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"LITTLE BUSINESS" SAYS—

To say that official Washington was shocked when representatives of "Little Business" laid their 23-point program for easing the strains on business would be putting it mildly.

The final draft of the program was a much quieter tone when the drafting committee finished with it than was the program approved by the full meeting of some 1000 representatives of small business. Even so, it was a document vastly different from what had been expected to emerge from the sessions.

In effect the 23 points reflect one certain fact and that is that it doesn't matter what the term "business" represents—whether a business of a man working for himself or employing five persons or five thousand, the same problems exist.

At the meeting, Mr. Tom Jones of Jones and Co., was either a maker of hats in Duluth, or a brick manufacturer in Cleveland or a scrapiron merchant in Podunk. If his experience conforms to that of the average businessman, a glance at his ledger shows the following for the past two years:

1. The hourly wage rate he pays is 10 to 15 per cent above what it was a year ago.

2. His taxes have risen and he must now even pay a prohibitive tax on earnings retained to be put back in his business.

3. He pays an old-age insurance tax, larger than it should be because it is used to build up a large reserve fund which is actually non-existent.

4. That all of these factors operating in the businesses of those supplying him with raw materials, have caused his costs for materials to rise at a dizzy pace.

As the New York Times comments on the "Little Business" report:

"Anything that will actually help Mr. Jones reduce his prices, by enabling him to reduce his costs, will bring Mr. Jones's customers back into the market and revive activity in other business, both big and little."

SUICIDE BY TAXATION

"The biggest problem facing the nation today," says Roger Babson, "is not the recession; not the jobless; not the railroads. It is our taxation system." Unsound, excessive and inequitable taxation coupled with unprecedented government extravagance is slowly driving the nation to commit suicide by taxation. Reform in government spending and taxation is the crying need of the moment. As Mr. Babson declared, the only basic policy in our present system is an almost fanatical desire to conceal taxes from the ultimate payer—the consumer. Taxation has been instrumental in bringing private enterprise and industrial progress to the present point of stagnation.

Mr. Babson points to ten different steps that should be taken immediately:

1. Broaden the income tax base. 2. Pare down excessively high income taxes. 3. Reduce capital gains assessments. 4. Eliminate tax-exempt securities. 5. Tax government employees. 6. Remove the undistributed profits tax. 7. Stop the present policy of virtual "embezzlement" of social security funds. 8. Clamp down on special local taxes. 9. Lower real estate taxes. 10. Cut public spending.

These are concrete suggestions for a practical program of solvency and business encouragement which, if enacted, would stimulate the private citizen to forge ahead. Private enterprise would take a new lease on life. Employment and wages would resume their upward march in step with the constantly rising standard of living that has characterized American progress for the last 150 years.

THE MODERN JUGGERNAUT

Suppose that, on a given day, we rounded up nearly forty thousand American men, women and children, herded them into a field, and there proceeded to slaughter them. Suppose that, at the same time, we wounded, blinded, crippled and otherwise harmed several hundred thousand more.

Horrible? Impossible? More barbaric than the barbarians? Of course it is—but, in effect, that is what happens on American highways every year. The slaughter doesn't occur on a single day, but over 365 days. And instead of killing the victims with shell and rifle fire, and gas and grenades, we use that well known servant of mankind which can also be a monster of destruction—the automobile.

If an airplane falls and kills ten people the fact is headlined throughout the country and millions feel a sense of horror. If a ship sinks and 50 men die, the entire world knows it in a few minutes, and world-wide sympathy is extended to the victims and their survivors. But when automobiles crash and people die horribly as a result, we note the fact absently, and turn the page to the comic strips.

TEACHING DUCKS TO SWIM

The WPA, we see, has allotted \$85,867 to finance a study of the worth of tourist trade to Florida.

Well, that will be nice work for the relief clients who can get it. And what a field for new WPA projects it opens up! The worth of climate to California, of authors and politicians to Indiana, of oil to Oklahoma and Texas, of steel to Pittsburgh, of skyscrapers to New York, of automobiles to Detroit, of beans to Boston, of government bureaus to Washington. Why, the possibilities are practically unlimited.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN WASHINGTON

(Courtesy The United States News)

The administration last April received but did not make public a report by the Business Advisory Council which advocated a modified and "consistent" industrial relations policy.

With President Roosevelt's permission spokesmen for the council last week made public the report and a second—just approved—which recommended five specific amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations act.

Because of his changed attitude toward publication and accuracy of a "constructive" discussion of the suggestions at the white house, inferences were drawn in the press that the president was becoming receptive to proposals by business men for revision of the contested law. He took no public notice.

If those inferences are proved to be justified, then Senator Wagner (Dem.) of New York, will be a surprised man.

"I am utterly opposed to the proposed amendments," he said. "This does not mean that the act as it stands is the last word. My mind is open to any amendment which will further the purpose of the act—protection of workers' rights."

"But these suggested changes are only platitudinous generalities. If anyone wants an amendment, let him put it in writing."

Another view of the situation, held in an important business quarter, is that Mr. Roosevelt has been impressed by the unanimity of business organizations on the questions at issue. It was felt he sanctioned publication of the recommendations to watch public reaction.

"The National Labor Relations act, on the basis of experience since July 5, 1935," said the second report, "should be amended to provide assurances that: (1) Neither the act nor its administration will favor any particular form of bona fide labor organization."

"Employers shall be free in self-organization and collective bargaining from interference, restraint or coercion from any source."

"Any party to a labor dispute shall be able to invoke the services of the board."

"The functions of fact finding, prosecution and judicial decision

shall be separated and not combined in a single agency."

"The rights and obligations of employers and employees and their representatives or organizations shall be more clearly defined by law and made less subject to definition at the discretion of the board."

The April report covered the ground of the more recent one, in general terms. In the interim, business opinion had crystallized markedly. Amendments of the type suggested are wanted by the chamber of commerce of the United States, the National Association of Manufacturers and the "little business men" who met.

Despite their other differences, the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization stand together in protest against outlawing "coercion from any source" in union organization.

Their leaders contend a provision like that could be interpreted to make organization activities next to impossible.

Would summoning a naval limitation conference check the costly rearmament race?

This question comes to the surface in current American discussion of accelerating world-wide preparations for war. It takes shape in a joint resolution introduced in congress by Senator J. Edgar Hoover (Rep.) of Utah, and Representative Newrick (Dem.) of Texas, asking the president to try to initiate an international conference to be convened at Washington with the purpose of attempting naval limitation agreements "in the interest of world peace and the relief of all nations from the burdens of inordinate and unnecessary expenditures for the provision of armaments."

In his January 28 message to congress calling for the new billion-dollar American navy expansion program, President Roosevelt had stated:

"We, as a peaceful nation, cannot and will not abandon active search for an agreement among the nations to limit armaments and end aggression."

It soon was made evident, however, that the chief executive regards the present as an unpropitious time for trying to initiate a naval conference.

DO YOU KNOW ILLINOIS?

By EDWARD J. HUGHES
Secretary of State

Q What social event marked the making of Springfield the state capital?

A A grand ball held at the American House in the autumn of 1921. Acceptances were made by Chicagoans and St. Louisans though the latter was 24 hours away and the former a week's journey.

Q What famous names appeared among the managers of the ball?

A Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, N. W. Edwards, J. F. Speed, and James Shields.

Q What was the financial and physical condition of Springfield at this time?

A The town was poor, its citizens being hard pressed to raise the \$50,000 required under the law toward erecting the new State House, and most of the streets and sidewalks were unimproved.

Q What derogatory story about Springfield did Lincoln tell at this time?

A Although he was one of the prime movers in placing the capital at Springfield his irrepressible humor caused him to tell the story that when a man asked Secretary of State Thompson Campbell for the use of the legislative chamber for a series of lectures on the secession of the Lord, Campbell replied discouragingly, "It is my private opinion that if the Lord has been in Springfield once, he will not come a second time."

Q What was the cost of the new capital at Springfield?

A \$240,000. It had been estimated that the building would cost \$120,000.

Q Was the capital ready for occupancy when the next legislative session was called?

A No. The Second Presbyterian church was secured for the House, the Methodist church for the Senate, and the Protestant Episcopal church for the Supreme court.

Q What was the quota prescribed for Illinois in the Mexican War?

A Illinois was called upon to furnish three regiments of infantry for 12 months service.

Q When was the call issued in Illinois?

A Gov. Ford issued his call May

25, 1846. War had been declared officially on May 13.

Q What was the total number of Illinois men serving in the Mexican War?

A 6123. Killed in action, 86; died of wounds, 12; wounded, 160.

Church News

ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Off County Line Road, West
Every Sunday morning at 9:30 under the direction of The Rev. Albert E. Taylor of St. James Church, Dundee, a church school is held in the Country Day school and is open to children of Episcopal families and all those not having affiliation with other churches.

ST. JAMES
Dundee, Illinois
8:00 a. m., Holy Communion.
9:30 a. m., Church school.
Morning worship, 10:45 a. m.
8:00 p. m., Evensong.

REV. A. E. TAYLOR, Rector

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Main and Wool Streets
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Sunday, 10:45 a. m.

Subject: "Christ Jesus." Golden Text: II Corinthians 4:5. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; ourselves your servant for Jesus' sake.

Wednesday evening testimony meeting, 8 p. m.

The reading room, 114 E. Station street, Lpsoy's building, is open to the public from 2 to 4 p. m., each week day and from 7 to 9 p. m. on Monday and Saturday.

ST. MATTHEW EV. LUTHERAN
Coolidge Avenue and Hill Street
8:30 a. m., Graded Sunday school and Adult Bible class.

10:30 a. m., Morning worship. Quinquagesima Sunday. Text: Mark 1:27-28. Theme: "What Every Christian Should Remember at the Beginning of Lent."

Ash Wednesday, March 2—7:45 p. m., Preparatory service

for Communicants, 8:00 p. m. Ash Wednesday Lenten service. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. REV. A. T. KRETZMANN, Pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
First Baptist Church Sunday School Rooms, Grove and Lincoln Meets every Saturday morning. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m. A. STABLER, Leader.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Dundee, Illinois
Church school: Primary department, 9:30 a. m. Junior and senior departments, 9:45 a. m. 11:00 a. m., Choral Eucharist and sermon.

Community young people's society, 6:30 p. m. Question box—Questions asked by young people. Religious, moral, social—answered by the pastor.

REV. W. H. HILL, Pastor.

SALEM EVANGELICAL
9:30 a. m., Church school.
10:30 a. m., Divine worship.

Observance of the Lord's Supper. The pastor will give a brief Communion meditation.

6:30 p. m., Meeting of the Intermediate with the pastor.

6:45 p. m., Meetings of the Junior and Young People's leagues.

7:30 p. m., Evening preaching service.

This Thursday evening at 7:30

o'clock, Rev. C. F. Roloff will preach in German. During the past year Rev. Roloff has been preaching each quarter. This will be his last regularly appointed session.

W. A. STAUFFER, Minister.

ST. ANNE
Franklin and Elm streets
Sunday Masses at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m.

Daily Mass at 8 a. m.
Devotion in Honor of Sacred Heart, first Friday of each month. Communion, 6:30 a. m. Mass at 8 a. m.

Confessions, Saturday, 4 to 6 p. m. and 7:30 to 9 p. m.

REV. P. J. HAYES, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
9:30 a. m., Sunday school. Victor Rieke, superintendent. Classes in all departments.

10:45 a. m., Worship service. 7:00 p. m., Young people's hour. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Mid-week devotional service. 8 p. m., Choir rehearsal.

REV. H. L. EAGLE, Pastor.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL
9:30 a. m., Bible school. Special worship service for young and old.

10:35 a. m., Morning worship in German. Wednesday, Mar. 2, 7:45 p. m. Ash Wednesday mid-week Lenten service. Members of the church

council and the Kingdom Service committee will be our special guests.

Thursday, March 3, 2 p. m.—Monthly meeting of the Women's Union.

REV. H. R. KOENIG, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST
8:30 a. m., Bible school.
10:15 a. m., Morning worship.

5:00 p. m., Vesper service. 7:30 p. m., Wednesday evening prayer service.

8:30 p. m., Wednesday, Teachers and Officers' meeting of the Bible school.

REV. C. R. DRUSSEL, Pastor.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Lincoln St. and Plum Grove Ave. Palatine, Illinois

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. This in Education Day in the Evangelical church, and has been designated as a day of prayer for our colleges and seminaries.

7:45 p. m., Communion service. This service will be in charge of the pastor. Rev. H. F. Siemen, pastor of Bethany Evangelical church of Highland Park, will bring the message and administer the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, 7:45 p. m., Worship service with a message by Rev. Siemen. The quarterly business meeting will follow.

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