BUSINESSMEN MUST ENGAGE IN POLITICS

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There is no question that Government is the largest business there is but does anyone submit that it is being run along the lines of efficient business principles? True, it is not a profit producing business but that makes more important that it be administered by dedicated business men who realize that two important principles are involved:—

1. Patriotism

2. Economic Self Preservation

There may be some who will argue that Patriotism is a component of Economic Self Preservation or a way of life that we wish to have preserved, but let us use Patriotism in its accepted sense of maintaining our country firm in the principles under which it was founded and defended against all threats to its security and essential interests.

When this country came into being, the founding fathers left the comparative security and paternalistic regimes of the old world for liberty, freedom and the adventure of wrestling a career based on their initiative and competence in dealing with arduous situations that confronted them. Success, if achieved, was not only a reward for the exercise of individual enterprise but resulted in character building which is always the case when individuals overcome obstacles. I believe that patriotism requires that we maintain these opportunities for our associates and successors. What has this to do with business engaged in Government? Simply this; if Government is not conducted along sound business lines these opportunities may not be perpetuated.

In an article written in the April, 1965 issue of this publication, the following excerpt was quoted from a speech attributed to Professor Alexan-
business experience that nothing but length of service can buy. Many are in exceptional health and wish to continue to be useful. Look at the ages levels of individuals in Congress not to mention the Courts. Many are way past normal business retirement age. Such industrialists are men who have made their mark and have estates they would not like to see confiscated or emasculated, by more and unjustified taxes. They have a big stake in our free enterprise system and the future of their children and grandchildren. Let us pick those who are willing and put them to work in government. We have many business organizations thru which this could be done and others could be found to coordinate these activities. Let these men run on their business record with no allegiance to political parties, unless a Business Men’s Party is formed, sometime in the future but in the meantime let them do as the socialists have so successfully done, infiltrate present political parties to get the nominations with business support. Let them know and understand that their greatest patriotic contribution is being willing to be a candidate and that the most important objective is to get a business supported candidate elected. If we return the country to sound business management, we should be able to avoid a dictatorship such as prophesied by Professor Tyler as the end point of a loose fiscal policy.

“TEACH ME”

I have the impression that we and our educational institutions are placing too much emphasis on teaching and not enough on learning. This may seem inconsistent but my real concern is whether we are trying to spoon feed our children an education, rather than to create the environment to inspire them to learn. In a philosophical sense, there is no such thing as teaching; there is only learning. The acts known as teaching only have useful meaning when someone learns. Teaching is only a means to a goal. The goal is learning.

I think we fail to realize that the educational process involves the home, the church and the entire neighborhood, in addition to the school system. The greatest opportunity for “learning” is through our own example and through the experiences of everyday life, rather than through the formal school program.

As an example of what I mean, my teenage son wanted to make a model auto flywheel and shaft assembly for a school-authorized metal shop project. There was wisdom in the teacher assigning this project to him because he has a great interest in model antique automobiles and therefore had a personal interest in accomplishing this project. However, he ran into one frustration after another, trying to execute his project at school. The teacher simply did not have the necessary time to devote to each individual student and “teach” them how to do their projects. The school metal lathes were worn and in poor condition. The tools that would make the job reasonable to accomplish were not available.

Here is where the rest of the educational team came in. At home we have a shop containing tools inherited from my father and grandfather and a heritage of admiring the skills of our forefathers and learning from them. I was able to show my son that the shaft could be threaded with a die and the flywheel drilled and tapped to accept the shaft. Then the assembly was faced and turned on a metal lathe that has been kept precise by three generations of careful maintenance.

The eyes of the boy widened as he saw the possibilities of what a little skill and the proper tools could accomplish. Frustration turned to a genuine desire for learning. The need for teaching no longer existed because the desire to learn became dominant.

Teaching merely became a simple communication from one with knowledge and patience to one who wanted knowledge.

During the period directly after World War II, the colleges and universities became crowded with veterans who were eager to seek out an education in spite of serious shortages and limitations in physical facilities. As one who attended college during this period, I feel greatly privileged to have experienced this situation because our professors indicated after we graduated that they had never before experienced such a rewarding and educationally profitable period in their teaching history. It was not a period of teaching, but rather one of both student and teacher sharing a learning experience. The inspirational mood had been set either because of the war experiences of the students and teachers, their maturity or for other reasons.

What a mistake it is for us to solely charge our schools with the responsibility of “teaching” our children. We must inspire the desire to learn in our children so that the educational process may develop as well at home, at church, and with every contact our children have. Let us make all these contacts worthwhile and have them all share the responsibility of helping our children to learn. May these combined efforts be the proper inspiration and response to the student’s words, “teach me”.

PLANT CLOSURE FOR VACATION PERIOD

Starting July 17th
Reopening July 31st

There is no question that the nearer the vacation period approaches the heating season, the greater we need the cooperation of our customers in the oil burning field, in anticipating their needs.

There have been reasons why an earlier vacation period has not been as satisfactory as the period chosen and since our production personnel have literally been working night and day to meet your requirements, permitting our administrative personnel to undertake a high tension drive to see that your requirements are accommodated to the best of our ability, we have decided to show our appreciation for such coordinated effort by granting the vacation preference. We feel that our personnel deserve this consideration and we hope our customers concur.

There has been the promise that unless unforeseen shortages develop over which we have no control, all integral duplex strainers and all Class 60 series reduction drive fuel oil pump sets of the sizes most used and for which we have stock authorizations, will be in stock before the vacation period commences.

But we still need the help of our oil burner customers. It should be clear that if all oil burner customers wait until the last minute before favoring us with their orders, our stock will vanish like butter in a hot sun. So please continue favoring us with your orders in anticipation of your needs, reserving the stock accumulated for a carry over during the vacation period to meet unexpected and unanticipated requirements.

During the vacation period there will be a skeleton staff on duty with emergency shipping facilities that will only be able to handle orders for stock items. Please help us make this an enjoyable vacation period. Most of us need the chance to relax, without the worry that any customer has not been accommodated.

PUBLICITY FOR CUSTOMERS PRODUCTS

We have long had a policy of showing pictures of machines, devices and installations, with short write ups where our products are used as components. This has varied from ships on which our separators have been used to pump and heater sets assembled by our customers. We are sure other customers will be glad to avail themselves of this publicity but we need time to use any material supplied.
As most of our customers know, we have spent considerable time, effort and advertising funds to establish the word separator to include barrier separators which place a barrier between incoming and exit fluids with the purpose of separating undesirable impurities by means of the barrier from the exit fluid which may be either a liquid or a gas.

If the barrier is of fine separating material, we define the unit as a filter, if of coarse separating media, we term it a strainer. For the purposes of manufacturing nomenclature, we use perforated metal as the limit of strainer elements. Up to the present we are able to supply strainer baskets from perforated metal down to 1/64" in brass and 1/32" perforation in stainless steel and monel. Where finer separation is required, we supply fine mesh screen supported by a perforated metal backing to provide a reinforcement. All of our duplex separators are furnished with our double element baskets as standard which provide between 30 to 50% more separating area depending upon size so that the intervals between cleaning operations is extended by this amount, greatly reducing maintenance costs.

However, there comes a time when separator elements need cleaning and this is the function and justification of the duplex unit. With the simple movement of the control lever, the flow can be directed into the standby duplicate side body with separator element in readiness for functioning.

**FEATURES**

1. Hand screw requires no special tools.
2. Handle shields side in use.
3. Accessible closure for easy basket cleaning.
4. Continuous separation is provided without flow interruption even during changeover.
5. Tapered, anti-wedging valve plug.
6. Drain connections on each basket chamber.
7. Interchangeable low cost baskets.
8. Assembled bodies tested under pressure in accordance with Underwriters' specifications.
9. Spring handle holds basket on seat.
10. Independent stuffing box gland.
11. Adjustable locking flange establishes valve clearance.

Up to the present, it was necessary to manually shift this control lever. In line with modernized trends toward automation, we have made provision for compressed air controlled actuators as indicated in the assembly drawing and the inset showing an enlarged view of the actuator mounted on the valve center section.

These actuators can be controlled by increased pressure drop which is another name for the build up of resistance to flow through the separator elements. An arbitrary standard can be selected for a pressure drop at which the lever will shift from the side in operation to the standby unit. At the same time a light can light or a bell ring so that the maintenance operator will know that it is time to clean the element from which the flow has been shifted.

Normally the plant compressed air system can be utilized but if a special instrument system is needed perhaps one of our rotary units will meet the requirements.
According to information supplied to us by the Dorchester Shipbuilding Corporation of Dorchester, New Jersey, the builders of this vessel, our organization supplied the duplex oil separators for the fuel oil systems aboard. The Ouiongoddy is a steel hulled stern scalloper with a L.O.A. of 100' 6" and was designed by John W. Gilbert Associates of Boston, Mass. for stern scalloping and bottom and midwater stern trawling in the west North Atlantic fishing grounds. The craft has a crew of 12 and will run at an average speed of 11½ knots. We wish we had been present at the launching and of course she has our best wishes for happy trawling and scalloping as part of us goes with her.