

College Talk: Growth

An essential element in this all around and continuous growth is seeing things as a whole and not as a part. We hear a great deal of talk nowadays of collective action and yet analyzed you find frequently that the advocates of collective action, that is, acting on a thing as a whole means doing the thing as I see it, is merely party action.-- the Nation.-- We will all agree, it is not theoretically I take it, that in a democracy ~~through parties~~ it is not the party but the nation as a whole that is at stake. I believe honestly that our party program is best for the Nation. After all it may not be and our party program should be put to the test of the programs of our contestants. It is the whole that is at stake. True in our industrial life. There are so many different factors and so frequently each factor struggling for power and losing sight of the industry as a whole. Industrial enterprise depends first and foremost on the creative spirit behind it, that creative spirit strong enough to send inventors to work, to develop the idea, organizers, financiers, to make of the creative idea a real thing which can be carried on. Not so simple as we say when we talk about capital and labor. Industry is a many-sided thing and ^{if} it is to be handled collectively - or better say cooperatively - all the varied interests must be considered in it and it be agreed that not one side but the health of the industry and the growth of it is what is at stake. Never until we get some such notion of the all-aroundness of the essential

cooperation of all sides are we going to get anything like
real continuous healthy growth in industry. Any element in an
industry which
assumes dictatorial tradition does just that much to put back
the only thing that makes a healthy industry, and that is full
co-operation of all sides.