

TAX DEFENSES ARE BEING BUILT BY ROOSEVELT

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ROOSEVELT maps defenses for existing taxes.

WAGNER Law arguments presented.

HOUSE group considers Roosevelt's renewed request for 150 million dollars in relief funds.

DEADLOCK causes recess of labor peace parley.

TUNNEY testifies in Congressional monopoly probe.

SENATORS again take up fortification of Guam.

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Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 15.—President Roosevelt is building up defenses to protect—as far as possible—existing taxes such as the undistributed-profits tax and the capital-gains tax from the increasing business pressure for repeal or modification.

His strategy, as unfolded in his pronouncements and those of his Congressional leaders, is twofold:

1. He and party leaders are agreed that revenues must be maintained at their present level in any rearrangement of schedules, so that any reduction in one tax must be made up elsewhere.

2. He and party leaders are warning of the danger that readjustment may increase the burden on small business.

Bid for Support

Thus the President is seeking to draw small business to his side in the forthcoming battle over tax revision, in order to prevent too much revision of the taxes which hit the big folks.

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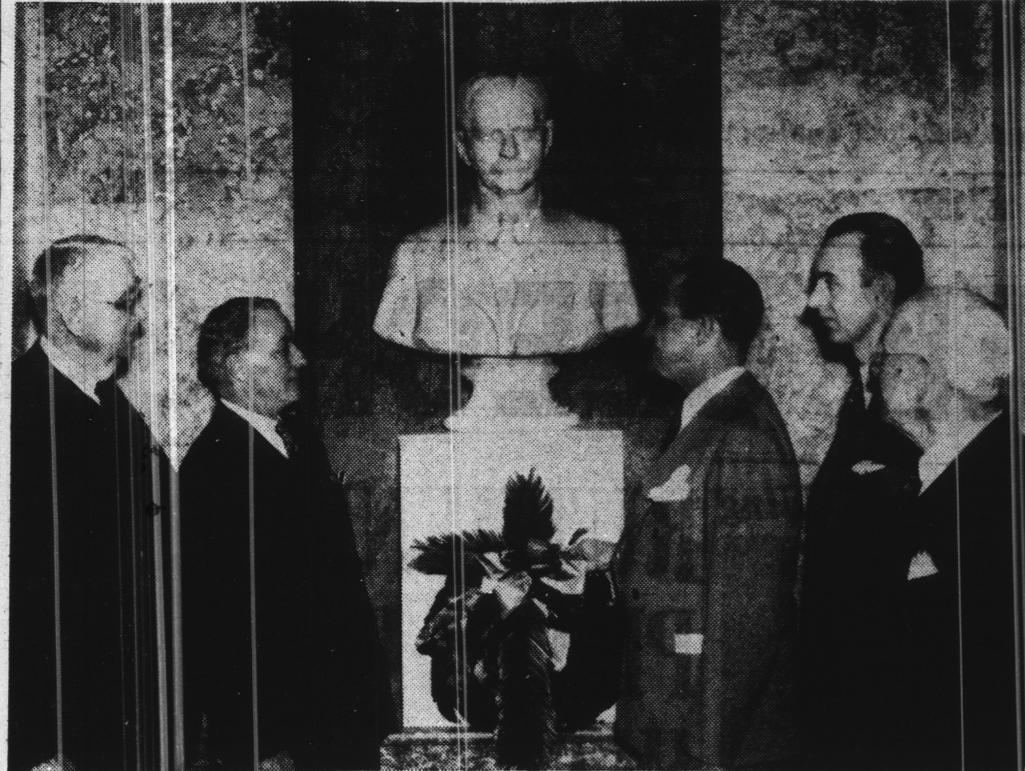
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Hoosiers Pay Marshall Tribute



Members of the Indiana delegation in Congress paid tribute to Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President under Woodrow Wilson and a native Hoosier, by placing a wreath at his statue in Washington yesterday. Left to right are Rep. Louis Ludlow, Rep. Eugene B. Crowe, Senator Minton, Earl J. Cox, Thomas R. Marshall Club president, and Rep. William H. Larabee. Mr. Cox also used the occasion to announce formation of a McNutt-for-President Club in the District of Columbia.

Wagner Law Foes Use Hearing Delay To Strengthen Attack on Closed Shop

Union Groups Charge Move Is Attempt to Destroy Bargaining Rights.

By LUDWELL DENNY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Wagner Law opponents are making use of further delay in Senate hearings to whip up sentiment against the closed shop. The widespread Washington hotel strike, which entered its third week today much to the inconvenience of Government officials and Congressmen, is being used as a "horrible example."

Senator Taft of Ohio, Republican candidate, assumed leadership of the amendment bloc yesterday in the Senate Labor Committee and broke the "indefinite" postponement of hearings.

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TUNNEY TO TESTIFY IN MONOPOLY QUIZ

WASHINGTON, March 15 (U. P.)—Gene Tunney, whose fight with Jack Dempsey involving a "long count" still is debated by the boxing fraternity, was scheduled to testify today before a Congressional committee that monopolistic control of the whisky industry threatens his company with a "short land."

Mr. Tunney, former world heavyweight champion, is now chairman of the board of the American Distilling Co. of New York. He will appear before the National Monopoly Investigating Committee.

The Federal Trade Commission has introduced data alleging that four large distillers have gained control of the \$1,250,000,000 business through production and price manipulation. Mr. Tunney, as a repre-

sentative of a smaller company, was expected to testify that the "big four" were forcing such firms as his out of business.

Guam Fortification 'Reservation' Sought

WASHINGTON, March 15 (U. P.)—Some Senators, seeking to avoid a fight over the Navy's request for five million dollars to improve the harbor at Guam, today considered a "reservation" that would express Congress' opposition to fortification of the Pacific island.

Chairman David I. Walsh (D. Mass.), of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, revealed that the proposal has been suggested informally to various Committee members, although it was conceded that such a statement of "policy" would not bind future Congresses.

Opposition to such a "reservation" came immediately from several committeemen, who felt that it was designed to placate Japan. The Committee tentatively concluded hearings on the bill yesterday. It may not vote until it receives a supplemental report on the Navy's recommendations for an air base in Florida.

2 STATE OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS TODAY

The oath of office was to be administered to two State officials today.

Wilbur Fleener, newly appointed Chief Deputy State Treasurer and Floyd I. McMurray, superintendent of public instruction, whose new term begins officially today, were to be sworn in by Supreme Court Judge Curtis G. Shake.

Mr. Fleener was appointed yesterday by State Treasurer Joseph Robertson. He has been an auditor

in the State Highway Department and is a native of Seymour and a Indiana University graduate.

He succeeds E. N. Kestner of Brownstown who died March 8.

FULL CREW LAW VOIDED

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 15 (U. P.)—The Dauphin County Court today declared unconstitutional the state Full Crew Railroad Law.

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