

Five Conclusions
Righteous Aim
Johnson and NRA
Tugwell Stops Critics

Your correspondent had the privilege a few days ago of talking and listening to the three most important men in the Administration on three successive days: President Roosevelt on Thursday, General Hugh Johnson on Friday and Professor Rexford Tugwell on Saturday.

All of them talked freely, though much of what they said was not for publication. Nothing that the President said can be quoted, but it is entirely permissible to express an opinion on his state of mind and the direction in which he is heading, deduced from what he said. The talk with him lasted nearly two hours, with General Johnson nearly as long and with Dr. Tugwell about an hour.

Certain conclusions are inescapable; they were noticeable in what all three men said.

First, a definite sensitiveness to criticism of the "New Deal," amounting almost to thin-skinnedness.

Second, a definite effort to dispel the idea that there is something "radical" about the New Deal.

Third, a definite purpose to slow down on Government borrowings and substitute for Government financing of private business new means to stimulate investment of private capital.

Fourth, a definite intention to resist any further inflationary measures, especially such as contained in the effort to compel the President to remonetize silver on the 16-to-1 or any other basis.

Fifth, a definite, deep-rooted conviction that what the Administration is doing is "right."

On that last point, a high Federal official recently compared the written Constitution to the old wooden man-of-war "Constitution," so lately rehabilitated and sent on a tour of the nation's seaports. It was a fine ship in its day and everybody reveres it and respects it for the service it did in the War of 1812, but nobody would think of sending it to sea to fight again!

There is a fine fervor, almost religious in its tone, when some of the New Dealers talk about the necessity for social regeneration by Governmental dictum and financial aid.

Taking up the points enumerated in their order, the tone, rather than the words of all three of these Administration leaders indicated that, although criticism had been invited it was not relished. Indeed, one of them used the word "wicked" in discussing certain attacks upon Administration policies. Professor Tugwell was especially sensitive at the use of the word "regimentation" in connection with the organization of business, industry and agriculture. He thought it a wrong use of the word: it was a word he would use to describe the conditions under which men employed in industry worked. The same day he said that, the President signed the Bankhead cotton restriction bill, of which Senator Bankhead and his nephew, Representative Bankhead, were the sponsors. It put a heavy penalty on any cotton grower who grows more than his quota of cotton this year. The President took pains to explain that it had been agreed to in advance by more than 90 percent of the cotton growers who had answered the Government's questionnaire.

General Johnson was insistent that the Government had no purpose to impose harmful restrictions upon business and industry; all that NRA was trying to do was to get business interests into cooperation for the common good. He was distressed at the idea that anything like force was being used or contemplated, and the notion that small business men were getting the worst of it under NRA was entirely wrong, he said. He did not think the Government had been moving too fast in imposing the codes, because any of them could be changed over night if it proved oppressive or didn't work. The purpose of speed had been to try to get men back to work quickly.

The next big effort to put men back to work will be in the building trade, by means of a plan

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SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION GAINS

Fass Municipal Bankruptcy

Total For Four Months More Than Doubled

Contracts Let To Date Are More Than 131 Per Cent Above Those of Last Year.

PRIVATE BUILD'G INCREASE

Total Contracts For Industrial And Engineering Projects Total \$2,838,000.

Off to a fast start for 1934, contracts awarded for construction, engineering and building projects in southern states during the first four months reached a new three-year high total.

The aggregate awards for 16 southern states for the period amounted to \$186,245,000, says the Manufacturers Record, the contract total from January to April inclusive, exceeds by 131 per cent the total of \$80,335,000, representing the valuation of awards in the corresponding period of last year, and surpasses by 109 per cent the total of the first four months of 1932, amounting to \$88,994,000.

The total for all classes of building and construction put under contract last month, was \$43,231,000 for the four-week period as compared with \$48,676,000 representing the five week period of March.

A marked increase in private building was noted in April. Contracts let for apartment houses and hotels, bank and office buildings, churches, dwellings and stores amounted to \$4,517,000 as compared with \$2,964,000 in March, \$2,011,000 in February and \$2,551,000 in January. In the building awards totaled \$12,025,000 as against \$6,066,000 for the same period in 1933.

A new high monthly total of \$1,092,000 for bank and office buildings was recorded in April as a result of the award of a contract for a 17-story addition to the Humble Oil and Refining company in Houston, Texas, to cost \$750,000. Repair work, new elevators, air-conditioning, and other improvements also helped to run up the total.

Awards for industrial and engineering projects for 1934 totaled \$2,838,000. March led with \$1,675,000. April's total was \$13,236,000.

Attend Graduation Exercises

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Clark and two sons, Kenneth and Charles, in the company of Mrs. J. B. Blue and children, of Greensboro, motored to Barium Springs for graduation exercises. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have two nephews and a niece in the home, Edward and Ruth Cole. They made the highest averages for the 4th and 6th grades.

Cinders to Sales



CHICAGO... Miss Betty Robinson (above), former Olympic track champion, has forsaken the cinderpaths and is now a saleslady in a department store here.

NEWS BRIEFS

WOMAN POSTMASTER NAMED

Paul A. Bennett has been appointed postmaster at Winston-Salem.

FATHER AND CHILDREN INJURED

S. J. Brawley of Troutman and three of his children were seriously injured near Salisbury when the car they were driving collided with another last Friday. Mr. Brawley received a broken arm, the children receiving bad lacerations.

CHILD DIES FROM MATCH BURNS

The three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson of the New Hope section died in a Reidsville hospital where she had been taken for treatment of burns received while playing with matches in the home.

FIRES AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

During the past year there have been a number of suspicious fires among the several buildings at Wake Forest College, and thousands of dollars in damage has resulted. A renewed attempt seems to have been made Friday night when fire was discovered in a closet in the alumni building.

THE COLDEST APRIL

April of this year is destined to go on record as the coldest of any since the establishment of a weather bureau at Greensboro. The killing frost of April 24 is said to be the latest on record, and to have done much damage to early plants. Old winter is accused of staying on the job 10 days later than usual.

MR. DANIELS VISITS HOME

Ambassador and Mrs. Josephus Daniels are spending five weeks at their home in Raleigh before returning to his post at Mexico, D. F. Mr. Daniels is quoted as saying that the United States "must either stick by the new deal, go back to the old deal that put us in the depression, or accept a raw deal from the hands of the opponents of the new deal."

JOE CANNON WILL FIGHT CASE

Formal papers were served on J. F. Cannon at Concord in the alienation suit brought by the divorced husband of his daughter, Anne, F. Brandon Smith, Jr., of Charlotte. The amount called for is \$250,000. Mr. Cannon, who returned last week from Hot Springs, Ark., improved in health says he will contest the case before the courts. Hartsell and Hartsell and B. W. Blackwelder of Concord, and Stewart and Bobbett of Charlotte are said to have been retained as counsel for Mr. Cannon.

Doctor Dies At Bedside Of Patient

Fayetteville.—Dr. W. A. Kirksey 44, dropped dead while attending a patient at Hope Mills. His death will be attributed to heart disease.

Dr. Kirksey had practiced in this county since 1921, when he came here after completing his internship in St. Louis, Mo. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he was a Phi Beta Kappa student.

Dr. Kirksey was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirksey of Morganton, who survive.

The Model 1934 Bathing Girl



SANTA MONICA, Calif. . . . Miss Eve Reynolds (standing center above), 5 ft., 5 inches tall and weighing 118 pounds was selected as the typical beautiful bathing girl for 1934 by members of the Chouinard School of Art, whose students immediately went to the beach in bathing togs to sketch the model.

Code Eagle Symbol Of Unity To Complete Recovery Work

Washington.—Since May 1, the NRA Blue Eagle is individualized. Replacing the familiar legend "We Do Our Part," is the single word "Code," beneath which appears the name of the trade or industry to which the employer belongs and his registration number.

"Its display by you," declared National Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson in a letter mailed to every employer in this country, "will inform the public that you are cooperating with the vast majority in stamping out unfair trade practices and methods of competition, and in giving your employees a square deal by paying code wages. Last year you were asked to display the Blue Eagle as an evidence of your promise to do your part and as a symbol of your faith in the ability of American trade and industry to defeat depression by united effort. This year you are asked to display this distinctive Blue Eagle as a symbol that you, together with the other members of your particular trade or industry, have united to complete the work of recovery."

For that relatively small percentage of employes not yet under codes, an executive order permits their continued use of the standard Blue Eagle as a sign of their acceptance of the president's offer to extend his reemployment agreement with them until their codes have been approved. Accompanying the administrator's letter was a simple application card, addressed for return, without payment of postage, to state NRA compliance directors and instructions outlining procedure for obtaining the individual Eagle.

As promptly as applications can be cleared, state directors will distribute the emblems to employers in the so-called service groups, including the general retail and retail food and grocery trades, the cleaning and dyeing, restaurant, construction, and trucking industries. Blue Eagles for other industries and trades will be distributed by the NRA Blue Eagle insignia section, to which state directors will forward employers' applications.

An individual Blue Eagle continues to be the property of the United States government, and use of it is subject to the penalties of section 10 (a) of the National Industrial Recovery Act and orders and regulations issued under it. Its display certifies to the employer's strict compliance with his code, and the regulations emphasize that "any person may be publicly deprived of the right to display any Blue Eagle if he violates any provision or the spirit and intent of any code, Presidential agreement, or regulation, duly prescribed or approved."

Strike Riots At Gulf Ports

Houston, Texas.—Determination to stand by their demands for higher wages was shown by striking longshoremen as their walk-out at gulf ports continued with only one disturbance—a shooting at Lake Charles, La.

Steamship operators apparently had adopted a policy of "watchful waiting."

Fifteen shots were fired into a meeting of about 300 persons gathered at Lake Charles to discuss the strike. Murphy Humphrey was seriously wounded in the head. Police arrested seven negroes, among them Elisha Catholic, member of the Louisiana Longshoremen's union. Police said the shots were fired from Catholic's house. Humphrey is a white man.

At Galveston, 1,500 members of the International Longshoremen's Association, the organization which called the strike met at what was termed a "pep" meeting.

GOOD MORNING

COCOA COLD

A customer in a restaurant called the negro waiter and complained: "Waiter, my cocoa is cold." "Well, sah", replied the son of Ham, "why don't yo' put yo' hat on, sah?"

A SICKLY LOT

One of the two flappers in the bus was reading a newspaper. "I see", she remarked to her companion, "that Mr. So-and-So, the octogenarian is dead. Now, what on earth is an octogenarian?" "I'm sure I haven't the faintest idea", replied the other. "But they're a sickly lot. You never hear of one but he's dying."

KNEW BEFOREHAND

A negro boxer was to fight a heavyweight champion. When he reached the ring it was noticed that he hung back. "It's all right, Sam", said his second. "Just say to yourself, 'I'm goin' to beat him', and you'll win." "That's no good", replied Sam. "I know what a liar I am."

Deny Violation Of Steel Code

Wilmington, Del.—Denying the federal government's charge that it violated the collective bargaining section of the NRA steel code, the Wierton Steel company launched its battle in United States district court here against issuance of an injunction which would restrain it from interfering with selection by its employees of an organization of their own choice to carry on bargaining negotiations.

Earl F. Reed chief counsel for the steel firm, opened the company's case with a vigorous rebuttal of the charges of Special Assistant Attorney General James L. Fly that the company had "shoved company union down the throats of its workers" and coerced employees into voting for an employee's representation plan.

Greenville Asks Trackless Trolleys

The city of Greenville formally petitioned the state railroad commission for permission to substitute trackless trolleys for street cars on certain suburban lines.

The petition asks that the Southern Public Utilities company be authorized to proceed immediately with the substitution. The franchise, it adds, has been amended to conform to the substitution as set forth in a recent legislative enabling act.

Trackless trolleys would be operated, the petition says, from the hotel to Woodside mill; and from Judson mill to the Overbrook section.

Two Disaster Institutes Announced By Red Cross

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Red Cross chapters all over the state will be represented at disaster institutes to be held in Winston-Salem May 7th and New Bern, May 9th. Maurice R. Reddy, assistant director of disaster relief service, American Red Cross, will make addresses at each of these preparedness schools and will assist the chapter representatives in perfecting local machinery for coping with sudden emergencies.

These two schools, like many others conducted this year in the eastern and southern states, are

Party Groups Split By Vote On Measure

Measure To Relieve Debt Burdened Cities and Towns Now Goes To Conference.

PROVIDES TWO YEAR RELIEF

Opponents Assert the Bill Will Pave the Way For Debt Repudiation.

Washington.—The senate has passed the municipal bankruptcy bill, long sought by debt-burdened cities as a way back to solvency through compromise with their creditors.

Party lines were broken on a 45 to 28 vote. Thirty-three Democrats and 12 Republicans supported the bill, while 14 on each side of the aisle voted against it.

The measure which passed the house in the special session now goes to conference with the senate. Senate changes were made to tighten the bill to protect minority creditor groups.

As it passed the senate the bill would provide that during an emergency period of two years cities and local taxing units might petition federal courts for approval of debt-composition plans that have received the endorsement of holders of 50 per cent of outstanding obligations.

After favorable action by the court, acquiescence of holders of two-thirds of each class of obligations and of three-fourths of the total in the settlement proposed would render it binding on all creditors.

The bill's passage followed an appeal by Senator Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas, majority leader, in which he asserted thousands of persons unable to pay taxes would be driven from their homes unless given relief.

The bill was vigorously championed and as bitterly denounced on both sides of the chamber.

Proponents pointed to defaults by more than 2,000 taxing units and said the number threatened to increase rapidly without legislation.

Opponents asserted the number of units in default was less than one per cent of the total, and said the measure would open the door to debt repudiation.

Fisher Plumbing Company Moves To New Location

The C. J. W. Fisher Plumbing Company, for the past year located at 113 East Fisher Street, has moved to larger quarters at 113 East Innes Street.

A complete line of modern plumbing fixtures is carried in stock at all times and this in connection with a force of expert mechanics enables them to give service of the highest kind.

Do You Know The Answer?

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1. Who were the Troubadors?
2. Which state of the union has the largest forest area?
3. What is correct, pants leg or pant leg?
4. Where is Cotgate University?
5. What does the name Michigan mean?
6. Which was the most famous city of Greek legend?
7. Who said "Trust in God and keep your powder dry?"
8. Is the death of Eve recorded in the Bible?
9. Name the capital of the Mexican state of Colima.
10. Who were the Midianites?