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**MORE FOOD AND BETTER HOMES—THE PRESIDENT AT BALTIMORE**

The quotation above is from the President in his speech at Baltimore on last Saturday night, in speaking to the Young Democrats of America. In order to see how this is working we will use some of our imports from foreign countries which are fixed under the reciprocal trade treaties by the president himself under authority given him by the last congress. We find from a report given by the National Association of Manufacturers on what happened when the reciprocal trade treaties were put in effect. We find that the importation of beef for 1935 amounted to 288,000 pounds as compared to 751,000 pounds for January, 1936, pork 265,000 pound imported for the entire year 1935 as compared to 2,250,000 pounds for January, 1936. Canned meats, 4,155,000 pounds in the year 1935 as compared to 7,663,000 pounds for January, 1936. It is going to be hard to show the American people that destroying our hogs, our cattle, and our grain crops in this country throwing millions of people out of employment furnishing a market for foreign grown foods for the American worker is going to produce more food. They are even paying farmers at the present time to destroy wheat while our imports of wheat are increasing all the time, importing 27,438,000 bushels in 1935 that could have been grown in America.

Again quoting from the Dallas News editorially of their issue of April 28th: "The huge federal deficit and increased cost of government, directly contradicting the platform pledge of 1932, are offset Mr. Roosevelt thinks by the increase in national income from \$35,000,000,000 (billions) in 1932, to \$65,000,000,000 (billions) in 1936. As 1936 has yet seven months to run, any claim of national income extent for the current year is but a guess. Assuming that it is at the Roosevelt estimate it must still be reduced to smaller proportion in the terms of the dollar that the President devaluated in interium to 59.2 and in terms of real purchasing power." We do not think that any estimate of the income of the year 1936 could be estimated with accuracy at the present time; but taking the income of 1935, which was about \$57,000,000,000, but as mentioned by the News this must be reduced to the terms of purchasing power of the 1932 dollar before devaluation, and the 1935 income is in the 59 cent dollar. Then in order to make a comparison we must divide the 1935 income by 169 since the price of gold is placed at the compared to the 1932 price, and when this is done we find that our income is only \$34,320,000,000, as compared with \$37,000,000,000 in 1932. The exception in the figures given out is that the average citizen does not know just how to make the comparison; but we all know that prices are far above what the were in 1932. In making a comparison we will take flour in 1932. The best extra high patent in 48 pound bags could be purchased at 85 cents, and at the present time it is being quoted by most dealers at \$1.90, which is an advance of 123 per cent which would make the price level at 223 per cent of the 1932 level, or it would take \$2.23 to purchase the same amount of flour that \$1.00 would purchase in 1932 and so on. From all reports there is more business than there was in 1932; or that is dollars sales. But when we reduce the dollar sales to the terms of the 1932 dollar, we find that we can't purchase as great amount of goods as we could then. To get a comparison on the two-year period, we find that our income has increased, but our purchasing power decreased. Then in place of getting out of the depression we are getting deeper in all the time. Besides that we have plunged the country deeper into debt by about 12 to 15 billions of dollars, without any results as far as building up a purchasing power is concerned.

**THE BLACK INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

The work of the Black investigating committee will turn out just about as all other investigations have. In the first place it looks as though

it has organized for political purposes; but it has failed to develop anything of value as far as the public is concerned. They have shown that Mr. Rascob, the Duponts, and other wealthy people have contributed to the Liberty League, and the support of the anti-Roosevelt organizations, and they had a perfect right to do so if they desired and thought the present administration would be injurious to their interest; but this committee never tells the public that these same men elected Mr. Roosevelt in 1932. They fail to tell us that Rascob put \$375,000 in the Roosevelt campaign fund in 1932, and besides loaning the committee thousands of dollars that they did not pay back until recently and further that according to the press reports one of the Duponts put in \$500,000 after Mr. Roosevelt was inogerated, and they fail to tell the people that there was three thousand farmers attended a Washington meeting last May lobbying for their interest. They had a perfect right to go to Washington, and ask for what they wanted; but what is sauce for the goose should also be sauce for the gander. Since when did these men that elected Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 become such outlaws as they are pictured by this investigation committee? Was it not about the time that they decided as millions of other people did that they had made a mistake when they voted for Mr. Roosevelt in the last election?

**ROEBUCK SALES FOR 1935**

Sears, Roebuck & Company gave out a report last week of their annual sales for the years 1929, 1932 and 1935, which shows that they sold goods to the amount of \$443,000,000 in 1929, and the sales had shrunk to \$276,000,000 in 1932, and in 1935 they had increased to \$417,000,000 from the low. In watching the reports they are all being put out with a view of boosting the present administration, and there is no mention of the devaluated dollar, or no effort on the part of the people putting out these reports to show the public that a dollar would not purchase as much goods as it would in 1932, and after analyzing the Roebuck report and taking into consideration the devaluated dollar we find that they sold only \$247,000,000 or a falling off of \$39,000,000 from the 1932 level or their sales were that much less in terms of volume.

**REGULATIONS MADE TO PERMIT RELIEF TO FARMERS**

San Antonio.—Widening the scope of financial assistance the federal government is extending to Texas farmers, regulations of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office have been amended to permit farmers who are not being actively assisted by the Resettlement Administration to apply for Emergency Crop loans, it has been announced by P.P. Drought, state director of the National Emergency Council for Texas.

The regulations provide that no more than \$200 may be loaned to any one farmer and preference will be given to farmers whose cash requirements are small.

Effect of the change will be to extend to farmers listed as "inactive clients" of the Resettlement Administration the same opportunity to apply for Emergency Crop loans as other eligible farmers. It was pointed out, however, that standard clients of the Resettlement Administration, or farmers who are receiving grants or have received grants from that agency since December 31, 1935, and those employed on Works Progress Administration project are ineligible to receive the loans.

Applications for emergency crop loans may be made to the county crop loan committees already set up in most counties. Loans are disbursed through the regional offices located at Dallas.

**BRUCE BARTON Says:**



**Let's Know Program**

In his "Dialogue of the Gods" the Roman satirist causes Zeus to say: "To bring charges, to find fault, and to chide is an easy matter, and within the power of anyone; but to take measures how the present state of things shall be improved, that is the part of the wise counsellor."

As the Boss on Olympus, old Zeus made the same sad discovery as every other executive—that there are a hundred folks to tell you why you are doing thing wrong for every one with a constructive suggestion.

We have no lack of "counsellors" in this country, and perhaps it should not surprise us that their counsel is so conflicting. That always has been the condition. Even in the days of the men who now are referred to reverently as the Founding Fathers, the divisions of though was as sharp as any that exists today.

Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton were hardly nearer together in their fundamental political concepts than Herbert Hoover and Father Coughlin. Jefferson stood for the widest possible practice of self-government. Hamilton had little faith in the capacity of the people to govern themselves and said so in no uncertain terms. He wanted a national authority that would leave little excuse for the continuation of state boundaries.

These two Founders were vigorous critics, but they did not stop at criticism. Each had a definite program. We have a right to demand that their political descendants should qualify for our suffrage by having programs also.

No candidate should be chosen just because his lungs are the stronger. A proper question is: How do you stand according to the yard-stick of old Zeus. What "measures" do you propose, "by which the present state of things shall be improved."

**We Are Softies**

Our campaigns for safety on the highways n-ake only halting progress, but in one department of our national life the safety movement has been eminently successful. We have made the profession of murderer one of the safest in the land!

My friend J. Edgar Hoover, head of all the G-Men, pointed out recently that only one criminal in four is arrested for his crimes, and even then he isn't badly off. Says Mr. Hoover:

"The greatest mantle of safety in the criminal world is known as 'copping a plea.' The criminal realizes that he may commit twenty crimes and pay for only one; further, that he, through shrewd attorneys through the bribing or frightening of witnesses, through the delays of law, through countless statutes which ex-

ist for his protection, may be placed in a haggling position with a prosecuting attorney, with the result that he bargains for his punishment.

As long as this exists just so long will the underworld count upon inadequate punishment as one of the aids in getting away with murder. And speaking of murder, may I place before you that the average time served by prisoners in America for the commission of our most heinous crime, that of taking human life, is less than four years behind the walls of prison.

There is in this country a delusion that Scotland Yard is a more efficient police force than anything we have here, and that this is the reason why England is comparatively free from crime. Such a notion is nonsense. Compared with our G-Men, Scotland Yard is a country police station, far behind the time in equipment and technique.

What makes England free from crime is the fact that a criminal is arrested he is convicted, and when he is sentenced to jail he serves his time.

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**JOHN TARLETON TO GIVE "EARLY TEXAS" PAGEANT**

Stephenville.—How LaSalle, crossing Texas in search of his lost fort, was murdered by his own men; How the Spanish, laying claim to Texas, kept in mind always the conversion of the Indians as well as the acquisition of territory for their monarch; How Stephen F. Austin and other Texas heroes worked and fought for the freedom of the empire;

How Texas has grown, in wealth, in power, and in prestige, during her 100 years as republic and state—These are the developments to be portrayed in the Centennial pageant at John Tarleton College Saturday evening, May 16, as part of the annual Parents' Day program. The pageant will reach its climax in the World War scenes. The final will depict the sources of Texas' wealth and beauty, with homage paid to Princess Texas and her consort, Prince Renown.

Governor James V. Allred, President T. O. Walton of Texas A. & M. College, and members of the A. & M. Board of Directors are expected to be among the guests for the Parents Day celebration and the pageant. Governor Allred will address students and visitors at a program scheduled for 10 o'clock in the morning. The senior program and presentation of the senior gift, a portrait of Dean J. Thomas Davis, will be included in the day's activities.

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