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Father Coughlin Urges Permanent Works Plan

RADIO PREACHER VIOLENTLY ATTACKS PROGRAM OF THE LIBERTY LEAGUE

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin proposed Sunday, as a method of ending depressions, a $10,000,000,000 permanent Government program of road building, reforestation, power development, land reclamation and slum elimination to be financed with new Congress-created currency "independent of any banker."

"I would enter upon this public works program," he said, "with our own United States money, which Congress and Congress alone has the power to issue and to regulate according to our Constitution and independent of any banker."

Such a program, he said, "means the permanent end of depressions; the permanent end of production for bankers' profits."

Critizes Liberty League

Although most of his Sunday afternoon address was devoted to "Our Money and How To Use It," he charged that founders of the American Liberty League "forget every other provision of the Constitution to concentrate on the rights of ownership and use of property." He also replied to an interview given last week by Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, who, Father Coughlin said, " Publicly attacked me for the third time is, as many years."

Father Coughlin's proposal of a public works program included:

An 18,000-mile network of roads to cost $324,000,000.

Fifty million square miles of reforestation to cost $6,400,000,000.

Harnessing of the St. Lawrence and other rivers to yield 7.000,000 horse-power at a cost of $812,000,000.

Reclamation of 60,000,000 acres of land to cost $600,000,000.

Replacement of slums with 900,000 homes to cost $1,800,000,000.

"In our treasury," he continued, "we have $9,000,000,000 of metallic money—of gold and silver. Against this fabulous hoard there is nothing which prevents our issuing $23.000,000,000 worth of currency, if necessary whereas we ask for the issuance of only $10,000,000,000 of it.

"Those public works I would undertake despite the modern theories of private banking which insist that if we engage in any such project it shall be with money from the bankers and written down upon their books with the dead hand of debt."

Explaining how he believed his plan, along with the control by Congress of the nation's currency, would prevent depressions, Father Coughlin said:

"The moment that industry fails to employ a man at an annual wage, that very moment there would be a place for that man either in road building, reforestation, construction of power plants, reclamation of agricultural lands or in the clearing of slums at a salary of not less than $1,500 a year. Soon the purchasing power of the country would be restored. Soon our independence would be gained from the Tory-minded banking fraternity. Soon the wheels of industry would be asked to spin again, supplying the needs of those who are craving for the products of our factories.

"At this juncture, when industry requires more men, the permanent public works program can slacken its pace and supply the factories with every necessary laborer."

Education Is Held More Imperative Then Ever Before

EXECUTIVES, TRAINED LEADERS WORLD'S GREATEST NEEDS SAYS H. C. BYRD

YOUTH'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS SLIM UNLESS HE IS PREPARED

"Never in the history of the world has there been greater demand than now for executives, for leaders trained to meet the great economic and social problems that confront our complex civilization," declares H. C. Byrd, vice-president of the University of Maryland, and for this reason he urges all young men and women who can possibly do so to "enter college and to equip themselves to help solve some of these problems.

"Naturally, I would like to see the young men and women of the State come to the University of Maryland," Byrd frankly said, "but if it is more convenient for them to attend another institution they should do so. But under any circumstances they should go to some college.

WORTH EVERY SACRIFICE

Greater sacrifices than they expect may have to be made but in the long run the results will be worth everything, and more, than they may have to give up temporarily," he continued.

"A college education, of course, is not a panacea for all the ills of humanity, but it should give a foundation on which to build. The chances of rearing a fine structure in later life will be greatly enhanced for the men and women who get a foundation provided by thorough training through four years of college work.

"If the high school graduates of today try to go through the remainder of life without an education, there will come a time when, to them, jobs will seem a good deal scarcer than they are now, because without training to fit them for some highly specialized work or one of the professions, the fields open to them will necessarily be greatly restricted."

"That the United States Government is placing a very real value on a college education is shown by the fact that it is appropriating millions of dollars to help students earn their way through college in all sections of the country. It is expected that the University of Maryland will have sufficient of these funds to aid at least one hundred and fifty students.

"The Federal Government is taking this action not only for relief purposes but because it realizes that the complexities of our life demand not only trained leaders but an educated people."

U. OF M. WELL EQUIPPED

With its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, Education, Engineering, Home Economics and Graduate School at College Park, and its Schools of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Nursing, and its new $1,500,000 hospital in Baltimore, the State University is well equipped to prepare young men and women for practically every line of service and endeavor.

Approximately 3,500 undergraduates were enrolled in the two branches during the 1933-34 term, about equally divided between the College Park and Baltimore branches, and 700 degrees and diplomas were awarded at the commencement exercises at College Park on June 2, at which Governor Ritchie delivered the address to the graduates.

The growth and advancement of the University in the last ten years has been declared "the greatest achievement in higher education in the United States." However, keeping step with the ever-increasing demands upon it, two new structures—an Arts and Sciences Building, at a cost of $300,000 and a Women's Dormitory, at a cost of $190,000—are now being erected at College Park.

The University has one of the most modern educational plants in the country as practically all of its buildings are new, or comparatively new.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

Editors Kent News,

In the 1931 session of Congress a law was passed to pay the veterans half of their Bonus. To date about 85 per cent of veterans have borrowed on their bonus certificates according to government reports from the Veteran's Bonus. What does this show. It points out very clearly that the 85 per cent have taken their bonus were in the unfortunate class and were compelled to borrow on the bonus because of unemployment and bad time in general, and because a larger part of these veterans were out of work through not fault of their own. Is it really fair and just to charge them interest on something that really belong to them? The interest charged the veterans on amounts borrowed will eat up the rest of their bonus by 1945. Could anyone call that justice to the veterans who just 16 years ago took part in a great war in the defense of their country and gladly offered their all for the nation and its people? To me that is anything else but fair to that fine body of young men who after the war came back to their homes; those who were spared by God. These veterans found unemployment when they came home. Many of them had left good jobs showing that their country came first, and, we find today, 16 years after the close of that great conflict, that these men, many of whom have families, are having a bad time feeding that family. Families of many of these veterans are in need. Must they live in want while this Government still owes them a just and honorable debt? Have our people forgotten them? How could 16 years make such a change in the public's attitude towards the veterans and his welfare. I say help these men! They were your friends. Had they refused you 16 years ago things today might be different. Give him the bonus which he so honorably earned and so richly deserves.

It is plain robbery to charge any interest whatever on the loans advanced to the veterans on their Adjusted Compensation Certificates the government ,called it a loan when it is not a loan at all, it is advancing 50 per cent of what this government has owed the veterans since November 11, 1918. Just a debt 16 years past due.

Norman E. Peterson.

Why Not License Cats? Reader Asks

In these days when politicians are casting around for ways of raising taxes, why isn't somtning done about putting a tax on cats? If it is fair to tax dogs, I don't see why cat owners should object to having their pets licensed.

I have a little dog that never hurt anything or anybody. Yet every year I am compelled to buy a license for him. One of my neighbors has a cat that killed half the birds on my place and scared the others away and she is not even obliged to wear a bell to give the birds warning.

If my dog strays into somebody's flower bed. I am likely to get a visit from the police. And if it should happen again I can be hailed into court and fined. But if I were to complain about cats trespassing on my property and trying to loot bird boxes the police woull laugh me to scorn.

Finally, the county employs a crowd of men to go hunting for dogs which are mell cared for and by no means vicious or dangerous but whose owners cannot afford to pay for licenses.

But hundreds of stray cats are permitted to roam about at will.

Something is wrong somewhere, don't you think?

CITIZEN.

A Little Cat Lost

A Christmas Story

by

Martha Banning Thomas

"PETER, that little boy in the apartment on the first floor has lost his kitten again!"

Good Heavens!" Peter whipped the paper over to the financial sheet. "That makes the fourth time, doesn't it? I hope you're not hinting that I go out this cold night and hunt for it."

"No-o-o, but I talked to his mother today, and she said Allan's Christmas would be ruined if they couldn't find that kitten. She said that he wouldn't look at the tree they brought. She said that to divert his thoughts, she gave him a present beforehand—a large toy dumpcart. He put it on the floor and went to the window. He just stands there, Peter, looking and looking." "Why don't his own parents go out and scour the neighborhood? I don't quite see where we come in."



"They have, Peter. But the boy's father is away all day, and has had to work late all this week. His mother can't leave the child alone down there, and he's too little to walk far . . . and she can't push the gocart through all this snow."

"Um-m-m . . . well, I see that more snow is expected tonight."

"Peter!"

Down went the paper with an irritated rustle. "Say it out loud, Mary! You want me to get out of my house slippers, put on my coat, and get chilblains hunting for somebody else's cat."

Mary sniffed. "I've been out until I had to get dinner" she said, "I know you don't want to but . . ."

A door in the lower hall opened. A childish cry came up the stairs. "My kitty! He'll be all cold and hurted! My . . . kitty!"

The outside hall door shut. "There goes his mother. She didn't even ask me to stay with Allen."

"It's got so now a man can't have a moment's peace in his own house, even on Christmas eve," rumbled Peter. In a minute he was ready to go out.

"You're a darling!" beamed Mary.

"I'm ready to choke you!" said Peter, smiling in a cross, ruffled way.

Mary ran downstairs to stay with Allen. Peter slammed out the door.

The streets were still deep with snow. All day and all night it had fallen. The trees bent under it. The bushes were hidden beneath a white burden.



Mary stayed for an hour with Allen. At the end of that time there was the sound of much merriment on the walk. Two persons came in the hall, pounded on the door.

"That's Mummie!" cried Allen. "And I know she's got kitty!"

It was Mummie.

It was Peter. It was kitty.

"Found the poor little thing hunched under a box in the back yard of a store! Well, boy . . . take your cat, and Merry Christmas!"

On the way upstairs again, Peter's arm crept about Mary. "That woman is a good little scout. Lots of pluck. I guess when you have a kid . . . you like to please him . . . even if it's a great nuisance. Glad you told me. What say, Mary, we have our tree this minute? I'm bursting with good will, and I feel like presents!"

So they had their tree. And Allen had his kitt .

THE town hall of the small village of Landers had no clock, but a bell in the cupola. The janitor was one of those fussy fellows who make a positive creed of doing everything on the dot. He kept his watch set "railroad time," consequently when the old man entered the hall in the morning, every one knew it was exactly one minute of seven. The selectmen met there. The offices of the probate judge were on the second floor. The town hall had to be kept warm. When the janitor left at night it was exactly five minutes past six. At six the bell pealed out its only ringing for the day, and people set their watches by it.



Old Foxton had a cubby-hole of his own where he could rest and smoke when he wasn't busy. It was the custom on New Year's eve for the town hall bell to ring out at midnight. Though many enthusiastic youngsters would have liked to send the joyous clanging out over the roofs of the town, Old Foxton would have none of it. That day he stayed seventeen hours in the town hall. But nothing is settled or sure, even in a small, well-regulated village.

One of the youths who had long coveted the fun of New Year's eve bell-ringing held a conference with a friend. "Have you ever thought," said this enterprising young man, "what a joke it would be to have the whole town late for a day?"

His friend cocked up his ears.

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