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GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ENTER BUSINESS

EXPERT'S REPORT MADE

Analysis of Relations of the Two Offered by Dean Heilman at a Conference Held Later

Dean Ralph E. Heilman, of Northwestern university, has been making a special study for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce regarding government in business and will give his report at a district conference meeting to be held in Sterling, Monday December 8.

This meeting will be attended by approximately 500 of the leading business of Northwestern Illinois and will be devoted to a consideration of ways and means for helping this section of the state. The following is a summary of Dean Heilman's report:

Function of Government
"It is not a proper function of government nor any unit of government to engage directly in business operations. It is the function of government to protect life and property, and to maintain law and order, but not to engage its capital business operations directly in competition with the capital of its own citizens. True, there may be emergency circumstances, such as arose during the war, under which the government was justified in engaging directly in certain types of business operations,—for example, ship-building. But in the absence of such emergency circumstances, the conduct of business is not a proper function of any unit of government,—national, state or local. It is the function of government to lay down the rules of the business game, and to act as umpire in the game, but not to take part in the game itself.

"The soundness of this guiding principle is demonstrated by the history of government ownership and operation. It is significant that, whenever any unit of government,—national, state or local,—has engaged in business operations, it suffers in comparison with those businesses which are under private management, whether it is judged from the standpoint of cost of service, quality and character of service, maintenance of properties, or efficiency of business methods.

Degree of Control
"There are some who maintain that it is impossible for government to regulate that which it does not own, and who therefore insist that the only solution for the problem of our great utility services is direct ownership and operation. In my judgment, this is a mistaken philosophy. True, all students of the problem admit that there must be a reasonable degree of government regulation and control. But this does not mean government ownership and operation. Indeed, in the public utility field, the movement for government ownership and municipal ownership has distinctly lost ground in recent years, due to the fact that more adequate and effective machinery for regulation and control has been established through state utility commissions, such as the Illinois Commerce commission.

"Some maintain that the state should engage directly in the production of gasoline, coal, cement, etc., in competition with private concerns in order to lower prices and reduce profit. Such experiments have been employed in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. This is also a mistaken philosophy. If prices are extortionately high, due to combinations, conspiracies in restraint of trade or agreements to suppress competition, the state always has open to it the possibility of resorting to legal action in order to break up such conspiracies, just as the state has open to it the possibility of regulating utilities, rather than engaging directly in business operations in these fields.

Breeds Graft
"Government ownership has frequently been criticized on the ground that it breeds graft and political corruption. That it has certain dangers in this respect is ordinarily true. Padding the payroll and juicy plums in the form of contracts for supplies are notorious under government ownership.

"But the undesirability of government ownership and operation is not necessarily due to graft or corruption. Indeed if we assume that under government ownership, graft and political dishonesty would be entirely eliminated, it would still be undesirable and inefficient.

"The makers of the American constitution and of the state constitutions devised and set up machinery for the purposes of carrying on government. In this respect they succeeded well. Our governmental system, with its division of executive and judicial powers into co-ordinate departments, with its checks and balances, is well devised to serve the purposes of government and to protect the individual in his rights. But it is not well designed as a system of business organization and management. No business administrator would set up a business organization on such a basis.

"The functions of government and the functions of business are separate and distinct, and should always be maintained as such."

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