

WASHINGTON.

SOME five hundred bankers, corporation lawyers, Ku Klux Klansmen, factory owners, preachers, insurance brokers, vaudeville actors, and odd numbers such as a former representative of Machado, the Assassin, and gentlemen of unknown occupations will assemble in the Capitol in a few days to begin, with prayer, the first regular session of the Seventy-Third Congress.

The majority are entering the session under the ancient dodge of "going along with the President," even though that may mean enacting higher tariffs; approving further radio, telephone and cable mergers; sluicing more millions into "public works" in the form of Army and Navy building; and thinning the dollar. Several titans of the Progressive bloc have declared that their interest lies in channeling the "benefits" of NRA toward "little business." Probably the ablest of the opposition to Roosevelt's program is Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania, whose alternative is to "balance the budget" and let nature take its course. As for the impending battle on inflation, there is every indication that the real campaigns will be fought where those on every important issue of last winter's special session were waged, in the President's study.

Who are these people anyway? Library of Congress supplied me with a study of the "professions" of the membership, by Frances M. Sadd. This is what it showed:

Profession	Senate	House	Total
Business	10	87	97
Law	68	256	324
Journalism	3	7	10
Editing, Publishing	3	6	9
Steel Worker	1		1
Medicine	1	5	6
Teaching	2	10	12
Dentistry	1	3	4
Farming	4	20	24
Unknown	3	25	28

Also, in the House, one each in the following: accounting, army officer, chemical engineering, coal mining, engineering, locomotive engineering, mining engineering, ministry and editing, printing and publishing, railroad, railroad trainman and train conductor.

One glance at this table reveals that worker-representation is practically non-existing. The overwhelming majority of both houses actually occupy personally the economic heights in whose defense they act. And this observation is only

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reinforced by inquiring into the individuals who make up the professional groupings. The one Senator listed as a "steel worker," for instance, is none other than our old friend "Puddler" Jim Davis of Pennsylvania, Harding's, Coolidge's and Hoover's Secretary of Labor, the erstwhile Moose lottery magnate. Under the innocent classification, "law," we find such financiers' lackeys as nimble-

witted David Reed, of Pennsylvania, court pleader for the mighty Mellons; Hiram W. Johnson, counsel to William Randolph Hearst; Joseph T. Robinson, the Senate Democratic leader who is retained by Power-Potentate Harvey Couch, of Arkansas; Representative James M. Beck, the Constitutional pedant of Pennsylvania, who is understood to be employed by some big banks seek-