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This analysis of the N R A
it is
is clear - probably all that I need -/not with the analysis
but with the review of the article as Lippmann presents it
that I would take issue. Can you drop the preamble of the
Constitution? Can you drop Article I and its reference to
general welfare and consider the only thing debatable to be
the Inter-state commerce clause? If it came to a show down
would not the preamble, the reference to the general welfare
in Article I be considered more important ^{than} the power to
regulate commerce? It seems to me unquestionable and if we
take Supreme Court decisions over ^a sufficiently long term
it is the general welfare that is the object of the Constitution
as expressed in these cases that always comes out ahead, that
when it ceases to come out ahead then the Constitution will be
smashed.

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The second interesting thing/which I might
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refer is whether or no Congress can regulate/small business
inside a State like the pressing of trousers in Tampa, Florida.
Here there is great danger of the N R A going against not only
the Constitution which leaves such regulation to the State
but against sound development of business. It is impossible
for a centralized Government to regulate the details of
industrial life in all the communities of this country.
Even more impossible than it was to regulate their drinking

habits.

The weakness economically of the American Federation of Labor's contention, as I understand it, that it be allowed to regulate all industries from headquarters, that the Company Union, that is the organization inside a factory of men and management to manage the affairs of that particular factory on a co-operative basis is a danger to the labor Union. It seems to me to be entirely ^{un}sound. It is out of these laboratory experiments, as we may call them, when they are honestly conducted as many of them are, that we get the experience to know what may be done profitably inside an industry, how all may profit justly which does not mean that men co-operating with management inside a particular factory - and it should be remembered always that the conditions in a particular factory are different from those of any other factory - the psychology is different ^{is an} / important point. The possibilities economically are different. Now develop ~~those~~ locally on the ground. That does not mean that the worker should not have a trade union and that these trade unions should not be ^{gallied} ~~confined~~ into a National Federation of Labor. On the contrary; it seems to me that such a set-up is greatly to be desired, and that ^{National} rightly conducted a/Trade Union may get ~~information~~ help by an industry that is being carried on in a co-operative and experimental spirit, the effort being the best for all concerned.

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Any such centralization of/labor operation

an is read in to the N R A by certain interpreters, *it* seems to ~~be~~ *we* altogether unsound and in the long run to hold back development, ^{get} you cannot/universal results, and, in all probability you ^{get} ~~set~~ *out* off desirable results which local freedom would produce.

As to the ~~third~~ point - how long the N R A will last beyond the term Congress gives it - June 1935 - Lippmann is sensible. It has got to prove itself within these months, and the fact of the observing public is to weigh coolly and carefully what is desirable to preserve, and what not, leaving to the State what really belongs to them and ~~what~~ can only be properly developed by them.