

Tax Load Reaches Record \$91 Billion

Recent Federal Cuts In Taxes May Reverse Upward Trend

Despite Federal tax reductions, American taxpayers paid a record-breaking \$91 billion tax to government in fiscal 1954 because of substantial increases in state and local taxes, the Tax Foundation reports.

The total tax take of all governments increased by more than a half-billion dollars from \$89,968 million in fiscal 1953 to an estimated \$90,561 million in fiscal 1954, according to the new eighth edition of the Foundation's biennial reference book Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1954-55.

While the total tax burden increased, population increases brought per capita tax receipts down from \$578 in fiscal 1953 to \$572 in fiscal 1954 (ending June 30, 1954), said the Foundation.

The full effect of recent Federal tax cuts in fiscal 1955 may reverse the upward trend of total government tax receipts for the first time since 1949, said the Foundation. The private research organization added, however, that the trend of state and local taxes is still sharply higher.

Since 1946, state and local tax receipts have more than doubled to a total of \$23 billion, with every indication that this tax burden will increase further, said the Foundation. This trend has prompted the addition of more non-Federal data in Facts and Figures, including such subjects as city taxes and local tax collections.

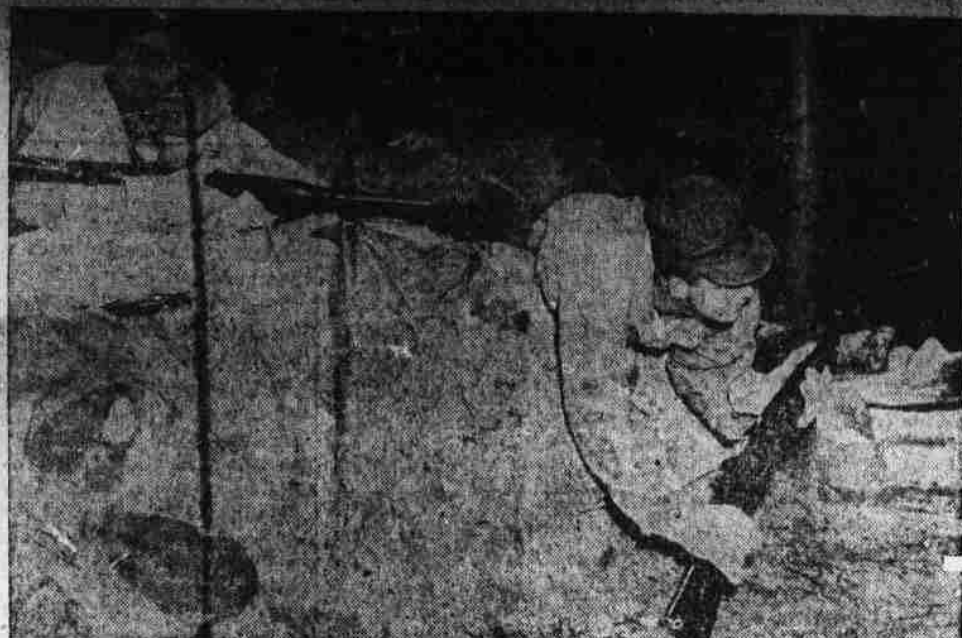
Biggest Share to U. S.

The new edition shows, however, that the biggest tax problems are still related to the Federal government, which gets three-quarters of all taxes paid by Americans. This is in sharp contrast to the pre-World War II period when the Federal government received less than 40 cents of each tax dollar. The peak Federal share—80 cents of each tax dollar—came during the war.

The new Foundation volume contains, in addition to tax data, extensive selections on the U. S. economy as a whole, government expenditures, debt and a special section on social insurance and related programs. The book included 173 tables and 15 charts intended to "make available in convenient form reliable current and historical statistics about the fiscal operations of Federal, state and local governments."

Roswell Magill, Foundation president and former Under Secretary of the Treasury, noted in a foreword that, despite recent Federal tax cuts, "the cost of government will be a heavy charge on every citizen for as far ahead as anyone can see." The handbook, he said, is intended to "enable the responsible citizens to see current fiscal problems in perspective."

The tremendous tax increases



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since World War II are shown in the following table:

Fiscal Yr.	GOVT. TAX RECEIPTS (Billions)			
	Total	Fed.	State	Local
1946	\$49.0	\$37.9	\$ 6.0	\$ 5.2
1948	54.6	40.1	7.8	6.6
1950	54.7	37.7	9.0	8.0
1952	84.7	63.9	11.3	9.5
1953	90.0	67.7	11.9	10.4
1954	90.6	67.5	12.3	10.7

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Those taking part in the music program were Judy Winslow, Sarah Dail, Sandra Hudson, Janice Ray Stanton, Vick Roach, Riley Williams, Betsy Barbee and her mother, Mrs. George Barbee.

Others present were Mrs. Jake White, Mrs. J. Van Roach, Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. Clarence Dail, Miss Kate Blanchard and the mother and grandmother of the hostess, Mrs. Howard Winslow and Mrs. Frank Winslow.

Besides the piano numbers and

the singing of carols Miss Blanchard gave a short talk on the origin of the setting up of Manger scenes in churches, homes and city centers, and of carol singing. Mrs. Barbee read "The Little Star Taht Lost Its Way."

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Mrs. Mattie Daughtrey	3.38
Box Jones	5.40
H. B. Jordan	4.24
E. P. Jessup Estate	1.80
Stanley Spruill	3.00
C. N. Trueblood, Sr.	3.92
C. N. Trueblood, Jr.	3.03
Fred Winslow	45.21

Colored Delinquent Taxes for 1953	
Nathan Bowe	1.80
Mary Randall Hobbs	1.13
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