

### Tax Toll The Hand In Your Pocket

How much do you pay in taxes?  
You'll find it impossible to answer accurately, but it's certain that your total bill is a great deal bigger than you think.

Part of the bill is comparatively easy to figure. That's the visible part. It is the amount for which you send checks to the Federal Income tax collector. It includes the estate and personal property taxes and the local taxes on your home, though a little less visibly, Federal excise taxes on travel, jewelry, cosmetics, hairdressing, etc., and Federal revenue taxes on liquor and cigarettes.

Most people probably don't take the trouble to add up what they pay out in the course of a year, for visible and semi-visible payments are only part of what you pay and what every other individual pays.

Earl Riechert, a Scripps-Howard staff writer, started out recently in his home in the city with a total tax bill paid by average citizens.

Starting today, in a series of articles Mr. Riechert tells a good deal about what taxes have to do with the lives of the average man, eggs and gasoline, cigarettes and women's hair and other things.

### THEY take the experts figure it out for you anywhere from \$335 in the tax—

den—when you buy a new car in the \$200-to-\$3,000 price range. All told, it is estimated that 300 separate tax transactions occur along the entire life of a car, from raw materials to shiny new wheels.

And these taxes are all covered in the price you pay your dealer. You're stuck for interest, on top of the monthly installment.

James D. Moore, retiring president of Willys-Overland, usually says he is paying a Federal excise tax of about \$90 or more. Then there are the taxes on the car, which usually runs about three per cent of the price of the car, plus license plates.

But what the buyer doesn't think about is the tax on the car's sale. The income and withholding taxes paid on the property taxes, the transportation taxes, etc., all come out of the pocket of the consumer," he said.

"When the Government takes a heavy tax on a corporation it is really taxing the people who buy the corporation's product.

"This is because the simple economic fact of life that all costs are passed on to the consumer. A product must be covered by its selling price."

Mr. Moore says today's average car in the lower price range costs about \$450 worth of indirect taxes.

K. T. Keller, president of Chrysler, estimated that a car which his firm sells wholesale at \$1120 carries with it at least \$200 in tax when it leaves the factory.

"By the time a transportation tax has been added, the car's sales tax, and the applicable property taxes, the dealer's income and property taxes, the manufacturer's title fee, the customer who drives the car for around \$1,300 pays himself less than \$835, and probably at least \$400 of the check has been written for tax money."

General Motors officials estimate at least 17 per cent of their price to dealers is to cover their own corporation and excise taxes.

Mr. Moore's estimate of about \$450 in taxes was based on a car which sold at retail for \$1,897 in 1947. It adds up as follows:

Direct corporation tax	\$12
Income taxes paid by employees	\$1
Corporate taxes and income taxes of employees of parts employees	\$1
Taxes paid by dealer and his employees	\$1
Federal excise taxes	\$1
State sales tax	\$2
	\$466

Mr. Keller suggested that associated time person paid for a new automobile, the tax usually in his mind he is paying off.

So much of interest on the war debt, so much for the Army and Air Force; so much for old-age pensions.

So much for the Indians; to dredge rivers; for unemployment insurance; for public health; for the Merchant Marine; for the highways; for local police and fire departments; and for education.

So much to support the price of eggs; for stomic research; to support fortifications; for \$100,000,000,000 abroad; and for relief in this country.

So much for the cost of collecting all these taxes, and so much more to buy salaries of the vast number of people on the public pay roll.

There are 100,000 taxes involved in the production, processing and selling of an egg.

# 4 Members of Families Slotted to Death

## Boost In Number Of Strike Idle Likely

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The steel and coal strikes continuing today amid the prospect was for more widespread idleness this week.

John Lewis planned to go back to the bargaining table with the coal miners Wednesday on behalf of his 300,000 striking soft coal diggers.

But there was no move toward settling the strike of 454,000 CIO steelworkers. The two strikes are actually cut off by checks for more than 1,000,000 workers including those laid off in far in businesses dependent on coal and steel.

Contracts between the plant workers and fabricating plants being expiring Saturday, and the union president, Philip Murray, has declared he wants these workers to be put into another strike for insurance, for which the other steelworkers are striking. This approach would result in more plant shutdowns and more picket lines.

Oct. 11 is a deadline for steelworkers at the Aluminum Co. of America where 20,000 of them have voted to strike if they don't insure the company-paid pensions.

Leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen who have threatened a nationwide strike which could tie up all rail traffic, plan to test tomorrow with carriers to talk it over.

The firm was the railroad to hire extra firemen multiple unit diesel locomotives. The railroad says it's very necessary and such practice would be rank "featherbedding."

David Robertson, president of the union said "an agreement may be reached soon (Tuesday) to avert a nationwide strike."

Union officials say that before the strike is called, they would have a new pool of the union's 110,000 members. The union also has authorized a strike, pending a review of their demands by a national fact-finding committee. The committee declared the steel workers' demands would not exceed "this finding has been rejected by the union."

## Bodies Found In Ft. Worth Residence

### 2 Children, 2 Women Victims

PORT WORTH, Texas—(AP)—Four persons were found shot to death today at their home in suburban Oak Knoll.

They were identified by neighbors as: Penelope Finch, 8, her daughter; Edith Finch, 7, her son; Mrs. Adeline Walker of San Antonio, the children's maternal grandmother. A next door neighbor, Mrs. T. C. Knoll, said she saw the bodies when she went to inquire about the children, whom she usually drove to school with her car child.

SEEN SATURDAY

Mrs. Hull said she last saw the family Saturday.

The grandmother's body was found on a bed in a well-furnished bedroom. She apparently had been shot through the mouth. Her neck and arms were severed. A Colt revolver was found about three inches from her hand.

The boy's body was found on a bed in a nearby room. He had been shot through the head.

The girl and her mother were found in the same bed in a center-room.

Both bodies were clad in bedclothing.

Investigators said the deaths apparently occurred Saturday.

Neighbors said the husband and wife were seen in the neighborhood several days. He has been seen in the neighborhood since he was shot.

The girl and her mother were from American Airlines, with whom he was a pilot.

The girl, Edith Finch, was reported at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Finch in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

An acquaintance of Finch's, Bill Wing, an American Airlines pilot, said Finch was a colonel with the Air Force and in Transport Command during the war and was a top-notch pilot.

Joseph B. Jones, Richard Finch's father, a professor at the University of Michigan, said his son was leaving by plane immediately for Fort Worth.

## HOUSTON DOES IMITATION OF VENICE



This family has taken to a boat and is cruising along a street in flood water at Houston, Tex. Their home is under water. The flood covered the greater part of the city for awhile. (AP Wirephoto.)

## AFL Unions Reach Building Agreement

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(AP)—Better labor peace in the construction industry was insured today by settlement of a long-standing jurisdictional dispute between the two American Federation of Labor unions.

The agreement, which has been reached during sessions of the AFL-CIO conference in St. Paul, Minn., is the first of a series of similar agreements between the two unions.

The agreement contains a no-strike clause between the AFL-CIO members and the AFL-CIO members.

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## NC Strike Will Go To Congress

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Congressional investigation has been ordered by the House Committee on Education and Labor to look into the strike at the Hart Cotton Mill of Tarboro, N. C.

A hearing on the dispute between management and the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, has been scheduled here for Oct. 20 before a House Labor Subcommittee.

Gov. Kerr Scott may be called as a witness. The participants will be Joseph B. Jones, Tarboro, N. C., CIO, chairman; Perkins (D-Ky.), Wier (D-Minn.) Wendel (R-Calif.) and McCann (R-Ia.).

The strike of about 500 employees started May 12 after the company was reported to have asked for basic changes in the contract. Union leaders charged the company with "union-busting movements."

Joseph B. Jones, investigator for the House Committee, told a reporter it is his understanding that the first contract was made in 1947 after the union was certified in a vote. Two subsequent contracts were negotiated without difficulty.

John Edman Washington, representative of the TWU, said the union has been seeking a Congressional hearing on the dispute for several months.

"It's an outrageous situation," he said.

## Tornadoes Strike Plains; Bigger Cotton Crop Forecast

Houston's flooded, bayous were running within bank today and many persons who fled floodwaters Friday and Saturday already had returned home.

Terrific rains had sent bayous flooding over a large area. But the water had receded in all but two sections yesterday—Southern Oaks addition and Mount Houston. In Mount Houston in northeast Houston, it still stood four feet deep in places.

Officials warned all residents who had returned to their homes to boil water before drinking.

No rain fell yesterday.

Tornadoes struck about the Oklahoma Panhandle last night, killing one person and causing property damage.

Harold Hill was the small farm owner of a home, and his wife, Edna, were killed. Two other people were injured.

The storm struck the outskirts of Lawrence in Harper County, damaging one home. A trailer was tipped down near Roston. State Highway Patrolman Bill Lancaster said there was no damage from the storm.

A tornado also cut a twelve-mile long swath across the Nebraska countryside last night but saved its hardest blow for a spot settled Lincoln suburban area where it killed one person and injured two others.

Sheriff Myles Holloway said the victim, Mrs. Stella Herold, 74, the lived with her son, Lonnie Rice, 53, in suburban Bellevue at the northwest edge of Lincoln.

Rice's house was leveled by the storm. Two other lives were saved. Lloyd Stanley, 35, and his wife, Edna, were treated at a Lincoln hospital for minor injuries and shock.

Nearly two inches of rain poured down over the state today permitted hunters to swim again into the Idaho mountains where a major storm had week temporarily marooned hundreds.

The state left one hundred dead and one missing.

Five ground searchers and one airplane yesterday combed the Pike Knob section in the wilderness area of Northern Idaho for bodies of Grand, 22, of Olford, missing since Wednesday.

Other searchers Saturday found the body of Mrs. Lois Schrechenbach, 27, of Rose Lake, Idaho, who also disappeared Wednesday while hunting in Northern Idaho.

## Truman Asks Arms Aid Funds

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today asked Congress for \$1,314,010,000 to pay for American arms shipments abroad to help the nations of the world.

He requested an appropriation of \$1,314,010,000 and authority to enter into the arms aid which Congress authorized recently.

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## Vets' Disability Pay Bill Signed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today signed a bill increasing disability and dependency payments to World War II veterans.

The bill, which is estimated to cost \$1,000,000,000, provides:

1. Provide full compensation; instead of 75 per cent for veterans with a 100 per cent disability, and have resulted from war.
2. Increase the length of time for which payments may be made for a 100 per cent disability.
3. Create a new disability schedule for veterans with 100 per cent disability and \$15 for 100 per cent disability. The old rate was \$13 and \$12.
4. Increase monthly payments to widows with one child from \$100 to \$105, and the rate for additional children from \$15 to \$25 monthly.
5. Allow veterans with 50 per cent or more disability to receive additional payments for dependents.
6. Allow veterans with 100 per cent disability.

## China's Paris Embassy Staff To Support Reds

PARIS—(AP)—The entire staff of the Chinese embassy and consulates in Paris today deserted the Nationalist regime and pledged their support for the new Chinese Communist government at Peking.

The move, taken on China's national holiday—the so-called "double ten" anniversary of Sun Yat-sen's death—was a dramatic gesture, according to a French official designated charge d'affaires.

Tuan was sent here last week from London to take over the embassy because the ambassador, Dr. Tchen Tai, was gravely ill in a hospital. Tuan and Dr. Tchen's wife were in the city. He was the only member of the embassy who had not deserted. According to a French spokesman.

Tuan was sent from London by the Canton government to put down an embassy staff "revolt" in the city. He was accompanied by George Monz, counselor of the embassy, said that all staff members, and employees of the consulates had signed a joint declaration calling for the establishment of a new Chinese government in Peking.

Mong said that the French government had notified of the staff's decision. The Chinese diplomats, he said, were now waiting for the French government's decision as to their future status.

At the French foreign ministry officials declined to make an immediate comment, but said that the matter was under study and that an announcement will be forthcoming in the day.

Since the French government will not recognize the Peking government, presumably all Chinese embassy staff members who have deserted the Canton regime will lose their diplomatic status.

The total number of officials who signed the joint statement was about fifteen, Mong said.

The first decision represented the decision of the French government to recognize the new Communist regime.

## Air Tactical Command To Stage Operation Service Co-Operation Shows Set

By JAMES J. STREIB  
Associated Press Aviation Writer

EOLIN AIR BASE, Fla.—(AP)—Gen. Robert M. Lee said today that the Air Force is ready to give tactical air command to the Army and Navy.

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## Hart Mill Officials Refuse Union Offer

RALEIGH—(AP)—The Hart Cotton Mills today notified Gov. Scott they were, in effect, rejecting a union proposal to end a five-month strike at the Tarboro plant.

In a letter to the Governor, Marcus W. Carrel, general manager of the Tarboro Mill, wrote that the union proposal was "unacceptable."

It proposes that the strikers return to their jobs under their old contract, but that a decision be held by the State Department of Labor to determine whether the union proposal is acceptable.

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## Film 'Joe Palooka' Married To Actress

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(AP)—Joe Kirkwood, the "Joe Palooka" actor, today announced that he is marrying the couple's Hollywood friend, Cathy Lewis, who was his last love.

Quietly, and without a word to friends, the couple were here Saturday night by a Congregational minister in a hotel chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood.

### Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIDENFELD

The fellows that always borrowing never lends much anything. Some women manage to get a husband who keeps on managing after they get