

Public, Private Debt In US Today Enough To Make Every Man, Woman And Child Sorry

NEW YORK (UPI)—The average American makes an annual salary of between \$5,000 and \$7,000 a year and has around \$1,570 in cash savings. However, he also is \$2,900 in hock.

Some people owe more money than others, but the fact is that every single American, including every baby born today, is in debt to some extent.

The total public and private debt in the U.S. at the end of 1957 amounted to almost 726 billion dollars, an increase of 26 billion dollars over 1956.

Broken down further, the total private debt, including mortgages and installment debt, came to a whopping 455 billion dollars, an increase of 23 billions over 1956. The public debt at 271 billion dollars was three billions greater than the previous year.

Despite what many people might believe, the public debt is something that is going to have to be paid off someday. It represents money that the government has borrowed to finance its operations—money borrowed mainly from individuals.

Figuring a population of 170

BC Violence Flares Again

KELOWNA, B.C. (UPI)—Terrorist activities erupted again in the British Columbia interior Sunday when a bomb exploded in a Kelowna hotel and two others were discovered before they went off.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police set up roadblocks but said that no arrests had been made.

Proprietor Rex McKenzie of the Willow Inn Hotel said the bomb exploded in a washroom and caused an estimated \$1,000 damage. No one was injured.

Another bomb was discovered in the washroom of a Vernon, B.C., beverage room and still another in the women's washroom of the Ferry Lequime, one of three ferries which run between Kelowna and Westbank on Okanagan Lake.

The incidents were the latest in a series of bombings which have rocked the Kootenay and Okanagan districts. A standing offer of a \$25,000 reward has been posted by the provincial government for information leading to the capture of the terrorists.

Meanwhile in Victoria, the provincial highway minister, Phil Gaglardi, predicted that "all persons responsible for the vicious bombings in the province" will be rounded up before Princess Margaret visits the area next month.

Princess Margaret is scheduled to open the new Kelowna Bridge July 19 and spend two days here.

Reds Claim New Reactor

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China announced today that its first experimental nuclear reactor has gone into operation.

The New China News Agency, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo, said "China's first reactor of the heavy water type has gone into operation in the course of the current big leap forward in socialist construction."

The agency said that a cyclotron has also been completed and is ready for research work.

"These two items of equipment have been built, with considerable and valuable assistance by the Soviet Union, to promote China's scientific and technological development in the sphere of atomic energy," the agency added.

"With their completion China moves into the age of atomic energy."

Boat Accident Claims Life

STOCKTON (UPI)—Jerry Evans, 25, Manteca, was presumed drowned Sunday in a boating accident on San Joaquin River 16 miles south of here.

Evans was with Pat Anerds, 16, Ripon, in a 14-foot boat. The boat suddenly capsized, throwing Evans and Miss Anerds into the stream.

Miss Anerds climbed atop the capsized boat and Evans tried to push the boat to shore. As they got close to shore, Miss Anerds decided to swim to the bank.

When she reached shore, she turned around and found that Evans had disappeared. The boat was recovered.

DROWNS

LUCERNE (UPI)—Machinist's mate Kenneth Elwin Davis, Alameda, drowned Sunday night after he was struck by cramps while swimming in the rough waters of Clear Lake.

Davis and Charles G. Phillips were attempting to swim to their sailboat, anchored 200 yards offshore. Phillips told police that they were a few yards from the ship when Davis suddenly screamed in pain. Phillips attempted to help but Davis slipped from his grasp and sank.

Davis was married and had no children.

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Rebels Attack British Site

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Rebel forces attacked the village of Shehman today, forcing British to evacuate their government school of Oriental studies in the village.

Fighting also was reported in the port city of Tripoli for the fifth straight day, but a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Beirut said a truce had gone into effect under which both sides are sparing the American Presbyterian Hospital.

There were no reports yet of casualties from either side in Lebanon's mixed up civil war, but neither the battles in Tripoli nor Shehman represented a major rebel offensive. Shehman is about 15 miles southeast of Beirut.

Unconfirmed reports from the north spoke of a widescale battle between 2,000 insurgents and pro-government army forces in which "scores" were reported killed. The battle was reported in the Akka region.

The reports said the hilltops were under the control of government forces and that the rebels marched on Akka Sunday from the northern border region and were trapped in a valley by fire from government forces. Unconfirmed reports said the rebels were routed, leaving "scores" dead.

More than 4,000,000 Americans fish in salt waters annually.

US Ambassador Asks Release Of Nine American Airmen

MOSCOW (AP)—U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr. today asked the Soviet Foreign Ministry for the immediate release of nine American airmen forced down inside Soviet Armenia.

Thompson was ordered from Washington to transmit his government's denial of Soviet charges that the plane, an unarmed DC6A Air Force transport, had deliberately trespassed into the Soviet air space. The U. S. Defense Department suggested that the aircraft was flying above an overcast on instruments and strayed off course.

The ambassador also was expected to request that embassy representatives be permitted to visit the detained airmen.

The Soviets previously reported that the plane, forced down Friday by two Soviet jets, burned on landing but that the six officers and three airmen aboard were unharmed and are being well cared for. Presumably the Americans set the plane afire to keep the Soviets from getting its classified equipment.

They are the second group of nine American military personnel held by the Communists. The

East German Reds have been holding nine U. S. Army men since their helicopter got lost in a thunderstorm June 7 and ran out of gas over East Germany. The United States has been trying to get the Soviets to secure release of the Army men, but the Soviets say it's a matter for negotiations between the United States and the East German regime.

The plane downed in Armenia was en route from Weisbaden, Germany, to Tehran and Karachi with cargo for U. S. military and diplomatic missions in Iran and Pakistan. The Soviets gave this version:

The plane was picked up by Soviet radar as it flew 105 miles inside Armenia. Two jet fighters took off and intercepted the American craft, ordering it to follow them to the nearest airport. "For awhile this foreign plane

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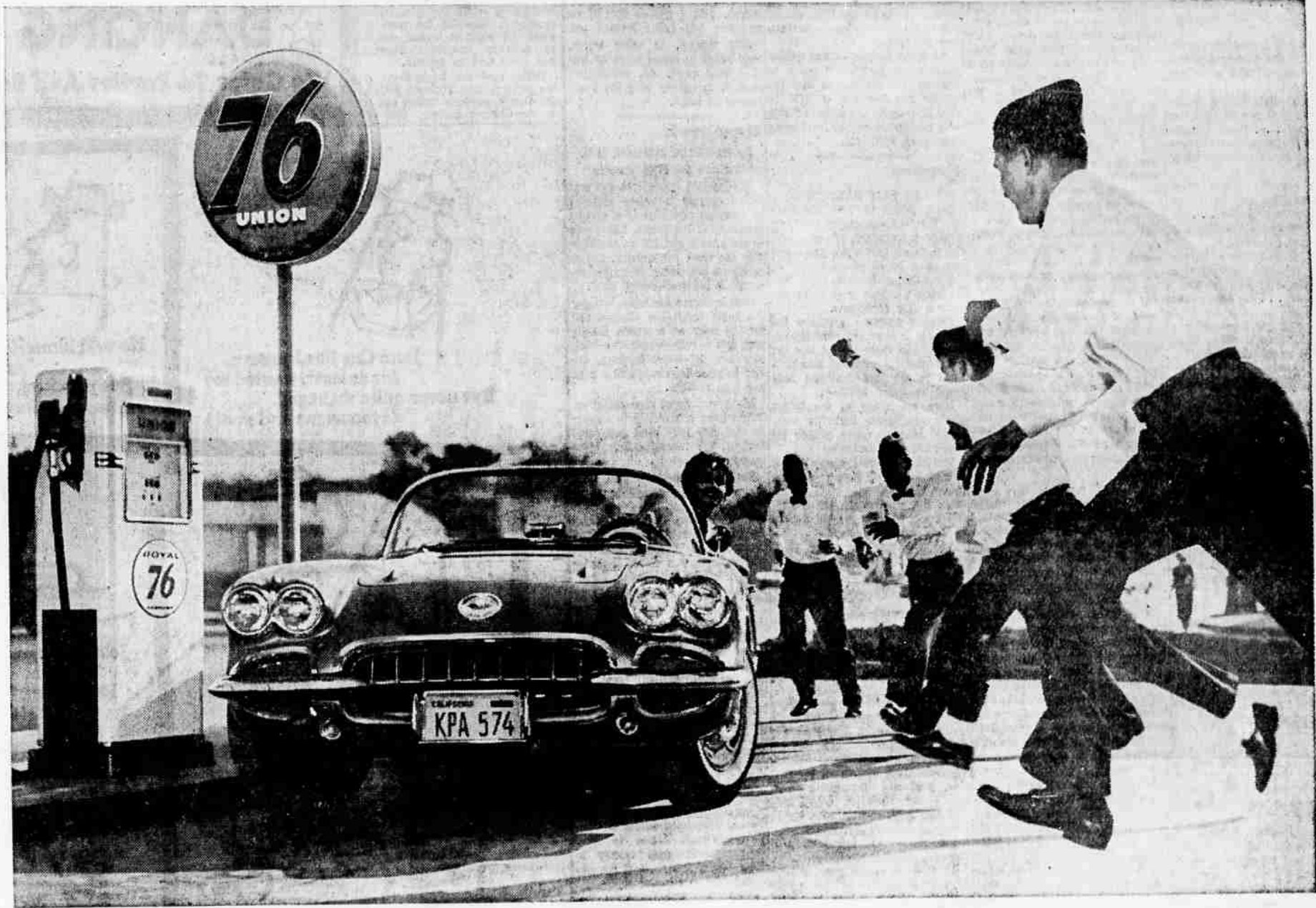
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