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The problems of private enterprise continue to escalate almost every month. For nearly two years, the economy has been in deep trouble. The first real signs of this became clear in the weeks before the President made his historic August 15, 1971 announcement that he was declaring a 90-day freeze on wages and prices.

Twenty-three months later under Phase 3½ of the Economic Stabilization Plan, we find that controls do about as much harm as good. What seems to be a blessing for consumers has turned into a

nightmare for food producers. Feed manufacturers, broiler-chicken and egg farmers, and other segments of the agriculture industry have curtailed and in some instances closed down. Administration officials, recognizing this, have indicated that food rationing is a possibility.

At best agriculture rests on a basis of operations subject to many uncertainties, but up to now there has seldom been any doubt that America could produce what it needed to insure adequate supplies of food and fiber in the marketplace. The present condition relates to the ability of farmers to buy their supplies at a cost that will allow them to comply with price ceilings and make a reasonable profit, or, as they put it, a livelihood.

The price ceiling is not the only major worry of farmers. How to obtain adequate fuel supplies to produce and harvest their crops is a real concern. In response to this situation, along with other members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation, I recently wrote to

the President and presented the desperate plight of farmers as they seek to obtain fuel supplies. The members of the delegation pointed out to the President that the tobacco crop is ready for curing and fuel for this purpose is simply not available. We urged the President to "redouble your efforts to obtain vitally needed fuel supplies for our farmers and for other essential services."

We expressed the belief that "America has no choice. Either she intelligently harnesses and allocates her limited supply of fuel resources and successfully weathers the present crisis, or she knuckles under and admits that the problem is too big to handle."

We went on to say that "whatever the origins of the problem, all of us are now faced with it and cannot see when it will end."

Agriculture is the most basic industry of any nation. Without food and fiber, the machinery of our country must, of necessity, grind to a halt.

The delegation expressed support of the Administration's pledge to "Keep tractors running," and to ensure adequate fuel supplies for all other aspects of farming operation. It was our suggestion that the Administration assign agriculture a first priority during this emergency, that the present allocation program be carefully analyzed to gauge its effectiveness, and that steps be taken to insure that the nation's supply of food and fiber are adequate.

In substance, our message was that "we are now faced with a challenge of enormous magnitude, but, working together, we are convinced that this challenge can be overcome."

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Without the ability to be gay and to treat serious things lightly after the serious thinking is done and the decisions reached, I doubt whether any man could long carry the job of being President of the United States.—Eleanor Roosevelt.

Thoughtfulness for others, generosity, modesty, and self respect are the qualities which make a real gentleman or lady, as distinguished from the venerated article which commonly goes by that name.—Huxley.

Look not mournfully to the past, it comes not back again; wisely improve the present, it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.—Longfellow.

Men of all ages have the same inclinations over which reason exercises no control. Thus wherever men are found there are follies, aye, and the same follies.—Fontenelle.

It is a dangerous crisis when a proud heart meets with flattering lips.—Flavel.

There is one way of attaining what we may term, if not utter, at least mortal happiness; it is by a sincere and unrelaxing activity for the happiness of others.—Bulwer.

Genius is supposed to be a power of producing excellencies which are out of the reach of the rules of art; a power which no precepts can teach, and which no industry can acquire.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Subtract from the great man all that he owes to opportunity, all that he owes to chance, and all that he has gained by the wisdom of his friends and the folly of his enemies, and the giant will often be seen to be a pigmy.—Colton.

A government for the people must depend for its success on the intelligence, the morality, the justice, and the interest of the people themselves.—Grover Cleveland.

We can learn nothing of the gospel except by feeling its truths. There are some sciences that may be learned by the head, but the science of Christ crucified can only be learned by the heart.—Spurgeon.

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