

A Short Talk on Taxes

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE about the tax situation. Respected public leaders are stating it, and our most intelligent voters are demanding it. Rightfully, the citizen is objecting to the crushing tax burden which has been thrust upon his shoulders. Facts and figures unite to show that taxation has reached its saturation point.

In this period of depression, when by all the rules and regulations of modern economic theory taxes should be at their lowest point, America is groaning under taxes of mammoth proportions. In 1914, the cost of the Federal government was just slightly over \$1,098,000,000. In 1931, the cost was \$4,821,000,000!

What's behind this abnormal spree at the expense of the taxpayers? It is the result of foolish—and in some cases — criminal extravagances. It is the outcome of over-development of bureaus and boards and commissions which, leech-like, have been sucking our treasury and taxpayer's bank accounts dry. It is the inevitable result of waste of public funds by so-called public servants who place re-election and the consequent necessity of job-giving, above the economic needs of the constituents he represents.

Well, something can be done about it. You citizens of the United States still possess the constitutionally granted power of voting into office men who have demonstrated their capacity to do the job you sent them to do.

The 10th Congressional District has such a man in Ralph Church, candidate for Congress.

He has represented you for sixteen years in the State Legislature at Springfield. Seven different times you returned him to his post because of the work he had done for you. He proved himself worthy of your confidence as the Civic Federation of Chicago has testified in its report. "He is entitled," it said, "to credit for resisting political pressure and for voting on behalf of the taxpayers."

Typically, he demonstrated his saneness on matters where taxpayers' money was involved when successfully led the opposition to the State Income Tax bill. Typically, it was he who forced the investigation of the Sanitary District payroll which resulted in the now famous trial. It was he who introduced the bill in the House, to cut the Sanitary District trustees from 9 to 3 members. During his entire sixteen years as a representative, he consistently opposed unnecessary bond issues without referendum vote, not only on the floor of the House but in the Committees as well.



RALPH CHURCH

On April 12, you taxpayers go to the polls to elect your candidate for Congress from this district. If you demand economy in governmental expenditure; if you demand reduction of taxation; if you demand a trimming of the Federal budget, elect a man whose past record signifies his ability to do your bidding.

Ralph Church is that type of public servant.