

Blacks favor tax revision

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Most of the nation's blacks would support adoption of a proposal to distribute to the public all tax money which the U.S. Government collects from corporations.

This is the projection of a just-completed survey sponsored by the National Dividend Foundation and conducted at state and regional conventions of the country's largest black secular organization, the Black Elks, by the Black Silent Majority Committee (BSMC).

The history-making Black Silent Majority Survey - believed to be the first national study of American black opinion on a subject other than race relations - dealt primarily with the idea of redistributing federal corporate income tax collections, but touched on black sentiment regarding welfare, poverty, urban ills, federal deficit spending and other concerns. It was carried out at 10 conventions of the Black Elks (BPOEW0 organization during May, June and July.)

The National Dividend Plan - designed to give every voting American an equal "piece of the action" in the free enterprise system by diverting federal corporate tax receipts from the U.S. Treasury and paying them quarterly on a direct, per capita basis, to voters in Congressional elections.

Based on recurrent Federal

corporate revenues, yearly payments under the Plan would amount to an estimated \$500 or more per person or \$1000 per married couple free of federal income taxes or spending restrictions.

The Black Silent Majority group was founded in Washington, D.C., on July 4, 1970 to fight racial polarization and black radical extremism. BSMC urges blacks to work within the American system for needed changes and to repudiate violence and civil disorder.

BSMC National Director Clay Claiborne of Washington told newsmen at the National Press Club that representatives of his group traveled 11,492 air miles interviewing 1,202 black men, women and young people at Elks state conventions selected to represent contrasting geographical and demographic areas.

The Black Elks organization is the nation's largest and most broadly based Negro secular organization. Delegates surveyed ranged from heads of households and women to newly enfranchised persons above the age 18, representing the spectrum of black socio-economic strata. The surveys were carried out in Pennsylvania, New York, Mississippi, Indiana, Michigan, Texas, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois and California, with some representation from Washington, D.C., Delaware and Wisconsin at multi-state

conventions. Partial results of the survey were as follows:

- 82% of blacks interviewed said they would favor adoption of the National Dividend Plan.
- 48% rated the National Dividend Plan as "excellent" and 32% as "good." 5% responded unfavorably.
- 85% said they would vote for the National Dividend Plan if they had an opportunity in the next general election.
- 83% felt the National Dividend Plan would definitely improve conditions for black people.

Following is a summary of the National Dividend Plan:

- It redistributes federal corporate income tax collections to all people who vote in U.S. Congressional elections held every two years.
- It imposes a 50% corporate income tax limit to create a secure climate for business expansion. It ends federal tax expansion. It ends federal taxes on stock dividends, eliminating the present double taxation on these earnings and stimulating the average citizen to invest in stocks.
- It would be phased in over a five year period.

The National Dividend Plan was conceived by Mr. John H. Perry, Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla., a businessman and former newspaper publisher.

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