ORDERS by the union bosses: who by the way are trying to abrogate a no-strike pledge that doesn't exist!

Question: if labor can do this, automatically, illegally, unpatriotically if not treasonably, in war time when employment is 100% plus, what will happen when strikes are in order: when millions are unemployed and desperate?

SOURCES OF DELANO ROOSEVELT FIELD AND ASTOR WEALTH

PEGLER, IN WHAT I TOLD to be sort of a valedictory in 'World-Telly' gives an airing of the sources of the Delano fortunes—and going away before the time of Eleanor's by intriguing autobiographic (and without exactly 'placing'—an omission I think).

Pegler covers what is commonly called a moral delinquency, devastating conventionally, not so important publicly as might be cited as the ECONOMIC sources; and then can not of wider range of persons be in but also of subjects.

Optim running of Warren lano and 'foreign relations China in 1834 go big and BUT they do not approach question such as Eleanor first exposed where a mother's her cursing her and her but as causing the death in battle her only son.

Of course Mrs. FDR felt war-guilt or she would not have made the exposure. BUT I day I believe Presidents will be allowed with such 'sang- to plunge 135,000,000 people sacrifice of their most rights and precious possess So I question her denial that DID cause this war.

★ GOVERNMENT, PRETENT

to be against monopoly and going in for it itself, is an story. Just now cartels are field for this official enterprise. The D. of J. and Mr. Biddle shooting hard at cartellists (monopolists) specially linked Germany, the daddy of international cartels. Other departments are considering taking over some of these so-called monopolies.

Likewise the government has intervened in the greatest and basic monopoly, that of the USA—earth's surface as exclusively as speculators and monopolists do—instead of trying them on nominal rental terms (ending possession of still) tax-due land, and letting it those terms.

★ THE MORALS, POLITICS.

economics of Sydney Hillman George Sokolsky is much to point except that he leaves the politics and economics: a politician is not currently expected to be high in morals. Witness Democratic V.P. candidate.

But if Sydney could launch new party with equal part politics and economics he not would have something but world would see its first de-stration of STATECRAFT.

His first major mover economics would be to end war, low wages and unemployment by voting his party to TAX labor products by putting the taxes on monopoly, where belong.

This would double sale everything labor makes an double its jobs and wages GOOD politician could do it a year or so!

★ 'WORDS! WORDS! WO!

Oh Mr. Shakespeare. Ther now so many places for this ular quotation of W.S. that doubtful where it best fits, not fair to call this great a war of words though at Washington almost seems way.

I have a friend who calls self a WORDOLOGIST a think he deserves the title I certainly knows how to use another sublimates words by ing them 'things'. But S pears never had such use words as we have. We put words together and it costs more money than anyone can think. Just now a word of ters might save a million And I'd like to get Ernie P someone to tell me how t range some words to get i could organize labor the way.

Only is the

WAR REALTIES COMING HOME TO ROOST

SOME BIG, FELLOW HAVES JUST said that what we are really now doing is PREPARIN for WW III. And I agree with that. Especially as to the moves from the exchequer in London and the wonderful Society of Alleged Economists.

As Ray Clapper said earlier, he didn't know how to take care of himself, so as it seems to be on the job and at unthinkable cost to precious lives and money, we should make arrangements, including financing.

cially of vast natural resources which he knew were behind all around this, the last and even other war. And that always seemed to continue as a bone of contention because England (and ourselves) know just about enough to eternally protect every private monopolist of them—THAT ALL WE KNOW!

WHILE HULL RENEWS his force-for-peace demand the Pe-
rather thinks he's right, and the
ladies are declaring war for peace.
David Lawrence who has headed
"Good Doctors Can End War"
seems to think Dumbarton is tak-
ing hard at the pacifist role
and the necessity for force.

When peace builders start to structure and painfully progress but fail or refuse to give any

sliteration, even in words, to two notorious and related can of war, I can't credit them with expecting their structure to survive without force. I refer to charter freedom of natural

sources and world-wide fire
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European style of war devoted as FDR.

in Her Day? Yes! Who else could understand the objection of a normal person to having a young fellow give a year's time to his country! The breeding of hysteria is also super-normal.

All we need to do is to send down to the idea that we've always had wars, always will have wars, always must be ready at all times.

WILLIAM PHILIP SIMON, a columnist of fine quality the Scripps papers. He ind where FRANCE got back German toils through misfortune of our League of Nations. And where history can repeat self.

This argument is for U. S. Britain to be better off than before; and he quotes his diary of 25 years ago in support. But I think he omits crucial factors that he at should mention unless they be blinched.

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