

Income Tax Aids Property Owners

Offset to Oregon Realty Levies This Year Will Be Heavily Increased, Figures Reveal.

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—(UP)—Oregon property taxpayers, facing a decreasing assessed valuation, will receive a 12.21 per cent boost from state income tax sources this year.

Figures released by the state tax commission show that in 1929, the year when assessed property valuation hit an all-time high, the overall average property tax levy of 43.461 mills was based on an assessed valuation of \$1,122,335,180. (B).

This year the assessed valuation of all property in the state is only \$899,092,060 (M) and the average levy for all divisions of government in the state, including school districts, port districts, counties, cities and the small state levy is 46.112 mills.

The income tax receipts, used as an offset to property taxes, will provide an additional \$5,786,603 which would have been raised on real property if there had been no income tax.

In 1929 the real property tax raised \$15,778,941 and this year the combined property and income taxes will provide \$17,235,755. Of this total, \$5,100,000 has been credited to the general fund as the estimated collection on 1939 income and \$666,603 additional as a carryover from income collections of previous years that exceeded the levy estimates.

Property Owner Gains. Actually then, the property owners with a slightly higher levy than in 1929, because of the decline in the assessed valuation of real property, are saved from paying a much higher one of 52.535 mills by the income tax.

The main reason for the decline in assessed valuation, the tax commission says, is the foreclosure by taxing units on many millions of dollars worth of property that would otherwise be on the rolls.

The almost complete stoppage of capital improvement during the depression also added to the decline. This situation has been improving in the past two years along with the upswing in economic conditions.

On the basis of current returns, the earlier estimate of \$5,100,000 from income taxes will probably be exceeded 20 or 25 per cent, the excess, if there is an excess, will be credited to the general fund and used as an offset to 1941 real property taxes.

The tax commission believes the income tax has proved to be the most satisfactory and workable system of bringing property and intangibles taxes on something of a par. Before the application of the income tax there was a much wider disparity between the two classifications in percentage of payment than there is now.

Chain Store Tax Bill Rapped by System Head

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—Earl C. Sams of New York, president of the J. C. Penney Co., told a house ways and means subcommittee today that enactment of the Patman chain store bill would increase living costs in the United States and upset the economic structure.

Sams was the first of 110 witnesses scheduled to testify before the subcommittee in opposition to the bill, which would levy graduated taxes on chain units.

Tax provisions in the measure increase so sharply with the increased size of a chain and in proportion to the number of states in which it operates, Sams said, that not only all large chains such as the Penney system, but also many smaller chains operating in several states would be "wiped out."

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Nazis Claim Grip On Norway Firmer

Impossible for Allied Forces to Dislodge Invaders, Says Berlin's Announcement.

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF
BERLIN, April 11.—(AP)—Nazi Germany is steadily tightening her fist of iron on Norway, authorized German spokesmen today, and defying the allies to loosen her hold.

"German positions throughout Norway are so thoroughly consolidated," these sources asserted, "that there is not the remotest possibility they could be dislodged by English and French forces."

They pictured a steady stream of German soldiers being transported to the northern kingdom to strengthen the forces landed Tuesday at strategic points.

Authorized sources then made the most categorical denial of reports of an extensive sea battle.

"In only two places did the German air force have encounters with the British fleet (yesterday)," they said, "but reports of a clash of major forces of the navy are wholly unfounded."

"Our transports continued crossing the Skagerrak unmolested until the Norwegian situation was completely in control."

(Nightlong fighting between naval forces, however, was reported from Sweden to have taken place in the Skagerrak and four out of 10 German warships this morning

were reported sunk, another was burning and a sixth was damaged seriously.)

Danish Island Seized

High points of the official announcements issued here included: 1. Denmark.—The high command announced extension of Nazi control yesterday to the Danish Baltic island of Bornholm, 25 miles off the tip of Sweden.

2. Norway.—German troops proceeded "on schedule" yesterday, occupying Elverum in the forenoon, consolidating positions at Oslo and along Oslo fjord and destroying three British destroyers and severely damaging another in an attempt to take Narvik, Bergen and Drøhjem (Trondheim) "are firmly in German hands."

(Stockholm advices said Norwegian troops had recaptured Hamar, 60 miles north of Oslo, and driven the Germans south from Elverum, 20 miles east.)

3. Air.—German warplanes patrolling the North sea hit a British destroyer with "heaviest caliber air bombs" and in a raid on the Scaev Flow region put out of commission one anti-aircraft and one searchlight battery. A British chaser was shot down and two German planes are missing. British planes carried the air war to Norway and attacked the airport at Stavanger, now occupied by German air forces, "without success."

Say British Ships Seized

4. DNB, official German news agency, in a special bulletin reported that the German army at Bergen had confiscated five British steamers loaded to capacity with cannon, machine-guns, munitions and other war materials. These seizures, it contended, showed that

the British had planned to land expeditionary forces at Bergen and other points.

In their review of the situation in general, authorized Germans asserted the German government was not at war with Norway. (Norwegian Foreign Minister Kihl on the contrary was quoted as saying that Norway was at war with Germany.)

They said there was confusion as to the precise status of the Norwegian government.

"Most of the legal government, according to reports received in Berlin," it was said, "is somewhere on the Swedish border."

"This government now seems to be somewhat in the position of the former Polish government when it fled to the Rumanian border—that is, completely out of touch with the Norwegian people and state."

The Germans said that in Oslo and other occupied regions cooperation between the Germans and Norwegians was proceeding without incident.

They denied that the Norwegian army had been mobilized, stating that "that would be foolish as under the most favorable circumstances the Norwegians would be outnumbered completely."

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Refugees Recount Nazis' Treachery

STOCKHOLM, April 10.—(AP)—Norway lost her two largest warships, the antiquated 4,166-ton coast defense ships Norge and Eldsvold and 500 men in the short-lived resistance which preceded the German capture of Narvik yesterday morning, according to Norwegian refugees reaching Sweden.

The northern Norwegian port itself, they said, was occupied without a fight by German troops who had previously been brought secretly into the harbor on whaling vessels. The refugees gave this account of the capture: Norwegian customs officer boarded a German whale oil boiler ship for the usual inspection, but was prevented by the Germans from returning to the shore to give the alarm that the vessel was actually a troop transport.

The Narvik populace was awakened at dawn by a warning shot fired from the 40-year-old Norge when two German destroyers loomed out of the dense snow and fog in the outer harbor.

The Germans replied by torpedoing the Norge. Her sister ship the Eldsvold then opened fire but was sunk before her two semi-obsolete 8.2-inch guns could take effect.

Ten minutes after the Eldsvold went down with her colors flying, German troops landed and ran up the awastika on all official buildings, and once in the town of Narvik they met no opposition.

Refugees, who continued to arrive in Stockholm by every train, said one unidentified British steamer had been sunk in Narvik harbor.

They estimated German troop strength in the Narvik area to be about 2,000 and said the Germans had told them they had been on their way to Norway up to four days.

(Narvik today was the scene of a bitter dawn battle between five British and six German destroyers.)

Ex-Gov. Martin Draws Rap From Harry Bridges

NORTH BEND, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, Pacific coast CIO leader, censured former Oregon Governor Charles H. Martin today for condemning Governor Sprague's appearance at the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's convention.

Martin told the Northwest Bakers' association at Portland yesterday that he was "sorry" Sprague associated with the CIO because "he'll get in Dutch with the AFL."

The labor executive also accused

Martin of working for his deportation at the recent San Francisco hearing.

Bridges explained that the convention was held at North Bend upon invitation of the local union and chamber of commerce.

Traffic Toll Held Top U. S. Problem

SPOKANE, April 10.—(AP)—The annual American automobile toll was characterized as the "greatest problem" the country faces today at the opening session of the convention of operating and engineering representatives of the northwest's 14 power and light companies.

"We are losing more lives through automobile accidents than they are losing in the war in Europe," Gen. H. G. Windsor, public relations official of the Puget Sound Power and Light company, said.

"It is the greatest problem the American people have to face today."

Consolidated reports of the 14 companies showed that although the most accidents occurred in cities, accidents in suburban and rural areas were of greater average severity, G. E. Brennan of the Pacific Power and Light company, chairman of the accident session, said.

"It is unsound thinking," he added, "to believe that most of the accidents should occur in the cities because there are more cars. Drivers in the cities know of the great dangers of dense traffic, while in the country the hazards are not so great and lead to less care in driving."

Predicts Downfall of "Foolish" Nazi Leader

PORTLAND, April 11.—(AP)—Dr. Martin Hall, vice-president of the German-American league, predicted last night that Hitler "will end the way all men who have been foolish enough to want power and more power have ended—in defeat."

Hall, former Berlin correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, declared the German leader "must have victories to maintain his 'spell' over the populace."

Sweden will be the next of the small strategic nations to be drawn into the war and will possibly be followed by the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland, he predicted.

"A revolution of the German people against Hitler is my suggestion as to the only way to bring about lasting peace in Europe. When it comes, it will open a way for a United States of Europe."

Pomona Young Grangers Will Meet at Kellogg

The Douglas County Pomona Young Grangers association will meet at Kellogg Friday, April 12. All members are being urged to attend and the association is inviting all interested young people to attend. Each group, the officers report, is expected to bring sandwiches or cake.

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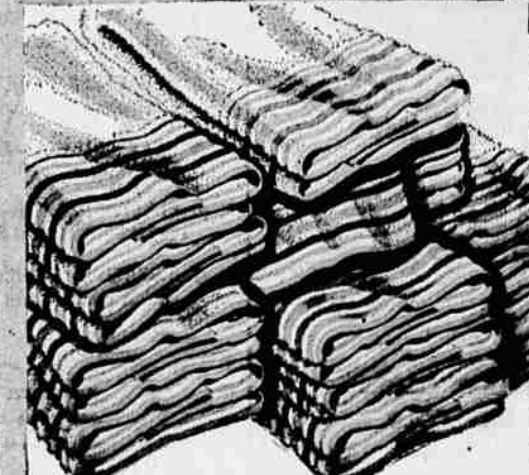
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