

# Toward Totalitarianism

**T**HE current attempt of the national Administration to prohibit anti-closed shop legislation enacted by 16 states of the American Union, is in effect an attempt to nullify one of the essential liberties that sustain and preserve our free nation.

It is a bold attempt to cancel the established right of local government to meet and resolve its problems according to its own needs, means and circumstances.

It is, in fact, another step toward totalitarianism.

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**A**MERICA has flourished and grown great largely because respect for local independence engendered fast allegiance to the general welfare. The American federation is powerful and permanent because it is made up of free men and free communities.

When management of local affairs is centralized in hands that neither know, recognize nor care what particular conditions or circumstances compose a regional interest, then we have government by fiat.

**GOVERNMENT BY FIAT IS TOTAL GOVERNMENT. A TOTALITARIAN STATE IS AUTOMATICALLY A POLICE STATE.**

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**T**HE Administration and the present Congress construe as one of their obligations the repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law. It must carry out the promises of campaign oratory.

It is one thing, however, to write a new labor law. It is quite another to write a law that makes campaign speeches good at the expense of a cardinal American doctrine.

The right of a man to work is undeniable and inalienable in every one of the 48 states.

Under what particular conditions he shall exercise that right is a question subject to a multitude of factors which vary between states as much, for example, as do the climates of Minnesota and California.

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**I**T IS only in the regional combination of occupations, prices, manpower, social character and geography that it can be determined what shall be the public policy in the relationship of the man who is employed and the man who employs.

Sixteen American states have decided that the closed shop is not for them. Others have decided that they accept the closed shop.

For an official in Washington to foist upon an American state an arbitrary solution of delicate and complex problems is something infinitely more dangerous than a political impertinence.

**IT IS A MOVE TOWARD THE CORPORATE STATE, LOSS OF LOCAL LIBERTIES, EMERGENCE OF THE DICTATOR, AND AS NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY, EXTINCTION OF WHAT WE ARE AND HOPE ALWAYS TO BE.**