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## MOSES SAYS GRADUAL TAX, MARX ADAPTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Adoption of the sales tax plan, proposed by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, as a substitute for both the pending tax bill and the majority compromise proposal which is to replace it, was urged on the Senate today by Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, in a speech in which he attacked what he termed the "vicious principle of graduated taxation" as a modern legislative adaptation of the communistic doctrine of Carl Marx.

Moses declared the tax legislation proposed "is plainly drawn under the inspiration, or the inspiring slogan, 'Soak the rich.'"

He described the group of Republican Senators who brought about the tax compromise as the "Ken-Kap-Klan."

"I hold no brief for the rich," Moses

continued. "Neither I nor any of my kin ever stood within their circle, but the rich already have begun to learn much from buffeting. Capital has gone on strike. It is said that whatever tax law we now enact at the solicitude of the agricultural bloc will be only a temporary measure."

"It may be that this statement will prove true in a manner which some of us will little wish, for I am convinced that the dominant party, although swept into power less than a year by a majority of 100,000, can hope only to rule the flood of popular approval if it continues to cling to the fragments of a taxation system which even those who sponsored it three years ago, now declare to be outworn and unsuitable and under which the enterprise of the country must remain paralyzed and stifled."

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