

Undulant Socialism

A sick republic, like a human invalid, passes through a crisis in the course of almost any protracted illness. After the crisis, the patient rallies toward recovery or sinks with alarming haste toward the end. Whatever is to be done after a crisis must be accomplished with dispatch, or it is too late. The Eng-lish government passed through a crisis approximately a year ago.

Since England's current administration proclaimed itself owner and operator of the coal mines, Britain has been viewed popularly as Socialistic-one of the collectivist nations. Not all the individuals in the Empire are socialists. Large elements are not. But this large minorlty is being forgotten. Curtains are being drawn. The crisis is over and England has gone left. A Long Time Dead.

There is something strangely final about it when a free people turns its course toward State Socialism. Liberty never comes back without a revolution and then it's not the same. Such is the testimony of recorded history. Industrially, England is a coal country and private enterprise lost its last stronghold on the enchanted island when King Coal surrnedered.

Now the ailment that prostrated John Bull has been communicated to Uncle Sam. The symptoms are unmistakable as undulant fever: wave upon wave of collectivist power, with a show of growing intensity. Our government has taken over our coal mines from their owners because of work stoppages through strikes-strikes by the best paid group of mine workers on Here's the Pattern

I think perhaps the workers ought to have had an increase in pay, which they no doubt could have obtained without striking. Nevertheless, they struck and government took over the business long enough, at least, to close a new contract giving an increase of \$1.85 a day per man and a royalty of 5c a ton on coal to give their union a "welfare" fund. The new "welfare" fund has no relation to the union's sick and accident fund, already large.

The new contract will raise the the price of coal 25c to 30c a ton and build up the "welfare" fund at the rate of 25 million dollars a year. The Senate has approved the executive department's right to impose this contract on the mine owners when they take their property back. This is an attack of the undulant socialism.

Works Like This: Government can now control the cost of coal to the owner of a mine. By fixing labor's wage, a ruler can make coal production cost whatever suits his fancy. Government al-ready controls the price of coal to the consumer through the workings of the OPA. The neck of the coal industry is in a legal nut-cracker and government has the power to choke it to death at will-that, or take it over entirely.

With the sanction of Congress, which I hope never comes, federal officials can do to any industry what they are doing to coal. Each as-sault on freedom will be one more attack of the dread disease, unduattack of the circumstances like the fever which, scientific men say, can be oured in rare in s treatment is be

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and acquaintances for the flowers, kindnesses and sympathy residered us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. James A. Burns and son, Jimmy.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF CLEVELAND.

MOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In The Superior Court Before The Clerk.

J. H. Ware and wife, Ethel Ware, Petitioners

W. E. Ware and wife, Edna Ware, Vessless Ware Hicks and husband, J. G. Hicks, Clyde Ware, single, L. L. Ware and wife, Janette Ware, J. G. Ware and wife, Verner Ware, Defendants.

The defendants, W. E. Ware and wife, Edna Ware, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, for the purpose of selling the lands of the late N. M. Ware, de ceased and for a division of the proceeds; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court in Shelby, North Carolina, within ten days after the completion of the service of a omone by publication and answer or demur to the complaint of said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said

This the 15th day of July, 1948. E. A. Housey, Jr.

BAMBLING SKETCHES OF OAK GROVE NEWS

By Mrs. William Wright

The annual revival meeting will be gin at the local church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services during the week will begin at 10 o'clock and The pastor Rev. W. T. Fogleman will have charge of the services.

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. Frank C. Ware Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The president, Mrs. R. B. Lovin, conducted the scripture and Mrs. A. T. Randall led a very interesting program. After the meeting de licious refreshments were served by the hostess. The August meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Sam Lovelace

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr., or Maxton spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Sr., of Elbethel and Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lovelace

Tampa, Fla., are house guests of Mrs the scribe and son, Lovelace's mother, Mrs. Ann

Mr. and Mrs Clyde McSwain and small son, Clyde, Jr., were recent visitors in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Ann McSwain and oth- O. Lovelace and Mr. Lovelace. er relatives. Mr. McSwain has recently received his discharge from

Mrs. F. C. Ware and son, Michael,

spend the day guests of Mr. and Mr. Monroe Lovelace and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watterson Thursday.

Mrs. H. T. Wright was the Sunday guest of her granddaughter, ,Mrs. J.

Arnold Bell spent a recent week end with Hayden McMillian of Crow der's Mountain.

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