

"I'll Leave No (Unh!) Stone Unturned (Unh!)..."



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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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1960 Important For Taxpayers

"Everybody talks about the weather," Mark Twain remarked, "but nobody does anything about it." That was a funny remark originally because the idea of anyone doing anything about the weather was ludicrous.

We note that more and more people are talking about the burden of supporting our national debt, yet the subject is treated just like the weather. No one does anything about it. But that is not funny, because everyone realizes this is a problem of our own making and, therefore, a solution to it should be of our own making.

Just before President Eisenhower left on his goodwill tour, he urged newspaper men questioning him to take a look at the federal budget of 20 years ago.

They did and found that the budget, in 1940, was just under nine billion dollars.

This year the taxpayers will be paying almost that much in interest alone on the national debt.

Federal spending in that 20 years has risen from nine billion dollars to 77 billion dollars. Not all of that, by any means, can be charged off to the cost figuring wars and maintaining defense establishments.

Everyone understands interest. That's because nearly everyone pays interest. If we buy something on time, whether it is a household appliance or the house itself, interest on the indebtedness incurred turns out to be a substantial part of the purchase price.

Now let us consider that the interest

on the federal debt will increase by one billion dollars for fiscal 1960. That large a sum, of course, is incomprehensible, even after someone figured out that the 13 billion dollars which the Federal Farm Program has cost the taxpayers in recent years, would, if reduced to one dollar bills, reach to the moon and back six times.

The Tax Foundation has figured out that the billion dollar increase in interest cost next year will mean \$5.85 to every individual. It will raise the total per capita interest payments to \$51 for everyone in the nation. Fifty-one dollars times the total population equals the sum of 9.1 billion dollars. That in turn amounts to about 11 1/2 per cent of the total federal spending for the fiscal year.

The most discouraging thing about this picture is that there is no debt reduction involved. We will have the same amount of interest, at least, to pay next year and the year after and every year thereafter because interest charges do not diminish during the life of a loan and they cannot be waived.

Must we accept this situation as we do the weather not even asking those we elect to office to do anything about it, much less expecting them to?

If present public attitudes are judged correctly, that is just what we are going to do—go on paying and assuming that there is no alternative. With an election year approaching every taxpayer should be expressing his views to every candidate for a political office.

Compulsory Arbitration Not The Answer

Labor Secretary Mitchell has advised the Steelworkers union and the large steel companies to submit their dispute to arbitration. Or if they won't do that, at least, to submit it to a neutral third party who would recommend terms of a settlement. He indicated that such procedure would have the approval of President Eisenhower.

Arbitration is a device for settling disputes that is accepted by some as fair in every way. Others denounce it as unrealistic and unreasonable, chiefly on the ground that no one outside an industry can properly dictate the terms on which an industry can conduct its business. There are some who will make this contention without realizing that strong unions in many industries are doing just that now—dictating labor costs to employers who are so much weaker economically than the union that they have no way to resist.

If the steel dispute is not settled before the 80 day injunction is up and the men go out again, a clamor will go up

for Congress to end the strike with legislation. And how else could Congress do that except to impose compulsory arbitration?

Government imposed arbitration is a horrible thing to contemplate for those who foresee its misuse by an administration that might use it to reward its friends or punish its foes. This could be done by the appointment of arbiters who would agree to do the bidding of those in office.

Any such thing as that, of course, would be out of the question. If there is going to be compulsory arbitration there would have to be a pool of impartial men selected in advance by both management and labor. From which ranks arbiters could be assigned by a referee or judge appointed for a long period like a federal judge.

Something of this kind may be proposed in the next Congress whether or not the steel strike is settled voluntarily. This thing can and will happen again and again under present conditions.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Both Ike And Nehru Possess Some Common Basic Goals

NEW DELHI—Four days are allocated to President Eisenhower here—long enough for a very fundamental discussion of world affairs with his host, Jawaharlal Nehru. No two men could be more dissimilar, yet they have certain basic goals in common.

Nehru never held a golf club or a lethal weapon in his hand; Ike is practiced with both. Nehru believes that armies accomplish nothing, that a nation's foreign policy doesn't work if based on force. Eisenhower has spent most

of his life in the Army though his mother was a practicing member of Jehovah's Witnesses and a devout pacifist. Ike now commands not only a modern military machine but also the largest stockpile of nuclear weapons in the world.

Nehru used his policy of passive resistance so successfully against the British that, eventually, they evacuated India. Eisenhower believes passive resistance is for the birds. Nehru hates dictators of all

kinds, whether Communist or Fascist. Eisenhower hates Communist dictators only, has supported such Fascist dictators as Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, and is paying calls on two others on this global trip—Ayub in Pakistan and Franco in Spain. Nehru is a lifelong student of Karl Marx, believes in middle-of-the-road socialism, and has given India's farmers and "untouchables" their greatest break in a thousand years. Ike is a free enterprise man, surrounds himself with Wall Street bankers, steel, whisky, and Coca-Cola executives.

Compassion for Mankind

Nehru has been imprisoned seven times for a total of 13 years; Ike has spent most of his life in the comparative comfort of

U. S. Army forts. In prison Nehru learned to think and read, and he developed a great compassion for mankind. "I am not prepared to say that the many years I spent in jail have been the sweetest of my life," wrote Nehru. "Solitary confinement is the killing of the spirit by degree, the slow vivisection of the soul. I had been amazed to find large numbers of fine types in prison. One of the most saddening features is the large number of boys, most of them bright-looking lads who, if given the chance, might easily make good."

Ike never had this sort of conditioning. He goes to a golf course to think things out; his favorite reading material is westerns. Nehru relaxes his mind

by spinning—something he learned from Mahatma Gandhi. Ike relaxes over a bridge table.

From prison Nehru once wrote his daughter on her birthday. "My presents cannot be very material or solid. They can only be of the mind and the spirit, such as the good fairy might bestow upon you—things that even the high walls of a prison cannot stop."

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