

Other Editors

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How About Raising Hell

Some months ago, a brilliant daily news paper editor addressed a convention of newspaper publishers and after a ringing denunciation of the moral decadence of the USA, and pointing out the glorification by the press, radio and TV of the mediocre, ended his jeremiad with this sentence—

"And here, gentlemen, is where we come in!

"We have the typewriters!
"We have presses!
"We have a large audience!
"HOW ABOUT RAISING HELL?"

The effect of this call to arms was instantaneous!

Some publishers seemed to think that they had been called out to "raise hell about government" and began to belabor governing bodies and public employes everywhere. One publisher took on the Department of Agriculture, and pointed out that every 37 farms in the USA was supporting one worker in the USDA, whom he described as a "full-time, well fed, governmental employe looking after their interests — if any?" — a real hell-raising phrase, now isn't it?

It never occurred to this hell-raiser that the work of Department of Agriculture embraces many activities in addition to farming such as forests, recreation, grazing, reclamation and research—serving not only farmers but a variety of businesses. Its employes, for the most part, work hard at their jobs, and are worth every penny they are paid.

Research is an important part of the work of the Department of Agriculture, and instead of riding on the bowed backs of the farmers, in one hundred years the government experts have helped lift "the man with the hoe" to a place of prominence and dignity that befits the grower of food.

The problem that must be solved is the sale and distribution of so-called surpluses in a world worried with want. So far, free enterprise, whatever that is, has never done it.

Raising hell with enforcement agencies is another way of show-

ing that independence that the American press has. "HOW ABOUT RAISING HELL?" Raising hell about what? The police and the courts are always fair targets for the newspaper that feels that hell should be raised. If the police throw the culprits in jail, you can always yell about what it is costing the taxpayer to feed them. If the court puts the offenders on "good behavior" it can always be pointed out that "they are running loose." Another good phrase is "Put the prisoners to work, doing useful work." If and when they are put to work, it can always be said "it is costing more than if you hired good, honest working men to do it." The law enforcement agencies are a natural for the newspaper that is looking for something or other to raise hell about.

Raising hell about public expenditures is always a safe topic, and viewing with alarm the rising cost of relief is a bell-ringer, providing that you do not break down the tax bill, and debit the patricians with their part of their relief cost. Seems to us that there has been too much "raising hell" done by critics of the government, and not enough of quiet and sound thinking followed by kindly suggestions for the return of the old virtues that once ruled the hearts of men.

Forty-five ago, the name of Ivar Kreuger was pronounced with awe. He was respected by rulers everywhere in the world. Today in the biographical dictionaries, his name is followed by the words "Swedish industrialist, financier and swindler." No one raised hell with Kreuger. He was accepted as pure gold, until a quiet, unassuming certified public accountant asked him: "Where are these assets?" Kreuger, cornered by just plain arithmetic, shot himself!

The newspapers do not have to raise hell. They can cure a lot of present day problems by asking a

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Formula For Change

simple question: (at the risk of A formula is apparently being invoked gradually in the United States to cope with the inevitable impact which technological development has already had, and will continue to have, on the nation and its labor-management relationships.

The formula is being hammered out slowly. A presidential railroad commission added a piece in recommendations which have not yet been implemented in the railroad industry. Various isolated but voluntary labor-management agreements in other industries have contributed chunks. And now a binding ruling in the Chicago & North Western Railway - Telegraphers Union dispute has added still more to the formula.

What all these contributions say, in essence, is that neither practical nor humanitarian considerations can be eliminated; they must, instead, be combined.

They say that management must be allowed to keep the initiative to maintain its competitive position by adjusting to changed conditions, including its right to abolish unneeded jobs. But they recognize that this can create hardships, and that humanitarian considerations demand that management ease these hardships through such concessions as extending the dismissal notice, generous severance pay, accepting retraining responsibilities and giving due regard to seniority.

This is a sensible compromise. Its widespread acceptance will benefit all segments of the nation.

being called a conservative or an old fogey) WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT? HOW, AND WHEN?

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a short talk on career opportunities in agriculture.

The key features of open house will be tours and exhibits that will give visitors information on a variety of topics ranging from college financial assistance to genetic variability of plants.

Many Subjects Included on College Open House Program

Guided tours of a modern school of agriculture and a look at college life in general will be among the features of the North Carolina State College School of Agriculture Open House on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Delegations of high school students, science teachers and guidance counselors from each county have been invited, according to Dr. H. Brooks James, dean of agriculture.

"We believe we have something of interest to show everyone — rural and urban, young and old," Dean James said.

The program will get under way at 9:15 in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum with brief opening exercises. State College Chancellor John T. Caldwell will give the welcome. Dr. O. B. Copeland, associate executive editor of The Progressive Farmer, will make

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