

Let Them Eat Roads

* Among others doing post war economic planning is the esteemed New Yorker, Park Commissioner, Robert Moses. The question bothering that gentleman is what to do for, with or to the fifteen million soldiers and munition workers who will have to look for other jobs after the war.

All the economic planners, including Mr. Moses, take for granted that these millions of men will be poor. Why they are or will be poor, Mr. Moses does not say. But since they are and will be poor we know that they will lack food, homes and clothes, one, two or all three.

That being so, one would think that these economic planners would seek ways by which these poor would make for themselves food, homes and clothes. But no, the plan suggested is to have them make roads and other public works improvements.

The country is not in need of more roads or public works and none of the fifteen million men need these things. They cannot eat them or wear them or live in them.

But such is the wisdom of economic planners that to feed the hungry man we shall build him a new road and to clothe the naked we shall widen the highway.

Is it possible that our economic planners, summing up the results of all they contemplate doing, vision so many tramps going hither and yon that all the roads we now have will not suffice to hold them?

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