

I am sure all of us will agree that it is not man's acquisitive nature that makes him great; unfortunately there are not many great men.

Business exists to make profit. That is its primary purpose regardless of the large number of speeches being made by business leaders—where they say that their constituency consists of the Government, the public, the local community, their employees and their stockholders, and that their loyalties encompass all these constituencies.

That all sounds good. Actually they are in business to make money, and I am all for their making an adequate profit. I think that is fine. In fact, I believe the Government should engage in as little business as possible. Industry can do it better, because the Government business soon becomes a bureaucracy with all the faults of both a Government and a business bureaucracy. Between a business bureaucracy and a Government bureaucracy, I believe there is little choice. Any bureaucracy eventually views the public not as a community whose needs and interests it is their function to serve, but as administrative material to be worked on by the administrators as they see fit or profitable.

We must bear in mind that the purpose of Government is to serve the people, not to further bureaucratic or business aims. And there are some things Government should do and is required to do which are not "profitable" from a business standpoint. The aim of our Government is not profit; it is the welfare of our people.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH MUST ENFORCE LAWS

It is not likely that all men in power in industry or in Government see matters in this light; it is much more probable that they view themselves as servants of the people expending themselves without stint in service to the public. The problem is that they have now attained large power without receiving the grace of absolute wisdom. If you do want industry to live within the law, then the executive branch must enforce the law.

There is adequate legislation on the books right now to require industry to do what the Government wants. Industry will not police itself. You do not put a skulk of foxes to guard the chickens in the barnyard. The many examples of overcharging, violations of the Anti-Trust Act, collusion—all show that industry will not police itself. This is true not only of industry. No other groups, including tax-exempt foundations, as you well know, can be expected to police themselves. The reason part of industry can continue to violate rules is because of lax enforcement. The Department of Defense and the Department of Commerce have an industry-oriented philosophy. Many of their officials come from industry. They think like industry. And that is the problem.

When someone needs the law enforced, it is almost impossible to get the Government agency responsible to take the necessary action. This is what ails the Department of Commerce, in particular.

In this connection, in my dealings with that Department, as I will explain later, they have been about as useful as a lighthouse without a light.

FORMER INDUSTRY PEOPLE RETAIN INDUSTRY VIEWPOINT

It has become customary for a man appointed to a Government office where he will deal with industry to sell, or to be required to sell