

# How much do "free" things cost?

**W**ORKMEN who demand more wages, vacation, pensions free (that is, without increasing production to pay for them) increase the cost of what they make. That increases prices of what workmen buy, so no one benefits for long, and soon everyone suffers.

Farmers who accept subsidies of course raise the price of the food they grow. Then city workers get higher wages to pay the higher food prices, and the farmer has to pay more for everything he buys.

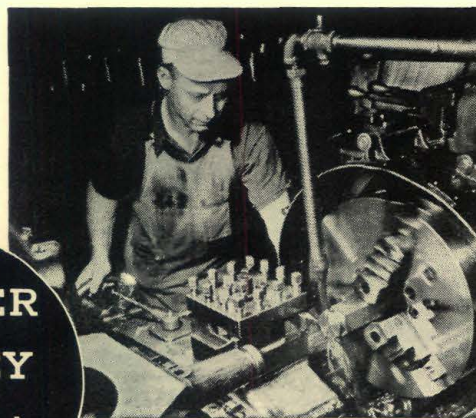
Businessmen who get government orders and then are careless about expenses, gifts, relatives on the

payroll, have to be paid out of increased taxes. So their own taxes go up, and higher and higher taxes eventually throttle all business.

The "free" services British labor voted for, virtually cost those voters their freedom.

The "free" jobs Hitler promised Germans, cost them their nation.

"Free" is like a drug—it sounds so comfortable, seems so easy, first results are so pleasant. But, again like drugs, "free" paralyzes energy, destroys self-respect—and then kills.



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