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Sales Tax Needless, Woll Tells Truman

NEW YORK.—The government doesn't need a sales tax to meet defense expenses. The tax policy of the country is already working undue hardship on taxpayers in the low income groups.

These points were set out by AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, chairman AFL Committee on Taxation, in letters to President Truman, Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder, Sen. George and Rep. Doughton, chairman of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

"Members of our organization feel strongly that the over all direction of tax policy at all levels of government since World War II has combined with other economic factors to work to the disadvantage of taxpayers in the low income group," Mr. Woll told Mr. Truman.

He told Mr. Snyder: "We sincerely hope that press reports that you are considering adoption of any type of additional taxes on consumers, either through a federal sales tax or a manufacturer's excise tax, are untrue."

Copies of this letter went to Sen. George and Rep. Doughton. Mr. Woll said also:

"Members of the American Federation of Labor are aware that the need for increased tax revenue to finance the defense program must involve greater sacrifice on the part of all sections of the American people. However, up to this point we feel that unnecessary sacrifice in the tax field has been demanded at the expense of the standard of living of millions of low income workers.

"Specifically we believe this discrimination has resulted from the following developments:

"1. War-imposed 'emergency' excise taxes have been retained and extended.

"2. State and locally imposed taxes on consumption and sales have been increased.

"3. Federal income tax legislation has given preferred status to family income above \$5,000 level because of split income provision.

"4. The estate and gift tax laws have been made virtually ineffective as substantial revenue producers through amendment.

"5. Few, if any, of the proposals made by the Treasury or in Congress to close up tax loopholes that would result in substantial revenue increases have been enacted into law.

"6. Increase in cost of living of from 35 per cent to 40 per cent since the high point of war-imposed taxation was reached in 1945 combine with first bracket personal income tax rates to depress living standards, particularly in the income groups below \$3,000.

"It is our considered opinion that all additional revenue required at this time can be raised through continued dependence on equitably imposed taxes on income — personal and corporate, through revision of taxes — estates and gifts, and through closing all loopholes in existing legislation without the necessity of recourse to sales taxes.

"Moreover, in the framing of necessary tax measures we are satisfied that the prime objectives of raising revenue and checking inflation can be achieved without depressing the living standards of any section of the American people below the level of decency. In our opinion, this is being done at the present time, when the combined impact of federal, state and local tax systems together with current high prices is taken into account."

Higher Taxes Favored

"Pay-as-we-go" taxes to finance our rearmament program are favored by more than 90 per cent of the executives of manufacturing companies who answered a questionnaire sent recently to 1,000 companies. The majority advised increases in corporation taxes, personal income taxes,

COMMUNISM IS TREASON WAKE UP AMERICA!

By J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, F. B. I.

Mr. Hoover addressing the Retail Clerks International Association in New York City, had the following to say about the "Reds":

"The times demand candid and forthright words. Communists have been and are today at work within the very gates of America. There are few walks in American life which they do not traverse. Their allegiance is to Moscow; their hopes are spurred by the writings of Marx and Lenin, not Jefferson, Madison and Lincoln; their enthusiasm is whetted by expediency and deceit, not tolerance and brotherhood. Atheist materialism is their idol; the destruction of the God of our fathers their goal. Wherever they may be, they have in common one diabolic ambition; to weaken and to eventually destroy American democracy by stealth and cunning. There is an organization built and supported by dishonor, deceit and tyranny and a deliberate policy of falsehood. They know that as long as the ideals of common endeavor, mutual respect and tolerance remain alive they can never bring to fruition the Communist World revolution. That is why Communist consider America their Number One Enemy. A strong America, materially and spiritually, is a constant beacon of light, buoying the hopes and aspirations of millions of men, women, and children crushed under the yoke of Communist tyranny which today controls the destinies of one-third of the people of the world."

"The thought of a Soviet United States is at once revolting to every right thinking American. We have seen the Communist at work and have observed the application of their principles sufficiently to know what would happen here if they succeeded in the attainment of their objectives. If every American faced the reality of what the fulfillment of the Communist objective would mean to him — he would be inspired to work harder to protect and preserve the individual liberty and freedom which is part and parcel of our American way of life."

"The struggle for the preservation of our freedom places a duty on every man, woman, and child in the Nation to do his bit in order that this Government of the people, for the people, and by the people shall continue to flourish. If each of us does his duty, the outcome is certain. Almighty God, The Supreme Architect, will give us strength, wisdom, and guidance to triumph against the onrush of Red Fascism and Atheistic Communism."

Too, Too Funny

"Now, I want everyone to write me a short description of the funniest thing they ever saw," the teacher said to her class.

After five minutes she saw that one of her pupils had put down his pencil and had apparently completed his composition.

"Surely, you haven't finished already?" she asked.

"Oh, yes, I have miss," was the answer. "The funniest thing I ever saw was too funny for words."

The majority of those who came to America started poor, with many obstacles to overcome. But they started free! They found large personal rewards for all who contribute to expanding the total of goods and services.

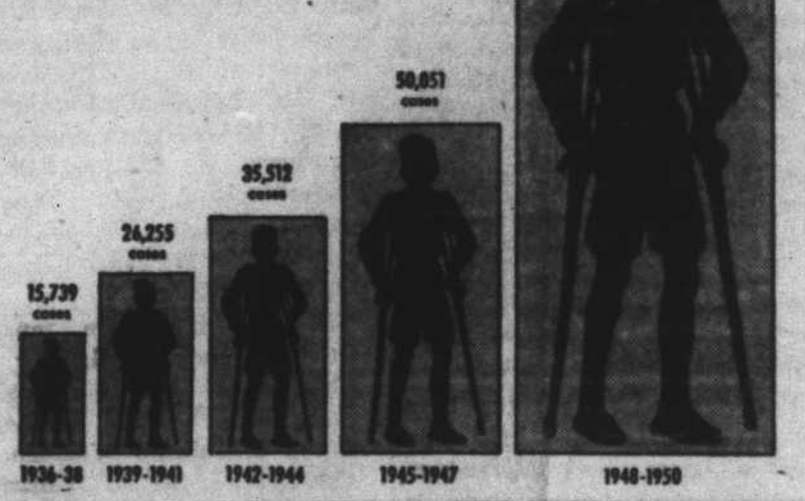
"First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity." — George Bernard Shaw.

POLIO—A GROWING SHADOW

CASES REPORTED SINCE 1936 SHOWN IN 3-YEAR PERIODS

*Including 1950 estimate of 30,000 cases.

During the three-year period 1948-1950 patient care alone cost more than \$50,000,000 in March of Dimes funds.



The chart above reveals polio's ever-increasing threat to the American people and the enormous cost of patient care borne by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This year, the forward march of polio presents an especially urgent problem to the March of Dimes: the purchasing value of the dollar has shrunk to 58 cents in comparison with pre-war days, while polio cases have nearly quadrupled.

Rhodes Outlines Plans For Southern Labor

The year 1951 arrives with prospects of great responsibilities for the American workers.

Number one project for the American workers will be to support and co-operate wholeheartedly with our Government in the severe crisis in which we will exist. It will be the individual duty of the American working men and women to lend their skills training and capabilities toward production of more and more materials for the use of our country.

Organized labor as such is a part of all communities. It is a power for good in areas where the Organized labor movement exists. No greater force has ever been devised for the preservation of the freedom of the people than the American labor movement. The American Federation of Labor has long fought subversive, totalitarian, movements in this country. They were one of the first groups of the Nation to sense the irresponsibility and destructiveness of the communist movement in the world. The American Federation of Labor did not sit idly by without taking drastic steps to expose the communist movement and to close the door to them in the American Federation of Labor.

In 1951, the American labor movement faces a new kind of crisis at home; a crisis whereby those unfriendly to the working man's aims and purposes have deluged the country with anti-labor propaganda until the crisis in which labor now exists at home is one which may determine whether or not there will be a free trade union movement in America. Anti-labor legislation may eliminate our free existence. Unfair employers have poured into the channels of education through unfriendly newspapers, columnists in newspapers and commentators on radios, infiltration of so-called educational material into public schools, and in devious other means, attempted to undermine the American labor movement through the unsuspecting.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-one will demand of the American labor movement, officers of local unions, central bodies and state federations of labor, greater attention to educational matters within the local unions. Organized labor's strength has never been built on numerical strength alone. Many times in the black days in the history of the labor movement, small minority groups of labor have won momentous battles by education and teachings that would tend to acquaint the public with the problems of the minority group.

"Educate and Organize" might be the slogan for 1951 in order to carry to the workers both organized and unorganized, the



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necessary information to keep them on a sound, solid basis in order to offset the avalanche of untrue, unfair and unjustifiable propaganda disseminated by our enemies.

Our sincere hope is that 1951 will see a turn in the tide toward reaction and that each and every member of our unions shall have and enjoy a full year of profitable employment. May we see a return to peaceful existence and safe return of our Service men and women.

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CITIZENS NATIONAL Re-Elects Officers

Concord (Special) — Officers and directors of Citizens National bank were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders as the group heard that "The bank had one of its most satisfactory years since it was organized nearly 46 years ago."

Dr. T. N. Spencer, president, in his annual report to the stockholders, called attention to payment of dividends amounting to \$8 per share during the year. A \$4 per-share dividend was paid on June 30 and a like amount on December 30—a total of \$8,000 in dividends for the year.

Dr. Spencer also pointed out that on December 30, \$100,000 was transferred from the undivided profits account to surplus. Capital accounts of the bank are now: capital stock, \$100,000; surplus \$300,000; undivided profits \$80,000; and reserves, \$54,468.

The latest financial statement of the bank shows deposits of \$5,711,693.46.

A Louisiana manufacturer produces dehydrated candy for cattle, made from blackstrap molasses and cottonseed hulls. Said to be almost as nutritious as corn, 40 per cent cheaper.

Machinists Union Votes To Return To A. F. of L.

Uncle Sam Needs Labor's Expert Help For 10-20 Year Fight Against Commies

WASHINGTON — Because Moscow's war against the free world may last 10 or 20 years—

Because we face a long period of sacrifice and hard work on the home front—

It is essential that we organize our effort so that those free and voluntary institutions which are our greatest strength may be preserved and may serve us now.

Thus the AFL Labor's Monthly Survey pinpoints the problem of making full use of our organized labor and other voluntary movements in this country for however long it is necessary to remain mobilized to defeat communist aggression.

The discussion is in the current issue of the Survey which appeared just before President Truman's State of the Union message and in advance of the government conference with labor and industry leaders on wage stabilization.

The Survey said in part:

The dynamic quality of our economy which has its roots in free alert citizens has made America the most productive country in the world. This will be our basic weapon in fighting an enemy that hopes to force its tyrannical controls on all nations, and to eliminate self-government throughout the world. The people know how grave the situation is. If labor, management and farmers are consulted, and given the facts to make clear their duties and responsibilities, they will do their part.

A self-governing country cannot mobilize its full powers without voluntary organization through which to channel the joint efforts of its free citizens who are responsible for economic life — whether they are management, labor, farmers, bankers or consumers.

We are fortunate that dependable voluntary organizations already exist in these groups; it remains only to co-ordinate them under the Defense Administration so that a united effort will result—to get out defense equipment with all speed and to maintain the life and welfare of our nation.

Such co-ordination can easily be accomplished, as AFL President Green has suggested. He proposes that defense authorities consult with joint committees composed of representatives from management, labor, farm and other organizations, and that these committees be responsible (1) to co-operate in formulating defense policies (2) to mobilize their membership for compliance and maximum effort.

By providing for such joint committees at national, industry and plant levels and by arranging for periodic meetings with factual information on developments and reports on compliance, this voluntary organization could become the basic force for effective action on the home front in the years ahead. Free men will find the best way when they have the facts before them and an organization through which they can participate.

So far the administration has failed to make full use of organized labor's advice, experience and willingness to help.

Account Closed

It was his first experience as a shop assistant. "Have you an account here, ma'am?" he asked, after booking a customer's order.

"No!" was the reply, "but I would like to see the manager." The assistant walked cross to where the manager stood. "A lady of no account to see you, sir," he said.

Acting in the interest of labor unity, members of the International Association of Machinists have voted by more than 3 1-2 to one to reaffiliate with the American Federation of Labor, IAM President Al Hayes and IAM General Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson announced last week.

At the same time, Mr. Peterson presented to AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, the IAM's check for \$15,135 in payment of the union's per capita tax for January.



ROBERT T. GREASEY SWORN IN AS ASST. LABOR SEC'Y

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Robert T. Greasey was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Labor October 3 in the office of Secretary Maurice J. Tobin. The oath of office was administered by Supreme Court Justice Tom C.



Clark, who, like Greasey, comes from Texas. Present were Secretary Tobin, many Labor Department and other governmental officials, and Mrs. Greasey.

The new Assistant Secretary was president of the Long Lines division (Bell Telephone System) of the Communications Workers of America (Congress of Industrial Organizations) and succeeds John W. Gibson, who resigned from the U. S. Labor Department August 31.

Born in Hobart, Okla., May 17, 1912, Greasey's family moved to Dallas, Tex., when he was three months old. The Texas metropolis has since been his home. Greasey has been active in the labor movement since 1936, when he helped form a union of employees of the Long Lines Department of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. He has held a number of offices in that union, including chief negotiator, vice president, and president. During the war Greasey served as labor member of tripartite panels in cases involving the telephone industry under the wage stabilization program.

One friend is worth a hundred relatives. Fate gives us relatives; we choose our own friends. —Ruth S. Jacobs.

In recommending reaffiliation to the membership, President Hayes and the IAM Executive Council pointed out:

"We must look not at our personal opinions and differences we may have had in local points or territories, but consider the overall future hopes of the entire Trade Union Movement. The forces of reaction are well united. The future welfare of every wage earner depend likewise to a large degree on eventually uniting the Trade Union Movement that we may effectively cope with our opposition. Our reaffiliation is, in our opinion, a constructive way to work for unity of the entire labor movement. We pledge full support of the program to achieve complete unity with all segments of the American labor movement."

