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Tories are Politicians, Too

Left wingers have no monopoly on playing foxy election politics with tax rates, as ours will probably learn before November, 1956 and as English Labor party politicians have just learned, if they didn't already know it.

British Tories have just reduced income taxes over there, on the eve of the national election they've just ordered for May 26. The chancellor of the exchequer (secretary of the treasury) is Richard A. (Rab) Butler, said to be the likely "strong man" of the new Eden government. He has proposed the reductions, estimated to cost the government the sterling equivalent of \$435,500,000. How he has allocated the reductions is interesting, for our congress will handle the same problem before the 1956 election.

One hundred twelve million, about a fourth of the reduction, will go to industry through a slice in corporation levies, intended to make that much more money available for plant expansions to make employment now and later when the new plants are finished. This isn't considered especially good politics, but if the Tories stay in after May 26 they are vitally interested in having an expanding job making economy.

The bulk of the other three-fourths of the reduction will go to British wage earners, of whom two million four hundred thousand are to be relieved of paying any income tax at all. This is obviously aimed to corral some votes, which it probably will.

However, the tax reduction has some justification other than election politics, for Britain had a surplus of one billion three hundred million dollars in the fiscal year that ended April 1. The government forecasts a surplus of \$415,000 in the new fiscal year, after making these tax reductions, before taking account of a government capital investment of \$1,600,000,000 in public housing. This included a deficit of \$1,200,000,000 is expected.

However, British taxes will remain high. A single person has only \$392 exempted from taxation under the new plan, compared with \$588. A married man with two children receiving \$2500 a year will pay \$386 in income taxes compared with \$438.

The British have become more prosperous under the Tories than they were under the Labor party and the Tories have built more public housing than their rivals did. These factors are likely to shape the election results.

Effective U.S. Propaganda

The Eisenhower administration has taken a leaf from the Communists in playing a propaganda game to influence the Asian-African conference at Bandung, Indonesia, against Red China, which fostered the meeting for its own propaganda, to win support in the two continents.

Secretary of State Dulles suddenly warned about a huge Chinese airpower build-up on the China mainland opposite Formosa, while the Chinese were posing as peace lovers to the other 28 Asian-African nations participating.

President Eisenhower asked congress for \$3.5 billion in foreign aid, most of it for Asia, where Red China was trying to win over the assembled nations. All of them are seeking foreign aid to modernize their impoverished countries. Through Red influence neither the United States, Europeans and Russia were invited to Bandung. And the promised U.S. aid will be a factor in keeping them at least neutral.

Mr. Eisenhower, in his foreign aid message, said that "peace was in jeopardy" and that the Asian-African leaders had "an opportunity, at a critical hour, to voice the peaceful aspirations of the world and exert a practical influence for peace."

Then followed the hasty departure of Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Secretary of State Walter E. Robertson on a 10-day trip to the Nationalist Chinese capital, Taipei, to see Chiang Kai-Shek, as "normal maintenance of contact" in a situation admittedly serious.

Quite effective at Bandung were the assertions of two American friends, Iraq and the Philippines. Iraq called communism a "new kind of colonialism." The Philippines warned against a "new barbarism," to the evident dismay of Chou En-lai, Red Chinese foreign minister. He tore up his speech, assailed the United States as a war monger and protested China's peaceful intentions, but refused to discuss the Formosa crisis.

While President Eisenhower did not list individually the countries which would receive U.S. foreign aid, Harold Stassen, foreign aid director, recently named 12 of the Asian countries represented at Bandung as among those that would get economic help—Burma, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Ceylon, Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines and Japan. All except Burma and Ceylon already are receiving aid.—G. P.

For a State Building Program

We are relieved to note that the joint ways and means committee of the legislature has approved by an eight to one vote a \$14,904,658 state building program for the coming biennium.

We say "relieved" because we were a little fearful that the state's current financial predicament would frighten the legislature into emasculating this program in the interest of budgeting balancing without as big a tax increase as will otherwise be necessary. This of course may still happen, but the legislature will probably follow in substance the recommendation of this committee.

Why do we want the building program to go through? Because we look forward with eagerness to that drastic tax hike? No more than you or any other taxpayer. We'd like to keep our money, as would everyone else. We all have things we could do with it. A new car perhaps, that will now have to wait.

But Oregon is growing and will continue to grow. The needs of its institutions have grown and will continue to grow. Children already born, to say nothing of new migration and children to be born, make this increase a certainty.

Why not a moratorium on building till we catch our financial breath? There are three reasons for not taking this short sighted view.

1. The state will always have a financial problem. Money will never come easy. If we wait two years we'll be no better able to finance the building and we'll urgently need more. We have to keep pace, paying as we go or we'll be caught under a crushing burden within a few years.

2. This is secondary but not to be ignored. The building program will provide employment for several thousand men in the logging camps, mills, cement factories, brick yards, on the building jobs. This will help maintain property on which the state's income depends. Suspending this building program wouldn't save all this money to the taxpayers. A lot of it would just be wasted through unemployment, to be financed out of the reserves we have accumulated for a rainy day we still hope doesn't come.

3. Last, and is it least? Those who use these institutions, college students and the less fortunate who are in the institutions under the board of control, need the facilities.

VACCINES CAN'T STOP ME!



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Spirit of Ernie Pyle Lives On Campus of Indiana U.

By HAL BOYLE

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Ernie Pyle died on a far Pacific isle 10 years ago this week, as the war he hated was drawing to an end.

He now lies buried in a U. S. military cemetery in Hawaii among the servicemen whose story he told with simple eloquence. But in another sense Ernie didn't stay overseas. He is back home here forever on the campus of Indiana University, where in student days he first dreamed of winning newspaper fame.

Certainly his spirit is enshrined here. Ernie remains a living symbol to hundreds of fledgling young newspaper men and women who are bolstered in both heart and hope by the example of his career.

Ernie never was graduated by his alma mater. He quit during his senior year to go to work. Some of the oldtimers here say he left because of a broken romance with a red-haired girl. Others say, "No, it was just because he was Ernie—already restless to be on his way."

Once Pyle did leave the campus in January, 1923, he stayed away for 21 years. He loved the university but said he wanted to remember it as he had known it in his youth. He came back only once in his lifetime—to take an honorary degree in 1944. A few months later he was killed by a sniper's bullet on Iwo Jima.

But today the personality of the shy, brooding farm boy who became the greatest battle reporter of his generation dominates his old school. A \$500,000 journalism building has been named in his honor. A plaque commemorating his achievements has been set up by

Real Neighbors

Albany Democrat-Herald
There never was any question about the warmheartedness of our Linn county people. (The statement would be pretty largely true even with the words Linn county omitted, but it's Linn county we're writing about.) Remember the fire that destroyed the Rhodes family's home near Seo week before last? The Rhodes lost everything in that fire—house, furniture, appliances, clothing, food.

The neighbors made an appeal for aid to the victims. Our Albany fire department, always ready to help in such cases, got into the game. This newspaper published the news of the fire and a brief appeal for aid. Now Cecil Burkhardt, assistant fire chief in charge of delivering the contributions, is appealing to people to "lay off."

People have simply turned over more furniture, appliances, food, clothing than the family knows what to do with. When the people know, the people help.

IDEAL BURGLAR

CHICAGO (UP)—Walter Pernal is the police department's favorite kind of burglar.

In trying to loot an apartment, Pernal climbed an outside stairway in daylight, smashed a window with such a resounding crash and made so much noise that an upstairs tenant phoned police. He drank so much liquor in the apartment he was helpless to resist arrest.

ENERGETIC BROWNVILLE

Albany Democrat-Herald
The community spirit aroused in Brownsville by the move to rebuild the fire-razed woolen mill seems to be developing. Now our enterprising little neighbor is setting out to bring to the town a \$200,000 pressed board plant, which is expected to employ 40 men at the mill. We wish the little city success in protecting and developing its payroll.

He Knows Better Now

Eugene Register-Guard

A businessman, says a businessman in Life magazine, customarily regards government employees "as congenial nitwits and all their policies as socialism blended with a dash of idiocy." After a trip to Washington, he says, the man of affairs comes home asking "after all what could one expect from men who never met a payroll?"

The businessman who was writing the Life piece was Clarence Randall, chairman of the board of Inland Steel Co. He had some pretty strong notions about Washington, he admits, until he tried being a bureaucrat himself. As the head of the Commission for Foreign Economic Policy, he mellowed. "As the days passed into weeks and the weeks into months, I found growing in my mind a new respect and in my heart a warm affection for many career men," he writes.

He speaks warmly of his experience and believes businessmen who try a fling at government service bring back "new understandings of the problems of government, new insight into why things are done as they are." It was refreshing to read his confession, upon his return from Washington, that "I recognize in myself a new tolerance, a new hesitancy to condemn what I have not carefully examined."

ALL READY TO GO

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (UP)—Mike Waller, 6-year-old son of T. Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Waller, set out early to visit his grandmother at Columbus, Ga., taking his dog Sneezy and a bundle of clothes.

Mike and Sneezy were found perched on the wing of an F80 jet plane waiting for the craft to take off.

WE BLUR OUR BRAINS

Historian James Truslow Adams. There is no question but that the use of slang, hackneyed phrases, and clichés worn smooth make for intellectual laziness, and if constantly used blur the sense of discrimination.

U. S. Puts Out Some Clever Propaganda Vs. China Reds

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press news Analyst

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States got in on an act where it wasn't supposed to be playing. It used propaganda on Red China when the Red Chinese were supposed to be making some of their best propaganda.

Secretary of State Dulles suddenly warned about a Chinese airpower build-up opposite Formosa just as the Chinese were anxious to appear as peace-lovers to the 28 other Asian-African nations meeting with them at Bandung, Indonesia.

And President Eisenhower asked Congress for \$3,500,000,000 in foreign aid, most of it for Asia, just when the Red Chinese were most eager to win over to their side the other Afro-Asians, or as many as they could influence.

The United States, the Europeans, and Russia were not invited to Bandung. The great mass of people represented there are colored and impoverished. All have reason to be concerned about the outbreak of war over Formosa.

And, because of their poverty and their desire to get on their economic feet, the help they had received, or hoped to get, from the United States would be a factor in keeping them from too close alliance with Red China.

On Sunday, just before the Bandung meeting opened, Dulles reported the Red Chinese had greatly intensified their airpower opposite Formosa. Eisenhower followed this quickly with a statement aimed at Bandung.

He said "peace was in grave jeopardy" and that the leaders at Bandung had an "opportunity, at a critical hour, to voice the peaceful aspirations of the peoples of the world and exert a practical influence for peace."

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

F. R.'s 'Economic Royalists' Ike's 'Economic Captives'

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, April 21—The Polyantha spirit and atmosphere generated by the Eisenhower administration's friendly attitude toward private business and industry was highlighted dramatically here a few days ago. F.D.R.'s "economic royalists" have become Ike's "economic captives," and they revel in their changed status.

Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt, veteran director of economic research for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, predicted a period of enduring and unparalleled prosperity. More significantly, his audience of 250 conservative bankers agreed with him. And so do the economic soothsayers at Treasury, the Federal Reserve Board and Department of Commerce.

"The recession is dead," they said in effect. "Hail the new prosperity!"

Statistics Support Predictions—These experts supply factual statistics to support their prophecies. But Dr. Schmidt's attitude emphasizes that Eisenhower psychology shares an equal role with fundamental economic evidence as a factor in underlying business confidence. Here is why:

The Chamber of Commerce, which occupies a palatial structure across Lafayette Park from the White House, was a hated "citadel of capitalism" to F.D.R., along with the National Association of Manufacturers. The two organizations could see nothing good in Roosevelt or Harry S. Truman.

They condemned New Deal economic and social reforms, sometimes extravagantly, indiscreetly, unthinkingly. They denounced especially those features which fell heaviest on business—heavy spending, high taxes, a swollen public debt, an unbalanced budget, excessive foreign aid and the New Dealer's general indifference to prudent housekeeping!

Roosevelt used to say that they yearned for a return to "Mark Hanna-William McKinley days." Truman called them "greedy capitalists" and "wolves of Wall Street." Both maintained a magnificent doghouse and long leashes for businessmen and industrialists and bankers.

Ike's Attitude Counts—The ironic aspect of Dr. Schmidt's present-day praise is that virtually these same conditions prevail under Eisenhower, with the exception of his more understanding attitude toward and encouragement of private enterprise.

As conservative Republicans grow, Eisenhower has not scrapped a single major New Deal reform—Social Security, the National Labor Relations Board, benefit payments to farmers, expenditures for conservation, foreign aid, Federal financing of health, education, highways, etc. In certain respects, he has expanded them.

Nor has he improved the national finances to any great extent. Allowing for increased income, people are paying as heavy taxes now as they did before Eisenhower, despite a \$7 billion reduction. The public debt has gone up, not down. The budget is far from balanced, and even the need for equalizing income and outgo has been questioned in high places.

High Hopes for This Year—And yet, Dr. Schmidt anticipates that 1955 will turn out to be "the best year in our history." He cites such basic barometers as record highs in automobile production and sales, construction, steel and electric power output, strong consumer demand, purchasing power and savings. He notes that billions will be spent for constructive purposes by the government (Federal, State and Local) and by private industry.

His long-range outlook is even rosier. He believes that stock market prices in five years will be 100 points higher than they are now. Based on earnings, the market is not too high, in his opinion. He anticipates a work-week of only four days, due to productive efficiency of "automation." He argues that "semi-human" machines will create more jobs than they displace.

New Confidence—Eisenhower alone, of course, is not responsible for Dr. Schmidt's current opinion or for the new role of F.D.R.'s "economic royalists" and Truman's "greedy capitalists." But the President is given credit by these erstwhile Cassandras for breathing new confidence and hope in the creative forces and figures of American finance, business and industry.

REFORMED
EL CENTRO, Calif. (UP)—Harold Church, athletic director at Central Union High School, said today that a pair of binoculars, two starting guns and a stopwatch stolen from the gym office have been returned through the mail with the following note:

"Our consciences hurt us—we have reformed."

AS IT LOOKED THEN
Aristotle
The most perfect political community is one in which the middle class is in control and outnumbers both the other classes.

Stockton & Co. were giving one standard talking machine free to every customer whose purchases amounted to \$15.

Mysterious death of a Salem character had been associated with a resident of Peppermint flat.

A grand excursion to the Lewis and Clark fair in Portland, May 7, had been planned by the Order of Railway Conductors from Lebanon, Silverton, Dallas and Sheridan.

Fifty years ago today a Capital Journal editorial had said: "The storied glory of the wild west is gone. No more is it the land of red skins, scouts and reckless desperadoes."

Star restaurant, 339 Court street adjoining Wade's hardware store, had advertised meals at all hours for 15c.

Another Political Phrase
Albany Democrat-Herald

Oregon's new and personable congresswoman, Mrs. Edith Green of Portland, complains of White House dictation of legislation. Hints of presidential wishes are characterized as "government by threat." A neat phrase—but how does it match up with what some of Mrs. Green's fellow Democrats are saying about the president's "lack of leadership?"

And Mrs. Green must have been too young to notice what went on between the Hill and the White House when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president.

Active Search Likely
Astorian-Budget

Portland police can be expected to move most vigorously to locate and capture the authors of the extortion-bombing plot against Meier and Frank company.

Such a spectacular crime, involving theft to the customers of Portland's biggest store, compels the attention of almost everyone in Portland and many people upstate. Nearly every one has been in the Meier and Frank store at some time or another, and every such person must view this crime as a danger to his own life and limb.

OPEN FORUM

Rank and File State Workers Getting "Cut"

To the Editor:
It looks like this problem is being filed away with the expensive Barrington Report. If so the backbone of the state service has been bypassed for the favored few that have the time and friends to plead their cases and secure a fat increase to their already large incomes.

It's an accepted fact that a good clock will only run well, keep good time, and last for years as long as the complete works run together in perfect accord, and it takes a lot of little wheels to run the few big ones.

So it is with a state service system. How many of our state departments could function without their large groups of workers who do the book and leg work to keep the proper information at the department heads' finger tips right down to the after-dinner speeches some of them make.

This is the group that will be faced with tax increases on the same old salary level, yet be expected to help the State of Oregon get out of the hole. If they do, guess who will end up in that hole?

Combine higher taxes and high cost of living and you are giving state salaries a "cut" not a raise. One that will cut their buying power, and in Salem hurt a city's business that already has "give-away" contests to increase buyers' interest.

If the State of Oregon plans on keeping its state system running smoothly without loss of time and money spent in training new employees to replace the ones who have received their training in state work only to leave for private industry where their training and seniority are rewarded in wage increases, not extra holidays, it must do something before this session ends.

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Bigger Log Jam

Eugene Register-Guard
If you think there is a "log jam" in the Oregon Legislature, look at what's happening in Connecticut. In Oregon the Legislature is working its way through 1,300 bills, resolutions, etc., and 300 of them have already been signed by the governor. Many more than that have passed one house, but not both.

In Connecticut the Legislature has 3,200 bills before it, and only 200 of them have passed. None of the 200 is a "major" bill dealing with one of that state's principal problems. A number of Oregon's major problems have received attention of our Legislature.

"Saving" a Life

Cleveland Plain Dealer
Showing the effects of brain-washing during his three and a half years of imprisonment without a trial, an American medical student just freed by the Chinese Communists said the Reds had saved his life twice—once when he was ill and the second time "because they didn't shoot me."

This reminds us of the "character" witness for the armed robber who said at the trial that the defendant really was a benefactor of his victim because, although he had looted the storekeeper's till and knocked him unconscious with his revolver butt, he didn't murder him.

RABBIT CULTURE

BATON ROUGE, La. (UP)—Louisiana State University will begin a short course on rabbit breeding Thursday. The course ends Friday.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

BROCKTON, Ill. (UP)—A village of 450 persons cancelled a scheduled election Tuesday because there were no candidates.

FREEDOM AND SECURITY

Sherman County Journal
There's freedom for the body and security for the slave.

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Sherman County Journal
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