Senator Bridges Called To Explain Part In Huge Wartime Liquor Tax Deal

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WASHINGTON (b — Sen, Bridges of New Hampshire, Republican Senate leader, will appear before House tax scandal investigators Thursday to explain his interest in the seven million dollar tax case of a Baltimore liquor dealer.

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e fered to settle Kienr's case on pay-ment of an additional one million dollars in taxes. This was on top of \$1,200,000 already paid Klein's lawyers were unaware of the offer. Rep. King (D.-Calif.), chairman of a House ways and Means sub-committee investigating the Internal Revenue Bureau, announced that Bridges had sent word that he wented to be heard. nal Revenue Bureau, announced that Bridges had sent word that he wented to be heard.

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The tax case is that of Hyman Harvey Klein.

Klein, a Baitimore liquor importer, was the central figure in a dispute in which Sen. Bridges and Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald Mysterious men around Washington, were revealed to have taken an active interest.

Core of the dispute, still unsettled, is Klein's five-million-plus profit on a \$1,000 investment in imported Canadian whisky during 1944-6.

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1944-46.

Klein declared the profit a "capitol gain"—limiting taxes to 25 per cent compared with up to 95 per cent levied regularly on income—when he sold his interest in a series of tax-exempt foreign corrections.

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Klein testified he paid \$1,200,000
in taxes, only to face the Jeopardy
tax assessments totaling more than
seven inillions.
King told newsmen Bridges
would be asked informally to tell
the committee why he interceded
with tax officials on Klein's behalf over a two-year period extending to July, 1951.
Confidential Internal Revenue records, produced by the committee,
showed that Bridges on at least

Tax Burden **Cuts Business**

WASHINGTON the Federal laxes hit the American buyer so hard last week, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce reported Wednesday, that "retailers in almost every line of business are reporting sharply dropping sales."

Never has there been such a drain on the American economy, the chamber added.

Dr. George Cline Smith, director of the chambers government economy program, said that during five days—March 17-21—the treativy took in nearly \$5,300,000,000 dollars.

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ollars. That was "more than all the taxes collected during the entire year of 1940," he added.

Smith said service tradex, amusements and hotels were complaining of a sharp drop in business and "these immediate effects can be expected to reflect themselves in manufacturing and other industries as well."

"The situation will probably improve somewhat before long," his attacement said, "But general dampening effect of continued high taxes can be expected to last until sharp reductions are made in federal spending and taxes."

Child Deal Leads To Jail

HOUSTON, Tex. 16 — A Houston butcher who said he wanted a cood home for his daughter was jailed at Pasadena, Tex. Tuesday and charged with trying to sell the tot into adoption.

Steve Ribnikar, 27, was arrested by two probation officers who posed as wanting to adopt 2-year-old Sharon Ribnikar. They said the father was willing to take 2500 and a new automobile for the child.

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"I wanted to get out of Houston and wanted my girl to have a home." Ribnikar told a reporter. "I owe board and room and wanted to my her doctor bills." Ribnikar and the child's mother, Mrs. Agnes Ribnikar, were divorced in 1951 in Pittsburgh, Pa., the father said. He added that he and his second wife were separated.

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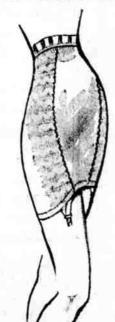
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