

AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS MODIFICATION IN FEDERAL TAX PROGRAM

San Francisco.—The Executive Council, in a section of its report devoted to the subject of taxation, recommended that the federal tax structure "should balance the budget and yield substantial surpluses during periods of high employment."

While seeing no immediate relief from the high level of taxation, the Council said that cer-

tain modifications in the tax structures may be made that will "contribute much toward determining the degree of prosperity we maintain." The report declared:

"Any and all such modifications in the federal tax structure should be made with the following objectives in mind:

1. The proposed taxes should be adequate to provide for necessary services and to maintain the federal credit.
2. The proposed taxes should be equitable, increasing progressively as individual income increases with due regard for the necessity of exempting the incomes of those at below minimum-subsistence levels.
3. The proposed taxes should operate so as to keep the buying power of consumers at the highest possible level, so that production and employment may be maintained.
4. The proposed taxes should not combine with other economic measures to depress or retard the development of any area, or place it at an economic disadvantage in relation to other areas.

"In line with these objectives, we believe future federal tax programs should be based on the following considerations:

"The graduated personal income tax should continue to provide the bulk of the national revenue. Any changes adopted should not jeopardize this basic tax source to our revenue system. If and when total revenue needs permit reductions, we favor increasing the exemption for those in the lower income group until

income of a family of four is exempt up to \$2500.

"As total revenue needs will permit we urge the repeal of all excise taxes except those on liquor, tobacco, and gasoline (providing income from gasoline tax is needed and used for highway developments). These reductions in excise taxes which should be second in priority to income tax reduction for those at below subsistence level income, would mean tax savings of approximately \$3.3 billion dollars based on excise tax revenue estimates for 1947.

"New and increased taxes levied by state and local governments have in many instances taken the form of sales taxes, cigarette taxes, and other taxes that still further increase the load of taxes on consumption levied at the local, state, and national level. Approximately 29 per cent of the \$48 billion in taxes collected by all levels of government are currently being derived from taxes on sales. State federations and local central bodies should vigorously oppose current campaigns that are being waged to decrease federal and state personal and business income taxes based on ability to pay, thereby throwing the burden for necessary governmental support increasingly on sales, excise, and nuisance taxes which are most burdensome to tax payers in the lower income groups.

"In considering future tax measures as they apply to business it should be borne in mind that business has been relieved of a considerable tax burden much sooner after the cessation of hostilities than many economists thought advisable. In the face of a definite favorable postwar market for both durable and non-durable goods, the removal of price controls combined with the repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the surtax rate contribute considerably to bringing about the inflationary conditions now prevailing. Discussions of further reduction in corporate tax rates at this time we consider premature and ill-advised.

"It seems to us advisable that

social security income and expenditures should be segregated from the remainder of the federal budget. A reexamination of the whole social security revenue policy is overdue.

"Present estate and gift tax schedules and laws should be re-studied with a view to increasing revenue. Loopholes made possible by the creation of trusts, gifts, and powers of appointment should be closed.

"We would point out in conclusion, that the present high level of federal tax revenue emphasizes the need or serious consideration and action on studies that have been made carrying recommendation for integrating Federal and State policies and programs in certain fields. Such integration could result in eliminating much needless overlapping and duplication, would make for a high degree of progression, and could do much to eliminate conflicts among states, and between states and the Federal Government, in the tax field."

CONSUMER EXPENDITURES UP 80% OVER 1929 LEVEL

Washington, D. C.—Interesting figures are shown in a recent report issued by the Institute of Life Insurance. American consumers spent \$143 billion, or 80 per cent more in 1946 than in 1929. Just for "good looks" the American people spent more than \$2 billion in beauty and barber shops.

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg: **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Edna Kaps, Plaintiff, vs. George Kaps, Defendant.—Notice of Publication. **THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED, TAKE NOTICE:** That an action, as above entitled, has been started in Mecklenburg County, for an absolute divorce on the grounds of two successive years of separation, as is now provided by law for such in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Meck-

lenburg County at his office in the Court House in Charlotte, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint within twenty (20) days after the last publication of this notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 23rd day of September, 1947.

J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of Superior Court.
(9-25; 10-2,9,16-c)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Marvin Dunham, deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, N. C., all persons having any claim or claims against the estate of Marvin Dunham are hereby notified to exhibit such claim or claims to the undersigned, duly itemized and verified, at her residence 2316 Booker Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., or at the office of her Attorney, Wm. H. Abernathy, 320 Law Building, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 22nd day of October, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any claim or claims, not so presented within the said time.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payments to the Administratrix.

This the 2nd day of October, 1947.

MAUDE DUNHAM,
Administratrix of the estate of Marvin Dunham, deceased.
(10-2, 9, 16, 23-c)

North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Lottie O. Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. Floyd H. Johnson, Defendant. **Notice of Service by Publication**

The above named defendant, Floyd H. Johnson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 16th day of October, 1947, which date is at least seven days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 12th day of September, 1947.
(9-18, 25; 10-2, 9-c.)

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg: **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Nell Horn Myers, Plaintiff, vs. John V. Myers, Defendant.—**Notice of Service by Publication.** The above named defendant, John V. Myers, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 23 day of October, 1947, which date is at least seven days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 24th day of September, 1947.

J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
(9-25; 10-2,9,16-c)

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg. **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Alfred C. St. Clair, Plaintiff, vs. Ora Mae Johnson St. Clair, Defendant.

Legal Notice

The above named defendant will take notice that the above named plaintiff has this day commenced a suit for an absolute divorce in the cause in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, allegedly that the parties have not lived together for more than two years next preceding the institution of this cause of action; and that the defendant must appear at some date between this

North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Lottie O. Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. Floyd H. Johnson, Defendant. **Notice of Service by Publication**

The above named defendant, Floyd H. Johnson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 16th day of October, 1947, which date is at least seven days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 12th day of September, 1947.
(9-18, 25; 10-2, 9-c.)

date, and the 20th day of November, 1947, at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and call for her copy of the Summons and Complaint in this cause, and answer the said complaint by that date as is required by law or this plaintiff will ask the Court to grant relief asked for in said complaint.

This the 1st day of October, A. D. 1947.

MARY S. POYTHRESS,
Assistant Clerk of Superior Court.
(10-2, 9, 16, 23-c.)

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg. **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT** Arabella Copeland Averitte, Plaintiff, vs. Next Friend, Marjorie R. Waisner, Plaintiff, vs. Williams A. Averitte, Defendant.

Notice of Service by Publication

The above named defendant, William A. Averitte, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina by the plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 30th day of October, 1947, which date is at least seven days after the last publication of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 29th day of September, 1947.

MARY S. POYTHRESS,
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