

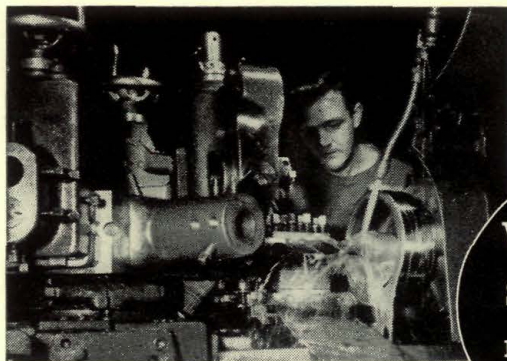
# There is no such thing as Profit before Taxes

**S**OME LEFT-WING LABOR LEADERS and bureaucrats are telling you that business can pay wage increases out of profits without raising prices. And they quote the "profits" of the companies or industries they are talking about.

They do not tell you that the "profit" they quote is before taxes are paid, and any beginning book-keeper knows that such a figure means nothing. You might as well give a figure of "profits before wages" or "profits before bills are paid," because

taxes are every bit as much a bill as any other.

No company has a profit until all its bills are paid. And most of that so-called profit which is left has to go to buy new machinery, or else next year or the year after competition will have cut into that business so badly there will be no profit—and soon no jobs and no taxes. That's why the tax collector and the labor leader should be the first to help a company *make* a profit, instead of *destroy* it.



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