

# Higher Liquor Tax Considered To Finance Defense Program; Election-Year Levy Unpopular

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## CONGRESS: Budget Blues

What Franklin Roosevelt's budget message tossed into the congressional lap was a choice of following his recommendations and getting a deficit of only \$1,716,000,000, or defying him and making it about \$3,000,000,000. Slashed were most items, but boosted to a peacetime record was national defense. If the President's ideas are followed, and if previous authorizations are appropriated, the cost will run well over \$2,000,000,000.

Very shallow was the hope that an early European peace may obviate the defense program. It appeared, instead, that congress must enter an election year trance and decide which plan the public would swallow the easier: More taxes, to raise \$460,000,000 as the President asked, or a boost in the national debt limit?

Within a few days it was obvious that good Democrats were sparing for time. They gathered in huddles to wonder where tax money might be raised, tentatively settling on new liquor taxes and a slight boost in income levies. Mississippi's Pat Harrison, chairman of the senate finance



PAT HARRISON  
Will John Barleycorn pay?

committee, publicly doubted whether the defense program was justified, yet he shied away from criticizing the President. Finally, with White House blessing, he sought more time by asking a joint legislative committee to study the Roosevelt budget. But congress, apparently refusing, turned instead to that hardy perennial, the anti-lynching bill.

## Notes

In an election year, congress and politics are intimately associated. Many G. O. P. comments were forthcoming after the President's budget message. Samples:

At Topeka, 1936 G. O. P. Candidate Alf Landon thought this about the slash in expenditures: "If the President really is serious in his budget plans, you will hear howls all over the place. He couldn't get the nomination now if he wanted it. He is too smart a politician to try it."

At Chicago, Ohio's Sen. Robert Taft accepted the President's challenge to submit a plan for balancing the budget. The Taft Plan: (1) determination by the President to balance it; (2) elimination of bureaus, reduction of employees; (3) return of relief to states, and changes in housing, agriculture and loan agencies; (4) elimination of local public works, reduction of federal public works and reduction of subsidies; (5) elimination of budget "pets," like army and navy items.

## NIBLETS

**HERE'S WHY**—At Moscow the magazine *Communist Internationale* explained, in answer to foreign reports that Russia had ambitions to "Sovietize" Finland: "Russia's only aim is to free Finland from a gang of oppressors and imperialistic warmongers and to safeguard Finnish democratic development."

**CASEY AT BAT**—At Washington and Canberra it was announced simultaneously that the U. S. and Australia will establish diplomatic relations for the first time. (Previously, Britain represented Australia here.) First Australian minister will be Richard G. Casey. Soon to be named is the U. S. minister to Canberra.

**SPENDTHRIFT**—Of her \$25,750 personal allowance for 1939, the 16-year-old heiress Gloria Vanderbilt spent only \$10—for books.

**BANQUET**—While Democrats wined and dined throughout the U. S. in honor of President Andrew Jackson's birthday anniversary, Republicans at Indianapolis held a 25-cent milk and cracker feast honoring Abe Lincoln.

**SECRET**—In Hollywood died Flora Finch, co-player with John Bunny in early movie comedies. Her secret was her age, probably about 80. Her chieftains' secret: The fact that Flora Finch's contract with M-G-M was regarded by the bookkeeping department as a pension for an old trumper.

## BALKANS: Squabbles

Before 1940 has gone its way the brave nation of Rumania may see trouble a-plenty. It started that way. Bucharest heard that Bulgaria, its unfriendly southern neighbor, had signed a trade pact with Russia, which wants the Rumanian province of Bessarabia. Next King Carol heard that Hungary's Count Stefan Cskaky, whose nation will seize Rumanian Transylvania if Russia invades Bessarabia, was conferring in Italy with Foreign Minister Ciano.

A political realist, Italy's Benito Mussolini knows the Balkans have a better chance of blocking Russian aggression (which would also hurt Italy) if they settle their squabbles in advance. Purpose of the Ciano-Cskaky conversations, therefore, was to urge Hungary and Rumania to settle their revisionist problem immediately. In so doing, Il Duce took a hearty slap at the Soviet.

So did King Carol. Encouraged to defend Bessarabia now that the Finns are doing a remarkable job against Russian aggression, Carol and his retinue crossed into this dangerous province, defied Moscow and smiled while Bessarabian minority leaders shouted: "We pledge our lives for our beloved Rumanian fatherland."

## ASIA: Wang's Ready

"The time is now ripe for establishment of a new central government in China. Careful study reveals that the objectives of Wang Ching-wei are consonant with Japan's manifest efforts toward helping in the formation and expansion of the proposed new government."

Thus, after much back-slapping, brow-beating and tutoring, Puppet Wang Ching-wei was announced ready to take over Japan's make-believe "government" in conquered parts of China.

## THE WARS: Shakeup

Far bigger than the war on France's western front was the battle of London. Called to a cabinet meeting by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was Leslie Hore-Belisha, dynamic, Jewish minister of war who has built the British army from a stodgy and antiquated organization into one of the world's smartest. Minister Hore-Belisha was asked to sign his resignation. Also fired was Lord MacMillan, bundering minister of information. Announced purpose of the shake-up was to establish national unity.



HORE-BELISHA  
Social grounds?

Neville Chamberlain did just that: There was national unity, but it was unity of opposition to the "sacking" of an efficient war minister in favor of Oliver Stanley, the 43-year-old board of trade president whose father (seventeenth earl of Derby) was a war minister in World war days.

By next morning every British paper, regardless of political leanings, was blasting against the government. Typical was the *London Star*: "If it is shown that Mr. Hore-Belisha was thrown overboard to satisfy a clique of generals who disliked him on social grounds, or because he was pressing the pace of democracy in the army too strongly, then public resentment will be wide, deep and lasting."

To both Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister an opportunity for rebuttal was coming, but it would probably take place behind closed doors in the house of commons. Meanwhile it was rumored that Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, would soon follow Stanley as war chief.

**Other war news:** Minor artillery fire. Entertainment by the fabulous Albert, French airman whose daring antics along the Luxembourg frontier keep natives in stitches.

**Northern Front.** Finnish destruction of still a third Russian division (the forty-fourth) near Suomussalmi at Finland's waistline. Fighting was stalemated in the far north and on the Karelian isthmus, but in the central part Finnish troops penetrated Russ lines to dynamite the Leningrad-Murmansk railroad, thus isolating the northland.

## TREND

**NAVY**—If President Roosevelt's \$1,224,521,833 naval appropriation request (See CONGRESS) is adopted, the U. S. will become the world's No. 1 sea power, bigger than Britain, twice as big as Japan.

**RAILROADS**—Daniel Willard, President of the B. & O. railroad, said he wanted coach fares reduced to two cents per mile, thus meeting bus competition. Present eastern rate: 2½ cents.

**AGRICULTURE**—The tariff commission was told that imports of cheap Canadian wheat were keeping the domestic crop price below parity, thus threatening the success of farm aid measures.

**SHIPPING**—The U. S. warned Britain it will be held accountable for injuries to American vessels or crews taken into belligerent ports for searching.

## LABOR: A. F. of L. Damned

By receiving more votes than either of his fellow members, NLRB's William Leiserson was ranked "least unpopular" in a poll by the magazine *Factory Management*. But all three members (Leiserson, Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith) should be fired, said voters. This contrasted with a Supreme court ruling which held congress, not NLRB, responsible by virtue of too much power for NLRB's unpopular decisions. Coddled and cursed by such conflicting testimony, NLRB went on trial again before the house committee appointed to investigate it. New evidence:

A discharged NLRB trial examiner said that Regional Director Robert Cowdrill of Indianapolis always speeded C. I. O. cases, but tossed aside A. F. of L. cases with the statement: "There's another damned A. F. of L. case." Commented the witness: "The A. F. of L. usually was referred to as the damned A. F. of L."

Next came a dramatic paper prepared by Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, New York regional NLRB director, complaining about delays in procedure. Said her paper: "We must wait! Wait! Wait! . . . How long, oh Lord! How long must we wait!"

## NAVY: New Boss

Cannon roared aboard dreadnaughts in San Pedro harbor. Finally, after much saluting, six-foot Admiral James Richardson from Paris, Texas, strode down the *Pennsylvania's* quarterdeck to shake hands with Admiral Claude Bloch. Admiral Richardson stayed as commander-in-chief of the U. S. navy; Admiral Bloch went ashore as a rear admiral in retirement. Ahead lay commandship of Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

## COMMERCE: Game?

In far-away Buenos Aires took place a show that may have been staged for the benefit of the U. S. congress. Broken off suddenly were reciprocal trade treaty talks between Ambassador Norman Armour and President Roberto M. Ortiz. Reasons given: (1) influence of Britain. No. 1 importer of Argentine beef; (2) a forthcoming election in Argentina; (3) refusal of Argentina to remove discriminations against U. S. goods, and most important (4) refusal of the U. S. to import Argentine canned beef and flaxseed from Argentina without quota limitations.

Maybe yes and maybe no, but it was possible that U. S. insistence on quota limitations, even at the price of sacrificing the treaty, was designed to allay the fears of western farmers and their congressmen. Up for renewal this year is the reciprocal trade act, basis of the administration's entire low-tariff program. Already faced with enough opposition to either destroy the act or give ratification power back to the senate, the state department is eager to show farmers that the trade program won't be allowed to hurt them.

## PEOPLE: Dawes Death

At Chicago died Rufus C. Dawes, 72, president of a Century of Progress Exposition, financier, brother of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes.

Last November Son Elliott Roosevelt fathered the Transcontinental Broadcasting System which first planned to start operations with 100 stations on December 15, then January 1, then February 1. In Fort Worth, where he heads the Texas State radio network, Elliott announced his resignation from TBS.

At Boston died Mrs. Effie I. Cannon Carlton, about 84, who once made up an impromptu tune to lull to sleep the restless baby of a neighbor. The song: "Rock-a-bye Baby." At New York, W. Alton Jones was named head of Cities Service Co.

## Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### Lesson for January 21

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#### A NEW STANDARD OF GREATNESS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 20:17-28.  
GOLDEN TEXT—While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Romans 5:8

The nations of the earth and their leaders are engaged in a struggle to determine which land and which leader is to be the greatest. They may attempt to conceal their real motive under a cloak of high-minded and well-sounding objectives, but essentially the reason for their struggle is the desire to be great. To them greatness means size, strength, wealth, and position. It means that also to the average man on the street. What a pity it is that such is the case and that such a vicious and erroneous philosophy of life has been permitted to make its way even into the Church.

The world's ideas of greatness are entirely opposite to God's standards. God's people ought to learn what His ideals of life are and to live in accordance with them even in an unbelieving world. Both they and the world would be astonished at the result.

#### I. Dying for Others (vv. 17-19)

With surprising clarity and detail the Lord Jesus once more revealed to His disciples that He was on His way to Jerusalem to die and to arise again. It is well worth while to note that apart from divine foreknowledge and inspiration it would have been utterly impossible for Him to give these facts in such exact detail.

The point we wish to stress is that the Son of God was steadfastly approaching the death of Calvary. He had no desire to live for self, to gratify His own wishes, to prolong His life, or to improve His position in the world. He had come to do but one thing, the will of God, even to the shameful death of the cross, there to bear our sins and mine. Let us give ourselves in loyal devotion to our dying and risen Lord.

#### II. Living for Self (vv. 20-24)

Were it not written for us to read, we could hardly believe that the two disciples, James and John, who were so very near to our Lord, and their mother, who was a woman of earnest faith and sacrificial service to God, would be guilty of such an expression of selfishness, especially in that sacred hour when He had spoken of His approaching death. Disregarding what Jesus had said about His sufferings, they apparently could think only of His coming glory, and in thinking of that they could only covet for themselves the chief places. What a strange mixture of faith in Christ and an overwhelming desire for self-glory!

Perchance some of us have served Christ with a selfish desire for personal glory and position putting it self forward to influence our thinking and acting. Perhaps we do not see it in ourselves, but are like the other disciples who, seeing this hateful thing in John and James, were repelled by it; even as we despise it in others. It may be that the disciples were only angry because they had not thought to make the request for themselves.

#### III. Finding True Greatness (vv. 25-28)

"Rulers," "greatness," "exercise authority"—how modern these words from verse 25 sound! They epitomize the ambitions of the great majority of mankind today. Few indeed are those in the world who see the way to true greatness as that of the lowly Jesus. In every instance where they do rightly apprehend and live out this truth, one is satisfied that somewhere in their experience they have come to know His principles of life even though they do not know Him. Only in Him is such an attitude toward life to be found.

To be great one is to serve in the spirit of humility and self-sacrifice. This is the command of Christ. Even in the Church there are not too many who have heeded that word. If there were more of this spirit we would have less church quarrels, for essentially they root back to the desire for greatness. We may not admit that fact, but it is none the less true.

One wonders how great some of the pillars of the Church would look measured against the standard of verses 26 to 28. One wonders too how many of the humble workers of the Church realize their true greatness. Such greatness of heart is great simply because it does not so regard itself.

#### For Thy Name's Sake

But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.—Psalm 109, 21:22

#### Jesus Asks Evidence

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, but they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.—John 17, 21.

## Sparkle of Diamonds Latest Fashion Tendency in Jewelry

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



ly, each tiny gem cut with 58 facets or planes, to catch the light from angle and focus all the radiance on you.

For less formal occasion the gown may be worn with a modish over-blouse as pictured to the right. And you don't necessarily have to abide by black for this dinner dress, by Muriel King, is in bottle green for the sheath and soft pink for the blouse. Note the new longer length for this blouse. The clip brooch on the bodice is really quite a jewelry collection in itself, in that it separates into a diamond-mounted emerald brooch and two diamond clips. There is much to be said in favor of a three-way jewelry piece like this in that it offers versatile uses. For other occasions you can wear a black lace bolero with your sheath and endless other suggestions could be offered.

The same sparkle of diamonds that illumines by night on formal clothes radiates by day on select daytime costumes. An outstanding gesture this season is a single piece of worthwhile jewelry worn with your best tailleur ensemble or pinned at a vantage point on your fur coat. We are going to describe the handsome jewelry piece worn by this smartly tailored debutante pictured to the left. Here's where things are growing exciting for there's a watch in the picture and the question is, where is it? You suspect some part of the pendant brooch? Right you are and the place to look is on the smooth side of the dangling diamond ball. This ball reverses toward you on a pivot, so that your eyes look right down into the face of time.

The practical side of this pretty ornament is the fact that you almost never break your watch crystal. You just couldn't. You'll see pendants pinned to all the best lapels in spring suits. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Brilliant are now used extensively.

## Pastel Prints



The new incoming silk prints bring the message of soft, lovely, pastel colorings. Shown here is a silk spectator sports dress for resort wear printed in pale blues and greens made with classic shirt top and pleated skirt. This is nicely contrasted by a wine and natural colored straw hat.

## Jewelry Contrasts

Jewelry in deep tones of the same color is an effective contrast for lame evening frocks

## Watch Pockets Are Highly Important

In the realm of dress design pockets are the center of attraction this season. Now that they have become the plaything of designers don't be surprised to find a pocket or a whole flock of pockets positioned anywhere on your new dress, coat or blouse.

The list runs the gamut from huge saddlebag pockets down to tiny decorative affairs that are cunningly frivolous and whimsical. Then there are the new peg-top pockets that add so much style to the newer skirts.

The new pouch pockets are interesting, so are the patch-pocket types in infinite variety. Kangaroo, sand-wich and a host of other type pockets you'll be seeing too, so if you would be style-alert, watch pockets!

Such fine handwork is being lavished on pockets as shirring, tucking, intricate stitching, glamorous glittering embroidery and so on. The "pocket dress" (term recently adopted in fashion vocabulary) has become the popular theme of the moment.

## Cowl-Shaped Skirt Late Style Touch

Cowl-like drapery is not limited to necklines in the elaborately cut gowns of this season. On an evening frock of white silk jersey, the skirt is cowl-draped from waist to floor. The bodice of the dress is gathered in graceful folds slanting from right shoulder to left waistline, with the drapery caught at the center of the bodice by a sweeping wing embroidered in gilt beads and gold sequins.

## Leopard Sailor

The casual, sporty appearance of leopard fur is the basis for its selection by a New York designer to create both the crown and brim of a trim sailor hat.

## Star Dust

★ 'The Bat' Again  
★ Jane Has Preference  
★ To the Bitter End  
—By Virginia Vale—

THE President's son plans to give us a mystery picture—made from one of the best mystery plays ever written—as the first release of his Globe Productions. It's "The Bat," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, and has everything that a thriller should have. It was filmed by Mary Pickford's company in 1926, and done again, as "The Bat Whispers," in 1931. Norman Foster will direct the new version.

Hard on the heels of her scrap with Warner Brothers over her refusal to appear in "Married, Pretty and Poor," Jane Bryan showed the studio that she preferred to be married, pretty and rich—she announced her engagement to Justin W. Dart, who is general manager of a drug firm.

Mickey Rooney may rank first at the box offices of motion picture theaters in this country, but in Great Britain and Ireland he comes second, with Deanna Durbin pushing him out of first place. She was not among the first ten in this country.

If you are devoted to the story, "The Light That Failed," you'll like the picture version, which sticks to the original, even to the unhappy ending. If it's Ronald Colman, rather than the story, who's responsi-



RONALD COLMAN

ble for your interest in the picture, you'll enjoy it hugely, for he gives an excellent performance.

So do Walter Huston, Dudley Digges, and Ida Lupino. Miss Lupino has had a hard time of it in Hollywood; she was put into ingenue parts and kept there; now that, at last, she had been given a chance to show what she could do with a real role, she had made the most of it.

Hers is rather like the one in "Of Human Bondage" that established Bette Davis as a dramatic actress. Miss Lupino's performance is good enough to do as much for her. No longer can she be thought of as just one of those pretty blondes who are so numerous in the picture-making metropolises.

If you're interested in the present activities of former radio favorites, here's news of some of them. Jimmy Melton is now known as James Melton, and is a concert singer. Morton Downey wound up his summer engagement at the World's fair and followed it with an equally successful one in a Hollywood night club. Singin' Sam is making money by making recordings.

Jessica Dragonette makes occasional appearances on the air—and when you see "Gulliver's Travels" you'll hear her voice. Vera Van, Leah Ray and Annette Henshaw have retired.

Gene Autry, the singing screen star who is Public Cowboy No. 1, heads a new western series from "The Double M Ranch" over the Columbia network each Sunday. Incidentally, did you know that Gene was discovered by the beloved Will Rogers? Rogers stopped at a small town in Oklahoma to forward his syndicated column; Gene, the telegraph operator, was singing a western ballad. Rogers advised him to capitalize on his talents—and a little more than a year later Gene Autry was a popular radio and recording artist.

Del Courtney, who features Candid Camera music over NBC, has borrowed an idea from the movies in his presentation of "previews" of his forthcoming programs. Before concluding his broadcasts, he plays a few bars of some of the new tunes to be featured on the next program. It's a novel idea, and will probably be widely copied by bandleaders who don't hesitate to imitate their more successful brethren.

ODDS AND ENDS—The New York Film Critics picked "Wuthering Heights" as 1939's best picture. It's a little more than twenty-six years since Cecil B. DeMille, Samuel Goldwyn and Jesse Lasky began filming "The Squaw Man," the first motion picture made in Hollywood. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)