



● The tomb of the High Priest Mentemhet, Prince of Thebes, governor of Upper Egypt 700 years before Christ, was discovered near Luxor on the Nile after three years of excavations. Egyptian government officials announced the find, buried 150 feet under sand and rock within a "stone's throw" of the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, history's first great woman ruler. Pictured at the left is the huge statue of Queen Hatshepsut. She was queen of Egypt nearly 3,000 years ago and personally led expeditions that spread Egypt's trade and culture over the Middle East. Mentemhet held the title of "Sacerdote (priestly) Primacy of Egypt" and was one of the wealthiest of all Egyptian priests. His burial temple, discovered in almost perfect condition, reflects the pomp and pageantry of the Egyptian kingdom of that period.

Prince of Thebes Tomb

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● The amazing picture at the right is the burial palace as it looks today excavated to the first level. Openings on the right and left lead down to burial chambers where members of the Mentemhet family were found. Note how 2,700 years of sand and gravel have built up over the tomb. This discovery was made near the famous Valley of the Kings where 60 Egyptian Pharaohs were buried midst splendor the world has never equaled. Workmen below carry out a coffin, a 2,700-year-old mummy which was found in a remarkable state of preservation. Great expense and labor went into the tombs of high-born Egyptians of ancient times.



● Archaeologists are still searching in the Valley of Kings for the tombs of 10 undiscovered kings of the 21st dynasty buried there in 900 B. C. And Egyptian government officials are still searching for the most fabulous of all, the tomb of Cleopatra. According to legends and the history of Egypt, treasure worth \$200,000,000 is believed to have been buried with her. At left is the picture of a mummy after 30 centuries of mummification. The mummy is a priest and is in a remarkable state of preservation. Modern science with all its resources has been unable to discover the secret used by the Egyptians to preserve the bodies of nobles and priests. Even the features of the mummy can be distinguished in this case.



Wholesalers Fight Tax

THE BUREAU OF LABOR statistics shows that the wholesale commodity price index is something like 171, or an increase of more than 13 per cent over a year ago. And just as surely as that price is up 13 per cent, just so sure will the retail price of the things you buy be up as that increase is reflected at the retail level.

And yet just a few days ago this reporter heard wholesaler after wholesaler in trade after trade, tell the national production authority they did not want controls over their commodities, that there was no need for controls in either distribution or price.

Which brings us to the question asked by Alan Valentine, administrator of the economic stabilization agency:

"Have we got the intelligence and the nerve to tax ourselves as we need to, for our own good?" And the answer, Mr. Valentine apparently is "No."

To those of us here in Washington who have watched representatives of the business world, from every industry, gang-up against the proposed excess profits tax, it is evident that such a tax will never get through the lame-duck session and of course will never see the light of day in the more conservative 82nd session which opens in January.

Frankly, there probably is no one except fiscal experts who could tell you whether the 75 per cent profits tax as asked by the treasury department, or the 55 per cent corporation income tax suggested by business is better for business or for the country. Also very frankly we have heard business yell "ouch" many times in the past before they were hurt only to find out that everything was rosy. Also the "ganging-up" process seems to be pretty much of a pattern followed in the past in mass-lobbying activities and the chorus sounds like this:

"We want to bear our just burden of increased taxes for the national defense and expect to want to pay as patriotic American citizens."

But we believe it will be better for the nation as a whole to better our tax bill instead of the administration excess profits tax. That's the gist of it all.

The Same Old Pattern
And that's the gist of the arguments that defeated the housing bill: "We are for housing, we think every American citizen ought to have the opportunity to buy or rent an adequate house, but—"

"We are for federal aid to education, we believe the teachers should have more money, we know that schools are inadequate and that thousands of American children are being bilked out of their right to a free education, but—"

And so it is on down the line the same pattern.

Unlikely to Pass
We do know this, Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Sparta, North Carolina, chairman of the house ways and means committee, has written more tax legislation than any man in the history of this country. He has been in congress since 1911, that's 38 years, and he has been chairman of the powerful ways and means committee since 1933, that's 17 years, and when he says his committee will consider only an excess profits tax, he means it.

What likely will happen is that the excess profits tax will be brought out on the floor and the fight against it will be made there. The house will support its committee and pass the excess profits tax, but the senate likely will not act. So it will go over to the regular session of the 82nd, where the fight will start all over again. And with this gain for business, it may be action will come so late in next congress, none of the tax will be applied to this year's amazingly high profits.

New Quarters Rushed
David Lynn, architect of the capitol, is bending every effort to complete the refurbishing of the house and senate chambers by the time the 82nd congress convenes January 3. The lame duck session which came back November 27 found they must accept temporary quarters with the senate meeting in the old supreme court room and the house in the caucus room in the house office building.

Part of the work was completed last year.

Anniversary Unobserved
In the meantime the 150th anniversary of the first session of congress in Washington passed November 17, with little or no observance, and of course congress in recess. It was the second session of the sixth congress which first convened in Washington on November 17, 1800, with only one small wing of the capitol building completed. Many legislators traveled by stage between capitol hill and Georgetown.

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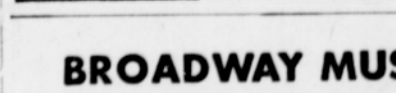
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