

Humphrey Says High Taxes Have Resulted in Curtailment of Incentive

Welfare State, War Combination 'Lynch' Taxpayers

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Washington—(U.P.)—War and the welfare state are the combination which lynch the individual taxpayer. The combination ultimately can lynch an entire country. It can, that is, if it is a taxpaying country.

France and Italy, where there is a lot of tax-strike bellyhoo, have the taxes on the books. But a lot of citizens don't pay any or all of them. Not so in the United States and, for example, Great Britain.

Great Britain is a sort of preview for the United States of what is likely to happen here if the U.S. both continues to stumble into wars and expands its welfare statism. Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey told a breakfast group here Wednesday that U.S. taxes are so high "they are curtailing to some extent the very basis of our freedom — incentive." He said there must be a money incentive to make a free economy click.

Heavy as U.S. taxes are, the income levies and sales taxes are imposed in Great Britain. The British have advanced much further toward exhaustion through wars and the welfare state than has the United States, so far. The United States thrives on unmatched production of goods.

Up to 98 Per Cent
The British income tax on individuals and corporations begins at just more than 47 per cent—boom! Just like that. It grades up steeply to between 97 and 98 per cent. The British sales tax has been as high as 66 2/3 per cent even on some articles of clothing. It has gone as high as 100 per cent or thereabouts on some luxuries.

The British do not have a multiplicity of state and local taxes, as in the United States, although there is a local tax. They have no capital gains tax, although

Weather Vane Taken Down Because Dangerous

Long Branch, N.J. — (U.P.) — Mayor Alexander Vineburg admitted he was surprised when Edgar Dinkelspiel told him the national symbol had disappeared from a weather vane atop City Hall.

Commissioner Paul Kiernan told the mayor the eagle had been removed to prevent it from falling on a passerby.

Stevenson Speaks At Student Rally

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential aspirant, told a rally attended by college students that they live in an era afflicted with "anti-intellectualism."

"Eggheads of the world arise," he said, "You have nothing to lose but your yolks."

that may come soon. There were only 155 individuals in Great Britain in the fiscal year 1955 whose net income after taxes was more than \$16,800.

A mere 6,510 individuals made the next lower \$11,200-\$16,800 bracket. More than half of all British taxpayers, 10,530,000 of them, were in the \$700-\$1,400 bracket after taxes. Only 121,900 British taxpayers were able to make the \$5,600-\$11,200 bracket.

Hundreds of thousands of

American taxpayers have \$16,800 or more left after taxes each year. Drop down to the bracket where tax is paid on gross income of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year and there are more than 2.2 million of them. The Briton who escapes with \$16,800 is in the 97-98 per cent tax bracket. The U.S. taxpayers with the same salvage pays around 20 per cent.

More Serious in U.K.
If Humphrey is correct in be-

lieving that U.S. taxes are seriously curtailing an essential money incentive, the curtailment in the United Kingdom must be much more serious. It is so serious, in fact, that the United Kingdom has gone far toward abandoning the free economy system as it is known in the United States.

Six years of Socialist government brought that about under the pressure of two costly wars, rapid development of the wel-

fare state and the depletion of British revenue caused by slipping within the empire. The British have been paying brutally high taxes since World War I. They pay higher taxes since World War II and have been losing much of their empire as well.

Deep though the British tax bites and low as are wages and salaries there compared to the United States, the British public still is getting more money than British production of goods war-

rants. That means the British people are absorbing too much of their own goods production and exporting too little. As a

nation they are not accumulating, just as a person who overspends cannot save.

All of this is important to the U.S. taxpayer. He may be asked to shoulder more the burden of the British who are, in fact, the No. 1 ally of the United States.

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Truman Considered Firing MacArthur 8 Months Earlier

New York — (U.P.) — Former President Truman said Wednesday he gave serious thought to firing Gen. Douglas MacArthur from his Far East command fully eight months before he did fire the general.

Mr. Truman made the revelation in his memoirs being published by Life magazine.

In his version of the events leading up to his actual dismissal of MacArthur, Mr. Truman said he decided against such a step in August of 1950 because "I had no desire to hurt Gen. MacArthur personally."

Mr. Truman said he was tempted to take the step because of a statement MacArthur had sent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars advocating U. S. armament of and possibly U.S. occupation of Formosa as an "unsinkable aircraft carrier."

The crisis was averted when Mr. Truman told MacArthur to withdraw the statement and "Gen. MacArthur complied at once," the former president said.

Mr. Truman said he suggested his Wake Island meeting with MacArthur because "we had never had any personal contacts at all."

During the Wake Island meeting, Mr. Truman said, MacArthur apologized for his statement to the VFW regarding Formosa. MacArthur also assured the president that "the Chinese Communists would not attack..."

Mr. Truman said.

Optimism Expressed Here That Fish Runs Can Be Maintained

Optimism that the fish and dam problem can be solved and that the runs of salmon and steelhead in Oregon streams can be maintained was expressed here yesterday by George Y. Harry Jr., director of research for the Oregon State Fish commission.

Harry is a member of the downtown Kiwanis club of Portland, which provided a portion of the program at a Medford Kiwanis luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club. Eighteen members of the downtown club and four members of the Holiday Park club of Portland paid an interclub visit.

The research man brought out that recent floods have emphasized the need for more flood control projects and that it is evident that methods must be found to get fish both over and down high level dams. He described the life cycle of chinook salmon and other salmon and steelhead and stated that the critical period is during their fresh water existence.

Dams are probably the most serious hazard, mostly those over 100 feet high, Harry said. He mentioned Lookout Point, Detroit and Grand Coulee dams as having no fishways and told of other structures in the planning stage. But he said even low dams can cause damage to adult fish returning upstream.

A summary of studies on fish life and the dam matter was given by Harry. The studies include mortality rates, migration figures, fish fatigue methods of guiding fish and actual means of getting them up over and down past dams.

Most Serious Problem
Getting the adult fish upstream past the dams is relatively simple, Harry reported, and the most serious problem is getting the little salmon and steelhead down over the stream barriers. He reported on lifts and elevators for aiding upstream migration and told of experiment with chutes, "ski runs" to throw fish out in order they can avoid the damaging pressure near the face of the dam. Another method is use of a catch

Woman Fights For Life After Bite

Honolulu — (U.P.) — A Honolulu housewife who was bitten by a rare spider fought for her life in an iron lung today after the spider's venom apparently paralyzed her respiratory system.

Mrs. Ethel Tanabe, 42, was bitten on her hand Monday by a Cheiro-Canthium Diversum spider while she was cleaning a cupboard in her rural Honolulu home.

Several hours later, numbness developed and she lapsed into a coma. She was hospitalized yesterday when paralysis developed in her respiratory tract.

Entomologists of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters association said the rare red and yellow spider arrived in Hawaii five years ago from the South Pacific. They said several other persons have been bitten by the spiders but none suffered ill effects other than pain and numbness.

Doctors said Mrs. Tanabe apparently was highly sensitive to the insect's venom.

Sweetland Files for Secretary of State

Salem — (U.P.) — Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie publisher and state senator from Clackamas county, filed his candidacy here yesterday for Democratic nomination for secretary of state.

He is the first Democrat to announce himself in this race. Sen. Mark Hatfield of Salem and Assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy have announced that they will seek the Republican nomination for state representative from Multnomah county.

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