THE FRICTIONLESS WAY

Suggestions on how, taking into account the American scene, we can actually get over into the kind of Society that we want.

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Even the most ardent advocates of government ownership seem to expect that the government, to save confusion, must take over collective ownership gradually, beginning with the greater monopolies and reaching out to the less - the machinery of governmental management to be worked out and set up as need arises. The machinery of governmental management has already been worked out and set up in the greatest of all monopolies - the master monopoly - Income Monopoly. The Work-For-All Plan would immediately nationalize income monopoly thru its 100% income tax clause; it would gradually nationalize all other monopolies and great industries thru its 100% inheritance tax clause. In short, the Work-For-All Plan is the first step to collective ownership. Our next step will then be more clearly indicated.

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Nationalize these monopolies and with such an assured income the government could offer work, with short hours and high pay, to all the unemployed. Private industry, to compete in the labor market with the numberless government jobs, would be forced to offer short hours and high pay. There would be well-paid work and cultural leisure for every able-bodied adult, education and play for every child, social insurance for all the handicapped.

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Opposition to the Work-For-All Plan from the rich will be as strong as to any other radical program; but support for the Work-For-All Plan from the masses will be far stronger than for any other radical program. The great teacher, Experience, has taught the masses the need of a new economic system - what the masses want to know now is how to begin this new economic system - in the quickest, smoothest way. It is a debated question whether this or that radical system will work; but the masses know that income and inheritance taxation in America has worked, does work, and will work. The same great teacher, Experience, has taught the masses this much of radicalism. Change the percentage in the present income and inheritance tax laws, and the financial foundation for a new economic order is laid. The Work-For-All Plan is THE FRICTIONLESS WAY into the New Society.

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