

# FAVOR INCOME TAX TO FINANCE ARMS

Levy on All Families Except Those on Relief Gets Support In Poll; Public Willing to Make Sacrifice for National Defense.

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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 8.—Further evidence of the sacrifices which the American public is willing to make for national defense is revealed in a survey of public opinion by the Institute.

This study, one of a series on public opinion and the defense problem, shows that the voters are willing to pay much more in taxes; in fact, a majority are willing to have every family in the country, except those on relief, pay a Federal income tax in order to meet the cost of the defense program.

Even a substantial number in the lower income group—families now exempt from the Federal income tax—willing to pay a share of the defense cost through income taxes.

A sizable proportion of voters—approximately two-fifths favor a national sales tax to meet the defense bill, but if the choice is reduced to a sales tax versus an income tax, the income tax wins by a majority.

Today's study probed the issue of taxes by asking a series of questions. The first dealt with income taxes, the second with a national sales tax, and the third presented a choice between the two.

The first question and its result was:

"To pay the cost of defense, should every American family not on relief pay an income tax based on the family's earnings, no matter how little?" This tax would amount to about \$5 a year for the poorest families and larger amounts for families with larger incomes. Would you favor such an income tax on every family?"

Yes ..... 51%  
No ..... 41%  
Undecided ..... 8%

#### Oppose Sales Levy

The second question dealt with sales taxes, as follows:

"In order to help pay the cost of defense, should the United States government collect a national sales tax on everything that people buy?"

The vote was:

Yes ..... 42%  
No ..... 49%  
Don't know ..... 9%

To determine how the public would choose as between a sales tax and an income tax, the following question was put:

"Which kind of tax would you prefer to raise money for defense—a national sales tax on everything you buy, or an income tax based upon the amount of income you receive and collected from every family except those on relief?"

The vote was:

Sales tax ..... 30%  
Income tax ..... 54%  
Both ..... 8%  
Other ..... 3%  
Don't know ..... 5%

#### How Income Group Vote

The following table shows that more than two-fifths of the voters in the low income group are willing to accept this burden for national defense:

Require Every Family to Pay an Income Tax?

Yes ..... Don't  
Yes ..... No  
Upper & Middle ..... 54% 38% 8%  
Lower ..... 44% 48% 8%

While the rank and file of Americans are willing to make financial sacrifices for defense, the majority also want to keep business profits from defense contracts limited.

When the survey asked "What do you think would be a fair rate of profit on defense contracts?" the median average named by those expressing an opinion was 10 per cent.

Flirts at 73, So His Wife Leaves

DETROIT, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Melville Monroe asked police to help him find his wife.

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## URGES RETIREMENT OF SOME FARM LAND

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 8.—"About 5,000,000 acres of land now in farm ownership will have to be retired to forest use" if Indiana's timber supply is to be preserved beyond 1950, Indiana University students were told today.

Rudolph H. Grabow, supervisor of Hoosier National Forest Purchase Units, told a faculty-student convention that "only small fragments of virgin timber remain in Indiana."

He asserted that continued effort to farm certain southern Indiana areas, which should revert to forest lands, is placing an added burden on manufacturers, businesses and productive farms in northern Indiana.

## Ann Sheridan Voted 'Fine' Air Raid Shelter Companion

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—The typical Columbia College senior is just four months under 21, weighs 164.4 pounds, is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall and thinks Ann Sheridan would be a fine companion in a private air raid shelter during a bombing attack.

A poll by the college yearbook, the results of which were announced today, also disclosed that Columbia seniors would have enjoyed their four years of higher education much more if the school were not a women-only institution and that their favorite song is, "I'll Never Smile Again."

Questions in the poll dealt with all sorts of things, including prospects of American involvement in war. Of the 225 students who voted, 64 per cent said the country would not go to war in Europe or Asia in 1941. Some 79 per cent, however, believed the U. S. would be fighting somewhere by 1946.

Columbia seniors expect to have a wife 5.6 years hence but 83 per cent of those polled said they would not get married for prosaic reasons like escaping the draft.

In their replies to one question the seniors were practically unanimous. They voted "contemporary civilization" required of all Columbia students during their freshman and sophomore years, "the dullest

course" in the curriculum.

## FORMER POLICEMAN FACES PRISON TERM

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Edward J. Bourke, 38, former Elkhart policeman, today faced a possible 10-to-25-year sentence after he pleaded guilty to a robbery charge yesterday in St. Joseph Circuit Court.

Special Judge John L. Warrick is to pass sentence Thursday.

Bourke, who also is a former sheriff of Elkhart County, admitted holding up a cashier of the Wimsett Finance Co. here Dec. 4. He was arrested after police traced to him a dental receipt dropped in the finance company office.

According to police, Bourke said debts pressed him to commit the robbery. As a policeman, he gained fame in 1933 when he captured two bandits in a gun battle.

## Philanthropist Winds Up in Jail

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Only a few nickels jingled in the tambourine of Thomas Howells as he solicited funds in the bus terminal for Christ's Gospel Mission.

Then a man approached, took off both shoes, removed two wads of bills and flipped \$179 into the tambourine.

"There you are, son," he said. Mr. Howells couldn't believe it. Neither could Patrolman Bellamy Porter who confiscated the money after watching Mr. Howells count the bills.

He took the man to headquarters, where police said he gave his name as Harry Lampinau, 33, of Troy, N. H. He'll rest comfortably in county jail with his money while police notify his home city.

## CLAIMS RAF BOMBED AMERICAN MEMORIAL

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—The official German news agency, D. N. B., has reported that a British air attack on Brest, France, on Jan. 4 had destroyed the American monument commemorating the landing there of the first United States troops during the World War.

The agency said that the Germans found placard saying that this monument and surrounding land was the property of the United States Government.

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