

## DECREES INCREASE AGRICULTURAL TAXES

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(Text) The presidential council and government respectively have in the last few days issued two decrees regulating the taxation of the farmer for 1958. By the provisions of these decrees certain tax increases will occur this year.

Our correspondent writes: According to information received from competent quarters, the new regulations pursue the aim of making, even if only to a limited extent, the agricultural population contribute in an equitable manner to our efforts. This is being made possible and necessary by numerous facts. The income of the agricultural population in 1957 was about 1 billion forints higher than in 1956.

Though the system of compulsory produce deliveries has been abolished and the peasantry is in a position to market their produce at much higher prices, the agricultural taxes were left untouched by the government last year. The equitable nature of the measures is also indicated by the fact that the comparatively small increase in the income tax is apt to affect mainly farmers with larger holdings, as the tax will remain unchanged up to three holds. Also, the state will grant additional large sums to develop the villages. The district and communal councils, for instance, are to receive this year about one billion forints more than in 1957. The funds granted for water regulation purposes will also be increased.

The prominent provisions of the new measure include the following: A new tax has been introduced on the employment of outside workers; this will amount to 10 percent of the income tax. However, no tax will have to be paid in case the employer is ill or is disabled and his condition necessitates such employment.