

**TODAY and TOMORROW**  
— by —  
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**TAXATION** . . . . . growing  
Nobody has yet discovered a way to make taxes painless. Politicians make a great point of telling the public that the taxes which they levy do not come out of the "little man's" pocket, but are paid by the rich and the great corporations.

poorer we are the higher the proportion of our income goes into taxes.  
Some sorts of taxes everybody will agree are necessary. Nobody objects much to taxation to maintain schools, hospitals and public services such as water supply, paved roads, police and fire departments. Government must collect money from everybody to maintain an army and navy for national defense.  
But the tendency of both the Federal government and the governments of states and municipalities is to impose heavier and heavier taxes for things which we could get along without.  
I saw a careful estimate recently, made by disinterested experts, that more than a fifth of all the money that passes through the

**Youthful Sailors Embark on Tahitian Voyage**



An 89-foot brigantine, the Florence C. Robinson, with 11 young adventurers aboard, put out to sea recently on a 7,700-mile voyage to Tahiti, where the boat will be turned over to a copra trader. Pictured from left to right are Larry O'Toole, Boston artist; Dick Hemmiway, Croton, Mass., and Arthur Hanson, Boston. Sterling Hayden (inset) is the 22-year-old skipper, and the youngest man aboard. Dennis, the live pig, will never see land again, for he will be converted into chops and roasts for the crew.

**Announces Plans To Train 20,000 Aviators A Year**

Washington.—To provide pilots to man the nation's fighting planes in time of war, President Roosevelt today approved a plan for giving a course of instruction to 20,000 college students annually.  
"Only by such an approach," said a simultaneous statement from the civil aeronautics author-

ity, "can the United States adequately safeguard itself against the vast aerial military programs now being pressed in fanatic zeal by foreign powers."  
A sketch in these terms aims at a visit to the GOODWILL STORE will save dollars and cents. We have just took stock of all winter merchandise and marked them down to the lowest notch. Come early for best selections. THE GOODWILL STORE.

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hands of everybody goes for taxes, of one sort or another. That means that you and I work more than ten weeks every year for national, state and local governments. I think that is too high a price to pay for what we get. Many other people are beginning to ask what they get for their tax money. I think a change has got to come.

**GASOLINE** . . . . . diversion  
One highly improper use of the taxing power, which many states have adopted, is to tax the gasoline consumed by motorists and then use the funds for other purposes than highway improvement and maintenance.

The gas tax is one of the easiest and surest to collect. Drivers pay it willingly because they want roads built better and kept better. When the money goes to pay for other things they have a right to be sore.

My notion is that no special taxes should be collected except for special purposes, and that any public official who diverts them to other purposes should go to jail.

There are far too many politicians out of jail who ought to be behind bars, anyway. One of the weaknesses of our democratic form of government is that we have become too tolerant of political graft and corruption.

**LOUISIANA** . . . . . reduction  
I take off my hat to the people of Louisiana. When the question was put to them at the November election whether a tax which was hurting a big industry should be reduced or continued, they voted ten to one to reduce it.

That is plain common sense; and when such questions are put up to the people generally they show more common sense than the politicians give them credit for.

Some years ago the state imposed a tax of \$2 a ton on sulphur extracted by the Freeport Sulphur Co. from a Louisiana mine. At the same time the state started a drive to get industries to locate in Louisiana. The sulphur company showed officials that the

\$2 tax would drive them out of the state, for competing sulphur mines in Texas only paid a \$1.03 tax. Louisiana production of sulphur was falling off while that of Texas was increasing.

The legislature saw the point, and to clinch it submitted the new tax rate, same as Texas pays, to the people as a constitutional amendment. Result: the sulphur people are spending half a million dollars on expanding their plant and putting hundreds of people to work, which is worth more to Louisiana than the added tax would come to.

**SECURITY** . . . . . borrowing  
Almost everybody who has a job, and his or her employer, pays a Social Security tax to the Federal government, to insure their livelihoods when they get too old to work.

That is a fine thing, if the tax money so collected is handled the way an insurance company would handle it. As it is, it is immediately borrowed by the Government and spent for all sorts of purposes.

The taxes under the old age provision of the Social Security Act now run close to a thousand times a thousand times a thousand dollars a year—a billion dollars. If that money were invested in business enterprises it would make more jobs, increase wages and benefit everybody. As it is, it merely makes it easier for the Government to spend for other purposes without the appearance of increased taxation.

I look for a change in the Social Security tax system before long. Whether it will be a change for the better or not depends on the good sense of Congress, which I am not prepared to bet on.

**GOVERNMENT** . . . . . dangers  
No Government is a good government unless it does just as little governing as is necessary to enable the people who live under it to govern their own lives and affairs.

Think that over. There has been growing up in the world, particularly in Europe, the idea of Government as an impersonal, paternal institution whose function is to take care of everybody and relieve the individuals who live under it of their personal responsibilities.

In a very real sense, any government is the enemy of the people. Unless it is constantly watched, criticized and rebuked by the people, even the government of a democracy tends to become oppressive. When the people accept every act of government without question they are in danger of losing their liberty. For all history proves that once men are given power over others they begin to seek and seize more and more power.

**N. W. A. A. Teams Beats W. Jefferson**

North Wilkesboro Athletic Association basketball team defeated West Jefferson all stars 34 to 30 in a fast game here last night in the high school gymnasium.  
Jones was high scorer for the locals with 12 and Johnson led for West Jefferson with 13. Other players for North Wilkesboro were Eller 6, Church, Forband 7, H. Jones 2, Crews 5, Garwood 2.  
West Jefferson players were Grayson, Oliver 2, Johnson 13, Weaver 2, B. Garvey, Eller 8, Sturdivant 3, J. Garvey 2.

North Wilkesboro will play West Jefferson there Friday night and Elkin at Elkin on Tuesday night.

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**Blowing**

in the New Year 1939 . . . and we hope the little fellow blows you heaps and heaps

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**Joy and Prosperity During 1939**

As the curtain rings down on the good year 1938, and as we enter upon the New Year 1939, we enter it with a feeling of deep gratitude to every one who has in any manner contributed to the success of our business—through purchases or good-will. We want every friend and every patron to know that we greatly appreciate your business, and it is our most earnest desire to serve you well during the new New Year—1939.

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