

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 5. — The President has gone to fish for tarpon in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. He is making the trip as a gesture of friendliness toward Jesse Jones, the six-foot-six Texas newspaper publisher, banker and capitalist who is the head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Jones, who was not a New Deal appointee, but a hold-over from the Hoover administration, is nevertheless one of the most powerful political figures in Washington. He does not play politics in his job, but he is one of the group of Texans, headed by Vice-President Garner, who have been able to get about what they wanted through the last two congresses, or if they could not get just what they wanted, at least have usually been able to prevent others from getting what the Texans did not want them to have.

**Future of Democratic Party**  
The Texans' major worry concerns the future of the Democratic party, especially that great and dominant segment of it which is commonly referred to as the "Solid South." It is in this sector of the party that the doctrine of State rights is most deeply ingrained. Numerous recent events have alarmed Southern Democrats, anxious to preserve the rights of the individual states, and also to maintain political control in the hands of white men. On this latter point, the feeling grows that the Democrats of the North do not appreciate the situation in the South, which was expressed even on the official ballots in Alabama at the last election, where the Democratic column was headed with the words "White Supremacy." The pressure behind the anti-lynching bill alarms the South, not because the South condones lynch law, but because it would give the Federal government power to interfere in matters which, southern statesmen hold, are purely state affairs. The South feels that it has worked out a sound solution of the Negro problem, and resents the effort to tie the Negro vote to the Democratic party, which was made in the North in the last Presidential campaign. It also looks with suspicion upon programs of rural resettlement and tenant farmer relief which do not discriminate between whites and Negroes.

Fundamentally, the fear of Federal interference in this and other problems which they regard as solely the affairs of the individual states, is back of the Southern Democratic opposition to the President's Supreme Court plan. They do not want to see the Court brought under the domination of any Administration at Washington, or committed to indefinite extension of Federal powers.

**Labor Party Control**  
Not alone Texans but Democratic Senators and Representatives from all parts of the country make no secret of their opposition to the President's departmental reorganization plan, which would curb the power of Congress and take away from those who have to run for reelection at frequent intervals much of the material out of which their local party machines are built—political patronage. There is also considerable apprehension over what seems to be the rising power of John L. Lewis as a factor in Democratic party politics. The "old-line" Democrats, particularly from the South, do not relish the idea of Labor control of the party, and wish that the President would declare himself as between Mr. Lewis' C. I. O. and the Federation of Labor, especially on the point of responsibility of labor unions in matters affecting the public interest.

That all of these worries are combining to stiffen resistance to much of the New Deal program, by those who foresee a split in the Democratic party as a possible result, is admitted by most of the leaders in both Senate and House. The Republican minority is taking no part in the dissent except to throw a little fuel on the fire from time to time. But the net result is, as has been pointed out before in these dispatches, to stiffen Congressional resistance to much of the Administration program, and the re-assumption by Congress of many of its rights and prerogatives which it surrendered during Mr. Roosevelt's first term.

**Congress and Relief**  
For the first time in years, Congress appears to be taking seriously the idea of economizing. It is too early to predict, but it seems probable that appropriations will be kept down to or below the Administration's proposals. Already the cutting of departmental expenses has turned

hundreds of Government employees out of their jobs. The rumor here is that Jesse Jones' R. F. C. is about to dismiss a thousand or more. The hardest fight on the economy front will probably be over the appropriations for relief. The President has recommended a billion and a half. Congress so far seems about equally divided between those who would cut this to a billion and those who want to make it two billion. Nobody knows what the real need is. States and mayors are putting on pressure to keep relief funds flowing into their communities. The pressure is also growing for an actual count of the unemployed, to provide a set of facts which may be used as a basis for further relief appropriations. It has just come to light that the Department of Commerce's Business Advisory Council made a report strongly recommending a census of the unemployed, which has been lying on the President's desk for weeks. No plan for new taxes has yet been formulated. Washington gossip has it that Chairman Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board is contemplating resigning unless his recommendation for more taxes to balance the budget is adopted and passed by the Administration.

The hope that new taxes may not be necessary is predicated upon the collection of some \$600,000,000 of payroll taxes under the Social Security Act. A United States Circuit Court of Appeals has declared the Act unconstitutional. The Attorney-General is urging an immediate review of that decision by the Supreme Court. If the high court upholds the lower one, then a new law will be inevitable.

Maybe this nation will survive, if only future taxpayers continue to be born in pairs.

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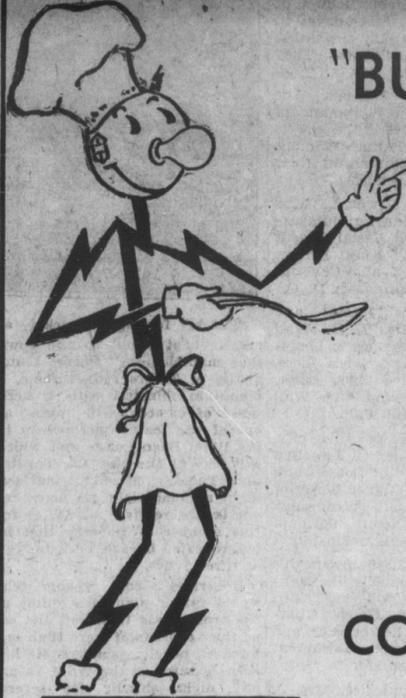
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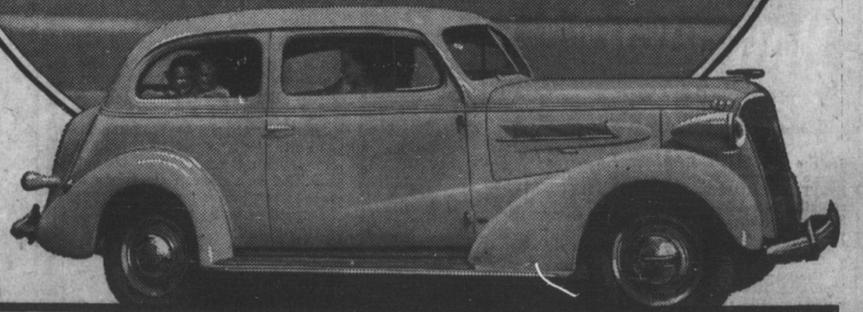
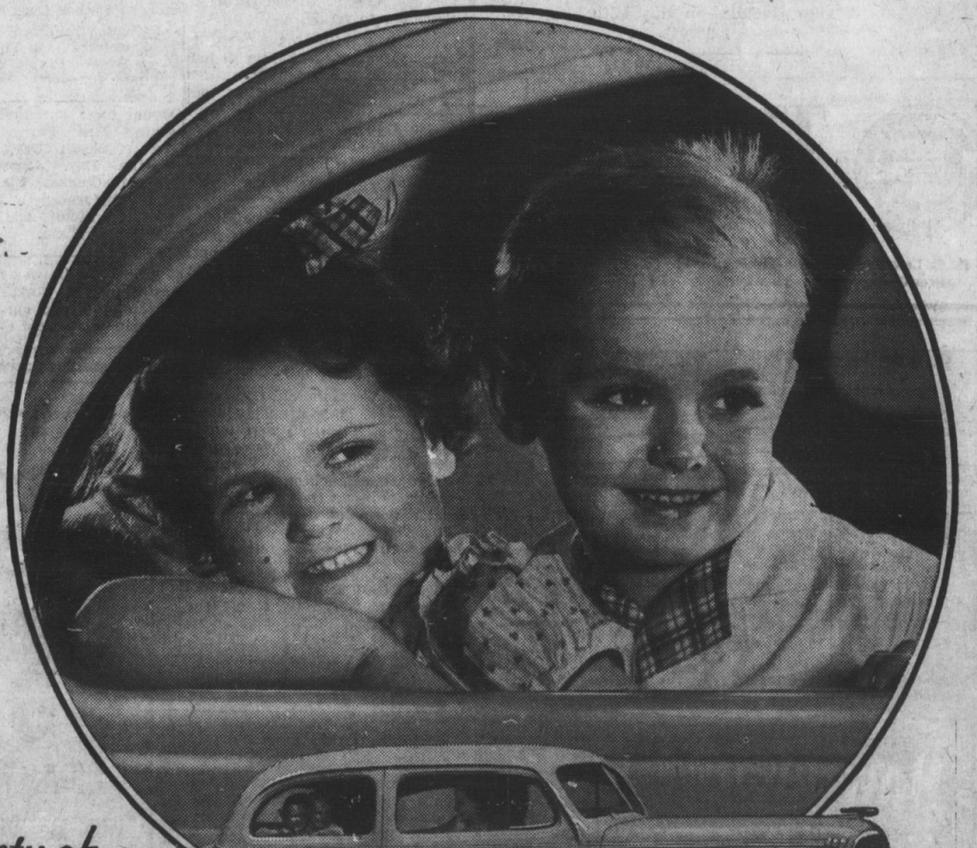
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