

HOOVER MADE TARGET FOR COIN ATTACK

Congressman Opens Tirade Against So-Called G. O. P. Extravagances

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—President Hoover today was charged with responsibility for "a riot of extravagance" in Federal expenditures "never heretofore heard of in time of peace," by Representative Byrns of Tennessee.

"The myth of Coolidge economy disappeared with his regime, and the seventy-first Congress at the request of President Hoover has appropriated the enormous and staggering total of \$10,249,819,000," said Byrns in a statement in the Congressional Record. He is the ranking Democrat on the appropriations committee.

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Commitments already made, said the Tennessean, "will make it difficult, if not impossible, to reduce Federal expenditures for some time to come."

Appropriations for the first two years under Hoover exceeded by nearly \$1,000,000,000 the last two under President Coolidge, "which up to that time was the high peak of appropriations for peace time activities of the Government," Byrns said.

"Republican apologists are attempting to leave the impression that drought relief and measures for relief of unemployment result in this startling total," he said.

LISTS HIS CHARGES

"The appropriations for this purpose will not exceed \$200,000,000, the principal items of which are: Drought relief, \$45,000,000; loans to drought area farmers, \$20,000,000; rural sanitation, \$2,000,000; loans to farmers of five Southern States, \$2,000,000, and emergency construction, \$127,000,000."

Byrns said the veterans' loan bill had not increased expenditures, because no appropriation is necessary.

White House statements, he continued, "whether by design or not," had left the impression with the country that Congress was to blame for the large appropriations made.

"The reverse is true," he said. "The request for appropriations sent to Congress by the President himself have actually been reduced during the seventy-first Congress in the sum of \$55,000,000."