

## PROPOSES NEW TAX TO FINANCE WELFARE LAWS

Head of Farm Bureau in State Urges Net Income, Liquor Levies.

Lewis Taylor, Indiana Farm Bureau president, today recommended that the state's social security program be financed by a corporate and personal net income tax "with rates sufficient to produce revenues required by the Welfare Act."

He suggested that the special tax committee set up by the Legislature also considered the revenue possibilities of the liquor business.

The committee should have little difficulty in finding sources of revenue other than property, out of which all state and local expenditures for the Welfare Act could be paid without doing undue violence to taxpayers," Mr. Taylor said.

"A late report by Will H. Smith, United States Collector of Internal Revenue, sheds much light on this subject. It reports income taxes collected right here in Indiana, for the ten months period ending April 20, 1936, amounting to \$16,178,678.12. At this rate, about \$20,000,000 from this source will be collected during the 12-month period. Does the committee think an additional amount of income tax, equal to half the Federal tax on net income, would be a crime against citizens of Indiana now earning such net incomes?

### Raise Cry Against Taxes

"Without looking further, enough revenue could be secured to meet almost the entire needs of the Welfare Act. It would be, of course, double taxation, but 31 states, subject to Federal taxes just as Indiana is, now are levying personal and corporate income taxes. If our General Assembly had the backbone, it could easily secure enough revenue from this source alone, the fairest tax there is, to meet the requirements of the Welfare Act.

The cry is raised that it is unfair, inequitable and unjust to have both a gross income and net income tax. There are very valid objections to nearly all taxes. Those who now pay Federal income taxes also pay gross income taxes, and, because they have greater spending power, consequently pay more gross income tax than the less fortunate.

"On the basis of ability to pay, there is at present in our state no form of taxation that adequately taxes the net income class, and for that reason, we believe that the next Legislature should immediately enact a corporate and personal net income tax with rates sufficient to produce revenues required by the Welfare Act.

### Liquor as Tax Source

"This committee also should consider the revenue possibilities of the liquor business.

The Federal government, during the last 10 months, collected from producers of distilled spirits in this state, \$24,665,158.93, and from beer, \$6,988,200.11, or a total of \$31,653,-359.04. Our state, from various liquor sources, managed to collect \$4,374,835.09. This also is double taxation. Inasmuch as consumption of liquors is a large contributing cause for need of a welfare law, why not substantially tax the production and traffic here in Indiana to care for their wreckage?"

"A tax, half as high, would produce revenue sufficient to pay a big welfare bill. Then our statesmen should have little trouble in seeing the revenue possibilities of a gift tax, and a tax on the gambling operations of various exchanges, or, increasing gross income taxes, and doubling the intangible tax. We realize, however, that there is an election in the offing, and during this period some folks are moon-eyed or wear blind bridles."

### CLERKS PICK DELEGATES

Postal Employees to Attend Parley in South Bend.

Delegates of Local 130, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, to the state convention Sept. 7 in South Bend were announced today. They are Reuben B. Barnes, Louis E. Decker, Edward Grimes, George Karl and John D. Logan.

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