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## TAX QUESTIONS

By Charles V. Stanton

Speakers at the AFL-CIO convention in Klamath Falls repeated hackneyed phrases long connected with opposition to sales taxes. Governor Holmes also was reported to have expressed pleasure concerning adoption of a new tax program which avoided a sales tax.

Opposition to the sales tax has long marked organized labor's political position. The Democratic Party, which has carried favor with organized labor almost to the point of becoming a labor party, has, of course, opposed the sales tax as a matter of political expediency.

Labor's opposition stems from the fact that labor for many years laid claim to second class economic position. Through the long period of labor struggle, the laboring man has been told he was underprivileged, underpaid, exploited and oppressed. In earlier days of the struggle there was much truth in the rating and classification. That same reasoning, however, is not generally factual today.

### Labor Status Changed

Many a workman today has higher personal income than his employer. Profits on labor have risen out of all proportion to the rate of business and industrial profits. Today's laboring man is no longer a member of an underprivileged class. But every effort is made to preserve an air of inferiority for propaganda and political purposes.

Considering the changed status of labor, it seems to me that the traditional stand in opposition to sales taxes is a disservice to the working man.

Labor is a commodity, the same as potatoes or automobiles. The man who works for an employer is selling his brains, his brawn and his skill for a price.

The man with special skills or knowledge rates higher up the scale than the man who has only brawn to offer. But the price paid for labor, regardless of classification, depends upon the law of supply and demand.

When there are more jobs than laborers, employers bid competitively for needed help, and wages go up. When jobs are few and men who must hire out their skill and brawn in order to eat can't find work, they will take lower-paying jobs in order to feed their families. So the price of labor declines.

The laboring man is strictly dependent upon the availability of work. We certainly have ample demonstration of that fact in Oregon at this particular time.

Our lumber industry, which controls our economy, is in a temporary slump. Many people are unemployed. Some men with skills which ordinarily rate them at higher jobs, have been forced to take jobs down the scale in skill and pay.

### Improvement Anticipated

We expect the present condition to be temporary. When lumber production again resumes at high level, we will have a labor shortage. Employment and wages will rise in proportion to the availability of jobs.

Oregon, through its insistence upon high corporation and income taxes, is discouraging new industry from locating in the state. The last legislature added to the difficulty by boosting income taxes in the range of management and supervisory personnel. Supervisors and managers, usually have an important influence upon decisions as to where industries will locate. Industry is not apt to locate in areas where it will be difficult to find and keep supervisory help, and it is obvious that men and women capable of holding such positions are not coming to Oregon when, by locating in California or Washington, they save themselves a thousand or more dollars annually.

Is the sales tax discriminatory? I believe not. Particularly is it an equitable tax when coupled with a properly adjusted income tax, in my opinion.

Does the sales tax affect labor? Yes. It affects labor favorably, I believe, because industry and business are more attracted to areas with favorable tax climate, therefore producing more jobs and improving employment opportunity.

Is the sales tax a labor barrier? That question answers itself if we will look around us. Have laboring people shunned California, Washington or Arizona, three states swimming in prosperity while we tread water, because those states have sales taxes? Does the man in need of work, or hoping to benefit his personal economy, seek a state without a sales tax, or does he seek a labor-short area where jobs are plentiful?

If a sales tax could improve Oregon's economy and produce more jobs, are not the old arguments, made obsolete by changing conditions, actually a disservice to labor when used for political purposes at this time?

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### REMARKABLE ORGANIZATION Grants Pass Courier

A remarkable organization exists in Josephine county. It has been publicized in numerous newspaper and magazine articles, and its operations thus are familiar to most persons in this area.

We are referring to the Smoke Jumpers, who operate from the U.S. Forest Service base near Cave Junction, under the leadership of James Allen. Now numbering 28 young men, the jumpers are in constant readiness to land by parachute in isolated forest areas, and start fire fighting.

We were given an impressive demonstration of what fast action can mean, in preventing a small blaze from developing into a potential conflagration. During an aerial reconnaissance of the forest area the veteran Forest Service pilot, Ed Scholz, pointed out a brown patch on a ridge beneath the plane. It was here, he said, that an unattended campfire had spread.

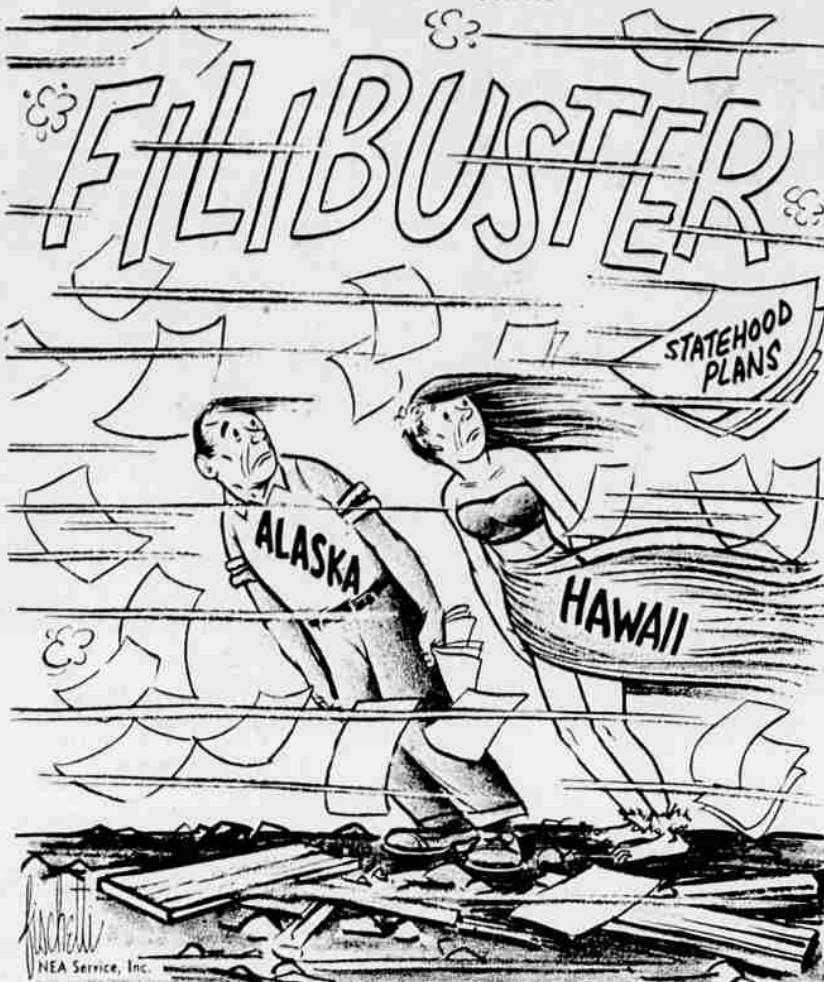
An alert lookout turned in the alarm and within 15 minutes Smoke Jumpers were on the scene and had the blaze under control. To have made the trip to this rugged and isolated area by truck would have required several hours. By then a major forest fire might have developed.

The Smoke Jumpers love their work. Many are college students, who spend their summer vacations in this manner. Some of the jumps they make, to the layman, seem incredibly hazardous. Yet we were informed, there never has been a fatality in local operations.

The jumpers are given 160 hours of training, before they are dropped from planes. The parachutes are maneuverable, to a certain extent, and the jumper usually can manipulate them so tree-top landings can be avoided. Each jump demonstration of what fast action can mean, in preventing a small blaze from developing into a potential conflagration. During an aerial reconnaissance of the forest area the veteran Forest Service pilot, Ed Scholz, pointed out a brown patch on a ridge beneath the plane. It was here, he said, that an unattended campfire had spread.

Given just right humidity and wind conditions, it still is possible for a conflagration, such as the Tillamook and Hanford fires, to occur in Southern Oregon forests. The chance of such disasters is decreased many-fold, however, by the availability of Smoke Jumpers, and aerial equipment to transport them almost anywhere in Oregon or Northern California.

## Hurricane Victims



## Bruce Bioassat

In mid-September the West Germans will hold one of the most important European general elections of the entire postwar era. At stake will be the political future of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, long one of the West's stoutest friends.

Very likely in the balance, too, will be West Germany's continued major participation in NATO and its possible future cooperation in the so-called common European market, a program of economic unification.

Defeat for Adenauer probably would elevate the Social Democratic party to power. The Social Democrats have been relatively cool to the idea of strong ties with the West, favoring instead a neutrality which may promote early unification of West and East Germany.

Realists feel, of course, that the Soviet Union would simply find

new reasons for opposing unity if the Socialists won. In that event, the disillusioned winners might turn as strongly to the West as Adenauer has.

BUT Western diplomats prefer the certainty of Adenauer's allegiance to the shaky prospect of a Social Democratic regime. The known is always more attractive than the unknown.

What they may well fear as much or more than a socialist victory, however, is a narrow squeak for Adenauer which would put him at the head of a fragile coalition vulnerable to the first stiff opposition winds.

Word from Berlin is that the Kremlin is hoping for just such a result, since this outcome above all will make difficult the framing and executing of strong West German policy.

Unhappily, the opinion polls taken thus far indicate that a narrow verdict is very much in the cards. Both Adenauer's Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats are showing about the same strength, with roughly a fifth of the voters split among many smaller parties or listed as undecided.

A HAIR-BREADTH triumph for Adenauer would not necessarily be disastrous, for the old man's powerful personality conceivably could help him bull through programs in spite of all. But clearly the strain on him would be great, and he is already 81. His death while at the helm of so wobbly a government would open the way for grave trouble.

We in America—and the whole Western world—must pray that between now and Sept. 15 the fortunes of Konrad Adenauer advance sharply from their present shaky status.

## Exceptions Taken To Lumber Produce Figure

KLAMATH FALLS — The managing vice president of the Pine Industrial Relations Council here took issue Friday with Al Hartung, president of the International Woodworkers of America, over a statement that 1957 lumber production is off only 1.6 per cent when compared with a year ago.

C. Irving, council manager, said Hartung "figure doesn't jibe with the facts in our Western pine area."

Hartung made the comparison in a report to the AFL-CIO state labor convention here earlier in the week.

Irving said he believed Hartung's 1.6 per cent figure applied only to West Coast Douglas fir production for the week ending June 8. He quoted the latest West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. year-to-date production figures as 2.5 per cent under a year ago with mill inventories up 10.1 per cent.

"The real comparison in Douglas fir for year-to-date in 1957 is with a comparable period in 1955," Irving said. "On the basis of that comparison, Douglas fir production is off by 7.8 per cent, shipments are down 9.5 per cent, orders are down 8.8 per cent, and stocks in inventory are up by 19.5 per cent."

### Gonzaga University President Transferred

SPOKANE — After 12 years as president of Gonzaga University, the Very Rev. Francis E. Corkery, S.J., has been transferred to Portland where he will become acting provincial of the Jesuits' Oregon Province.

The Rev. Edmund W. Morton, S.J., associate professor of philosophy at Mount St. Michaels, a seminary here, will succeed Father Corkery as head of Gonzaga.

Father Corkery, a classmate of Bing Crosby while both attended Gonzaga, will serve as acting provincial for the Oregon Province while the Very Rev. Henry J. Schulteis, provincial, makes an official visit of several months to Rome.

Father Schulteis announced the changes.

### Mrs. Eisenhower Shows Satisfactory Recovery

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower's recovery "continues to be most satisfactory," her doctor reported Friday.

An Army gynecologist performed an operation on the President's wife Tuesday for a condition described as benign or non-cancerous.

Mrs. Eisenhower was out of bed Thursday for the first time since the operation. She sat in a chair for a few minutes, the White House said.

## Neuberger Urges Bill Prohibiting Highway Signs

WASHINGTON — Sens. Clark (D-Pa.) and Neuberger (D-Ore.) Friday urged Senate leaders to act on a bill prohibiting highway signs on the vast federal aid highway system before the present session ends.

Neuberger pointed out that an early Senate session conflicted with a meeting of the Public Works Committee when the "anti-billboard bill" was to have been considered.

He urged Chairman Chaves (D-N.M.) to call another committee session to act on the controversial measure. Clark supported Neuberger.

Neuberger said the majority of Americans want "some minimum protection for the roadside beauty and grandeur along 41,000 miles of interstate highways now under construction at a vast cost of 33 billion dollars."

Unless action is taken at this session, he said, "the billboard clutter will take over."

Chaves replied he had not known of the early Senate session when he called a committee meeting at the same hour. Senate rules required the committee session.

"I like beautiful scenery just as well as he (Neuberger) does," Chaves assured the Senate.

### President Asks Funds To Offset Flu Outbreak

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower asked Congress this week for \$500,000 to enable the Public Health Service to get set for any outbreak of Asiatic flu.

He also asked for authority to transfer about two million dollars of Public Health Service funds for use against such an epidemic if it begins to develop.

Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney said last week "there is a very definite probability" of a large U.S. outbreak of the disease this fall or winter. He said he does not anticipate a high death rate.

## In The Day's News

(Continued From Page One)

a conference in Williamsburg Virginia to try to settle a grudge dating back to the 18th century.

The group will talk about the old oyster bed war between the states, and also will discuss a new battle over gambling boats on the Potomac River. The oyster bed troubles stem from an ancient Maryland charge that Virginia oystermen steal Maryland oysters.

Virginia counters that Maryland—which controls the Potomac—allows river gambling boats to come too close to the Virginia shore.

Bad?

Well, if it was happening in the Middle East, it would be VERY bad. The ruckus might end in minor shooting. The minor shooting might end in a major shooting. The major shooting might end in an ATOMIC WAR—which might destroy the world.

But here in America—

Shucks! Such things break the monotony of routine living and add spice to the news. We fuss and spat and call each other names and pretend to get all het up. But when the cards are all down — or, when REAL DANGER threatens our country — we forget all about it and stick together as Americans.

That is why America is — and WILL REMAIN — the greatest nation on earth.

At this point, let's flash back to that sentence about a grudge that "dates back to the 18th century."

When was the 18th century? The answer is that it was back in the 1700's.

That suggests a question: How come that the 1700's are called the 18th century . . . or the 1800's the 19th century . . . or the 1900's the 20th century?

It's a bit puzzling. When people start talking about such-and-such a century, I get all snarled up like a kitten in a ball of yarn. But when you track things back to the beginning it becomes quite simple.

Up to the end of the 99th year A.D. is the first century. That is to say, it is the FIRST hundred years. The second hundred years begins with the year 100. A 11 through the second 100 years it remains the SECOND century, even if the years are numbered in the 100's. And so on.

I know it's simple, but every time I try to untangle the centuries and find out just when something happened I get all snarled up again and have to go back through the same old rigamarole.

### Portland Boy Reports 'Great Time' In Russia

PORTLAND — A Portland boy last week said by telephone he is having a "great time" attending a Russian-sponsored youth conference in Moscow.

Andy MacEwan, 17, and an honor student and star athlete, told the newspaper, The Oregonian, in a phone interview that the Russians have put no barriers in front of his travel in the country.

"I have gone where I wanted and seen and done what I wanted to do," he told a reporter.

MacEwan expects to leave Russia in six days.

### MAKING VAGRANTS

LONDON — Britain rejected this week Red Chinese charges that the Hong Kong government is forcibly evicting Chinese from their homes in the Far Eastern colony and turning them into vagrants.

A British note said some persons were being moved as part of a slum clearance and housing program. The British termed the program a "purely humanitarian action to improve the living conditions of many thousands of Chinese people."

## Kennedy Says Dio Took \$396,000 Out On Leaving Union

WASHINGTON — Senate rackets investigators said Friday the old AFL United Auto Workers union allowed racketeer Johnny Dio and two others to take along \$396,000 in union assets and promises to pay as the price for leaving the union.

This sum-up was given by Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, as the Senate committee recessed hearings for the weekend.

It followed testimony by Earl Heaton, outgoing president of the Allied Industrial Workers Union (AIW), the successor organization to the UAW-AFL. Heaton said from what he'd seen mobster Dio and teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa were very friendly.

Heaton testified that Anthony Doria, ousted AIW secretary-treasurer involved in welfare fund scandals, was promised \$80,000 as a price for leaving the AIW. Heaton said Doria actually has received only \$25,000, plus a union-owned Cadillac, and is suing for the balance.

Heaton said Dio got \$16,000 when he pulled out of the old UAW-AFL, and Angelo Inciso, Chicago, was allowed to pull out a Chicago local and take along its assets of more than \$300,000.

In a sidelight development a former board member of the UAW-AFL testified the union sold its Milwaukee headquarters building for \$80,000 in 1955 only to see it resold a few weeks later for \$115,000.

## Sultan Meets First Armed Resistance

By SAM POPE BREWER (New York Times correspondent representing the American press)

RADA, Oman — The Sultan of Muscat and Oman met the first armed resistance Thursday to his efforts to oust the would-be independent Imam of Oman.

Here at Rada village, in a lush date grove less than two miles south of Firz, the inhabitants first capitulated. Then a small fort just outside the village opened fire on the Muscat troops.

As this cable was being written at the roadside, skirmishing was going on in a palm grove within 200 yards. Troops of the Sultan's Northern Frontier Force were shooting it out with the Imam's supporters holed up in a fort among the palms.

Royal Air Force Venom jets were boring in with repeated rocket attacks to drive the rebels out of their retreats.

Rada is within sight of Firz, one of the strongest centers of support for Imam Ghaleb Bin Ali.

The combined forces of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, crucial Oman scouts and Britain overawed the village of Kersha early Thursday. They got an unconditional pledge of loyalty to the Sultan.

Kersha is an outpost of Firz, which covers the approach to Nizwa, the stronghold of the rebellious Imam.

## Archbishop Says Lord Altrincham Very Silly Man

LONDON — The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Friday termed Lord Altrincham, the Queen's critic, "a very silly man."

Returning from the United States, Dr. Fisher was asked by reporters if the 33-year-old peer's attack on Queen Elizabeth II and her court would affect her American visit this fall.

The Anglican primate replied: "Not in the least. This article (Altrincham's criticism appeared in a magazine edit) will be forgotten very soon."

The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, will visit the United States and Canada in October.

The archbishop, who was in the United States attending a meeting of the World Council of Churches, said that if Altrincham had any differences with the Queen's court there were better ways to say them than in his magazine.

Altrincham resumed his criticism on television Thursday night — his second TV appearance this week — by saying the Queen's vacations were too long.

## Norblad Expresses Hope For Centennial Stamp

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) said Friday the Post Office Department has shown interest in his proposal for issuance in 1959 of a postage 100th anniversary as a state.

He said Postmaster General Summerfield liked the suggestion.

"He was very receptive to the idea and I feel almost positively assured that such a stamp will be issued with the first sale being made on Oregon's 100th anniversary, Feb. 14, 1959," Norblad said.

"I also requested that the first day sale be made at Astoria, due to the fact that the first custom house and post office on the Pacific Coast was located there, and this suggestion has apparently met with the favor of the postmaster general," he said.

## Roberts Takes Over As Mutual President

NEW YORK — Transfer of the Mutual Broadcasting System to its new owners, a group of businessmen and broadcasters, was announced last month. The system has 480 affiliated radio stations. Mutual itself owns no stations.

At an organization meeting Thursday, Paul Roberts, Los Angeles broadcaster, took over as president and director. Armand Hammer, New York industrialist, was named chairman of the board.

## Milwaukee Takes 3 1/2-Game Budge In National Chase

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |    |    |      |        |
|-----------------|----|----|------|--------|
|                 | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Milwaukee       | 66 | 49 | .611 |        |
| St. Louis       | 62 | 45 | .579 | 3 1/2  |
| Brooklyn        | 61 | 47 | .565 | 5      |
| Cincinnati      | 60 | 49 | .550 | 6 1/2  |
| Philadelphia    | 58 | 50 | .537 | 8      |
| New York        | 49 | 61 | .445 | 18     |
| Chicago         | 39 | 68 | .364 | 26 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh      | 37 | 70 | .346 | 28 1/2 |

Friday's Results  
New York 6, Philadelphia 2  
Brooklyn 4, Pittsburgh 2  
Milwaukee 13, St. Louis 2  
Cincinnati 9-6, Chicago 7-4

|                             |    |    |      |        |
|-----------------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Cincinnati 9-6, Chicago 7-4 |    |    |      |        |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE             |    |    |      |        |
|                             | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| New York                    | 70 | 38 | .648 |        |
| Chicago                     | 65 | 41 | .613 | 4      |
| Boston                      | 57 | 50 | .533 | 12 1/2 |
| Baltimore                   | 53 | 54 | .495 | 16 1/2 |
| Cleveland                   | 53 | 55 | .491 | 17     |
| Detroit                     | 51 | 55 | .481 | 18     |
| Washington                  | 42 | 67 | .385 | 28 1/2 |
| Kansas City                 | 38 | 69 | .353 | 31 1/2 |

Friday's Results  
Chicago 5, Detroit 4 (11 innings)  
Baltimore 4, New York 3  
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2 (11 innings)  
Washington 4, Boston 0

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Is the nonsense over in the National League race? Milwaukee's Braves have taken a 3 1/2-game winning streak — all against contenders.

The Braves have lost only one of their last seven games, dropping

one of three with Brooklyn, then sweeping three from Cincinnati before clobbering second-place St. Louis 13-2 last night.

The defeat, the Cards' fourth in a row hoisted the Braves into the biggest edge any leader has had in the NL since last Sept. 3.

While righthander Bob Buhl was breezing against the Cardinals to become the first 15-game winner in the NL, third-place Brooklyn junked its three-game losing streak and stayed within five games of the top with a 4-2 victory at Pittsburgh. Cincinnati rallied all night long and came off with a two-night doubleheader sweep that left the Redlegs in fourth, 6 1/2 back, with 9-7 and 6-4 victories over the Chicago Cubs, who had won five in a row.

Roberts Losses  
The New York Giants won their fourth straight, battering Robin Roberts to his 15th defeat in a 6-2 decision over fifth-place Philadelphia, now eight games behind.

In the American League, Chicago's second-place White Sox crept back within four games of first-place New York by defeating Detroit 5-4 in 11 innings while Baltimore, jumping into fourth, trimmed the Yankees 4-3. Washington whipped Boston 8-0 and Cleveland skidded to fifth with a 3-2, 11-inning defeat by Kansas City.

Buhl gave up a home run to Del Ennis that cut Milwaukee's lead to 2-1 in the second inning, but then the Braves boomed. They slammed 18 hits, 10 for extra bases and four of them home runs, by Hank Aaron, Ed Matthews, Wes Covington and Bob Hazle.

Young Lindy McDaniel had it in a four-run third, when Aaron socked his 32nd home run, tops in the majors. Red Schoendienst was 4-for-4 and Hazle 4-for-5.

## Sports

### Emeralds, Salem Stay Hot On Trail

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Wenatchee 28 13 .683

Eugene 24 16 .600 3 1/2

Salem 24 17 .584 4

X-Yakima 17 23 .425 10 1/2

X-Lewiston 17 28 .380 15 1/2

X-Record does not include Aug. 8 game which called because of curfew with teams tied, 5-5

Friday's Results  
Salem 7, Yakima 4  
Wenatchee 6-2, Lewiston 3-3  
Eugene 7, Tri-City 3

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Northwest League's winningest pitcher was in form Friday night and Salem stayed in contention in the "second half" pennant chase.

Chuck Lybeck notched his 19th win against four losses as his Solons came from behind to beat Yakima, 7-4, in a series-opener at Salem.

The win kept the Solons four games behind the Wenatchee Chiefs, who split a doubleheader at Lewiston, winning 6-3 and losing, 3-2, both in seven innings.

Second-place Eugene benefited from the split bill at Lewiston, shaving half a game from Wenatchee's