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One Approach, But Is It Right?

Representative Herbert Zelenko of New York and Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon again this year are sponsors of identical legislation to give a tax break to older federal income tax payers.

On the face the proposal is attractive, particularly to those over 45. But we doubt it is the right answer to what has become a problem.

The proposed bill will allow increasing tax deductions after the age of 45. Starting in that year a taxpayer would be able to take a "depletion allowance" of one per cent per year. A taxpayer of 55 would get a ten per cent allowance, for example, and so on.

It is true that human beings do not retain their full mental and physical vigor until the ends of their lives. In this regard the Zelenko-Neuberger proposal has its only merit. In effect, it would give the individual taxpayer some of the special treatment given the much larger corporate taxpayers.

But the removal of the special treatment is the basic problem, and that is where the attack ought to come. It makes more sense to remove the inequities from our present tax laws than to add new ones. Two wrongs still do not make a right.

The special treatment for corporations and large taxpayers and those engaged in various businesses was applied by Congress to soften the impact of present high tax rates.

But there's no real reason for oil companies, for example, to be allowed a 27 1/2 per cent depletion allowance in the first place. And it most certainly should not be continued after the facilities have long been paid out.

Nor is there any reason why capital gains provisions should be applied in the normal course of commercial activity, as they are in some cases.

Doing away with the special treatment for everyone, rather than adding more special treatment for new classes of taxpayers, is the better answer.

Only To The Wise Is It Sufficient

There's an old proverb to the effect that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

If that's true, Oregon's population contains far fewer than normal wise people.

This thought was occasioned by a telephone call from a doctor friend. He read a paragraph from the back page of the state's weekly report on communicable diseases. It went:

One new case of paralytic poliomyelitis was reported this week, bringing to seven the number so far this year. This is more than twice the number reported for the corresponding period last year. Of further significance is the fact that six of the nine polio cases of all types this year have been reported since the seasonal low about April 1, and four of these six cases have been paralytic.

Both Type I and Type III polio viruses have been isolated by the state laboratory recently. Such information suggests that we should intensify our efforts at polio immunization as rapidly as possible if we are to avoid outbreaks of paralytic polio this year.

The danger period for polio runs to age 40. Still, only fewer than one-third of the persons in this age bracket have had the full course of three shots required to produce maximum immunity from polio.

Only a sudden upsurge of vaccinations will prove the old adage that a word to the wise is sufficient.

Is This Courage Misplaced?

The National Boxing Association has taken his championship away from Sugar Ray Robinson, on the ground that he didn't defend it often enough.

But, the NBA hasn't bothered Floyd Patterson, the heavyweight champ, who doesn't fight as often as Robinson.

Nor has the NBA done anything about

getting the gangsters out of boxing. Frankie Carbo still seems to be a big shot in NBA territory.

Some boxing writers have said it took courage to take the title away from Robinson.

We would have preferred to see the courage used on someone bigger, if the NBA wanted to make a test.

Workers Should Check Earnings Record Often

Do you know that you have an individual social security account with your name and social security number on it? This account shows all wages reported for you by your employers during your lifetime and all self-employment net earnings you have reported when you filed your income tax return.

This record is kept by the Accounting Division of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore. Your record accurately shows what your employers have

reported, or what you have reported as a self-employed person. But, if your employer has made an error on his tax returns, or you have made an error in filing your income tax return, this error may affect future benefits to you or your family. You should take steps to learn about it.

You can get a special post card for this purpose at your local social security office to send to Baltimore for a statement of your earnings. After you receive the statement, check it against your own records. If they do not agree, contact your local security office and they will take action to correct it. Remember, there is a time limitation for correcting your record, and for this reason you should check your account at least once every three years

Auldin Prescott Buys Purebred Shorthorn

Auldin Prescott of La Grande has purchased a purebred Milking Shorthorn from Lester Shelton, Alice.

The animal is Shelton's Flower P266352, a heifer calf sired by Stern's Chief 12th P209120, and out of Shelton's Constance P225609.

Record of the transfer of ownership has been made by the American Milking Shorthorn Society at Springfield, Mo.

FRENCH KILL 471
ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI)—French forces killed or wounded 471 Algerian rebels and took 211 others prisoner last week, the French army reported Monday night. French losses were put at 34 killed.

DREW PEARSON

Atlantic Congress Talks Can Bring Understanding

LONDON.—I have attended a great many international conferences as a newsman, but this Atlantic congress is the first I have attended as an official delegate. I hope it won't wreck the conference.

If so, the only consolation will be that other international conferences have ended in pieces of paper called treaties which were torn up shortly after they were signed. This one won't end in a treaty because the some 600 delegates from 14 NATO countries can't sign a treaty. But they can arrive at a better understanding—which is something that can't be torn up overnight.

One of the first big conferences I attended resulted in the Kellogg pact to outlaw war. The sun shone very brightly into the Salle Horloge that August day in 1928 as the statesmen of the world gathered in Paris to put their signatures on the solemn pact pledging their governments to outlaw war. It was a day of hope, but only three years after that Japanese troops fanned out over Manchuria in violation of the pact, six years before Mussolini's Black Shirts marched across Ethiopia and 10 years before Hitler invaded Poland.

Stimson Power Out
At a later conference, in London in 1930, I watched Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state under Herbert Hoover, struggle valiantly all winter to persuade the world's naval powers to a limit of 10,000-ton cruisers. He failed. His failure was because his chief in the White House cut the ground from under his proposal.

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

EDWARDS AFB, Calif.—Test pilot Scott Crossfield, on landing the experimental rocket ship X-15 after a powerless glide from 38,000 feet:
"You still fly an aircraft by the seat of your pants."

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower on his proposals for new economic legislation:
"This is a fight to make sure that a dollar earned today will tomorrow buy for the housewife an equal amount of groceries."

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Nato Manuel Gloria Jr., driver of the truck in which 16 migrant farm workers were killed and 32 injured:
"I fell asleep at the wheel. When I woke up, the truck was on fire and the guys in the back were screaming."

LONDON—Evangelist Billy Graham, on the dangers of the world's preoccupation with sex:
"I think the new generation coming along is far better acquainted with Jayne Mansfield's statistics than it is with the Second Commandment which orders that 'thou shalt not make unto thee any image.'"

Truck Accident Kills Laborers

PHOENIX (UPI)—At least 11 cotton farm laborers were killed at 5 a.m. yesterday when their truck crashed into a tree in South Phoenix and caught on fire.

Thirty two others were hospitalized at Memorial Hospital here.

The driver, Nato Manuel Gloria Jr., Mesa, Ariz., told Phoenix radio station newsman Bob Scott of KRIZ he fell asleep at the wheel. Manuel said the truck was on fire when he awoke. He suffered multiple injuries, serious but not critical. Gloria was one of the few unharmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Burris, residents of the area, were first at the scene. Burris, a rural fireman, unsuccessfully battled the blaze with a garden hose. He said two explosions occurred while he was there.

He and his wife, a hospital technician, rendered first aid. The truck belonged to Garin Co. of Mesa. The men were Mexican contract laborers on their way to the garlic harvest in Tolson, near here.

Prince Philip May Be First To Fly Saucer

COWES, England (UPI)—The chances looked good today for Prince Philip to be the first member of the royal family to fly a flying saucer.

The Queen's husband was visiting the Isle of Wight, where the Saunders-Roe Hovercraft first flew over the weekend, and officials of the company expected him to visit their testing area today.

It would be a simple matter for the Prince, an expert pilot, to learn the controls of the saucer and to bring it up to its maximum altitude of about one yard. The craft flies on the ducted fan principle, without wings or conventional propellers.

Buckingham Palace declined to comment on the Prince's plans.

of a consultative pact agreeing only to consult other nations in case war threatened. There was no pledge to help, merely to consult. Yet leaders of the Republican party and Hoover wouldn't agree.

Yesterday I walked by St. James's palace where Secretary Stimson had negotiated so patiently for three long months to bring about that naval agreement. Outwardly, nothing has changed. Her majesty's guards, in Scarlet jackets and bearskin headgear, still pace up and down in the chorus from "The Chocolate Soldier."

Naval Vessels Outdated
But actually, everything has changed. The naval vessels that Stimson tried to limit are now out-of-date, automatically limited by modern missiles. The consultative pact Hoover balked at has been replaced by the hard-and-fast NATO alliance pledging not slow, deliberate consultation, but instantaneous mutual aid with U. S. armies stationed in Europe on the alert and ready to enforce that aid.

It has been only 29 years since Hoover refused to consult our Allies in case of war but, in that short period of little more than one generation, American isolation has become well out-of-date. It's only 10 years since President Truman pledged instantaneous aid through NATO, but already it is partly out-of-date.

NATO Weakened
NATO has weakened, which is one reason why 600 peoples' delegates from NATO countries are here to strengthen it. The reason why the alliance has weakened is not so much because of France's withdrawal of troops from NATO to Algeria nor British economy in withdrawing her troops from Germany, but because of a Russian Sputnik that went beeping across the heavens Oct. 4, 1957.

That began the missile age. It began the realization in the hearts of West Europeans that the next war would not be fought by land armies at the Marne, the Rhine or along the hedgerows of Normandy, but high in the air across the Atlantic. And the probable targets would not be London, Rome and Paris, but Moscow and Washington, Chicago and Seattle, Kiev and Los Angeles, Petrograd and Odessa. Europe will be looking up watching the heavens as these herculean long-range missiles zoom across oceans at twice-Herculean enemies.

Strength In Peoples' Hopes
That is the basic reason why NATO has weakened. That's also why Khrushchev has been talking tough over Berlin and why Gromyko has been so hard to budge at Geneva. However, Russia has weaknesses too.

The weakest point in the Soviet armor and simultaneously our greatest strength is the ardent desire of the Russian people to avoid war. This is something every American observer, official or unofficial, reports as a fact. It provided the most important foundation of all on which to build for peace. Already we have built on it with the exchange of cultural and scholastic sports groups between the USA and the USSR.

One goal of this conference will be to build further and at the same time to strengthen and unify the European community. This is not an easy task. When you solidify and strengthen West Europe you automatically scare Moscow, especially when it's done by governments. However this Atlantic congress is a conference of people of all walks of life—members of congress and parliament, scientists, teachers, businessmen, farm leaders, labor leaders.

They aren't negotiating any treaties which can be torn up tomorrow, but they are strengthening this time the basic foundation for better understanding which can't easily be torn up.

Chuckles In The News

United Press International
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—A finance company called off a contest to guess the amount of money in a horn of plenty display when a thief walked off with the window-displayed coins. The right answer, the company said, was about \$20.

LUTON, England (UPI)—It rained blue rain here Monday. The unnatural tint was attributed to dust in the air from the demolition of an old dye works.

CHICAGO (UPI)—City Architect Paul Gerhard, who is also chief of maintenance for the municipal central office building, solved one of Chicago's traffic problems Monday. He eased the congestion in the fifth-floor men's lounge by suspending 10 city janitors he found lounging overtime.

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Illinois State Employment Service is hunting jobs for 315 office workers. They are claims examiners and clerks for the Unemployment Compensation Division, scheduled for release because of a drop in claims.

SHARING AMERICA'S ABUNDANCE

Foreign Aid Too Selfish, Many Church Leaders Think

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Staff Writer

At a time when critics are denouncing foreign aid as a "give-away," it is a bit startling to hear somebody say that the real trouble with the U. S. aid program is that it's too selfish.

Yet that is precisely what some American church leaders are saying.

They are appealing to Congress to overhaul the aid program thoroughly—not to save money, but to make it a more effective instrument for sharing America's abundance with the two-thirds of humanity that lives in chronic misery.

These church leaders—who include spokesmen for major Protestant and Catholic organizations—believe the government has made an historic mistake in "selling" foreign aid to the American public on the basis of national self-interest.

They would like to see less emphasis on buying or building allies against Communism, and more emphasis on helping people simply because they are people.

Moral Obligation
That is what Dr. Donald C. Stone tried to tell the House Foreign Affairs Committee when he appeared before it recently as spokesman for the National Council of Churches. Dr. Stone is dean of the University of Pittsburgh's graduate school of public and international affairs, and a member of the National Council's department of international affairs.

He said the U. S. aid program, as presently constituted, is conspicuously lacking in "moral and religious" motivations. A nation can hardly claim to be acting out of unselfish generosity, he added, when it "furthers the economic development of other countries primarily in the interest of its own security and as a means of obstructing the outreach of an enemy."

Dr. Stone argued that America would be "infinitely more successful" in creating conditions for peace if it were less obsessed with getting a practical, political "return" on its foreign aid investment.

A similar stand was taken by the Catholic Association for International Peace in a recent policy statement entitled "A Christian Position on U. S. Foreign Aid."

"Foreign economic assistance should be . . . motivated by our sense of moral obligation," the Catholic statement said, adding that moral motives are "unfortunately obscured by the present structure" of the aid program.

"As a country blessed with an

abundance of resources, we must recognize economic aid as simply our particular contribution toward the enhancement of the common good or general welfare of the community of nations.

"Economic assistance should therefore be channeled to underdeveloped countries, whether allied with us or not, for the primary purpose of promoting their social and economic development."

Military Aid Backed
These church organizations are not opposed to military aid programs designed to strengthen allies against Communist imperialism. The Catholic statement, for example, says explicitly that "so long as there exists a major threat to the peace of the world by military aggression and armed subversion, the United States must continue to furnish military assistance to its allies."

What the church leaders do seek is a clear distinction between military aid, extended for the sake of our own security, and economic aid, extended as a recognition of moral obligation toward those living in chronic want.

They believe that the distinction is deliberately played down in the present program, because of Administration fears that Congress or the taxpayers would rebel against any aid spending that was essentially unselfish in purpose.

The churchmen may be over-optimistic about the American people. But they are convinced that most Americans really want to be generous toward less fortunate people, and that they would be shocked if they realized, not how much but how relatively little they are presently spending on economic aid.

The total comes to about 1.5 billion dollars a year, or four-tenths of one per cent of the U. S. gross national product.

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