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Truman's Tax Program Pointing To \$30 Billion

That Would Be Revenue From Payroll, Income Levies In Three Years

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON (UP)—Federal revenue from the 20-year-old payroll tax is expected to rise to \$30 billion annually within three years if Mr. Truman's old age insurance and health programs come true.

The approximate figure to be collected from income and payroll sources on the basis of proposed and existing legislation in the fiscal year 1952 is \$28,659,000,000. The sum being collected from these same sources this year is \$21,140,000,000. The increase is in payroll taxes as distinguished from income taxes.

Two Main Goals

With one additional revenue from payroll taxes, Mr. Truman wants to do two things: 1. Expand the government's old age insurance program to cover 20,000,000 more persons and to increase the benefits. 2. Create a new system of government health insurance.

Approximately 50,000,000 wage and salary earners and self-employed persons would be subject to payroll taxes if government insurance coverage is expanded as Mr. Truman has suggested. Approximately the same group would be liable for health insurance payroll taxes.

The comparatively small sum of \$2,000,000,000 included in the 1950 budget to get started on the health insurance program in the fiscal year beginning next July 1. It would pay for setting up a staff and making other arrangements to put the plan in operation.

Health insurance benefits would begin in July, 1951.

The Federal Security Administration states that on that date the payroll tax to be imposed for health insurance would yield about \$4,500,000,000 a year. That may not be enough, however, to pay the government's health insurance bill. The Federal Security Administration estimates that it would cost \$6,000,000,000 to pay doctor bills, hospital bills and similar expenses each year of approximately 85 per cent of all employed persons and their dependents.

Deficit Would Result

That would create a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 if health coverage were that broad. The Federal Security Administration plans to obtain that extra money from the government's general revenue, of which the largest source is corporation and individual income taxes.

Individual income taxes	\$18,530,000,000
Payroll taxes	2,610,000,000
Total	\$21,140,000,000

The principal items of payroll tax revenue in this fiscal year are: old age insurance collections, \$1,754,000,000; federal unemployment taxes, \$229,000,000; and railroad retirement taxes, \$616,000,000.

The \$28,659,000,000 figure for fiscal year 1952 is made up of these items:

Individual income taxes (on basis current law)	\$19,135,000,000
Payroll taxes (except health insurance)	5,024,000,000
Health insurance	4,500,000,000
Total	\$28,659,000,000

The principal items of payroll tax revenue in 1952, assuming Mr. Truman gets the legislation for which he now has asked Congress, would be \$2,420,000,000 for old age insurance and disability on the basis of existing legislation and \$1,700,000,000 to increase coverage and benefits in that field.

No 1952 Estimate Yet

The \$5,024,000,000 payroll tax figure for 1952 actually is the sum which Mr. Truman has asked Congress to raise in payroll taxes in fiscal year 1950. No budget estimate for 1952 has yet been made. When it comes it is likely to be more rather than less than was asked for two years earlier.

The income tax figure used for 1952 is the sum actually budgeted to be obtained from individual income tax payers in fiscal 1950. It will be larger in 1952 if Mr. Truman's wishes are followed. In addition to the payroll tax increases outlined in the foregoing, the President has asked Congress to increase general revenue taxes by \$4,000,000,000 a year.

Some of that increase probably would fall on individual income tax payers if Congress voted all of it. But that is not likely. The payroll taxes listed here do not include the cost of welfare or home relief spending for all the needy now proposed by the President. A limited group of needy old persons, dependent children and the blind already are being aided with federal funds under the existing home relief program. That will cost \$943,000,000 in this fiscal year.

Drug Traffic Is Showing Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Commissioner of Narcotics says that illegal traffic in the drug marijuana has increased, "particularly among the young people."

The commissioner, H. J. Anslinger, made this report in testimony on the Treasury Department's new appropriation bill.

"We have been running into a lot of traffic among these jazz musicians, and I am not speaking about the good musicians, but the jazz type," Anslinger said.

In North Carolina, he said, an entire orchestra was arrested, and in Chicago and New York "some rather prominent jazz musicians" were arrested.

Narcotic and Customs Bureau officials told the House Appropriations Committee of large seizures of marijuana on the Mexican border and of seizures of miscellaneous drugs at American seaports. They said:

One of the largest seizures last year was eight pounds of pure heroin from a member of the crew of the British steamer Hong Kong, docked at San Francisco. Five customs agents posed as electricians and steam fitters for five days before making the arrest.

Last June, nearly 10 pounds of pure heroin was seized from an Air France airliner arriving in New York from Marseilles.

The value of a pound of pure heroin is estimated at \$32,000 in the underworld trade.

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Father Goes To Work And Baby Goes Too

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Mrs. L. W. McMurtrey says she couldn't help starting the conversation with the bus rider next to her because he was carrying such a cute baby. The man carried an open cloth sack revealing diapers, bottles and other baby necessities. He was the father, Mrs. McMurtrey discovered, taking his daughter to work with him because his wife also worked but had longer hours.

"The baby sleeps in a basket and doesn't give me a bit of trouble," the father told her.

Jumbo Oyster Found

DANVILLE, Ky. (UP)—William M. Samuels, food manager of a local drug store, believes he has found a record-sized oyster. The oyster, among a batch bought for preparation in the store, measured about five inches long and fully covered a strip of three square soda crackers.

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The Haywood County Board of Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and review beginning Monday, March 14th, at commissioner's office in the Court House in town of Waynesville, for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax list of each town for the current year and shall hear any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in the county, in respect to the valuation of all property in the county, correct any errors appearing on the abstracts and for transaction of any other business which may come before the board in compliance with the Machinery Act of 1937. This is the only time in which the commissioners have the authority to change valuation of real estate.

Complaints from the various townships will be heard as follows:

Tuesday, March 15—Fines Creek, Crabtree and Duff Townships.

Wednesday, March 16—Pigeon, East Fork and Townships.

Thursday, March 17—Waynesville Township.

Friday, March 18—Beaverdam and Clyde Townships.

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