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The Age-Old Battle

Senator Robert R. Reynolds last week offered a clear picture of the dispute now centering around the United States Supreme Court. He does not becloud the issue, as some have done, by yelling dictator, human rights threatened, and all those arguments that fail to have a clear ring in the ears of th epeople; he merely strips the issue to the bone when he says:

"President Roosevelt's proposal for reorganization of the judiciary, including an increase from 9 to 15 in the membership of the Supreme Court, unless justices 70 years or over retire, is just another major skirmish in the age-old battle over human rights and property rights. The battle has been waged, and waged strong, since our founding fathers began their labors at the constitutional convention in Philadelphia, just 150 years ago.

"It seems evident that the constitution, as finally drafted, was designed to place major emphasis on human rights-the rights of man. No better evidence can be found than that the Congress was created, despite all compromise, to represent the legislative will of the people. Provision was made for the President to exercise a veto over the acts of Congress-a veto that can be overridden by great majorities. And the courts were created to see that no rights guaranteed under the Constitution were infringed upon. It is doubtful whether it was intended for the courts to nullify legislative acts of Congress, the legislative will of the people.

"Nevertheless, the great Chief Justice Marshall quietly laid down such a principle in the famous case of Marbury vs. Madison. In delivering that historic opinion, the Chief Justice held in effect that a law repugnant to the Constitution is void. From that day to this there has been a question as to what extent the Congress can carry out the legislative will of citizens. The power of Congress to override a Presidential veto is definite, but the judicial veto of a majority of nine judges appointed for life seemingly ends the power of Congress to solve national ills, economic or social

"The Supreme Court's verdict of 'unconstitutional,' under that theory, is truly supreme, whether such authority over the destinies of 130,000,000 people was intended or not. In any event, since Chief Justice John Marshall's day, the Supreme Court has steadily taken unto itself broader powers of legislative review. There is ample reason for the statement that in case after case the courts have been building a mass PUBLISHED EVERY

proposal it is, and one that is claiming extensive atention in other States and countries

It was pointed out that if such a law was to be passed we would accomplish two main purposes; First, we would have a safe employee in the home or factory who is able to retain his job, is not dangerous to his fellow employees or employers and at the same time one who is receiving treatment for himself which will prolong his own life and prevent a great deal of misery and unhappiness; and, second, it will be another example of teaching a class of people, even with a heavy percentage of infection, what constitutes an adequate course of treatment for syphilis. It is just another approach in the relentless war being waged against venereal diseases, and it is only by working from many different angles that these diseases will be controlled

Vast improvements have been effected in health conditions in recent years, but in nearly every case the improvements were handed to the people without their asking for them. The general public is not against health measures, but too many of us have interested ourselves to a great extent in this or that fad, trying to lose weight or gain weight, partially, if not altogether, forgetting or overlooking the principles underlying good health. Social diseases, after these many years, are being publicly discussed for the enlightenment of the public, and although startling facts have been bared, the people are reacting very slowly, and some are remedying the bad situation by merely turning a deaf ear to the dangers.

We have not awakened to the fact that syphilis is recognized as the leading cause for deaths in State and Nation. The fact that little or nothing has been done in the past to cope with a condition that is gradually becoming worse is no reason why we should do nothing in the future.

The United States Public Health Service is formulating an extensive campaign against syphilis, and those States and minor political divisions with organized health set-ups are in line to reap results of great value. It is reasonable to expect that a limited aid will be given those counties without highly organized health units, yet the public of this county is doing little or nothing about procuring an all-time health service. John E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Health, is interested in an investigation of the health work, but no special meeting of his board will likely be called for a discussion of the matter unless the public shows interest and asks that such a meeting be held.

If there is a possibility of bettering health conditions, and those who are in a position to know say there is such a possibility, then let the public get behind the movement. An investigation will cost little and there is much to be gained.

Tax on Land

When a land tax is slapped on the people of this state after politicians assured them there would be none, a protest of far-reaching consequences is certain to follow. The present legislature will hardly reorganize its forces in another session. The administration is throwing snags in its own path, for the people can be expected to turn by the thousands from the Democratic party ranks to some other system for relief.

The count stands: Increased taxation for the common people and none mentioned for the corporations. Legislation has been enacted so smoothly during the current session of the North Carolina General Assembly that lobbyists were not considered necessary on any big scale.

Insurance Against Lean Years

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In its simplest analysis, the President's crop insurance plan-to apply first to wheat and later to other crops-provides that in a year when his crop yield was above the average the farmer would use a portion of his crop as payment of premiums on insurance against a lean crop year. He would be insured aga losses up to 75 per cent of normal yield. His "average" yield would be determined as it was determined under the AAA. Thus the surplus production of fat years would be used to balance the losses in lean years through bad weather conditions or other natural causes which have made farming since time immemorial an economically hazardous undertaking. Under this plan for the "ever normal granary," the farmer would be guaranteed simply 75 per cent of the average yield of his crop. It would, as the President points out in trasmitting the plan to Congress, "help to protect the income of individual farmers against the hazards of crop failure; it would help to protect consumers against shortages of food supplies, and against extremes of prices; and, finally, it would assist in providing a more nearly even flow of farm supplies, thus stabilizing farm-buying power and contributing to the security of business and employment." If this theory can be carried into successful practice, the result would be to provide the solution for the country's main agricultural problem. The plan povrides that the government shall buy up surpluses in order to equalize prices. Purchase of crop surpluses has not been particularly successful in the past. But hitherto these experiments have not been implemented with the government crop control measures which will supplement the crop insurance program. This may make a vital difference. The plan as outlined is interwoven with the previously announced program for better land use and for soil and water conservation in the Great Plains area, particularly, and in other sections generally. It contains many and vast ramifications. The President is convinced, he says, that the plan is both "practical and socially desirable." There will be general agreement with him, no doubt, that the objective sought by this program is wholly desirable. But because so many expedients for relieving the ills of the farmer have been tried and found wanting, the country, perhaps, will withhold judgment on the practicability of this latest expedient until it has had a chance by actual operation to demonstrate what it can do.

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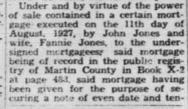
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of decisions based on the strictest construction of the rights of property.

"As a result, important questions are raised. Does Congress represent the will of the people? If so, shall the Supreme Court nullify that will through legislative review? Is it the national desire that a President be voted out of office because he was not in tune with the times-as was the case with Hoover-and his successor, twice elected by unprecedented majorities as was the case with Roosevelt-be powerless to correct the conditions our citizens condemned?

"Let me hasten to say that these questions do not involve personalities. They involve issues. The most ardent supporters of the President's proposal, and its critics, do not question the personal integrity or character of any distinguished member of the Supreme Court. It is the viewpoints of some members that is questions: Whether they regard the Constitution elastic enough to meet the legislative will based on human rights. Proponents of the President's proposal for judiciary reorganization say they cannot. Critics of the proposal say they can and do interpret the Constitution. And the battle over human rights and property rights continues.

"Unfortunately, the issues are not being decided by individuals. Too much propaganda and hysteria is evident. To accuse the President of trying to "pack the Supreme Court" is to question his sincerity in carrying forward a program that some 27,000,000 of our citizens approved last November. And whatever else may be said of the President's program, few can question his honest desire to make our nation sounder and more wholesome than he found it when he took over the reins of government."

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