

## Proposed New Taxes Spell Further Slash In Buying Power Of American Dollar

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NEW YORK — AP — Americans are on notice as to what Uncle Sam proposes to take away from them in taxes. Let's look for a moment at what he's going to leave them — in terms of what it'll buy.

How much must the ordinary family man make if he's to pay the proposed new income taxes and feed his kids as well, clothe his wife as well, care for his family as well as he did before the last war? Because the money that Uncle Sam will leave him, thanks to inflation, will buy now only about what half it did before the war.

A man who brought home \$60 a week in 1940 to care for his wife and two children had a net income to report of about \$3900 a year and paid no income tax. In other words he had \$3,000 left and it bought \$3,000 worth of goods and services.

Under the proposed tax, the man if he's still earning \$60 a week will pay \$144 tax if he reports \$3,000 income. He will still have \$2,856 left. But when he takes that into the market place he will be lucky if he can stretch it out to buy in goods and services as much as \$1,428 would have bought him in 1940. The prices of some things, of course have gone up very little.

But the prices of other things are two or three times higher than they were. The dollar, by and large, buys not much more than 50 cents worth, in terms of 1940 prices.

The standard of living of that man has definitely gone down, even if his income hasn't.

### Other Examples Cited

If the married man with two children was in the \$50 to \$100 a week class in 1940 he'd report net income of around \$5,000, pay \$75 income tax, and have \$4,925 to maintain his family's standard of living. But today under the proposed tax rate the \$5,000-a-year man will pay \$624 income tax, have \$4,376 left but that will equal a \$2,188 standard of living in terms of 1940.

To equal his 1940 standard of living, the married man with two children would have to report a better than \$1,000 annual income in 1951. Under the proposed tax rate, he would have to pay \$1,896 on his \$10,000 net income, leaving him \$8,104—which in terms of 1940 buying power equals \$4,052, compared with the \$4,925 that the



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\$5000-a-year man had left after taxes in 1940.

So, even if the \$5,000 a year man has doubled his income in the last 10 years, he's still not quite so well off when he tries to buy things.

The comparison holds all along the line as you go up the pay scale. The \$15,000 a year man now has take-home pay, in terms of the 1940 dollar, of around \$6,298—and that's less than the \$7,000-a-year man had 10 years ago.

This sounds as if most of us have been on a treadmill in the last decade. We struggled to raise our pay, but unless we advanced much faster than the average fellow, the steady inflation of the currency has left us no better off, possibly worse off as far as our standard of living goes.

And it's at this high inflated level that Washington is trying to freeze everything.

### George Neuner Opposes Transfer Of Authority

SALEM — (AP) — Attorney General George Neuner opposes the sportsmen's bill to transfer game law enforcement from the state police to the game commission.

In an opinion for state Sen. Jack Bain, Portland, chairman of the senate game committee, Neuner said passage of the bill would result in split responsibilities.

He said that even though the main enforcement would be transferred, state police and local officers still would have to enforce the game laws, just like they enforce all other laws.

### Surgeon, On Fishing Trip, Drowns In Lewis River

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — A Portland surgeon apparently was drowned Thursday when swept by the swift waters of the Lewis river while on a fishing excursion 17 miles north of here.

The surgeon, Dr. R. H. Swinney, and a companion, Dr. Charles W. Coffen, also of Portland, were fishing from a boat a half mile west of Daybreak bridge.

Coffen said that the boat capsized in the rough water. Coffen said he swam to the south shore, while Swinney stayed with the boat until it went aground downstream on the river's north shore.

Swinney secured the boat and started across the river, carrying the motor and some fishing equipment, Coffen said. The current swept him off his feet. His cap was found downstream.

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