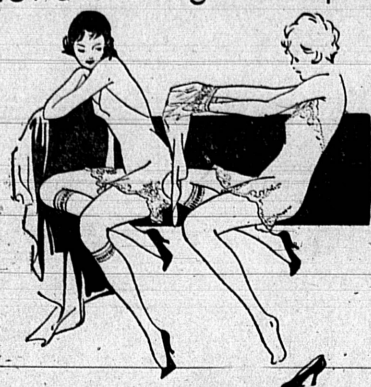


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## News From Washington

By Your Congressman  
**CHARLES J. GOLDEN**

One of the unpleasant duties of a member of Congress is to vote taxes, in order to pay the enormous expenses of government. With the appropriation of billions of dollars for relief and recovery, which is a necessary procedure in order to feed the hungry and give the unemployed an opportunity to secure even the bare necessities of life, it is necessary to levy taxes, many of which are burdensome and obnoxious.

In order to meet the needs of the Federal government, it was necessary for Congress to extend the nuisance taxes for another period. These taxes were first levied under the Hoover administration, to meet the rapidly growing deficit at that time. One of the most obnoxious of these taxes was the addition of one cent to the postage rate, raising it from two to three cents. The former rate has been modified to some extent by making the rate two cents within the territory of each post office. Many of us would like very much to return to the two-cent postage rate. It is rather surprising to learn that this one cent added to the postage rate produces a revenue of about \$75,000,000 per year.

Another nuisance tax that we would like to eliminate is the one cent per gallon on gasoline, levied by the Federal government. This penny tax you pay produces about \$170,000,000 per year for Uncle Sam. The four cents per gallon on lubricating oil produces about \$28,000,000 per year. The tax on tires and tubes adds \$27,000,000 more. The small amount levied on toilet preparations, such as tooth paste, cosmetics, perfumes and the like, yields \$12,000,000 more. Then there is a 10 percent luxury tax on furs retailing for \$75 or more, that produces \$2,500,000 per year. A similar tax on jewelry brings in \$1,500,000 per year.

The 2 percent tax on automobiles produces \$6,300,000 per year, and the 3 percent tax you pay on automobiles and motorcycles, yields \$35,000,000 per year. A 2 percent tax on auto accessories adds \$6,200,000 per year. The 5 percent tax on radios and phonographs pours \$3,700,000 into Uncle Sam's purse, and the 5 percent tax on mechanical refrigerators hands him nearly \$7,000,000 per year. The tax on matches produces over \$6,000,000 per year and the chewing gum tax pays \$650,000.

The 3 percent tax on the electric lighting and power companies produces \$38,000,000. It formerly was paid by the consumer. The last Congress changed it. The tax on telephone and telegraph messages, yields over \$20,000,000. The tax on the transfer of bonds and deeds adds more than \$14,000,000 per year. The tax on transportation of oil by pipe line pays nearly \$10,000,000 in revenue. The tax that you pay when you go to the movie, added up at the end of the year, amounts to \$14,000,000; and the tax on stock transfers of four cents on each \$100 amounts to \$8,000,000. But note, that the little one cent on the gallon of gasoline that feeds your flivver, is the greatest producer of revenue of all the nuisance taxes, and the next best is the penny that was added to your postage. These nuisance taxes amount to the tremendous sum of \$502,000,000 in the course of a year, which is nearly one-sixth of the government's entire revenue.

Many of the members of Congress very much desire to eliminate these nuisance taxes, but the Federal officials insist that they are still necessary. However, the President's message in favor of increased inheritance, income, and gift taxes afford a new source of revenue that will enable the next session of Congress to wipe out the nuisance taxes, which largely fall upon the necessities of life. In these days of depression, it is not only the individual who is hit, but all forms of government, fed-

eral, state, county, city, school districts, and numerous other political agencies feel the crimp of hard times and are forced to resort to tax new sources for the production of revenue. The huge expenditures for relief and recovery have placed an extra burden on the taxpayers that will continue for many years to come. The old saying undoubtedly true, that there is no escape from death and taxes.

One of the most important messages sent to Congress by President Roosevelt was recently received on the subject of taxation. In this message the President recommended additional taxes on inheritances and legacies and gifts.

The President pointed out two objectives that he hoped to accomplish by his tax program. The first objective is for the wider distribution of wealth and the prevention of building up of tremendous fortunes, which are becoming a menace to the nation. Not only do these great fortunes deprive the ordinary citizen of a portion of the wealth that is due him, but probably, in many instances, a great fortune is a legacy of disaster to the heirs receiving it. One of the greatest enemies of morality, self-reliance, and thrift, is the inheritance of a luxurious fortune. In view of the fact that these fortunes can only be amassed by the exploitation of a large population, the public is becoming more and more conscious of the sources of these great fortunes and the obligation that the favored one owes to his fellowman.

The second objective, noted by the President, is the purpose for which these additional revenues are to be expended. The President suggests the reduction of the national debt, but there are many members of Congress who believe that these additional revenues are the proper source from which to secure an increased amount of pensions for the aged. From increased inheritance tax, income, gift and luxury taxes the Federal contribution to the old age pension could be materially increased from the proposed \$15 per month to perhaps \$40 or \$50 per month, and many in favor of old age pensions would be happy to do this.

Supervisor Legg of Los Angeles county, has been in Washington and has conferred with the Los Angeles county delegation in behalf of his program of rehabilitation in Los Angeles county, which provides for assistance to co-operatives for the purpose of providing a livelihood for those who are able to work. It also includes aid to those who desire to farm and garden. All the members of Congress from Los Angeles county pledged themselves to give Supervisor Legg their hearty support. Since there is a large part of the population on relief, who cannot find employment, it is very necessary to afford these people an opportunity to provide for themselves.

One of our members of Congress from California was quite anxious to make an appointment with one of the bureau heads at Washington. After many telephone calls, he finally reached the secretary of the bureau chief. The earliest date he could get was seven weeks away, and he was allotted ten minutes time in which to tell his story. So, if anybody tells you that members of Congress, or the departments in Washington, are not busy, you can inform them that they are mistaken. This is a very busy life—you don't have to wait, in most instances, seven weeks to talk to a bureau chief for ten minutes.

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## Budget Includes Further Relief To Park People

Sum of \$72,000 Set Up For Aid In Alondra Park District

The sum of \$72,000 is again set up for relief of property owners in the assessment district for Alondra Park, it was disclosed this week when the revised preliminary county budget for 1935-36 was laid before the board of supervisors.

The budget contains an item of \$50,000 for aid to overburdened acquisition and improvement districts formed for the acquisition of land for Alondra and Morgan Parks, the latter being in the Baldwin Park district. County officials will take this money from either the general fund, or else from gasoline tax funds, more likely the latter, it was learned from County Auditor H. A. Payne. It had been decided to take it from the general fund last year, in the belief that provisions of the gasoline tax act would not permit the money to be diverted for that purpose, but since the legal interpretation has been changed, it was pointed out.

Last year three of the supervisors—John R. Quinn, Robert Jessup and Former Supervisor H. A. Thatcher—voted to divert a substantial amount of gasoline tax revenue to relief of overburdened assessment districts. Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough, and Former Supervisor Marry M. Baine of Hollywood voted against the proposal, since there were few "sour" bond districts in their areas.

This year it is known that Supervisor Quinn will have the support of Supervisor Herbert C. Legg, who succeeded Thatcher in the first district, and it is believed Jessup will again vote with them on the matter, although Jessup's area is not vitally concerned, and may urge him to use the money to construct new highways.

### CITY PAINTS SIGNS

Work of repainting all street names, traffic signs, street markers and light posts in the city of Torrance was started today by a small army of workmen. The labor will be provided by the S.E.R.A. and a large number of men in the city will be kept busy at the job for a number of days.

The necessity of a Labor Disputes Law is much greater than before the decision of the supreme court on the N. I. R. A. This law will give the worker the right to organize. The law does not compel any worker to belong to a union, but it does provide that when 51 percent of the workers desire to present their grievances that they have a right to meet their employer for the discussion of their rights. It does seem strange that in a civilized country, it is necessary to pass a law to compel employers to listen to the grievances of those who work with them and for them.

passed the Social Security Bill, previously passed by the House. So Wednesday, June 19th, 1935, was an eventful day in the history of social legislation.

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