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Memorandum: Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Are we going to have a revival of the Anamos Club? And if it came down to cases would it be as it seemed to me in TR's case that FDR is a liar. JSP tells me that a man who worked with him through the Smith and his own Governorship says that he is a notorious liar, that everybody knows that.

Political lying probably. This man says he is absolutely honest in everything that concerns money, that he is totally selfish in action, decision. At the same time he thinks he is the most charming people alive. This whole episode of the hasty tax action favors of TR - the denying of responsibility.

The startling thing is the lack of consideration. It is a thing that pops into his head, good to divert attention at this moment from the NRA - to go Huey one better - to keep the radicals in line has all the character of painting another dome and to divert the population. The springing of new projects which are more or less sound, essential, without planning and with no preparation for administration means confusion, defeat, in the long run. Nothing done that was promised in the first place, not because it was not a good thing but because its doing was not considered seriously, as if the Government was a matter of gay improvisation.

Attach Lippmann for 6/26 and 6/27.

Also Wallen's attempt to analyze what really did happen in this matter of rushing the taxes on the rich
incomes say above five hundred thousand would be a small proportion as Mr. Roosevelt found out when he attempted his "soak the rich" tax. And there is a point on the Roosevelt administration in which I could make an entry, for the Roosevelt administration - constructive work in a professional way, not in an intellectual. In the way that Mr. Roosevelt jumped into things - "soak the rich" as that offers him something to get him out of a tight place and is concerned when somebody makes a calculation of what it would yield. When he wanted a billion undigested, or so he gets two hundred and fifty million. The emotional, irrational attacks by his Administration, which I will not say has wrecked but has deterred the good undertakings which he attempted, the balancing of the between industry and agriculture - the nationalizing as that of child labor and the things that went into the N R A.

All these good things, all warmly, advocated from the heart, but not from the head. The unwisdom of throwing in men who had only a theoretical training. If we attempted run an industry on the highly educated theorists who had no practical experience the thing would soon go into bankruptcy. So these were not related - they fell over each other.

The tells me that in the scramble to get offices friends of hers were turned out of houses in which they had lived for twenty five years and had no place to go. A dental building in which dentists were established was suddenly commandeered and the dentists were put on the street. Washington
The people with tooth aches had no place to go because the dentists had no place to install themselves. It looked to her as if they might have to go to Baltimore to get their teeth fixed.

And then it comes down to whether hasty doing of things which were right and must be done to solidify the country is to be entirely overcome because of its administration. So far I don't think so. It is the cause of the experiment. But the good things undertaken will not be entirely lost although they will be balled up, and a great many people that were for them at the start are discouraged and throw up their hands seeing the mess they are in financially.

This morning's article by Lippmann on the financial vortex as Governor Landon calls it has got excellent points and it brings me around to what I feel I ought to do and that is write an article on the pending tariff revolution.

Make a head line —

Are we in for a tariff revolution? And then begin with Wells and Hewitt's prophecies.