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### For This Our Gifts . . .

One of the saddest things in connection with the trial of 15 Protestant ministers in Bulgaria is the report that their receipt of funds from Americans was used against them. They were accused of taking this money as pay for espionage instead of spending it for church aid. The charge is of course utterly false; and it weighs heavily on the hearts of Americans who sought out of their generosity to succor their brethren in Christ overseas.

Nearly all of the churches, Catholic and Protestant, conducted vigorous campaigns to raise funds for European relief. Money was sent, foodstuffs and clothing were shipped in large quantities. Distribution was made not through American channels but through churches overseas, with the World Council of Churches in Geneva taking charge of donations from American Protestant churches and the Catholic churches distributing supplies from their fellow churches here.

Certainly there was no thought of espionage. The aim was to give physical assistance and spiritual comfort to the distressed churches of Europe, their pastors and members. It was thought that the restoration of religious life and activity would do much toward rehabilitation of the people, giving them hope and confidence. It is a bitter thought to realize that these gifts are twisted into evidence against these patient shepherds of the flock, whose chief concern was religion and not politics. One reflects however that the charge is merely a pretense, trumped up to condemn men who were condemned even before they were arrested. The communist regimes are determined to sever all ties, religious as well as other, to link the people under them with countries of the west.

### Tax Deductions for Corporations

It is true that by removing the partial deduction allowed corporations in computing their state excise tax the state would pick up considerable revenue—\$3,000,000 a year, it is estimated; but it will impose a considerable penalty on business operating under the corporation form.

Corporations now pay heavy federal taxes on their incomes, as well as the state excise tax of 8 per cent. Their stockholders pay personal income taxes, federal and state, on dividends they receive from corporations.

Business which is operated as a cooperative, a partnership or as a proprietorship escapes all corporation taxes. Stockholders of corporations feel they are at a competitive disadvantage with cooperatives and unincorporated business, because they are in effect subject to double taxation.

Probably few know or remember the origin of the corporation excise tax. It was enacted following a court decision which declared in-

## Budget Control in Oregon 'Just Isn't'

By Ralph Watson  
George Aiken, it develops is not the director of the budget, or the budget master, at all. He is just the executive secretary of the department.



He looks like a man who if they seem too high he may scale them down so that they do not hang too far over the fence of the constitutional limitation which surrounds all such things. And then he takes everything over with the governor, and if the governor gives him the green light on his suggestions he prints the book and "recommends" to the legislature that it run along with his train of thought.

their official scalp and hire another scalper.  
The governor is up against the same gaff when it comes to telling the board of higher education, and similarly constituted departments, where to head in. He can make recommendations to the highway commission, or the board of education, or to this department or that and if they don't come along with him he can fire the whole outfit and get a new one in its place. But that is a messy procedure and usually gums up the works.  
What's all this about? Well it comes from a lecture given by Senator Gibson, chairman of the ways and means committee, on the subject of efficiency, economy and budget control of departmental expenditures. The board of control was for it, two of its members had said they wanted the "deadwood" cleaned

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers  
GARRICK by Margaret Barton (Macmillan, \$5)  
David Garrick, who as an actor is said to have revived London's interest in Shakespeare and as an entrepreneur to have helped make Stratford a shrine, was in 1717. Brought up in Lichfield, where Samuel Johnson was his slightly older friend, he took flatter in the wine business with his brother Peter but at 24 years of age succumbed to the allure of the candle-light stage.  
Testing his talents in the role of Richard III, he played in Dublin, won engagements at Drury Lane and Covent Garden and at 30 began his 29 years as Lacy's partner in the management of Drury Lane. He presented 75 new plays, besides pantomimes and other entertainments, and in the course of a life in which "he could not stop acting," he took 90 different parts.  
Practically everyone of any account in 18th century England knew him; the list of his friends, enemies and acquaintances includes, besides Johnson and his Boswell, Reynolds, Romney, Gainsborough and Hogarth, who was his dear intimate; Goldsmith, Smollett and Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who finally

valid the levy of personal property taxes on national banks. The corporation excise tax was devised particularly to collect taxes from banks. The original draft excluded certain types of corporations: utilities, those whose income was almost entirely from real estate rentals, on the ground that they were already (this was 1929) very heavily taxed by levies on real property. To lighten the burden on other corporations the original act in 1929 allowed them to deduct from the tax 90 per cent of the personal property tax they paid. It was estimated that in this way banks, being exempt from personal property taxes, would pay the full 8 per cent, while the effective rate on other corporations would be about 3 per cent. If this had not been done the banks would have enjoyed a substantial tax advantage. In later years the deduction for personal property tax paid was cut to 50 per cent, which it is at present.

All these facts should be considered by the legislature as it studies HB 208. Equity should be preserved as between banks and other corporations; and the present inequity as between incorporated and unincorporated business should not be increased. Corporations probably should pay something extra for the privilege of operating as corporations but they should not be penalized unduly. Most of our Oregon corporations are pretty small potatoes, so the tax hits "persons" and not just legal fictions.

If more revenues are needed by the state the easiest and most equitable method would seem to be through HB 261 which eliminates deduction of federal income tax on personal incomes and readjusts the rates. This would spread the load on the familiar basis of ability to pay without putting the gouge on a particular form of business operation, such as the corporation.

The house staged a revolt Wednesday. Worn down by the school lobby the members rose up and smote the bill to legalize a state association of school directors. The prospect of another unit in the school lobby made members see red, despite arguments that this association might counter the teachers' lobby. The revolt didn't come however until after the house had passed HB 193 to boost the basic state school fund by \$30 per child. So the lobby won after all.

This from the Canby Herald suggests another reason why editors sometimes go berserk:  
A lady came to the Herald office one day last week and asked if we had any old newspapers to spare. "Since the Portland papers stopped printing," she explained, "I haven't anything in the house to start fires with."

Information from Copenhagen is to the effect that Denmark may join the North Atlantic security pact. It's a hard decision to make. The Danes realize that in a war between east and west they would just be Danish squash.

## Moving Stairway Going Up



Riding platforms for the Robert Bros. store's new motor-driven stairs are being installed this week and will be ready for use by the end of this month. Manufactured by the Motorstair Co., of Coffeyville, Kans., the conveyance is being installed by H. J. Hanson, foreground; E. A. Lindblom, left center; H. J. Clow, right center; all of Seattle, Wash., and J. E. Ross, supervisor, Coffeyville, Kans., background. (Statesman photo).

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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depends on the nature of the university. Thus a school maintained by the Catholic church would not tolerate instruction in Protestant religion; a Baptist fundamentalist seminary would not allow a modernist to hold forth. A state-supported institution will not retain a teacher who advocates overthrow of the state. A university unrelated to a church and not maintained by the state will have a wider orbit for professional thought to range, but still it would impose standards of good form and intellectual honesty.

There is a deeper reason for challenging the privilege of communists to teach and that is the very real threat that communism presents to intellectual freedom. As developed in Russia communism has become a form of state religion and deviationists are heretics. The intellectual world has been deeply stirred by the Lysenko-Vavilov controversy in Russia over the science of genetics. Vavilov, whose ideas conform with those of the greatest scientist in this field, was discredited, sent to some place in Siberia where he died. Lysenko, who advocated the theory of the transmission of acquired characteristics, long discredited among reputable scientists the world over, rose in influence in Russia and became president of the Lenin Academy.

That science as well as music, the arts, must conform to the political party line is indicated in a Moscow dispatch which reports that "the Academy of Sciences must above all follow consistently the Leninist-Stalinist principle of party adherence in all spheres of science."  
This simply means intellectual slavery. As Joseph P. Lash writing in the New Republic for January 3rd says:  
"When however the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party aligns itself with one faction in Soviet biology and decrees the truth of the long discarded view that acquired characteristics can be inherited, the scientific basis of the modern world is threatened; the specter of the Dark Ages rises again to plague mankind."  
The academic freedom that extends to the nurture of habits of thinking which imprison the mind is committing suicide. The evidence of the slavery of the mind imposed by communism is too strong to be denied. No intellectual freedom is tolerated under Soviet communism. The preservation of freedom of inquiry calls for no quarter with the isms which challenge it at every turn.

## Small Losses In Grain Mart

CHICAGO, March 3 (AP)—With the exception of the new crop wheat deliveries, which showed a firm tone right from the start, grains sank for small losses on the board of trade today. Dealings were light and most of the day the market simply drifted lower.  
Independent steadiness in new crop wheat was hard to explain, although dealers said these months and all selling below what is likely to be the government loan level on this crop. There may have been some shifting from the

May into deferred months, dealers said.  
Wheat ended 1 cent to 1/4 lower, corn was 1 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, oats were 1/4 lower, rye was 1/4 lower, soybeans were 1 1/2-2 1/4 lower and lard was 5 to 12 cents a hundred pounds lower.  
May was also the weakest contract in corn, again reflecting an increased movement of cash grain and easiness in cash prices. Losses, running to 2 cents were recorded in the spot market.

## Biggest Civic Party in Years Due for McKay

The city of Salem will celebrate its biggest civic party in years Monday night when the citizens honor Gov. Douglas McKay.

Plans have been completed for the combined dances in both the armory and the Crystal Gardens ballroom. The main reception will be held from the hours of 8:30 until 10:30 p.m. in the Mirror room of the Marion hotel.  
The party will be strictly informal and Mayor Robert E. Elstrom and heads of the various citizen committees have joined in issuing an invitation to all Salem residents to attend.  
Governor McKay, who first came to Salem in 1927, has served as the mayor of Salem, state senator from Marion county during four terms, and now as the state's chief executive.  
At various times he has been president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, commander of American Legion, Capitol post 9, and director of the Salem community chest.

## 'Lonely Hearts' Slayers to Face New York Jury

ALBANY, N.Y., March 3 (AP)—Gov. Thomas C. Dewey signed extradition papers tonight for a "lonely hearts" pair arrested in Michigan in connection with the slaying of two women and a baby girl.  
Dewey's action was the first step in a move to try and send swarthy Raymond M. Fernandez,

34, and his fat girl friend, Martha Beck, 29, to the electric chair.  
Fernandez and Mrs. Beck now are in Michigan where the severest penalty for murder is life imprisonment.  
They are accused in this state of killing Mrs. Janet Fay, a middle-aged Albany woman. Michigan warrants accuse them of the slayings of Mrs. Delphine Downing, a comely 29-year-old Byron City, Mich., widow and her daughter, Rainell, 21-months-old.  
The three killings, authorities maintain, grew out of a money-making scheme in which Fernandez wooed lonely women by mail in many parts of the nation.  
District Attorney James N. Gehrig of Nassau County, N.Y., who asked Dewey for the extradition

papers, said he had been informed that Michigan would not oppose the return of the pair to New York to stand trial.  
Gehrig claimed a "complete and detailed confession" from Fernandez and Mrs. Beck in the brutal death of Mrs. Fay.  
The body of the 50-year-old woman was found buried earlier this week in the cellar of a home in South Ozone Park, Queens, N.Y. Her skull was crushed.  
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