

## Public Enemies

By Samuel Rosinger

One of the most ancient and honorable traditions of the sea requires of the captain either to perish with his sinking ship, or to be the last human to leave the doomed vessel. Any navigator who would violate this law of chivalry, and effect his safety at the expense of the passengers, would be regarded as a contemptible coward, rightly deserving the punishment, meted out by the penal code, and the condemnation of an outraged public.

We would have to live in a superior civilization to expect the business world to maintain the lofty standards of honor that govern seamen. Yet, when the ship of business encounters heavy seas, and the lashing gales threaten the craft with disaster, the most elemental duties of the captains of finance would be, to stand at the helm courageously, and sink, or swim with all those investors who entrusted their possessions to them. The least the public could expect of the captains of high finance is, to lend every help possible to hasten the recovery of business and the restoration of confidence in the soundness of our economic structure. Their vast experience, their superior talent and their organizing ability that enabled them to build up and manage gigantic enterprises, could, surely, afford some relief, if not a solution of the knotty problems that the country is confronted with.

But, unfortunately, our captains of finance, far from being motivated in this, the most disastrous crisis which has befallen this nation, by the gallantry of seamen, have been acting with the cravenness of rats that are the first to scurry away from the hold of a sinking craft. The conduct of our captains of finance, as brought out by Congressional investigation, has been so sordidly selfish, so downright dishonest, so perverse to the common weal, that one feels a revulsion, when reading the revelation of their criminal betrayal of the public trust.

When a bunch of hungry men, led by labor agitators, arrange an unemployment parade, the police often swoops down upon the marchers and arrests their leaders for communistic activities. The real dangerous "Reds" who bring our country to the brink of revolution, are the sharks of finance, who dump worthless stocks on the public, and defraud the small investors by their treacherous "bear raids." These are the true public enemies of democracy, and, though, they may never be brought to answer for their misdeeds before the bar of justice, they stand condemned before the outraged conscience of their countrymen.

# ROTARYGRAMS

OF BEAUMONT



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### *Slants at the Meeting*

Without mental reservation or equivocation the old program last week was a GOOD one.

One half of one per cent Tim kinder diffused an aura of commercialism around his introduction in accepting the responsibility of his company for the program . . . jocularly, however.

Ordinarily quartettes react on us like an overload of green apples does on a juvenile stomach. You know the old B. V. D. type where the whiskey tenor and the beer baritone would vie for the honor of being off key.

We are happy to say that this quartette was BANG-up and to the professor we doff our chapeaux for this array of talent. And without any communistic tendencies we have about gotten to the point where we would listen to other than patriotic ditties.

Maj. Jno Townes display of humor in depicting the young lawyer who complacently met all abstruse problems and complaisantly offered his boundless store of knowledge to the rest of the befogged world, met a hearty applause.

Without disseminating apostacy he warned us of over-government and the trend to bureaucracy and urged that we hesitate and rededicate ourselves to the principles of our forefathers.

He cited the Battle of San Jacinto where right becomes might and must triumph and he left in your minds a splendid seed of thought for fruition.

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Rotarygrams

ROTARY VISITORS

The following visitors were present at last week's luncheon:

- Henry Schranck, Milwaukee, Wis.
J. M. Rich, Liberty, Texas.
P. W. Kittrell, Houston, Texas.
Lutcher Stark, Orange, Texas.
Sam Riley, Dallas, Texas.
L. M. Slaughter, City.
John C. Townes, City.
Z. A. Williams, City.

Rotarygrams

President's Request

Your president not only invited but urged you to exercise your inalienable right to advise or criticise the management of this club. He provided you with a "Suggestion Box" and it has been emptier than a pauper's dream of wealth. He would rather have a kick in the pants than a slap of silence.

Two members have had the courage of their conviction and complained to the Rotarygrams of the raucy of the juvenile orchestras during meals. (Item April 6th RTgm.)

SUGGESTIONS:

Do You Like—

- Dancing? Singing? Preaching? Legerdemain?
Boxing? "Bulling"? Serious talks or humorous talks? Plays or Theatrical skits?
Do you think the young lady to do the "sweet Courtesies" needed or a nuisance?
Does the introduction of visitors suit you, or do you have a better method?
Do you like vocational talks? Do you like reports and statistics on club activities?
Do you like night parties . . . meaning Rotary parties, with or without ladies?
Do you think the Rotarygram ought to be larger or smaller? or is it worth publishing?

Mineral Wells Conference
May 1st -- 3rd

PROGRAM (condensed)

Sunday, May 1st—

- Registration
Services
Informal Gatherings

Monday, May 2nd—

1st General Session

Jno. A. Crocket, Gov. 47th Dist, Presiding

Main Address . . . 11 A. M.
Sir. Chas. Mander, Bart.

Luncheon Group Meetings—4

- Dallas . . Vocational Service
San Antonio . . Community Service
Houston . . Club Service
Ft. Worth . . International Service

2nd General Session

Tom. Brooks, Gov. 41st Dist. Presiding

Main Address . . .

- 2:50 P. M. . . . . John Singleton
3:15 P. M. . Claybrook Cottingham

Tuesday, May 3rd—

3rd General Session

Jess McGill, Gov. 48th Dist. Presiding

Main Address . . .

- 10:35 A. M. . . . . Lewis D. Fox
11:00 A. M. . . . Clinton Anderson

District Luncheons . . . 12 Noon

- 41st District
47th District
48th District

Balloting for Governor 12:05 P. M. to 1 P. M.
Entertainment provided for time outside of meetings.

Ladies have special committees for entertainment visiting Anns.

Night's Ride on Railroad }
Day's drive on Highway } To Mineral Wells