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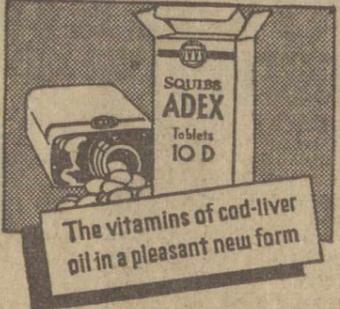
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DR. BUTLER ASSAILS 'DOLE' TO VETERANS

Calls \$450,000,000 Paid Yearly the Chief Item in Huge Waste Imperiling the Nation.

WARNS OF 'SOCIALIST TIDE'

Says Mounting Use of Credit Is Involving the Government Inextricably in Business.

BASIC PRINCIPLES AT STAKE

Balanced Budget Is Prerequisite of Recovery, He Tells Economy League Starting the \$300,000 Drive.

The Federal budget must be balanced and the return of prosperity must be hastened by taking the hand of government off the taxpayers' throat and by greatly reducing expenditures for purposes that have been forced into the budget by the self-seeking efforts of organized groups, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, said last night in an address before the National Economy League at the Hotel Commodore.

Criticizing the government's financial statements as ambiguous, Dr. Butler declared that because of the advances of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which are treated as outside the ordinary budget, "it has been necessary for the government in the last four months of this fiscal year to make upon the money market a demand for \$334,000,000 more than it did in the corresponding period last year." He challenged the "substitution on a vast scale of public credit for private credit."

If expenditures are not reduced, Dr. Butler warned, "there must certainly follow a complete revolution in our economic, social and political system."

"Basic principles are at stake," he declared, "and not mere figures. We are face to face with the protection and preservation of our form of government, or with its transformation into something which those whom we revere as its builders would not be able to recognize."

Scores 'Dole' to Veterans.

He singled out as the greatest abuse of all the "dole to veterans and their families who suffered no injury and contracted no disease while in military service."

Dr. Butler's address was delivered at a dinner under the auspices of the National Economy League, which was attended by 500 prominent men and women of New York interested in the financial problems of government.

E. Roland Harriman, chairman of the finance committee of the league, presided. The speakers included Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, retired, chairman of the league; Archibald B. Roosevelt, secretary and one of the founders of the league; Charles M. Mills, executive director of the organization; Mrs. E. Marshall Field, and Peter Grimm, chairman of the board of trustees of the Citizens' Budget Commission. The dinner marked the start of a national campaign to raise \$300,000 to fight governmental extravagance. Mrs. Field, it was announced, will head the women's division in the drive for the necessary funds.

Mrs. G. McD. Bowman of Richmond, Va., president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, who introduced Dr. Butler, pointed out that the problems which "face the men of our country are equally the concern of the women, who are taking an increasingly responsible part in the social, economic and political life of America."

Dr. Butler prefaced his address by pointing out that "in common with the rest of the civilized world the American people are face to face with the most fundamental of all questions of public policy."

"That," he continued, "is the question of meeting with justice and with completeness the annual cost of government from the nation's income, without disturbing or overthrowing those fundamental principles of economic, social and political organization upon which alone we believe that free government can surely rest."

Says Nation Lives on Capital.

In this country the problem of the budget has become "particularly acute," he went on, because "the habit of living on the nation's capital and drawing freely upon it for immediate satisfaction and comfort is the basis of the accompanying habit, so well entrenched among us, of constant and almost reckless public borrowing."

"As a result," he said, "our population is now face to face with a simply colossal burden of public debt and is without any adequate or well-planned method of discharging it."

Opposing any attempt to reduce expenditures, Dr. Butler charged, is "the pressure of organized private interests upon government, either for governmental favors or for governmental legislation." This pressure he characterized as "simply colossal and apparently almost irresistible."

"Washington is an armed camp of warriors recruited and armed for the battle either to prevent the Congress from doing anything which they do not like or for requiring the Congress to do something which they would greatly like to have done," he charged.

Quoting John Marshall's opinion in the case of McCulloch vs. Maryland, "that the power to tax involves the power to destroy; that the power to destroy may defeat and render useless the power to create," Dr. Butler declared that "if the Federal budget becomes unduly extravagant and if it be attempted to balance it by vastly increasing the rate and the extent of Federal taxation, there must certainly follow a complete revolution in our economic, social and political systems."

"The short cut to all forms of socialism and even in an extreme case to communism itself," he warned, "is not to be found in votes cast at the polls in support of victorious candidates who profess these doctrines but in the silent encroachment, through taxation, of government upon the field of liberty, upon those reserved rights which we have always supposed, and which we continue to declare, are basic in our political thought and in our economic and social organizations."

"Stop spending our money" should

be the real slogan for the American people.

"There is no short cut to prosperity through the provision of government credit in huge amounts. What is needed primarily is not credit but business," he declared.

Regarding the government's financial statements, Dr. Butler declared that "one never can tell from official statements that are issued, without most careful and minute examination, whether they contain all the facts or only the most obvious part of them."

"The advances of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation," he asserted, "are treated as outside the ordinary budget, and because of these it has been necessary for the government in the last four months of this fiscal year to make upon the money market a demand for \$334,000,000 more than it did in the corresponding period last year."

Dr. Butler agreed with Bernard M. Baruch that Federal taxes could be cut a billion dollars a year, but said that the "very first thing that must be done to balance the budget is to take out of it the sum, in round numbers \$450,000,000, which should not be there because it is a dole (for veterans), un-American, anti-American and put there by selfish, personal and group pressure."

The "overlapping and duplication of administrative service in Washington," he found "simply appalling."

"Let me repeat, the fundamental questions at issue do not deal with figures alone. Figures are simply the means of approach. The continued and persistent invasion of the field of liberty by taxation, of the privileges and rights of the States by the Federal Government, and the insistent borrowing against the future are three habits which, if persisted in, will bring disaster to any people. This question is as grave as could possibly be imagined."

Admiral Byrd, the first speaker of the evening, declared that "unless taxes are cut in due course, anarchy will prevail." The people, he said, were being taxed without representation, and he called the League the people's "instrument of action."

"We have got to break the death grip of the minorities on the throat of the people," he contended.

"There are said to be 100 lobbies in Washington," Admiral Byrd continued. "Our cities and capitals are saturated with them. The rights of government don't include the right to confiscate our property. We need a new Declaration of Independence."

Sees "Taxes on Everything."

Mr. Harriman, chairman of the campaign for funds, in a brief address to the workers, asserted that there were "taxes on everything," and that the "grasping paws of the government are on everything we turn our hands to."

"People work 100 days a year for the government," he added.

Mr. Roosevelt said the first object of the league "is that national scandal—the \$450,000,000 annual payment to veterans not injured in war."

He declared that "less than 1 per cent of the population of the country is living off the entire country," and characterized veterans receiving such aid as "a beggars' class which must be eliminated."

Mr. Mills, who explained the aims of the league, said that organizations had been started in thirty-eight States, and estimated the league's members as between 750,000 and 1,000,000. The league, he declared, would be represented by counsel at a Congressional investigation of veterans' legislation in Washington late this month and would offer statistics against prepayment of the bonus.

Mr. Grimm described the work of the Citizens' Budget Commission and told of its efforts to bring about reductions.

Henry H. Curran, general manager of the league, made a brief address.

Newark Man, Hit by Auto, Dies.

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.
NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 16.—Arthur P. O'Connor, 61 years old, of 89 Oakland Terrace, a member of the auctioneering concern, M. J. O'Connor's Sons, died yesterday at the City Hospital as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile as he stepped from a trolley car at South Orange and Poe Avenues, on Oct. 29. He was believed to have recovered and had returned home from the hospital.

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