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Win the War Tax Plan

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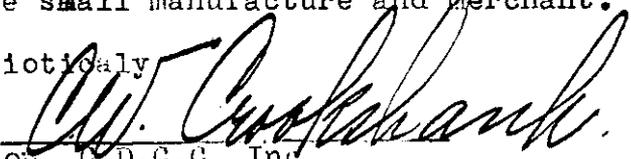
Dear Sir:

The Tax Division; California Democratic Congressional Clubs Incorporated submits the WIN THE WAR TAX PLAN of Sergeant Jack Spikre as a solution of the Tax program outlined in the Press to-day" wherein you plan to raise 27 billion dollars annually.

The Tax Division has made plans to place in the hands of each candidate for congress, throughout the nation a copy of the WinTheWarTax Plan.

It is the opinion of the Tax Division that this an equitable Tax Plan and will raise the 27 billion dollars annually, leave untouched the purchasing power in the hands of the people, which will maintain and keep going the small manufacture and merchant.

Yours Patriotically

Secretary 
Tax Division C.D.C.C. Inc.,

WIN THE WAR TAX PLAN

A Tax of 100% on All Personal Net Incomes Above \$5,000.00.

A Total Federal Tax Exemption on All Net Incomes Below \$5,000.00.

*For the duration of the war
(progressively lower the exemption if the greater need develops)*

This will provide the funds for all the war material we can manufacture or buy.

Pay the war bill and in four years balance the budget.

Provide a Victory without a National Debt.

Save the country from the danger of National bankruptcy.

Take the profit out of war and stop all war profiteering.

Eliminate the danger of inflation and confiscation.

Will maintain Free Enterprise; the profit system and democracy.

Maintain and preserve all labor and social gains.

The Federal tax exemption on low income groups will conserve a widely distributed purchasing power in the hands of 81% of our population, which will start the wheels of private industries after the war. Will eliminate the necessity of the Payroll Withholding Tax. Provide the means for the upper income group to make the Patriotic financial sacrifice they are clamoring for.

For VICTORY we will work night and day; die on the battlefield; give our all. Surely these who have the large incomes will gladly struggle along on \$5000.00 until we have finished the job.

**COMPILED AND SUBMITTED BY THE CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CLUBS, INC., 1934**

(Signed) **PRESIDENT** Sgt. Jack Spikre,

(Signed) **SECRETARY** Guy H. McClue.

If you believe this is an equitable Tax Plan and will bring forth a complete victory—Spread the word

SERGEANT JACK SPIKRE

Candidate for Congress—12th District

on this non partisan Tax Plan. Phone Pomona 1549. 663 W 5th

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February 23, 1942.

Mr. C. W. Crookshank, Secretary,
Tax Division, California Democratic
Congressional Clubs, Inc.,
663 West Fifth Avenue,
Pomona, California.

Dear Mr. Crookshank:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 13 enclosing a copy of the advertisement outlining the tax plan which your group is promoting. Since I feel that your plan is unsound and unrealistic, I can only write you my disapproval of it.

A tax of 100 per cent on all personal net incomes above \$5,000, rather than the progressively increased rates applying under the personal income tax laws in this and every other democracy, to my mind would be wrong in principle, contrary to our economic system and destructively disruptive, and an incalculable amount of damage would be done. Countless commitments and obligations based on incomes above that level would have to be repudiated. The income groups above this level are already heavily taxed and will be still more heavily taxed in all probability by the next tax bill.

At the same time you propose to exempt all net incomes below \$5,000. That in effect would be to take taxes off the great bulk of purchasing power in this nation, unless you were to substitute a sales tax, which you do not propose and which, in my judgment, would be wrong in any case. The effect of exempting net incomes of \$5,000 and below would be to precipitate a reckless inflation. You would accomplish none of the objectives stated in your advertisement. You would not provide sufficient funds for all the war material that can be manufactured and is needed. You would not pay the war bill in four years and balance the budget. You would not achieve a victory without a national debt. You would not save the country from bankruptcy. You would not take the profit out of war and stop profiteering. You would cause, not prevent, inflation and confiscation. You would not have our system of free enterprise. You would not have our profit system and democracy. You would have a leveling economic dictatorship. You would not and could not thereby preserve labor and social gains.

Mr. C. W. Crookshank - (2)

February 23, 1942

Frankly, I am unable to understand how you could seriously propose such an unrealistic program or induce anybody to join with you in spending the money necessary to promote it. I do not question your sincerity and earnestness, but I do feel very deeply that your group needs to be far better informed in this field before rushing into it, however admirable your motive.

Very truly yours,

M. S. Ecoles,
Chairman.

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