

## TODAY and TOMORROW

PERFECTION . . . regimentation

From the days when men first began to think, philosophers and dreamers have been devising schemes for a perfect social order. Most of them sound well, read well when put on paper.

I have read and re-read all of the various projects for reorganizing society so that everybody will be happy. I find the same weakness in all of them. They all overlook the human element and the natural desire of everybody to live his own life in his own way.

There is no way in which human activities can be controlled except by force. We are witnessing now in Europe the operations of social organizations based upon force. Men and women are regimented servants of the state, compelled to live and work and even to play according to plans laid down for them by the dictators.

Nobody can make me believe that the peoples of Germany, of Italy and of Russia are happy under the restrictions and regulations imposed upon them. They are human beings, like the rest of us. The purpose of any government ought to be the greatest happiness of the greatest number. That is what makes America different from most other nations.

WELFARE . . . . . rights

Under the term "welfare" we are beginning to develop in this country a theory that people should have, not what they want but what somebody thinks is good for them. It seems to me that every such effort is an infringement on the most fundamental of human rights, the right to live as one pleases.

It is an easy step from telling people what is good for them to insisting upon their changing their ways of life to conform to some standard of living that has been decided upon by authority. Under the American system, fortunately, nobody has any authority to tell anybody how they ought to live and what they must do.

A good many of the plans which are being tried, however, look to me like efforts to bribe people into ordering their lives in ways which they never would do voluntarily. Paying money from public funds to keep farmers from planting whatever crops they please is one such example.

INDEPENDENCE . . . . . help

There is no sure road to happiness, but the one which leads to it most often is the road marked "Independence." The happiest people are those who are least dependent upon others, family, friends, society in general, or government.

Truly independent people do not have to be helped; they do not have to be entertained or coddled. They develop their own resources of life and living and they are not the ones who call on government for help when things go hard with them.

There are many more of that sort of Americans than there are of the sort who are constantly trying to get government to do something for them. My chief fear for the future of the United States is that we are getting so many people into the habit of yelping for help whenever things go wrong that we may come to believe that it is only by heeding all such appeals that the nation can be led along the road to happiness.

Such a philosophy will lead us nowhere except to general regimentation and dependence, instead of independence.

YOUTH . . . . . working

One reason why I think the American spirit of independence is not vanishing is the number of young men and young women I run across who are making their own way under their own power and not complaining that there is no chance for anybody any more.

I stopped at a filling station not long ago and was so impressed by the appearance and attentiveness of the young man who filled my tank that I began to draw him out. It turned out that he is a university graduate, bent on learning the oil business from the bottom up. "The president of our company started as an oil driller," he said. "I'm on my way up, too."

In Washington recently I com-

plimented my taxi-driver on the cleanliness of his car. That started him talking. Under thirty, he owns seven taxi-cabs, driving one and renting the others. He started with just enough for the down payment on his first car.

"I don't know any way to get ahead but by working," he said. "I'm working for myself, not for a boss, and I figure I'll get ahead faster than some of these guys in government jobs."

OPPORTUNITY . . . . . security

There are as great opportunities in America as there ever were; rather more, I believe. They are ready to the hand of anybody who is able to recognize an opportunity when he sees it, and who has the courage to take a chance. What any young man can do with his opportunity is up to him and nobody else.

One thing which many overlook is that an opportunity for profit also is an opportunity for loss. Nobody makes money without risk of losing money. The ones who are afraid to take a chance are the ones who demand security, permanent, steady jobs or else working on W.P.A.

We hear a lot about "Social Security," when as a cold matter of fact there is no such thing. There can be no security, in any real sense, for anybody, anywhere, at any time. The sooner we get rid of the notion that there is some sort of magic by which the world can be remade so that nobody will have to worry about where his bread-and-butter is coming from, the faster we will get back to national sanity and begin to be prosperous again.

FEED AND SEED

Halifax farmers have begun a plan to grow more small grains, soybeans, lespedeza, vetch, crimson clover and the like and will supply these to a commercial feed mixing plant, seed store and local market to be established at Enfield. The purpose of the movement is to get away from complete dependence upon cotton for cash.

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Total receipts from the 158 National Forests in the United States administered by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture amounted to \$4,671,133. Twenty-five per cent of which was distributed among nearly one-fifth of the 3,070 counties in the entire country.

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