

Roosevelt-Dominated Congress Prepares for New Taxation Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Congress meets two weeks from today, still under domination of the administration, but confronted with puzzling fiscal, social and legislative problems.

Taxation already is the subject of dispute between the White House and powerful congressional opinion. President Roosevelt has intervened in house ways and means committee labors to urge liquor tax levels low

enough to permit legal beverages to compete with the bootleggers' wares.

Powerful congressional support is developing for a "soak the rich" income tax law beyond the limits of administration policy. There is agreement all around, however, on revision of the tax laws to prevent income tax avoidance such as that legally accomplished by Mr. J. P. Morgan and others who testified be-

fore the senate stock market committee.

There must be some give and take between congress and the White House this session. But veteran legislators predict the President will be able to control both houses except possibly on currency inflation.

Distribution of crop-education benefit payments and the advance of 10 cents a pound in cotton loans have done much to reduce inflationary pressure. But the show-

down on administration control of congress appears more likely to develop on money and free silver this session than on other issues.

Immediately confronting congress is the necessity for extending the active life of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Several of the Progressive Republican bloc have begun a backfire of opposition to the NRA and related emergency programs. They will be joined by the right wing Republican

conservatives in any attack, although the President is expected to be able to hold his majorities in both houses against major amendments. The Progressive Republican camp is divided on NRA. The anti-administration wing will sponsor NRA amendments to restore the full effective force of the Clayton act and Sherman anti-trust act which have been set aside for the time being.

President Roosevelt will ask and

congress will appropriate upwards of \$1,000,000,000 more for the public works administration. Senator George Norris (Rep., Neb.) has a bill to create a Missouri river authority to do for that basin what the Tennessee Valley Authority is doing farther south. It will have administration support.

Ocean and air mail contracts are having close scrutiny by a senate committee which will propose legislation materially reducing grants

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