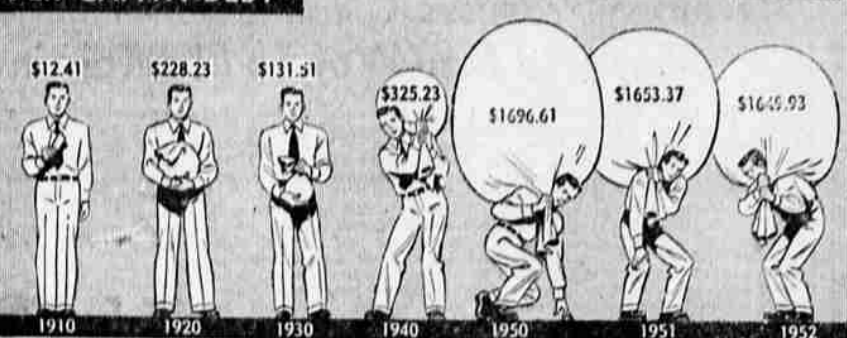


PER CAPITA DEBT



IF YOU WERE LUCKY enough to be living in 1910 your share of the national debt was only a paltry \$12.41. As Newschart above shows, your share of the burden has grown through the years until today you shoulder a \$1649.93 load. If it's any consolation, that's \$3.44 less than you owed last year, and \$46.68 less than the peak year of 1950.

Problems Face Transit Companies All Over U.S.

By WALTER BREDE JR.
NEW YORK (AP)—Transit headaches got you down? Here what transit companies and their riders are up against in some of the major cities surveyed by The Associated Press:

Atlanta—Bus companies in this industrial metropolis of the south complain that increased use of private cars, development of suburban shopping centers and rapid growth of television are making them lose riders.

Patronage fell off so badly this year that the Atlanta Transit Company took 27 trolleys and 16 buses out of service.

Baltimore—A ding-dong battle over fare increases is in progress here between the city administration and the Baltimore Transit Company.

The company wants to boost the present 17-cent fare to 20 cents. The city wants it to reduce fares and run more buses.

Boston—Two hundred thousand automobiles cram their way each business day into the slip of that narrow peninsula which is downtown Boston. Engineers figure that for 10,000 of them, there's no place to park.

Los Angeles—Pacific Electric Company, one of two transit lines serving sprawling, thinly populated Los Angeles County, has lost 14 million dollars on its passenger operations since 1946.

Los Angeles Transit Lines reports a 30 per cent drop in the number of its riders in the last five years.

Travel via all transit is down approximately 30 per cent, although Los Angeles is one of the nation's fastest growing areas populationwise.

St. Louis—A highway construction program that will cost 100 million dollars over the next 20 years is under study as a possible cure for this city's transit problem.

It would include a network of three express highways radiating from the downtown section—each six-lane affair with accommodations for buses as well as private cars.

Missouri motorists would help pay the cost through increases averaging \$20 per year per car in auto registration fees and gasoline taxes.

19th Communist Party Congress Ends; Stalin Says Russia Backs All Reds

MOSCOW (AP)—Leading Communists of 40 nations headed home from the 19th All-Soviet Communist Party Congress today, assured by Joseph Stalin himself they have the Soviet party's support in their "fight for liberation and preservation of peace."

Chief interest now shifted to the party's new Central Committee, elected as the Congress' final act. It must name a Presidium replacing the present Politburo and a Secretariat to direct the party's day-to-day work.

The new committee of 125 members with 110 alternates is the biggest in history. The last committee totaled only 71 members and 69 delegates.

The roster of members reads like a Who's Who of the Soviet Union. It includes Stalin and a glittering array of all Politburo members, top diplomats and military leaders.

The Moscow announcement made no mention of whether Stalin is continuing as secretary-general of the Central Committee, the most important post in the Communist world, or whether he is stepping aside for the man he may have designated as his heir to power.

Western observers thus awaited this still-to-come announcement as the most important probably to come out of the Congress.

New Attempt To Salvage Sunken British War Sloop

LEWES, Del. (AP)—Six salvagers are ready to battle a tremendous ocean current and a "bad weather witch" in an effort to locate the British sloop of war Debraak, which sank in 1788 with a treasure reported worth 10 million dollars.

Leading the search for the ship, believed to have gone down off Cape Henlopen at the mouth of the Delaware Bay about 100 miles southeast of Wilmington, Del., are two young Lewes dairymen, Arthur and Weldon W. Brittingham.

Providing the salvage know-how are veteran Capt. Charles T. Johnson and his partner, J. Rodney King. The salvage boat is owned by Henry Buckalo, a Lewes oysterman.

Harry Morgan, a man who has worked on previous salvage attempts for the sloop Debraak, will handle the diving chores.

Highlights At KUHS

By HAROLD McKAY
Yesterday 400 students elected their officers for the year. George Hanson took the office of president of the class of '53. The other officers are: vice president, Louis Taucher; secretary-treasurer, Sharon Giesinger; and yell-song leader, Ruby Gehring.

Student body President Clayton Hannon says that housing is still badly needed for delegates to the Regional Student Congress Convention that is to be held here next Monday and Tuesday. Clayton says housing is especially needed for the boys who will attend the convention. If anyone can supply housing for any of the delegates please contact the office as soon as possible.

In the years from 1934 to 1936 the Colstad Corp. of Providence, R. I., made three vain attempts to reach the sunken ship.

The first attempt brought up perhaps the only solid clue obtained to date. The Baltimore firm salvaged a piece of wood it said came from the Debraak's teakwood superstructure. The expedition was abandoned that fall after numerous mishaps to its salvaging equipment.

When folks around this area talk about the Debraak and the jinx which seems to stalk salvage attempts, the logical reasons offered for failure are tricky currents which swirl around the breakwater at Cape Henlopen and the poor weather which persistently dogs such expeditions.

Anyone wishing to go to Medford to the game this Friday, but who does not have a way to get there, can go on the school buses that are going over the hill to the game. Those wishing to attend the game via the school buses will need two things, a note from their parents stating that they can go and one dollar to cover the expense of running the buses.

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