

TAXES ARE TAXES NO MATTER HOW COLLECTED--RUMI

Individual Must Pay Eventually, Regardless of How Levied, Economist Says.

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We Americans have been believing in and repeating a certain fairy tale about taxes. Somewhere we got the idea that by taxing things—like transactions, or corporations, or goods—we could get out of taxing individuals. This is a fallacy, pure and simple. Only people can pay taxes and no matter where they are levied eventually they come out of some individual taxpayer's pocket. And the mere fact that often the taxpayer does not know he is paying one of these "hidden" taxes simply adds an element of deceit to something which is already unfair.

In its "post-war federal tax plan for high employment," recently proposed the committee for economic development seeks to remedy two of the more inequitable and damaging of these pass-the-buck taxes by (1) eliminating the tax on corporation income and (2) abolishing all federal excise or "sales" taxes except those on liquor, tobacco and possibly on gasoline.

Double Taxing
Neither of these proposals means that some group of taxpayers "gets out of something." The committee proposes that the stockholders or owners of owners of corporations be taxed, the same as other income earners, but that we abolish the double taxing—first of corporate income as it is received by the company and again as it is paid out in dividends to the owners. Not only is this double taxation unfair to the investors who bear it, but it has several other definitely bad results.

It cuts down the amount of income which the corporation can plow back into improvements, expansion, and the creation of new jobs. It raises the prices which the corporation must charge for whatever goods it makes. It restricts the amount and the rates of wages which the corporation can afford to pay to its employees. And finally, it encourages people to put their money into "safe" tax-exempt bonds instead of investing in established or new corporations which will use the money to expand and thus create more production and more jobs.

Abolition of the excise taxes proposed under the C. E. D. plan would remove around three billion dollars now being taken mainly from the pockets of lower income earners who can least afford to pay them. For example, the auto stamp on the windshield of a jalopy costs the same \$5 as the one on a limousine, and there are a lot more of the former than of the latter. Also, since excise taxes are paid out of income which otherwise would go for more goods, they tend to curtail markets and thus cut down jobs.

In general, the C. E. D. tax plan proposes a general overhauling of our federal tax program so as to replace such unfair attempts to tax things with a broader tax on individuals, but at generally lower rates all along the line. Then every taxpayer would know how much taxes he was paying. Other of its specific recommendations will be discussed in following articles in this series.

BIRTHS

STEVENS—To Gunner's Mate and Mrs. Kenneth, 303 Boardman St., Sept. 18, 1944, a girl, 8 lbs. Community hospital.

ARCHER—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmon, Rt. 1, Sept. 17, 1944, a girl, 9 lbs., at Community hospital.

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MEDFORD MEN IN NAZI PRISON CAMP HAVE OWN GARDEN

Two Medford airmen, shot down over Germany, are reported to be in the same Nazi prisoner-of-war camp—Stalag Luft 1, on the Baltic sea near Rostock, Germany. They are Lts. Alvin A. Gould, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress and Tommy White, pilot of another Fort which was downed at a different time.

Mrs. Janet Childreth of Gladstone, Oreg., sister of Lt. Gould, writes that she and her mother, Mrs. A. Hedlund, receive letters from the airmen about once a month and that Lt. White is also in that camp.

Mrs. Childreth wrote that the last letter from her brother was received on Sept. 15 after having been mailed on July 6. She said Lt. Gould wrote that he and his roommate have a nice vegetable garden that provides them with good food and that they play baseball to keep fit.

He also wrote, she said, that they listen to German radio broadcasts and from them gather that it won't be too long before they will be on their way home.

Both airmen are graduates of Medford high school and well-known here.

SALVAGE PAPER DRIVE ENDED IS CHAIRMAN'S WORD

Medford residents are asked to discontinue taking salvage paper to the old Chamber of Commerce building, the present drive having ended, but to continue to save it for another drive which will be planned in the near future. Wayne Jamison, chairman of the Jackson county salvage committee, states that the committee has been asked to clean out all paper remaining in the building and he is anxious that no additional paper be taken there in the future.

The salvage chairman stated that since most of the remaining paper was loose a hay bailer will be used to bail it for shipment. The loose paper resulted from improperly packaged paper and from the fact that many boys frequented the salvage depot and tore open the bundles in order to read the contents, it was reported.

Mr. Jamison urged residents to save paper at home, and also to continue to save tin cans, since another collection drive on these is planned for the near future.

LAST RITES FOR CLYDE L. SMITH

Clyde Lawrence Smith was born in Jacksonville, Ore., October 16, 1890, and had spent most of his life in Medford and vicinity. He was united in marriage to Julia E. King, also of Medford, June 21, 1923.

The past 17 years he was employed by the Medford City Water Commission and had resided in Butte Falls until August 20, 1944, when he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., to make his home at 2137 E. Van Buren Avenue at the Southwest Auto Court of which he was co-owner with William A. Holloway, also formerly of Medford.

Death came swiftly from a heart attack, September 14, 1944. Deceased was a member of the Medford Lodge No. 1168 B.P.O. Elks and of the American Legion of Medford, being a veteran of World War I and having spent more than a year in overseas service.

He is survived by his wife, Julia E. Smith, one sister and one brother, and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were conducted from the McLellan Chapel on September 18, the Rev. Redaere of the First Christian Church officiating and the American Legion conducting graveside services. Burial was at the Greenwood Memorial cemetery in Phoenix.

U.S. AND BRITAIN DIFFER SHARPLY ON ITALY POLICY

American Officials See Potential Danger in Cleavage—Economic Future Basis

By R. H. Shackford
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Washington, Sept. 19—(U.P.)—The United States and Great Britain do not see eye to eye on political and economic policy toward Italy and the cleavage has reached a stage where American officials consider it potentially dangerous, it was learned today.

The return to Washington of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, head of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, and his hurried conference with President Roosevelt before the latter left for Quebec was to report on conditions which O'Dwyer felt should be thrashed out at the Roosevelt-Churchill conference.

Economic Basis
The basic difference between the Americans and British in Italy concerns the future of that ex-enemy country—whether she shall remain weak and dependent upon Great Britain or, as soon as possible, be put back on her own economic feet.

The British, it was learned, support a policy that would keep Italy a weak economic nation, dependent upon imports and thus a follower of British foreign policy in the Mediterranean. The Americans, it was learned, lean toward early restoration of Italian industry and economy for two reasons:

1. To reduce as soon as possible the burden of furnishing food and clothing to Italians. Bulk of that relief now comes from the United States.
2. To make Italy again a profitable area for American business and trade.

Churchill Aware
British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is well aware of the American-British differences of opinion as a result of his recent visit to Italy when he conferred with high American officials there. He was said at that time to favor lenient treatment of Italy as an ex-enemy, but when it came to specific proposals of rehabilitating Italian industries, he was said to have balked.

For example, Churchill's attitude was said to be that the Allies should provide the Italians adequate food, clothing and fuel, but that nothing should be done at this stage to revive such industries as textiles, shipbuilding and steel production—all three fields in which Britain holds a dominant position.

American officials in Italy have long wanted to be relieved of relief responsibilities there—and that is a problem the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration will tackle this month at its meeting in Montreal.

U. S. Would Get Out
O'Dwyer unquestionably brought to the White House those reports as well as those of other officials who would like to see the United States get completely out of Italy as soon as military operations permit and leave the field to the British. The British, it was said, do

not favor such a plan because of the fear that the United States would be less inclined to ship huge quantities of food and clothing to an area where American troops are not engaged.

Reports from Italy, coming through censorship, have confirmed this picture of the Italian situation. They not only confirm a split between the Americans and the British on non-military policies, but include reports that a change in the relief setup is urgently needed before winter if civilian trouble is to be avoided.

VOTER REGISTRY BRISK RECENTLY IN THIS COUNTY

Registration for the November 7 election has been brisk the past week, the county clerk reports, and clerks predict there will be an increase over the May primary registration. The usual tail-end rush is expected.

There are a few newcomers registering but the majority are residents who have not registered since the last presidential election. Oregon law requires voters who have not voted in two years to register. The requirement for new residents is six months residence in the state.

In the primary registration the Republicans held a substantial lead, and this is not expected to change for the November election.

Friday September 22, is final day for filing of independent candidates under Oregon law. None are now on the political horizon of Jackson county, the county clerk's office reports. The law provides they must file 45 days before the general election in November.

Printing of the ballots for the general election will start immediately. The printers have set up the first proof. Ballots for each of the registered voters of the county soldier voters for which applications have been made, and absentee voters who will be out of the county on election day will be printed.

Earliest date on which soldier ballots can be mailed is October 7, and the final date October 27. The first soldier ballots will be sent to those on the most distant battlefronts and the last to those in home camps. This will give ample time for delivery by air mail.

More than 800 soldier vote applications have been received to date, and applications are expected to exceed the 1000 mark. It is estimated 1200 voters of this county are in the armed services.

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