FOR A REAL TAX CUT

WITH THE POLITICAL GUNS already blazing, the issues for 1956 and the very important next session of Congress, the question of tax reductions, as might be expected, has come into prominence. For several years, since the Eisenhower administration took over, the people have been held off with promises of tax cuts "next year," while the legislators now let the stockholders and corpora-
tions receive annual substantial reductions in taxes. Under
the theory of the Cadillac Cabinet; the people are simply to
be "shown" down to a lower level.

There is a danger, however, that the next session of
Congress, too, may go by with no action or just some mu-
time tinkering, which has some denominational people in
Democratic circles who seek to make political capital out of a
tax cut have renewed their proposal of a 25-cent-per-bald
cut. If this becomes the Democratic program for the 1956
session of Congress, the fight of the people will be pre-
duced and seriously handicapped.

Labor's goal for a tax cut has been an increase of 
$1,000 per person over the present $800. Even a year ago Senator George sponsored the Demo-
cratic-backed bill for $800 exemptions, or a cut of about 
$40 per head. The struggle for a tax cut is difficult enough in a political argument, and the task of finding a fair and
sensible pattern of a diversion through a $25-a-head proposal.

The labor movement should speak up NOW and state its position very clearly on a tax-cut program. The Democrats must be told to stop their talk about $20-
Labor, on whose vote they depend so much, expects a real tax cut that will affect next year.

INDECENT

OF ALL THE needl McCarthyites whittles attack-
ing our country these past few years, last week's "investi-
gation" of summer camps and vacation resorts was in-
cluded. Spurred on by Gov. Harriman and conducted by a
Republican State Senator Larkin; these shameful proceed-
gings were nothing short of a witch hunt. The point was try to
 amazon two teen age girls from the audience because they had been counselors in one of the camps on
which this investigation was to be held.

These witnesses, as well as all the others called, struck a
blow for good Americanism by standing up to the mod-
ern ninnies of Salem; yet the danger for democratic living
example is clearly what this witchhunters have in mind when they cry about "polluting the minds of the young." All the
former Governor Harriman, who triggered this appallingly
New Deal sleaze, had no problem in getting fresh country air in the summers of his own youth. He was told, as is apparent from the liberal
attempts by the majority of this state's voters that what is
needed is not McCarthyite harassment and threats against the
state to do anything about the camps for working class chil-
dren, but many more such camps.

TRUMAN'S SPEECH

FORMER PRESIDENT Truman delivered a speech in Indiana over the weekend in which he bluntly accused
General Eisenhower of "misrepresentation" and "denia-
gopoly." The President, he said, "has never missed a chance to besmirch the real issues in every speech he
reads.

Then the former President went on to compare the
Democratic-controlled 84th Congress with the Republic-
an-controlled 80th Congress. He talked as a Democrat with
regard to McCarran, giving away and minimum wages.
But he praised this session in terms that would hardly
make an old-style Taft-Hartley Democrat.

However, Truman's speech was notable less for what it
said than for what it failed to mention. This included not
the Senate's right to pass a tax bill. The roll call record" was
incredible was Truman's failure to say a single word about
international affairs, the Geneva conference and peace.

This is not to say that the Democratic President is going to
make a speech for the 1956 elections without a word on the
issue on which the GOP hopes to ride victory, but Truman
wasn't going to be drawn into it.

Truman urged the liberals not to be critical of the
Democrats in Congress. We can't imagine worse advice.

Democrats are having a hard time on all domestic questions. They especially need to
raise the question of fulfilling the promise of a

World of Labor

by George Morris

Wages, Prices, Jobs

Politics and Taxes

THE AFL-CIO research depart-
ment notes in its latest report
that the 1955 real average hourly
pays of 7 to 12 cents an hour in
agriculture and allied industries
of the year is for an even higher
level of wage than the rates of
these years run above the poverty
level is that the economy was
still in a state of recession. The
officials point out, however, that
higher wages have been increasing
1 percent ahead of last year.

The wages of about 6 to 7
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registered and whose contracts
have been covered by
unions. The agreements
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trade union is in a state
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ment's demand, what we
have had for a couple of
years. It appears that the
upward trend began last spring
with the improvement in the
unemployment picture. It was
the change of the popula-

log materials and other in-

creases in income for the average farm worker or the average worker in the
family and skyrocketing of all food prices, all of which are current news, and
new undreamed of levels. The jump was especially notable in prices of
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