



OLD FRIENDS SPLIT—The Indian Parliament has begun its six week's winter session embroiled in debate over the Chinese violation of the country's northern border.

Anonymous Offerings Mailed In Each Year To Internal Revenue

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—It begins to look like one of our more dependable taxpayers for the past several years has been a Seattle resident who just possibly never filed a return.

Each week he (or she) stuffs 77 or so in an envelope and drops it in the mail to "the collector of Internal Revenue, Washington, D.C."

These anonymous offerings have totalled \$712 since somebody noticed their similarity and recurrence and started a tally.

I don't know whether there has been any added to the government's been a national outbreak of honesty or what. But conscience money has been raining down on the Treasury at a rate of \$700 or \$800 per day.

President Eisenhower said he hoped to pick up \$83,000 in conscience payments in fiscal 1959.

Most Under \$4,000 Most tax dodgers find it possible to ease their consciences with payments of less than \$4,000.

The biggest anonymous payer... The complete Senate payroll for the July 1-Sept. 30 period was made public by Senate secretary Felton M. Johnson in a 110-page printed booklet.

Senate Takes Wraps Off Its Payroll

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate bared its long-secret payroll today and disclosed that at least 17 senators employ relatives.

Senators shown to have relatives—however distant—on the payroll included: Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Sens. John A. Carroll (D-Colo.), Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), Carl T. Curtis (R-Nebr.), James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), Clair Engle (D-Calif.), J. Allen Frear Jr. (D-Del.), Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), James E. Murray (D-Mont.), Richard B. Russell (R-Mass.), Andrew F. Schoepel (R-Kans.), Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine), John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), and Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.).

ment on record was \$30,000. In 1916. Uncle Sam got his first recorded conscience payment in 1811.

Somehow, a lot of the unsigned mailings are postmarked at quiet hours like 2 a.m. Many are addressed merely to "Conscience Department, Washington, D.C."

One regular contributor recently has been a Tampa, Fla., fellow who addresses \$10 bills every month or so to the "conscience fund. Fortunately the postmaster takes a broad view on matters of spelling. He sends these promptly to the Internal Revenue Service.

It's not only tax matters that get people's consciences to hurting. A government worker in Boston enclosed \$25 with a nice letter explaining that he had used government stationery for his private correspondence, and he wanted to settle the debt. His letter was on government stationery, of course.

Ex-soldiers (or their mothers or wives) are forever chipping in to cover foot lockers, bug tombs, blankets and other stuff they carted home from the war. A fellow from Brooklyn not long ago sent in \$500.26 with this explanation: "I admit milking the cow and wish to make restitution."

Southerner Saved Enclosing \$250 in cash, an anonymous correspondent from Birmingham, Ala., recently told the tax boss: "I got saved and I feel I must do this. How is it with your soul?"

I guess the government has one. Anyways, the tax man says so. They recall a case many years ago when five \$1,000 bills turned up in a letter from somewhere in New England. In those days big bills were easier to trace. Agents soon found their man.

He was 80 or older, a Polish immigrant who had risen from peddler to business success. He said this country had been kind to him and he wanted to make sure he hadn't erred in his own favor when reporting his tax.

The agents had heard that kind of story before. They decided to look at his books. They checked his returns for three years. The result was, they give him back the \$5,000 and arranged to get him a refund. He had overpaid by \$11,000.



ACCIDENTAL DEATH—Harlow M. Curtice (left), retired president of General Motors, accidentally shot and killed Harry W. Anderson, another retired GM executive. The accident occurred near the St. Anne's hunting lodge on Walpole Island in the St. Clair River, Ontario, Canada.

Ike Will Find Afghanistan Leaning Toward Red Orbit

Travelling with Ike—Afghanistan United Press International Texas-sized Afghanistan leans further toward the Communist orbit than any other nation on President Eisenhower's list. Fifty per cent of its trade is with Russia—the figure was 10 per cent in 1950.

Afghanistan's major industries produce matches and buttons and not much of else. Its farmers raise sheep, goats, camels and safflower plants. Ka-actu is its herative export. The soil is fertile but only a slim percentage of it is cultivated. The nation's principal wealth is its immense flocks of sheep; mineral potential has never been explored, much less tapped.

Mostly Moslems The estimated 12 million Afghans, almost all Moslems, use fat from sheep's tails instead of butter, share seven movie theaters for the whole country, live by tribal law and the Vendetta. Frequently lawless and fanatical, they have a ready wit and grave courtesy. Some were planted in Afghanistan by Genghis Khan.

Kabul is Capital King Mohammed Zahir Shah, 45, of Afghanistan is a constitutional monarch. Prime Minister Sadr Mohammed Daud, a professional army officer, doubles as defense minister and planning minister. Their capital is Kabul, a city of 210,000 a few miles downhill from the legendary Khyber Pass to Pakistan.

Afghanistan's problem is to move into the 20th Century. It will accept help from anybody to do so. Russia and the U.S. have competed to offer help; lately Russia has been winning. The nation's women are still in surdah, only now losing the veil. Two million Afghans are nomads. There are no railways. Afghanistan is poor, proud and ambitious. Industrialization is planned but barely under way.

Riveria PTA Program Is On 'Science'

Films, depicting the scientific development of the world, past, present and future, featured the recent past meeting of the Riveria PTA.

The meeting, presided over by Grace Piper, PTA president, was held in the sixth grade room at the school. Jack Piper was in charge of the day's program, assisted by Charlene Smith.

Children who appeared on the program included Charlene Smith, Cindy Simpson, Patty Vess, Bill Jelderberg, Joyce Herron, Gené Hasse, Care Maxwell, Kathy Huntman, Carol Smith, Susan Scott and Karen Nunn.

Songs Given Four songs were rendered by Susan Scott, Carol Smith, Karen Nunn, Joyce Herron, Kathy Huntman, Cindy Simpson, Janelle Coon, Linda Brown and Charlene Smith, accompanied by Mrs. George Green at the piano, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Miller.

Mrs. Laurence Alba, in charge of the Christmas program, listed the various price items which will be used to fill the gift sacks for the school children. Hard candy, oranges, peanuts and candy canes will be given.

Education Week It was also announced that the "coffee visitation hour" held at the school recently was successful. This was in observance of National Education Week, with many parents present during the occasion.

Mrs. Kirby's room was announced as winning the room count prize, getting to retain the "ant farm" for the next month. Next meeting is scheduled Jan. 15.

Three Link's Club Of Union Meets

UNION (Special)—The Three Link's Club met at the IOOF hall recently for their annual turkey dinner and election of officers. Betty Phillips, president, conducted the meeting.

New officers elected for next year are: president, Maggie Stewart; vice president, Barbara Clack; secretary, Agnes Ellsworth; treasurer, Lois Sevier.

They will be installed at the next meeting, at which time they will have a Christmas party with gift exchange. The committee will be Belle Depew, Margaret Layton, Erma Moore and Mary Comisky.

The Lucky 13 bridge club met recently at the home of Mrs. George Gilkinson for a desert and evening of cards.

Mrs. Carl Pox won high prize, Mrs. Ralph Taylor won low. Mrs. Carl Bechtold the guest prize and Mrs. Lowell Hutchison the Lucky 13 prize.

Postal Department Tells Why No Christmas Stamp Issue Set

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Post Office Department lately is busy explaining to people why it can't issue a Christmas stamp. Its stamp experts say they have to steer clear of subjects identified with religions.

For other equally good reasons Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has been advising that he also can't issue stamps commemorating Elvis Presley, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and Marilyn Monroe, among others proposed for this immortalization.

According to post office standards for commemorative stamps, Elvis, Doug, and Marilyn suffer one crucial failing in common. They aren't dead. The late Dr. Ephraim McDowell, of Danville, Ky., qualified on this score. He also met other tests for exaltation by the post office, and a maroon four-cent stamp bearing his picture will go on first-day sale at Danville on Thursday.

In 1909, according to post office researchers, Dr. McDowell opened the abdomen of Jane Todd Crawford and cut out a tumor weighing 22 1/2 pounds. In preparation for undergoing the knife, without anesthetic, Jane had jogged 60 miles through the mountains on horseback. Any proposals to issue a stamp in her honor will be considered by the Post Office Department.

Long Honored in 1949 Dr. Crawford W. Long, reportedly a kinsman of Jane's, came along later with other. He got his face on a stamp in 1949 as part of a "famous Americans" series. The McDowell four-center is another of this series and is the last of 26 postage stamps issued this year.

The department has lined up 18 new stamps for 1960, including a few regulars and the rest commemoratives. Commemoratives are bigger, more colorful, and prettier than ordinary stamps. They usually are kept on sale only six months or so.

Currently available commemoratives include beauties honoring Hawaiian statehood (pink); the oil industry (brown); dentist's (green); and the 100th anniversary of the first air mail, featuring a red white and blue balloon named Jupiter. A full-color 49-star flag also was issued last July 4.

So many people want so many places, events and heroes commemorated on stamps that Summerfield in 1957 passed part of the buck to a committee. It set up rules, including one that nobody is hero enough for a stamp until dead for 25 years. Events commemorated must have "wide-spread national appeal." Stamps will be issued only on anniversaries starting with the 50th. Fraternal, religious, charitable and commercial groups will not be honored.

Was 46th Commemorative The McDowell stamp is the 46th commemorative since the first one in 1893 honoring the Chicago World's Fair. Later world's fairs also have been memorialized. Their stamps featured tritons and perispheres and the like and none of them included Sally Rand.

There's no rule specifically covering Sally and in the absence of something covering her pretty specifically I'm sure Summerfield would never let her get on a stamp. But his predecessors weren't all so squeamish. In 1875 and 1895 special stamps were issued for mailing newspapers and periodicals. These featured a number of handsome ladies, some of them fully clothed.

Both Whistler's mother, and Whistler's mother's son, Jas. A. McNeill Whistler, have been immortalized on stamps. Her appearance in the traditional pose on a three-center in 1934 set off a loud protest that a vase of carnations had been added to her son's original work. She wasn't off her rocker, according to the complaint, but somebody in the post office was.

Insurance Agents Meet

La Grande Association of Independent Insurance Agents met at the Sacajawea Hotel recently for a discussion of the organization's constitution and by-laws.

Bob Wilkins, chairman of the constitution committee, reported on the work of his committee. The membership voted unanimously to accept the committee's recommendations.

The association is composed of fire and casualty insurance agents in the city. It will be affiliated with state and national associations upon the filing of the constitution and bylaws with the executive committee in Portland.

AF Recruiting Man At EOC Wednesday

First Lt. Robert L. Alfred, Det. 603 of the 3506 Recruiting Service, Air Force Officer Training School, will be at Hoke Hall at EOC Wednesday to interview interested applicants.

Lt. Alfred will explain the program leading to a commission in the U.S. Air Force at this time.

SCHEDULES CONFERENCE BAGHDAD, Iraq (UPI)—Premier Abdel Kassem will hold a press conference Wednesday in the hospital where he is recovering from wounds received in an assassination attempt last Oct. 7, it was announced.

CENTER GETS TREE NEW YORK (UPI)—A crane hoisted a 70-foot, 80-year-old Norway spruce erect Monday in New York's Rockefeller Center, famed for its annual Christmas tree display. A six-story scaffold will be used to decorate the three-ton tree from Podunk, Mass.

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Announce Service To Oregon Farm Bureau Members

Another service to Oregon Farm Bureau members has been announced by the regional director Lester Van Blokland, who told of the contract at the La Grande center meeting in Island City.

He announced that an agreement had been made between the Tidewater Associated Oil Company and Oregon Farm Bureau whereby Farm Bureau members would receive rebates on purchases of gas, oil, greases, tires and batteries.

State Convention Other business at the meeting conducted by the chairman, Ben Robinson, included reports of the state convention held in Ontario recently.

Information on the livestock committee meeting was presented by Glen McKenzie and Ronne Sands gave highlights of the field crop group.

Mrs. Grant Henderson presented the women's program for the state for 1960 and Robinson told of activities in the land and water use committee. Bill Dobbin reported on the house of delegates functions. The potluck supper was handled by the outgoing and incoming center officers.

Medic Dies From Black Widow's Bite

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—A black widow spider bit Nicholas Burney, 54, five times on the hand when he put on his sweater. Attendants at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital said Monday Burney, a former Redlands, Calif., chiropractor, died at the hospital Sunday. He told attendants he tried several remedies before seeking help at the hospital.



CUTE, WHAT?—This two-gun doll of the Old West of London is British starlet Yvonne Buckingham. She is signing autographs for youngsters at a charity show on Clapham Common.

"If I were five years old..."



I'd tell my folks that the only way to travel is on the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. After several trips in the car, Man I've had it! When we get there Dad's so tired and cross he isn't fit to live with; Mom's been so busy keeping us three kids quiet and yapping at Dad about his driving that she won't unwind for hours, and we've usually had car trouble of some kind. This is fun? Now don't get me wrong... I love to travel... but why not do it the EASY way? UNION PACIFIC is the answer, with their dependable, safe and courteous service. You ride in adjustable Dome Coach seats, and enjoy the Dome Diner, and comfortable Dome Lounge. And I can ride free until I'm five years old... thanks to UP's famous Family Fare. But most important: the whole family arrives refreshed, happy! Three Extra-Pleasure Cars Dome Coach, Dome Lounge, Dome Diner. LOW COACH FARES IN EFFECT NOW ON THE Domeliner CITY OF PORTLAND to CHICAGO via DENVER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD Local Union Pacific Agent, WO 3-4613 or J. M. LANDAU, General Traffic Agent Walla Walla, Wash. JA 9-1610 For complete rail transportation service call or write: