

PUBLIC OPPOSES GOV'T OPERATION

Canvass of 5,154 Editors Shows
4,466 Communities Against
Socialistic Experiment.

OPPOSITION GROWING

Eighty-seven Per Cent in 1920 as
Against 83 Per Cent in 1919
Think Public is Opposed
to Radicalism.

The American public is more intensely opposed to Government operation than it was a year ago, according to the newspaper editors of the country. Out of 5,154 editors replying to a questionnaire sent out by the Press Service Company of New York, 4,466, or 86 per cent, gave it as their judgment that the people of their communities were overwhelmingly against the Government competing in business with its own citizens.

In 1919 the Press Service Company conducted a similar canvass of editors on the government operation of railroads. That questionnaire showed that 83 per cent of the editors considered their communities against Government operation of public utilities.

Apparently, then, if editors estimate public opinion accurately, that opinion in a year, considered by communities, has swung 3 per cent farther away from socialistic experiments.

Eleven Million Circulation.

The combined circulation of the papers whose editors replied is 11,425,817, which means, according to the usual estimated ratio between circulation and readers, a constituency of at least 44,000,000. And this constituency is pretty evenly scattered throughout the country, no considerable section of any state being unrepresented. The estimate of opinion based on this thoroughly diffused 44 per cent of the country's population may, therefore, be considered a fair representation of the people as a whole.

Another feature of the result is its evident lack of partisan bias. The major political affiliations of the papers represented are fairly evenly divided, being 1,857 Republican and 1,350 Democratic. There are also 1,485 independent and 462 miscellaneous, including labor organs, etc.

How little the results are affected by the politics of the papers is shown in an analysis by sections. In the Southern section, for instance, where replies came from 65 Republican papers and 389 Democratic, the percentage against Government operation was 88; in the Great Lake section, with conditions reversed, 478 Republican and 155 Democratic, the opposition was 87 per cent.

Replies from the West, Middle West and Southwest show that it is a mistake to consider those sections vastly more favorable to radical Government experiments than the East. The radicals can get little comfort out of the 89 per cent of thumbs down—2 per cent above the average—in the Southwest, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Texas, once supposed to be much given to Government regulation experiments, returned 92 per cent of unfavorable replies. Out of the 244 editors replying from that state only three edited Republican papers. The 82 per cent opposition of the Northwest, including Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming, and the 83 per cent veto of the Far West group, including Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Utah and Washington, are significant of the prevailing conservative sentiment on this question even in the more radical sections.

Judgment Apparently Unbiased.

The questionnaire closes with a request for the editor's personal opinion on certain concrete cases as follows:

"Do you personally believe that the Federal Government should own and operate competitive industries to provide: (a) Fertilizer? (b) Clothing? (c) Automobiles? (d) Farm implements? (e) Foodstuffs?"

Substantially all the editors who gave estimates of their readers' opinions also expressed their own by replying to this last question. Proof of considerable effort to avoid personal bias is found in the fact that in many cases the editor differed from the opinion he credited to his community. The percentage of "nos" ran: (a) 76; (b) 83; (c) 86; (d) 82; (e) 79.

While the questions were based on general principles involved in the Government participating in competitive business, the so-called Muscle Shoals Bill now before Congress was used as a concrete example of a Government operation scheme. Under this bill a Government-owned corporation would be given broad powers to operate and develop Government plants and properties. It would produce at Muscle Shoals various fertilizer products and sell them in competition with producers and merchants in the fertilizer business.

The strength of the opposition to Government operation is indicated by the replies from Alabama, where the Muscle Shoals war plant is and where, of course, there is intense interest and local pride in getting its expected peace-time operation under way at the earliest possible date. Fifty editors from that state replied, of whom 38 were opposed to Government operation, 8 in favor and 4 doubtful.

LIKE COOL FROCKS

Pastel Shades for Warm Weather—Pale Green Coolest.

Colors Play Most Important Part in Milady's Comfort on Hot Mid-summer Days.

Though it is rather maddening to be told how cool we look on a hot summer day, when we are feeling quite the opposite, after the first indignation has worn off the remark is apt to have a psychological effect that actually makes us feel cooler, points out a fashion correspondent.

And, after all, it is a very big compliment to be told that we look cool when the weather makes such an appearance almost impossible, for what is less attractive than any one who is obviously hot?

Cool colors and cool fabrics go a long way toward making a cool summer. This is evidenced by the usual custom of dressing our rooms in their summer clothes if we are to inhabit them during the warm weather. Heavy velvet and brocade hangings



An outdoor frock with a skirt of kumli-kumsa and overblouse of printed dew-kist. With it is worn a wide-brimmed sailor, crown encircled with double ruching of satin de luxe.

give way to cretonnes or silks in cool shades and elaborate formal curtains are replaced by simple sheer affairs. Thick rugs are taken up, too, and all this is done because it makes the rooms look cooler, not because these winter trappings actually add to the heat of the house.

This principle holds good in dressing ourselves, too, and pastel shades in delicate fabrics rule our lives in summer if we are fortunate enough to be out of town where such things are appropriate. But even among pastel shades there are some that are cooler than others, and we are not apt to take this into consideration in choosing our Swiss and organdie frocks. Pale green, the shade that has appropriately been called "seafoam," has perhaps the most cooling effect upon the eye. White, of course, is notably chilly, and pale blue has the same tendencies. Shades of rose and yellow have warmth and light, and though they are favorite summer colors on a really sizzling day their wearers will not look as comfortable as they might.

ATTIRE FOR GIRL WHO HIKES

Knickers, With Long Coat, Low-Heeled Shoes, Tam, Long Cane, Among Requisites.

Bathing is far from being the only or even the most popular summer sport. Walking—especially for the devotee of the mountains—has a great many passionate followers. There are girls who are really not the least bit afraid of a ten-mile stroll in the forenoon.

Of course, to thoroughly enjoy walking one must be dressed accordingly. No long or tight skirt, no high heels, these would spoil this healthy pleasure. Nowadays knickers are being worn quite frequently for mountain climbing. They are prettier than ever and the girl with the athletic figure—and most walkers possess it—looks charming in this boyish outfit.

A lovely costume of this sort consists of dark brown faced shoes quite heelless, heavy woolen sport stockings and light tan and dark brown checked knickers. With this is worn a dark brown coat which reaches almost to the bottom of the knickers. A pongee blouse in the natural shade tied with a Windsor bow of checked taffeta adds a note of brightness to the otherwise rather somber outfit. A tam o' shanter of bright tan suede cloth, a long cane, a heavy pair of gauntlet gloves—and there you are.

Worn Over Underslips.

Frocks of white organdie daintily embroidered with white are worn over underslips of vivid taffeta—the organdie, which is a new and exceedingly transparent sort, looking like a mere white mist over the bright colored underdress.

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SOUTH SIDE LOCALS

Mr. Frank Tucker, who has been visiting with relatives in Kansas, returned last week after spending a very enjoyable stay.

The Rev. Mr. Taggart rendered a sermon last Sunday at the Rev. Mr. Davis' church in Council Bluffs. The Bethel choir accompanied the pastor. Mr. Wm. Nelson opened up a first-class meat market at 4822 South Twenty-sixth street Monday. He solicits the patronage of the South Siders.

Miss Hawes of New York, a Y. W. C. A. organizer, and Miss Watkins gave brief talks Sunday at the B. Y. P. U. in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. campaign that is to be begun for funds and membership.

Mrs. Frankie Nelson has been appointed chairman of the captains for Y. W. C. A. work on the South Side. She will greatly appreciate the cooperation of all who are interested in the advancement of our people.

The Mission Circle will meet Thursday with Mrs. L. Whidby on Twenty-ninth and R streets. The mission ladies are requested to bring necessary equipment for sewing.

South Side High school reports a number of colored night school attendants, old and young.

SIoux CITY NOTES

Mr. John Duncan of Hawarden, Ia., was called home last week on account of the very serious illness of his wife, residing at 513½ Main street.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. J. H. Parker will make Sioux City his home. He received word that his sister-in-law of Mobile, Ala., will come here and take charge of his home in North Riverside.

The Willing Workers' club, Mrs. E. J. Curtis, president, met at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Tack, Twenty-first and Center streets, Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Rountree is on duty again at the C. & N. W. depot.

Mr. John Williams, who has been in New York visiting relatives and friends, has returned home.

Mr. W. H. Ashbey reports a very pleasant and profitable session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, which met in Davenport, Ia.

Mrs. Anna May Askew has returned from the bedside of her father, Mr. Jerry Lee, St. Paul. His condition is much improved.

Mr. W. H. Jones, district deputy of the Iowa York Masons, has gone to Whiting, Ia.

The duet rendered by the Mesdames Tonsil and Williams at Malone A. M. E. church Sunday night was a pleasing feature of the service and enjoyed

by all present.

The Heroines of Jericho gave a social at the hall on Fourth street last Monday night.

Mrs. Viola Williams of 509 Main street is ill.

Mr. Walter Williams joined his wife at the bedside of her father at St. Paul.

Rev. P. M. Lewis on last Sunday advised his members to vote the G. O. P. ticket straight.

AMUSEMENT CORPORATION WILL PRESENT FEATURES

(By Associated Negro Press)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 21.—One of the many features to be introduced by the Quality Amusement Corporation during the season recently opened will be the revival of former successes in which Williams and Walker, Cole and Johnson, Ernest Hogan and J. Leubrie Hill appeared. There are thousands who would like to see these productions again, and there are equally as many who would have heard of these attractions of yesteryear and who will eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy them.

The first of these old successes to be produced will be J. Leubrie Hill's Dark Town Follies in "My Friend From Kentucky." This show has a record of having played the Lafayette Theatre, New York, longer and to larger audiences than any other attraction in the house's history. The Dark Town Follies Company will open under the management of the Quality Amusement Corporation at the Attacks Theatre, Norfolk, Va., week of October 25, and will play Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other eastern routes of the circuit before going west.

J. Leubrie Hill's week will be observed in each of these cities during the engagement of the Dark Town Follies, and it is expected that large audiences will turn out nightly to hear the tuneful music written by J. Leubrie Hill.

Jesse A. Shipp is engaged in staging this production, in which will appear Dink Stewart, Andrew Tribble, Evon Robinson and others well known to the public.

Brilliant Scheme.

On their fourth birthday Frances and Rita, twins, stood watching the finishing touches being put on a cake by their mother, when Frances exclaimed, "Muvver, let's have today for my birthday, and we'll have another for Rita tomorrow."

Greatest Power.

There is something greater on earth than arbitrary power. The thunder the lightning and the earthquake are terrific, but the judgment of the people is more.—Daniel Webster.

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