

Spirit of Mortal Not Proud on \$14

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: Your today's editorial comment that \$14 per week, as proposed by President Roosevelt for minimum wages, is indeed very small. However, I believe in this case the President is right. One can live on \$5 per week, paying rental for a small room, etc., and get along splendidly. I have tried it, so I know. Two persons occupying the same room could readily live on \$10 per week, leaving \$4 out of the \$14 for clothing and incidentals. In a year's time that would mean \$208 for clothing and incidentals, which should be plenty for two persons. Of course one cannot raise a family on \$14 a week—not in San Francisco—nor can one go joyriding and run down poor pedestrians every so often, nor can one attend elite social functions.

Oh, well, what's the use? As the vicious economic cycle rolls through the ages, by and by we will all be living on the level of the Chinese coolie. "Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

OLE J. SNEIDE.

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