

F. D. R. SEEKS HALT ON TAX DODGING BY RICH PEOPLE

Message to Congress Asks Passage 'Evasion Proof' Measure — Hits Lawyers

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to stop tax dodging "by a minority of very rich individuals."

The chief executive, in a message saying evasion by the wealthy shifts the tax load to those less able to pay, urged legislation at this session "specifically and exclusively aimed at making the present tax structure evasion-proof."

"We face a challenge to the power of the government to collect, uniformly, fairly and without discrimination, taxes based on statutes adopted by congress," he said.

Mr. Roosevelt declared the full power of the government would be thrown behind a treasury investigation of income tax evasion and avoidance. He asked authorization to expand the inquiry, giving the treasury full power to summon witnesses and compel testimony.

The president transmitted a preliminary report on the investigation, and expressed confidence congress would share with him a feeling of indignation at findings of evasion.

The report, he said, "reveals efforts at avoidance and evasion of tax liability, so widespread and so amazing in their boldness and their ingenuity that further action without delay seems imperative."

There are a variety of tax dodging methods, Mr. Roosevelt added, explaining:

"Some are instances of avoidance which appear to have the color of legality; others are plainly contrary even to the letter of the law. All are alike in that they represent a determined effort on the part of those who use them to dodge the payment of taxes which congress based on ability to pay.

"All are alike in that failure to pay results in shifting the tax load to the shoulders of others less able to pay, and in mulcting the treasury of the government's just due."

The president urged congress to confer its tax legislation to plugging loopholes in present laws, reiterating an earlier suggestion that there be no new taxes and no general rate revision at this session.

He said the treasury would supply by next November a general tax survey, on the basis of which "the congress may, if it chooses, undertake revisions of the tax structure."

"The long-term problem of tax policy is wholly separate from the immediate problem of glaring evasion and avoidance of existing law," he continued.

"It is this immediate problem the decency of American morals is involved."

"The example of successful tax dodging by a minority of very rich individuals breeds efforts by other people to dodge other laws, as well as tax laws."

The president said efforts already are being made to bring the tax evasion issue, adding:

"Already certain newspaper publishers are seeking to make it appear—first, that if an individual can devise unanticipated methods to avoid taxes which the congress intended him to pay he is doing nothing unpatriotic or unethical; and second, that because certain individuals do not approve of high income tax brackets; or the undistributed earnings tax, or the capital gains tax, the first duty of the congress should be the repeal or reduction of those taxes."

"In other words, not one but many red herrings are in preparation. . . . It is also a matter of deep regret to know that lawyers of high standing at the bar not only have advised and are advising their clients to utilize tax evasion devices, but are actively using these devices in their own personal affairs."

"We hear too often from lawyers, as well as from their clients, the sentiment, 'It is all right to do it if you can get away with it.'"

All three branches of government are concerned jointly with tax evasions, the president said. Congress should eliminate loopholes, he added and the executive branch should investigate fully all questionable cases, prosecute where wrong has been done and make recommendations for closing loopholes.

"It is the duty of the courts," the president added, "to give full consideration to the intent of the congress in passing tax laws and to give full consideration to all evidence which points to an objective of evasion on the part of the taxpayer."

O. S. C. PREPARES FOR 68th COMMENCEMENT JUNE 1



The dignified academic procession shown here will be reenacted next Tuesday at Oregon State college when ceremonies of graduation will be conducted under the leadership of the men pictured above. They are, from left, Dr. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 30; Dr. George W. Peavy, president of Oregon State college; Dr. Remsen Bird, president of Occidental college who will deliver the commencement address; and Dr. Frederick Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education. More than 450 seniors and graduate students will receive degrees during the ceremonies, while two honorary degrees are to be conferred. Alumni day will be Saturday, May 29.

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al neutrality bloc, asserted President Roosevelt should "act immediately" to invoke American neutrality laws against Germany.

He described the bombardment of Almeria as a "plain act of war" against Spain.

Senator Clark (D-Mo.), a member of the senate's mandatory neutrality bloc, likewise said he believed the neutrality act should be applied to Germany and possibly to Italy.

Previously Senators Borah and Mc-Kellar (D-Tenn.) called a German naval attack on the loyalist port of Almeria an act of war that justified the United States in applying its new neutrality law to outside "participants" in the conflict.

Senator Johnson (R-Calif.) said on the other hand, that he saw no reason for invoking propaganda designed to draw it into a conflict.

The Californian said that "in the days to come when we are flooded with propaganda and we may be induced to repeal the act concerning foreign loans to our debtors, let us remember 20 years ago and how gently we were eased into lending what was necessary to fight the war and which those nations then wishing it said would be repaid."

said was the major portion of water toward the southwest.

The city was well prepared for the advancing waters when they arrived this afternoon.

SEEK COMPROMISE ON RELIEF FUND

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The house roads committee deadlocked today over proposed withdrawal of its amendment earmarking \$150,000,000 of the \$1,500,000,000 relief appropriation for highways but authorized its chairman to negotiate a compromise "if possible."

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AMELIA HOPS OFF ON WORLD GIRDLE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, June 1.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart landed at San Juan at 1:30 p. m. eastern standard time today on the first hop of her proposed "just for fun" flight around the world.

Miss Earhart, flying at a pace she called leisurely, completed the 1039 miles from Miami in 7 hours and 33 minutes.

MIAMI, Fla., June 1.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart took off for San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 8:57 a. m. (eastern standard time) today on a second attempt to fly around the world "just for fun."

The slim aviatix waved a bare arm in farewell and then gunned the big twin-motored monoplane some 2200 feet along the runway before she lifted it easily into the brilliant tropical dawn.

Just before the takeoff her husband, George Palmer Putnam, leaned into the cockpit to kiss her goodbye and shake hands with her navigator, Captain Fred Noonan, who is to accompany her on the 28,000-mile west to east journey.

The blonde aviatix, in plaid shirt and tan slacks exuded confidence and smiles.

A commercial airline (pan-American) will monitor her flight over its regular route to South America and expects to have reports on her progress.

HANSEN HARDWARE TO HOLD COOKING, CANNING SESSIONS

A National pressure cooking and canning school will be held at the Hansen Hardware for three days this week, beginning tomorrow, according to an announcement today by Elmer Wilson, manager of the store. C. S. Alexander, nationally known home economist, will conduct the three-day sessions which begin daily at 2 p. m. The latest scientific methods in demonstrating the art of efficient cooking will be explained to southern Oregon housewives by Mr. Alexander and a cordial invitation has been extended to the public to attend all three afternoons, Mr. Wilson said.

With canning season in the Rogue river valley just beginning, the newest methods of canning fruit and berries will be stressed. The National pressure cooker and the National can sealer will be displayed and demonstrated during the afternoon schools.

BRITISH TOUCHY ABOUT WAR DEBT

LONDON, June 1.—(P)—Opposition members of the house of commons laughed at Neville Chamberlain, the new premier, today, when he declared "it is not true to say that we have repudiated the American debt."

Chamberlain, former chancellor of the exchequer, making his first address to the house as prime minister, replied to attacks against the finance program which he has fathered.

"When the opposition speak of the American debt," the premier said, "they never speak of the debts and reparations owed us. Yesterday they had not heard of the Russian debt. The unfunded Russian debt to this country is \$6,888,170,000."

Chamberlain is trying, against his regular opposition and that of some of his own party adherents, to legislate a new tax on increased profits.

Hot in Portland
PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Portland sweltered under the hottest sun of the year today, when the mercury pointed to 86 degrees shortly after noon. The hottest previous day for 1937 was May 2, with a maximum temperature of 84.

Mills Aid School
LAKEVIEW, June 1.—(AP)—Dr. W. P. Chisholm, chairman of the school board, said a gift of 23,000 feet of timber by Lakeview mills will permit immediate work on high school athletic field improvements.

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