

Truman Puts Signature To New Tax-Slash Bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP)—The White House today announced that President Truman had signed the bill giving individuals and business a slash of \$5,920,000,000 in 1946 taxes.

The legislation:

1. Removes 12,000,000 low income persons from the tax rolls and assures reductions of 10 per cent or more for individuals making up to \$50,000 annually. Smaller cuts are provided for those with incomes over \$50,000. Total reductions for individuals amount to \$2,644,000,000.
2. Provides special tax treatment for veterans of World War II, forgiving all levies on service pay of enlisted men in wartime and giving officers three years in which to settle with the government.
3. Clips \$3,136,000,000 off the burdens of business next year, principally through repeal of the corporation war-imposed 85.5 per cent excess profits tax.
4. Repeals the \$5 use tax on automobiles and boats at a saving of \$140,000,000.
5. Freezes the social security tax in 1946 at 1 per cent on employees' pay and employers' payrolls. Without the "freeze" this tax would have jumped January 1 to 2.5 per cent for each.

No Change

The bill makes no change in the excise levies on the so-called luxury items such as liquor, luggage, furs, jewelry and cosmetics.

Congress sent the tax bill to the president amid demands for cuts in government spending and for a balanced national budget.

Sponsors voiced hope that the 1946 cut would stimulate business and boost national income to such an extent that the treasury would suffer no actual loss in revenue.

After the \$5,920,000,000 cut is made, fiscal experts estimate, the treasury will collect next year approximately \$28,500,000,000. They said the national debt will increase by about \$12,000,000,000 in 1946. Revenues hit a peak of more than \$45,000,000,000 in 1944. They were about \$5,000,000,000 annually before the war.

First President

Mr. Truman thus became the first president in 16 years to sign a general tax reduction measure. Not since Herbert Hoover put his signature on a "Christmas present" slash in 1929 has there been an overall reduction of pocketbook levies.

Congressional sponsors of the legislation said it would stimulate business in the reconversion period and create jobs.

The White House announcement this morning said the bill was signed yesterday.



Harry Truman, who became the first president in 16 years to sign a general tax reduction measure when he affixed his signature to a bill giving individuals and business a slash in 1946 taxes.

TOURIST GAIN SHOWN IN PARKS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP)—National parks in Oregon and Washington reported increases in volume of visitors in the 1945 season, with Mount Rainier showing a gain of 121 per cent over the 1944 season.

Visitors to Crater lake numbered 69,422, the interior department said, an increase of 59 per cent over 1944. The average national increase was 56 per cent.

Mount Rainier visitors numbered 287,280; Olympia 103,827, an increase of 78 per cent.

Oregon Caves National monument, closed during the war, drew 12,548 visitors last season after it was reopened. Whitman monument in Washington state was still a war casualty.

Big Lakes Logging Operations At Seven Mile Continuing

FORT KLAMATH—Logging operations of the Big Lakes Box company at Seven Mile are continuing despite the early winter storms and snow of this week. The logs are being hauled to the landing at Williamson River, where they are loaded on to cars and shipped by rail to the Big Lakes plant in Klamath Falls.

Ray McKay is acting as logging superintendent here for the company in the absence of his brother, Joe McInturff, who is taking a month's vacation from his position as logging superintendent.

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Roseburg Man Will Take Charge Of Tillamook Burn

SALEM, Nov. 9 (AP)—Appointment of Edward Schroeder, Roseburg, to take charge of the Tillamook burn as a state protective area was announced today by the state department of forestry.

The three-county area will be handled under the state department of forestry, which has received all assets and liabilities from the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective association.

Schroeder will have headquarters at Forest Grove.

Portland Will Hire More Traffic Cops

PORTLAND, Nov. 9 (AP)—The city council, alarmed over Portland's growing auto accident rate, has authorized hiring of 50 more traffic officers.

The decision followed Chief of Police Harry M. Niles' report that traffic hazards have made a larger force "imperative." The men will enroll in two groups of 25 for successive 30-day training courses at the police academy.

Mayor Riley said 50 more traffic policemen will be hired after January 1, when new budget funds are available.

More than 32,000,000 pounds of ammonium chloride, used chiefly in tanner's bates, flour aging and soldering and galvanizing fluxes, were produced in the United States during the first half of 1945.

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MINE CAUSES DEATH OF CHINESE TROOPS

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The story of the sinking was told today by survivors who arrived here aboard rescue junks during the night. They said they believed only 300 or 400 survived out of approximately 1700 soldiers and 100 civilians who were aboard.

The troops were members of the Chinese eighth army en route to North China. Hundreds were reported caught like rats below decks without a chance of escaping. Only two Europeans were aboard and both were said to have been saved. Many of the survivors were taken to Macao, Portuguese colony at the mouth of the river.

"The explosion came with terrific force on the starboard side," said Alfred Fong, one of the survivors. "It seemed to turn the ship over on its side."

Of every seven trees felled in the United States, five are headed for lumber, and two for pulpwood.



"Those three fellows can't stand the sight of one another now, after three years of car pooling!"

LOST SHIP
PORTLAND, Nov. 9 (AP)—Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, the once-giant Kaiser yard with 34,000 employees, will deliver its last ship, the Brainerd Victory, November 20. Less than 4000 employees are left.

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MERRILL—Sale of two Merrill pool halls was made public this week. K. C. Burke, owner of the Merrill Billiards for five and one-half years has sold his business to Van Holden and Darrel King, both of Tillamook. Ownership of the building is retained by Burke and his father-in-law, George Offield, pioneer Merrill resident.

Families of the two men are also here. Mr. and Mrs. Holden having moved into the apartment in the local telephone exchange where Mrs. Holden has accepted a position as chief operator. Mrs. King is a registered pharmacist and the family plans purchase of a home here.

Future plans of Mr. and Mrs. Burke are indefinite but Mrs. Burke will continue teaching until the end of the term.

The second transaction involves the sale of Johnnie's place, owned and operated for many years by John Stolt. This was sold to Ray Hays, Klamath Falls.

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