

# Over-Burdened U.S. Taxpayers Keep Sending Big Spenders To Public Jobs

United Press International  
The U.S. taxpayer is a mealy type who permits his elected servants in state and federal office to spend him toward bankruptcy at worst and short rations at best.  
Big spenders in federal and state office seems to be miraculously protected from the punishment outraged taxpayers would visit upon them if the taxpayers had the wit to be outraged. The taxpayers are voters. It is their habit to return to office public servants whose most notable achievements are in the area of spending the taxpayers' dollars.

lates that Joe's take-home pay after taxes and currency inflation have had their bite would have to be \$12,832 a year today to keep Joe and his family even with their 1940 standard of living. That would be a hike of 157 per cent in Joe's annual earnings.  
The man who earned \$3,000 in 1940 would need to earn \$7,451 to break even today, 148 per cent up. The \$7,500 man would need nearly \$20,000 today and the \$10,000-a-year man of 1940 would require \$26,888, an up of 169 per cent.  
These figures are in terms of the dollar's purchasing power. That is, \$7,451 would buy today no more than \$3,000 would buy in 1940. This is a measure of the dollar rotting process underway in the United States. Currency inflation is much more responsible for this shrinking purchasing power than are taxes. It is a fact that the big spending public servants handle the taxpayers' money as though dollars were going out of style. But these big spenders seem to have little stomach for proposing increases to pay the bills. On the contrary, it is proposed now that spending be increased and that taxes be reduced.

dollar has been on the skids. That is obvious. This skid in purchasing power has been accompanied over the years by a drunken sailor - on - Saturday tendency of the U.S. government to live beyond its means.  
This spending binge has been going on almost without pause for 30 years, gradually squeezing the dollar's purchasing power toward zero. Two-big dollar, here we come!!!!

**OFFICIALS CHAT** — United States officials get together for a chat before attending a luncheon in Paris. They are, from left, Ambassador Thomas Finletter, permanent representative to NATO; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and White House military assistant

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, British and French foreign ministers that President Johnson favors a diplomatic "pause" in renewing cold war talks and has no plans for a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1964. (UPI)



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For example:  
**Inflation Lowers Income**  
Taxes and the rotting of the U.S. dollar's purchasing power by currency inflation have combined to give the average family a hard time. Consider your friend, Joe, who was your next door neighbor in 1940, 23 years ago. Joe was a family man. Two kids, a jalopy, a mortgage and a job. His income was \$5,000 a year in 1940.

## Reynolds Firm Wins Injunction

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Reynolds Metals Co. Friday won the latest round in a 17-year battle with Troutdale rancher Paul Martin.  
Federal Judge William G. East issued an opinion granting the company an injunction to force Martin and his wife Vera, to take down a sign defaming the firm.

The battle is over fluoride waste deposits which allegedly have found their way from Reynolds' aluminum plant at Troutdale to Martin's nearby ranch. The rancher has won several sizeable damage claims and one is still pending.  
Martin erected a large billboard along the Columbia River Highway which proclaims his ranch to be contaminated by fluoride poisoning. It is illustrated with pictures of dead and dying cattle.  
East said the sign was designed to call public attention to a personal controversy, not to a dangerous situation.

## Ambassador Called Back to Washington

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Philip D. Sproule is being called back to Washington "for consultations."  
The action was in apparent retaliation for Cambodia's recall of its envoy here, Nong Kimmy, who informed the State Department Friday he had been ordered home and "will be leaving Washington in the near future."

State Department Press Officer Richard I. Phillips, who made the announcement Friday, said the U.S. action did not constitute a break in relations. Other American officials will remain in the embassy in Cambodia.  
Nong was recalled, according to reports from Phnom Penh, because of Prince Norodom Sihanouk's displeasure over an American demand for "clarification" of a Cambodian radio broadcast which allegedly was derogatory of the late President Kennedy.

**BIG SPENDER ARRESTED**  
TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — Ovid Ira Wickham, a big spender who carried his bankroll in his fancy cowboy boots, has been arrested for stealing \$52,000 from an elderly California woman, the FBI said Saturday.

## Subsidies Urged For Goldmining Industry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Interior Committee has called for subsidies to help the dying domestic goldmining industry despite Treasury Department protests that it might shake faith in the dollar.  
The committee, dominated by Western senators, voted unanimously Friday to approve a bill by Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, to provide subsidies to compensate for increased costs.  
The goldmining industry has complained for years that its costs have gone up while the treasury-set price for gold has remained at \$35 an ounce since 1934.  
Treasury officials repeatedly have rejected proposals to subsidize gold mining on grounds that subsidies might be viewed abroad as foreshadowing devaluation of the dollar.

## Brucellosis Shot Payments To End

SALEM (UPI) — Federal-state payments for brucellosis calf vaccinations will end in Oregon Dec. 31, the State Agriculture Department said Friday.  
After that date cattle owners will have to pay for the vaccinations. The announcement reversed word released by the department earlier this week that the program would be continued.  
Federal funds totaling \$30,000 for the vaccinations have been dropped, the department said. The state's share of the program was cancelled after the Oct. 15 tax referendum.

**TURKEY POLITICS**  
ANKARA, Turkey (UPI) — President Cemal Gursel Saturday asked Caretaker Premier Ismet Inonu, who resigned Dec. 2, to try to form a new coalition government after attempts by the opposition Justice Party field.



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