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Attacking Business— A Horrible, Devastating Blunder

THE present officials of the administration are boasting of what they have accomplished with their work and other relief funds. They tell us the country has been helped through one of the most trying periods in history—that hundreds of cities and towns were saved from bankruptcy. And there is no question as to the truthfulness of these statements.

But what was the cause of the calamitous needs requiring all this relief? Was it the natural result of the depression, or was it due to the stagnation of business produced by insisting on reform before recovery and by the foolish attack made on business by this administration almost from the beginning of its tenure of office?

Business is the source and support of everything associated with what we call civilization. It has brought us from a nation of pioneer backwoodsmen to our present status as a highly civilized nation. Every job, almost regardless of its nature, is the product of business. And when a government attacks those who make jobs, the automatic result of such a procedure is an increase in unemployment.

It is this administration's wild fanatical wasteful management, marked by the most glaring inefficiency, together with a challenging climax in the form of an attack on business generally, that caused the unparalleled increase in the necessity for work and other relief for which the present administration claims so much credit. Our incompetent officials must assume the onus for this appalling disaster that struck down millions of our people. It was their attack on business that destroyed the confidence of business men generally.

Why should a business man add to his investment, try to promote his business, endeavor to add to his list of employees, if there was no possible chance of receiving a reward for his additional efforts? If he even feared that the business he had already acquired, in many cases through a lifetime of hard work, might be taken from him, what chance would there be for making him believe in the future safety of his property?

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Proof that has been passed on by several statistical organizations definitely brought out the damning fact that in the first five months of the Roosevelt administration, during which time there were no school-boys' fanciful theories operating, there was a greater improvement in business and a greater upturn toward normalcy than there had ever been in any previous five months during the entire history of the country.

But facts like these mean nothing to the officials of an administration that rushes headlong in a made-to-order plan. They do not believe in experiments; their plans were permanent as far as they were concerned; and mountains of evidence might have been produced as to their failure—automatically such proof was ignored.

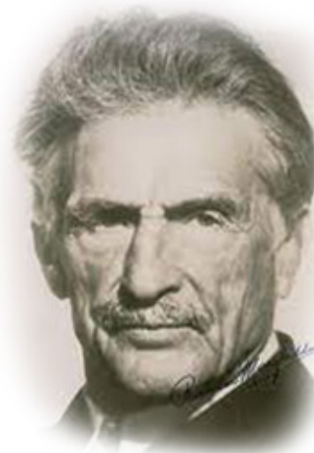
President Roosevelt said in the beginning of his administration that he would be willing to experiment. But an experiment is in the nature of a test. You try out something, and you determine from the results whether or not it is worth continuing.

But no experiments of this kind have been conducted by the Washington officials. They form plans—definite permanent plans that they determine to carry out regardless of the outcome.

Notwithstanding the flood of proof as to the inefficiency of the NRA and the AAA, it was only the United States Supreme Court that stopped this calamitous legislation. It would have gone on—enslaved business, regimented our people, possibly under the rule of a tyrannical ignorant dictator—if the highest court in the land had not helped us.

The present officials are boasting of the billions they have spent—which the workers will have to pay in future years in high taxes—to relieve a situation that they alone brought on by their inconceivably foolish attack upon business.

Business is just as important to this nation as food and drink is to the human body. And every effort that retards it in any way affects the entire nation and increases the unemployment evil, which was definitely demonstrated by the three-year record of the NRA, which increased unemployment by more than two millions.



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