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Swamp Made To Pay

Some years ago a young man in southern Indiana inherited a farm that was no good. It was swamp land; to walk across it you had to put on hip-boots and, as you walked, water snakes wriggled off ahead of you.

The people laughed at him for having such a white elephant dropped down on him. The land would not pay its taxes. The young man accepted their laughter as a challenge. He would see if he couldn't change the elephant's color. He would see what could be done with th swamp. The young man's name was Eugene C. Shireman.

One day he was talking to the local manager of a soap company and the man told him that his company was giving away a bowl of goldfish as a premium, but that they couldn't get enough goldfish. The moment he pronounced "goldfish", Mr. Shireman had an idea. He would raise goldfish.

He began to study goldfish; everything about them. He traveled a hundred miles to spend an hour with a goldfish expert. Finally, Mr. Shireman cleared out a pond and put in 200 goldfish. Half of them died. He tried again. More lived this time. He found a ready market for them and now began to hire help and raise goldfish in a more ambitious way. He converted more and more of the swamp land into goldfish land. Then he began to buy adjoining swamp land—land which the farmers said was good for nothing. He now has 1,500 acres and of this one-third is under water.

The business has now grown to the extent that he ships goldfish all over the world. He has become the goldfish king. If you have a goldfish, the chances are that it or its ancestor came from his old swamp-farm at Martinsville, Indiana.

Poison Ivy In Schools

"Gee whiz, Pa, why do I have to become a Communist? I don't want to be told when to get up in the morning, and when and what to eat, and what work to do, and how many children I can have, and what I can wear and earn and spend! I want to raise what I want and sell and buy what I want, and have as many children as I feel I can raise, and own my own farm. If I go into industry I want to be able to join a union, or not; and bawl out the management, or strike — without being shot at dawn or sent to some horrible place like Siberia as in Russia—to work out my life as a slave of a government composed of men just like me.

"I don't feel that some men have any right to make other men do their bidding or to kill or enslave them if they refuse. I don't believe any man is sincere who advocates dictatorship of a group 'for the benefit of the many.' I think they are power-mad fakes preying upon us fools."

"Where do you get such high-falutin' ideas, son?"

"In school, Father — in school! And all because you and Mother and the other fathers and mothers don't pay one particle of attention to how we are educated! You send us to school and think we should be grateful. Well—we won't be after we've been 'educated' into slavery! I don't mean that all our teachers and all our text books are Communistic or Socialistic—but a few are, and Poison Ivy spreads fast!"

More Monkey Business

Mr. Petrillo, king-pin of the musicians' union, seems to be making a monkey out of congress—and maybe it is just as well.

For it is time congress learned that if it is going to pass any legislation to curb labor racketeering, it must aim at solving complete basic problems and not just chip off small, inconsequential chunks for legislative action.

The Lea bill, which is one of the few union-control measures ever passed by congress, does nothing but prevent Mr. Petrillo from forcing broadcasting studios to employ unneeded musicians. So naturally Mr. Petrillo, with an oversupply of musicians on his hands, simply turned to new pastures. He is now insisting that Hollywood studios employ three times the number of musicians they need.

Why congress didn't go to the bottom of the situation and provide that no union can force an employer to hire unnecessary workers, is hard to understand.

Poor Little Rich Boys

The FBI has discovered a rather amazing bargain being offered by big-time black market operators—they are selling $1,000 bills for $750. Their purpose, however, is not altogether altruistic.

For the racketeers who have made millions out of the black market have suddenly discovered that it is almost impossible for them to get rid of their stolen money without being detected.

Because of orders issued by the FBI, they can't take these bills anywhere to be broken down into smaller denominations without giving a full report about themselves.

RISING STATE EXPENDITURES

"Many of the states apparently have accepted the abnormal revenues of wartime prosperity as normal. The weakness of such reasoning may be illustrated by reference to state revenues for 1940 or 1941. . . That the reduction or cessation of war spending may return revenues to a point near their prewar levels seems to have been largely overlooked.

"It is unnecessary to point out that sound state financial planning should result in the balancing of expenditures with revenues. Over short periods expenditures may exceed revenues, but this should be expected to occur only under emergency conditions and for essential state services. If expenditures consistently exceed revenues, the state is certain to become engulfed in financial problems.

"It is apparent that a careful study of taxes, other revenues and expenditures would be helpful in most states. Awareness of this problem is evidenced in more than twenty states where the taxes and financial administration are being studied by legislative or executive committee. Several of the reports have been completed which clearly disclose need for improvement in the existing state financial systems.

"Unless the states are successful in planning for postwar expenditures and revenues, state finances may fall to a critical level."
—The Tax Foundation, New York

Election Year Jitters

THE MANUFACTURED CRISIS

As soon as each strike crisis passes, the inclination is to settle back and hope the worst is over. That is the way it was with the auto strike, the oil strike, the steel strike and previous coal strikes. Now there is another coal strike. It is working up to a crisis. Production is slowing down again—the inevitable result when one of the basic resource industries is closed. Hundreds of thousands of miners have been idle for weeks. Negotiations between employer and employe could not have prevented the strike because no matter how generous the settlement under present labor laws, a better one is practically guaranteed by the government when the dispute is forced into the strike stage.

Until such unbalanced laws as the National Labor Relations Act are amended to treat both employers and employes impartially, and some measure of legal restraint imposed upon monopolistic union practices affecting the lives of millions of workers, there will be no end to "labor troubles." So far no move has been made in this direction. Government is still the partisan of labor rather than an umpire giving both sides an equal break.

Many business men feel as does the coal mine operator who said, "Good intentioned people overlook the fact that the type of government we now have grows and prospers as a result of manufactured crises, law violations, and shortages of goods." For many years the American people have been pushed from one crisis to another with each crisis becoming the excuse for the creation of a lot of new restrictive laws. The kind of government we now have as pointed out by this coal man, is a creature of self-made crises. Currently the oppressive controls of wartime are being continued to meet the crisis of shortages that red tape and one-sided labor laws are making steadily worse.

Memories in this country must be very short to not recall that the manufactured crisis was the stepping-stone to power of every modern European oppressor.

11,400 UNITS STATE'S 1946 HOUSING GOAL

The Federal Housing Administration has set 11,400 dwellings as Maryland's 1946 housing goal within the projected 950,000 permanent homes planned for the nation this year under the veterans' emergency housing program.

The Maryland figure includes only city and town homes and is to be divided into one quarter rental units and three quarters homes for sale.

FHA officials here, however, were careful to explain that the Maryland goal is subject to revision by the Baltimore FHA office on advice of interested local groups.

The Maryland objective was determined on the basis of the 2,132 estimated urban dwellings, both priority and nonpriority, started during the first quarter and also on the number of priorities issued for essential materials.

Excluded in the calulations was the farm construction, which is handled through county agents of the Agriculture Department.

The FHA also announced this week that the "dividing line" for Baltimore home construction during May and June has been set at $8,200 for dwellings for sale and $51 a month for rental dwellings (exclusive of utilities and janitor service).

This means that under the National Housing Agency general order promulgated by Wilson W. Wyatt, housing eepediter, about a week ago, 50 per cent of the Baltimore homes built for sale must be priced at or below $8,200 and likewise at least half the rental units started in the next two months must rent for $51 a month or less."

However FHA officials here explained that a downward revision of the $8,200 "dividing line" is probable, since the Wyatt order specified that "dividing lines" could remain above $7,500 only with special permission from Washington.

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Lv. Salisbury	7:45 A.M.	12:45 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
Lv. Easton	8:05 A.M.	1:05 P.M.	5:05 P.M.
Ar. Baltimore	8:25 A.M.*	1:25 P.M.*	5:25 P.M.*
Flights	1	3	7
Lv. Baltimore	9:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.
Lv. Easton	9:20 A.M.	2:20 P.M.	6:20 P.M.
Ar. Salisbury	9:40 A.M.*	2:40 P.M.*	6:40 P.M.*
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