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Dear Sir;

It was very disappointing to read your open letter to Senator Byrd. We expect better things from a man of your calibre.

It is very obvious that your motive was to defend what is apparently the most scandalous political corruption and waste of the peoples savings that this country has ever seen, put over under the cloak of charity. We would expect a man like you to condemn such methods.

Senator Byrd is a capable, clear headed man with the welfare of our country at heart, and every word that he said was the truth. No man will ever go wrong in his thinking if he follows Senator Byrds' guidance, he keeps his feet on the ground and has had good business experience.

You said " he insulted millions of self respecting men and women " when he said they have ceased to exert their efforts for self help, and you state you never saw anything of that kind. There is plenty of evidence of that kind everywhere. Last Summer our Berry growers, and Peach growers, just outside of Buffalo, begged for men to pick Fruit and not a relief man would accept the work. They finally brought men from Ohio and the women all the way from Georgia to do the work.

If relief and W.P.A. was curbed most of the saloons and horse parlors would close up, their patronage is largely relief money. Many a time relief men are arrested for drunkenness, and their families without food.

The thing that put our democracy in danger was the starting of these wild ideas, and naturally there will be strong resentment to stopping these socialistic schemes, because the loafers like the system very much. Nobody ever starved in this country and the people in distress have always been taken care of, but nobody owes us a job or anything else.

All W.P.A. work costs about one hundred per cent more than work done by private contractors, and the people are entitled to get value for their money. These men should not be on a political payroll.

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Is it fair for any man to demand that his neighbor, who has worked many years and gone without things to save a little money, shall provide him with an "abundant life" and give him things the thrifty man never had?.

That was the Russian method.

That also is the creed of the highwayman and pirate, they take what they want from the fellow who has worked for what he has.

If the administration will stop competing with private business we will not have so much unemployment.

The administration keeps saying "If Bankers will not loan - we will.
If contractors won't build homes we will
If Power Companies don't reduce rates..... we will
If towns want to duplicate existing Power Systems, we will give grants and loans.

And all of this generosity is with other peoples money, dished out on the say so of a department without the taxpayers consent.

All these things the Government should announce are not within the scope of government activities, then private enterprise would not be afraid to go ahead, but with a threat hanging over them they are powerless.

Sincerely yours,



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