

Consumer Hidden Tax Load Soars On Wings Of Inflation

Boost in Auto Prices Takes Added Toll

U. S. Return From Luxury Tax Drops

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 WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—You may have overlooked it, but inflated prices are forcing you to kick in more in hidden taxes to Uncle Sam.

For instance, every time auto companies boost car prices \$100, buyers have to pay an additional \$7 to the government.

The Treasury collects a 7 per cent manufacturers' tax on the price charged to the distributor for the car.

Federal taxes amount to \$105 on a car for which the auto dealer pays the manufacturer \$1500. When the manufacturer's price goes up to \$1600, the tax goes up to \$112. This is included in the price paid by the consumer.

Automobiles furnish only one of many examples of how inflation is taking more tax dollars out of consumers' pockets.

Tax on Club Dues
 If your club is forced to raise its dues \$5 a month, you've got to pay an extra \$1 to the government because of a 20 per cent federal tax on club dues and initiation fees.

The treasury collected nearly \$300,000 more in taxes on club dues and initiations in June than during the same month in 1947, largely because of increased dues and fees.

If you local telephone rates are raised, you have to pay Uncle Sam 15 per cent of the increase.

Thus, the government profits from the rate increase and not only do you pay the increase but a higher tax, too.

The same is true when prices go up on railroad, bus and airline tickets, refrigerators, phonograph records, electric light bulbs, sports goods, safe-deposit boxes, musical instruments, auto parts, firearms, shells, and electric, gas and oil appliances.

Buy Less Jewelry
 But Uncle Sam isn't doing so well with his 20 per cent luxury tax on jewelry, furs, toilet goods and luggage because people are buying less of these than a year ago.

Also, fewer persons are going to the movies, night clubs and theaters where the government collects 20 per cent.

The government is more than making up for its losses on these so-called luxury taxes, however, with its take in the hidden manufacturers' taxes.

While luxury tax collections dropped \$8 million in May as compared with the same month a year ago, manufacturers' taxes increased \$23 million.

10 Per Cent Refrigerator Tax
 Refrigerators, on which a 10 per cent tax is levied, turned in enough alone to offset the decrease in jewelry tax collections.

Tax collections on transportation are down some because fewer people are traveling by airline, bus and train.

But those traveling are paying more to the government because transportation rates are up and Uncle Sam collects 15 per cent on the ticket prices.

Not affected from a tax standpoint by price increases are users of gasoline, liquor, cigarettes and playing cards. The government levies a flat tax on these—so much a gallon or pack—and price increases or decreases do not affect its take.

U. S. Currency Reform Aids Reich Industry

BERLIN, Aug. 2 (UP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay reported today that currency reform in western Germany, inaugurated June 20, has boosted ration levels and industry to near postwar highs.

Gen. Clay's July report to Washington, the most optimistic he has yet made, indicated that the introduction of a stabilized currency brought out huge food stores from farm hoards.

The new supplies of food, he indicated, had an electrifying effect on industry. Production and labor efficiency improved and absenteeism declined during the month.

Spencer Curtiss, Inc. Moves to New Offices

Spencer Curtiss, Inc., local advertising and industrial building agency, has moved its offices to 1124 N. Pennsylvania St., announces Harold A. Quinlan, president.

The firm, which furnishes industrial equipment manufacturers with advertising and marketing counsel, had been located in Circle Tower for 11 years.

A Man Felt His Bones Were Broken, Due to Rheumatism

One man recently stated that for years he felt like the bones in his legs were broken. This was due to muscular rheumatism. His muscles were swollen and his legs so stiff and sore that he couldn't walk without limping. He was in misery. Recently he started taking TRU-AID and says the feeling like his bones were broken disappeared the second day. The swelling and stiffness has gone from his muscles; now he can walk without suffering and says he feels like a new man.

TRU-AID contains Three Great Medical Ingredients which go right to the very source of rheumatic and neuritic aches and pains. Miserable people soon feel different all over. So don't go on suffering! Get TRU-AID. Sold by All Drug Stores here in Indianapolis.



CORDIAL GREETINGS—President Truman and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, presidential candidates, shook hands during dedication ceremonies at New York International Airport yesterday. In the background are (left to right) New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer, Col. Robert Landry, the President's air advisor, and Postmaster Albert Goldman of New York City.

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U. S. Reds Open 14th Annual Parley Tonight

Platform Sessions To Be Closed

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (UP)—The Communist Party will open its 14th annual national convention in Madison Square Garden tonight and will adopt a platform and nominate candidates—

if any—in closed sessions tomorrow and Wednesday.

The party meets this year with 17 of its ranking leaders under indictment by Federal Grand Jury as being members of an organization advocating the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence.

If convictions are obtained and then sustained by the Supreme Court, it might well mean the outlawing of the party in this country.

In its official call for the convention, the party indicated that it would not nominate a presidential candidate this year, thus leaving its members free to support the Progressive Party ticket headed by Henry A. Wallace.

Parallels '44 Stand
 That parallels the position taken by the Communists in 1944, when they failed to put up a nominee in the presidential race and gave tacit backing to Franklin D. Roosevelt as "the commander-in-chief."

William Z. Foster, national chairman, will be the keynote speaker tonight. The press has been invited and part of his speech will be broadcast from 9:30 to 9:45 p. m. (Indianapolis time) over all stations of the American Broadcasting Co.

In contrast with this open meeting, the actual convention business of adopting a platform and naming candidates will be conducted the following two days in closed session at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

Although party sources would give no hint as to the potential candidates, as far back as last May the national committee took credit for having started the Third Party, headed by Mr. Wallace.

It announced then that a draft resolution would be submitted to the convention urging support for "a new Peoples' Party."

Boasts 56,000 Members
 The party itself, in a summary of its organizing activities since Mr. Browder was ousted as party leader in 1945, announced recently that it has 57,000 members, with 600 members in the United States.

In addition, the report said, there were 300 "section organizations" with 150 to 700 members each. No total membership figure was listed.

Other sources estimated the party membership at 70,000. In New York, where it claims 30,000 members, it polled 96,000 votes for its candidate for attorney general in November, 1946.

If the same proportion—three voters for every enrolled member—should hold true country-wide the party's whole strength in a national election would be between 200,000 and 250,000 votes.

The party's publicity department said that through legislative or administrative action it has been removed from the ballot in eight states.

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