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One of Two Policies

While the greater part of the world is talking about communism, there is a big fight on in this country to determine the fate of two policies.

One of the policies, advanced by the economic royalists, advances the theory that a few at the top should control, dictate and operate, leaving the many to be fed with crumbs falling from the top crust.

Appearing before congressional committees recently, some of the economic royalists demanded legislation patterned and designed to cripple the little guy.

The reconversion story between Donald Nelson and General Electric's Chas. Wilson makes for poor reading after hearing Wilson testify before the congressional committee.

Could it be that the industrial magnates are pulling for deflation to better their bargaining capacity at a time when their reactionary movements can do nothing more than pave the road for the isms?

Ideas and Atoms

Christian Science Monitor

David E. Lillenthal is a man who lives and breathes and sleeps with atom bombs. While the general public much of the time may comfortably tuck away the implications of man's most ruthlessly horrible weapon,

Hence his recent commencement address at Lehigh University comes with double force. It is an eloquent statement of faith in an idea—a weapon that makes the atomic bomb seem a firecracker by comparison.

Mr. Lillenthal is no exuberant technolator, worshipping the machine and its productivity. But neither is he a frightened defeatist.

The machine and technology are neither good nor evil in themselves. They are good only when man uses them for good. They are evil only if he puts them to avil purposes.

The free spirit—the faith in people, in education, in the free flow of ideas, which Mr. Lillenthal sees as basic to democracy—is up against stupendous new forces controlled by experts.

Somebody's Doing An Effective Job

Somebody is doing an effective job up in Raleigh. The stage has been set perfectly and expertly for a general row over minor issues such as motor vehicle inspections and so on.

Could it be that "somebody" is allowing the General Assembly to wear itself down to a frazzle, and when there is just enough breath left in the lawmakers to say "yes" the "somebody" will come forth with a program planned and patterned in accordance with the wishes of the money changers and industrialists irrespective of the wishes of the people?

He Confesses

Labor.

During the last 25 years the American people have heard a lot about Big Business men who came to Washington and "slaved and sacrificed" for their country.

Of course, there have been skeptics who pointed out that most of these "patriots"—or at least a very large percentage of them—used their government jobs to advance the interests with which they were associated in private life.

Needless to say, the newspapers are not paying much attention to the story. It's not the kind of story they like.

James A. Moffett, an official of the Standard Oil Company of California, packed his grip and came to Washington in July of 1934 to become Federal housing administrator.

In November, 1941, Mr. Moffett addressed a letter to H. D. Collier, president of the Standard Oil Company of California, in which he flatly declared that, while he was in Washington, he "was really doing more work and was in a much more helpful position for the Standard Oil Company than if I had remained in the office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza," in New York City.

For example, Mr. Moffett tells how he was "entertaining" one night when the telephone rang. At the other end was his "buddy," the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Moffett says the Attorney General told him: "I have dismissed the indictment against your boy friends on the Pacific Coast."

Of course, Mr. Moffett was delighted, and he transmitted the good news to Standard Oil headquarters at once.

That Mr. Moffett did a lot of "entertaining" in those days is evidenced by the fact that he demanded \$100,000 from the Standard Oil Company of California to cover "out-of-pocket expenses" incurred during the 13 months he was housing administrator.

All that, however, was mere "chicken feed." The big deal, which is now occupying the attention of the Federal court in New York has to do with a little "work" Mr. Moffett did in connection with certain oil concessions secured by American promoters from the king of Saudi Arabia.

In the course of time, the king asked the oil companies to pay him \$30,000,000. The oil companies went to Mr. Moffett, and Mr. Moffett says he went to President Roosevelt and various other public officials.

Mr. Moffett thinks he should get a fat fee for this transaction. He is suing for \$6,000,000. We don't know a blessed thing about the merits of the case.

But we think it proves that when a Big Business man is put in a topnotch position someone should keep an eye on him.

There Are Many Doing Good

Orphan's Friend.

Crime and disobedience to law are rampant over the country, but altruism and better living are more widely disseminated. Today every man has a chance to do right or go wrong, as they choose, and there are more people going right of choice than ever before.

So grasping is dishonesty, that it is no respecter of persons. It will cheat friends as well as foes; and were it possible, would cheat God himself.—Exchange.



Boy Scouts Report Their Activities

February 23.

Hyman Edwards told something about the camping trip they took out at the fishing pond some time ago. Some of the boys were given badges and senior scouting was discussed.

March 3

The gyro compass was discussed at this meeting and the camporee plans were considered. This is to be held in Washington. Little Bear told of the camping trip to be held in April at the high school grounds, the date being the first Saturday in April.

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Plans Go Forward For Fashion Show

Plans are nearing completion for the "Fashion Revue" and motion picture which will be presented by the Williamston Woman's Club at the Viccar Theatre on Friday, March 11, at 8:15 P. M.

The movie, "Blondie's Secret," will be shown at 8:15 and the "Fashion Revue" will start at 9:30. The very latest in spring and summer fashions will be presented by Pioneer Shoppe, Margolis Brothers, Proctor Shop, Ann's Specialty Shop, Belk-Tyler Company and Wear Rite Shop.

Master of Ceremonies, Master Michael Harrison and Misses Jean Davis Ashmore, Mary Emma Peele, Lela Frances Harrell and Jeanne Trahey.

Fashions of yesteryear will include several dresses worn over 100 years ago and members of the Woman's Club will model a number of dresses worn through the years.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late George H. Harrison, Sr., deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said

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estate to present them for payment on or before the 27th day of January, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement. This January 27, 1949.

George H. Harrison, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of George H. Harrison, Sr.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late W. T. Roberson of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 12th day of February, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This February 12, 1949.

Margaret R. Revels, Administratrix of the estate of W. T. Roberson.

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