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ARE YOU BETTER OFF?

"Are you not better off today than you were a year ago? Thus President Roosevelt opened the democratic party campaign for re-election of "new deal" congressmen in a nation-wide radio broadcast last Thursday night.

No doubt that question in itself will create a lot of votes for new deal congressmen next fall. Many persons who are temporarily enjoying more luxuries and necessities of life than they were a year ago will not take the trouble to figure out that in the near future they will have to pay a heavy price in loss of prosperity because of America's greatly increased debt burden. So they will answer, "Yes, I am better off" and wave a little flag and should "Viva to Roosevelt" or actions and words to that effect.

But is not the average American who thinks he is better off because he enjoyed a little direct employment from CWA or a little indirect business from the same source similar to the man who discovered his credit was good and thought a lot of luxuries beyond his ability to pay? It has new automobile, that new radio, the new electric re-frigerator and the new fugs—all purchased on open charge frigerator and the new fugs—all purchased on open charge account or time payment plan—furnished a lot of enjoyment to the buyer and actually made him feel prosperous. Eventually the bills came in. They could not be met. The automobile, the radio and the refrigerator were reclaimed by finance companies. Some creditor sued and attached the rugs. The flimsy castle of prosperity for this man collapsed. Mr. Roosevelt might have asked:

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"De you think you will be better off a year or two in the future when you begin to help reduce the national debt which I have increased to 29 billion dollars and intend to further increase to 33 billion?" But of course he did not.

The greatest mistake of the ordinary middle class man earning a small salary is to think that he does not help pay for federal expenses. Surely his income may be small enough to be exempt from direct income taxation. But nevertheless he pays a lot of taxes indirectly. Every dollar that he spends for merchandise of any description includes several cents for the federal tax collector. The producers of raw material, the manufacturers, the wholesalers; the retailers pay income tax to the federal government and pass those taxes along to the consumer in the form of higher prices for merchandise. So the consumer pays the bill ultimately whether his income is \$500 a year or \$50,000. And the added billions of federal debt will be paid by the consumer.

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