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# Frank Gannett Says Roosevelt Should Resign

## Urges Nation to Demand He Quit as a Failure; Sees Needy Victimized

Frank E. Gannett, newspaper publisher, speaking yesterday at a luncheon in the National Republican Club, 54 West Fortieth Street, declared his belief that the American people should demand the immediate resignation of President Roosevelt because of his "tragic failure" in directing the affairs of the nation.

Mr. Gannett charged the President with responsibility for crushing taxes, business stagnation, national debt, continued unemployment and a steady trend toward utter bankruptcy. The idea that prosperity could be regained by running deeper into debt, he said, is like the notion of a drunkard who tries to drink himself sober.

Mr. Gannett said, in part:

"I do not question Mr. Roosevelt's intentions. That is a matter which history will decide. But, in view of the President's tragic failure, with all his power and all the money he has been given to bring this country back to prosperity and its people to employment, I say, with all earnestness and emphasis, that the American people should demand his resignation. In every parliamentary country in the world, the head of the government that had been such a failure would have been forced to resign long ago.

"A large measure of our depression and suffering is directly due to the President's desire to play politics with every question that arises.

His first consideration is what will be the political effect of any measure: not what effect it will have on the lives and fortunes of our people.

"I say that to follow such a disastrous policy year after year is utterly wicked. Under the pretense of helping the less fortunate, he has made their plight not better, but decidedly worse.

"It is probably too much to expect to have him resign and admit his great failure. The alternative, of course, is to defeat him when he, or any one advocating a continuation of this destructive program, comes up for election."

In international relations, Mr. Gannett said, the nation needs a long-term policy which will surely keep America out of war. As for social reforms, he added:

"Whether we be Democrats or Republicans, the vast majority of us want desirable reforms, injustices ended and the lot of all our people improved. No one person or group of persons has a monopoly on humanitarian ideals, although they may assume it. I yield to no one in my liberal views or in my sympathy with the poor and unfortunate, for I know, better than the President what poverty means. We, who are true liberals in our thinking, object particularly to legislation which, under the guise of reform, aims primarily at giving the President more power, leading us toward dictatorship and collectivism.

"For heaven's sake, let us digest some of the reforms already started before we dig up more ideas and crackpot theories that will cost billions and delay recovery from our spending debauch."

Walter Ernst, chairman of the committee for the luncheon, presided and introduced Mr. Gannett.