

## Supreme Court OKs 'NetWorth' Weapon Against Tax Evasion

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court Monday generally upheld one of the government's main weapons in prosecuting income tax evaders—establishing a taxpayer's original "net worth."

Acting on four cases, the high court upheld three tax evasion convictions and reversed a lower court which had dismissed the conviction of another defendant.

To show that a person has failed to report large sums of current income, the government must attempt to prove his "net worth" or income prior to the year or years in question.

In three of the four cases, the defendants said they had saved large sums of money over a period of years. But the government attempted to prove that the money was earned during the period the defendants were alleged to have understated their income.

Justice Tom C. Clark, who wrote the court's opinion, said the court agreed to rule on the four cases because there were "serious doubts" in the lower courts regarding the implication of the "net worth" theory.

In one case, the court reversed a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision which had set aside the conviction of Edward B. Calderon of Douglas, Ariz. The high court, with Justice William O. Douglas dissenting, said lower court proof of tax evasion was "entirely adequate."

Calderon, a coin machine distributor, was fined \$10,000 and placed on probation for three years in the Arizona federal court on Nov. 10, 1952.

The government charged he evaded taxes in 1946 and 1949. Calderon said that by 1945 he had saved about \$16,000. But the government said he had only about \$600 cash on hand at the time.

**WEATHER**

By United Press

Northern California: Partly cloudy; few scattered showers extreme north.



MEETING IN SQUARE at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, faithful pray for recovery of Pope Plus XII following word he was in critical condition after suffering heart attack. (International)

## Missionary Film Slated for Showing

Central Point — An area premiere showing of "Jahangal, Your African Safari," has been slated for Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:45 p.m., at the Central Point Bible church. The Rev. John L. Newman and Joe Erickson, Norwegian tenor soloist, who made the film on a recent missionary tour, will be here in person to speak and sing.

The film described as a "missionary film that is different," and includes animal sequences and market place scenes. The picture also points up the work of medical missions with a visit to a hospital where lepers are treated.

The picture runs for 40 minutes and is with sound and in color. The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

## 4-H Members From Three Communities Given Awards

Forty-nine 4-H club members from Valley View, Fern Valley and Wagner Creek received achievement pins Friday night in an award session at Valley View community building.

C. Elwood Hedberg, manager of the Medford branch of the First National bank, presented the awards, which are sponsored by the bank. A Christmas party was held with exchange of gifts. The program had a Christmas theme.

Pins went to 30 members in Valley View, 11 in Wagner Creek and eight in Fern Valley.

Rosalie Twedell, Valley View, received a seven-year pin and six-year awards went to Lorna Chapman, Ardith Chapman and Henry Scott, Valley View, Raymond Swingle and Ronald Daugherty, Fern Valley, Mary Kay Dugan, Valley View, got a

## Fewer Restrictions On Watershed Aid Asked at Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — A committee of the National Watershed Congress yesterday called for the lifting of "undesirable restrictions" on federal aid for development of small watersheds.

The committee, headed by Clair P. Guess Jr., of the South Carolina State Soil Conservation Commission, said the government should recognize it has other interests in watershed development besides flood control.

Guess' committee was the first of 10 which will submit reports during the two day congress. Some 500 delegates from soil conservation associations, farm groups, industrial associations, and conservation organizations are attending the meeting.

About \$10,000,000 was appropriated by Congress last year for construction of upstream reservoirs limited to 2,500 acre-foot capacity. The program is administered by the Agriculture department.

Guess' committee called the program a "mechanism that can and should be employed as quickly as possible in many small watersheds for community safety and well being."

However, the committee said the program contains undesirable restrictions including the use of flood control "as the sole criterion" for federal participation. It added that if the standards are broadened there should be "full and equitable participation in cost by residents of the area to be benefited."

**Seek National Policy**  
The committee also advocated the adoption of a national watershed policy for the guidance of state governments. Its report said that nearly every state in eastern part of the nation "is now considering fundamental water legislation."

Another committee headed by E. H. Taylor of County Gentleman magazine also urged formulation of a more definite national policy.

"Practical reasons and favorable public attitude," the committee report said, "make the primary, or as better known, the small, watershed the most feasible approach to such a policy. By starting with the smaller watersheds the foundation is laid for expanded programs for full resources conservation, development and management."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

## New Experiences Can Change Personalities

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Personality is not rigid but can change as one encounters new experiences or different environments, according to Dr. Julian Rotter, psychologist professor of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Rotter explained that, contrary to the popular conception that personality is molded by the time a child is six, it may change after he enters school because of new experiences in the different surroundings. For the same reason it may change again in college, when he gets married or becomes established in business.

## IKE ENTERTAINS

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower entertained 1st night at a stag dinner for 19 guests.

Tuesday, December 7, 1954

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE



REFUSING to eliminate any part of espionage indictment, federal judge orders J. S. Petersen (above), to stand trial for giving U. S. secrets to foreign power. (International)

## Commission Hits Plan For Mining Operation

Salem — (U.P.) — A protest against a Crystal Creek mining operation in southwest Oregon proposed by J. M. Watt of San Francisco has been filed by the State Game Commission.

Lewis A. Stanley, state engineer, said Watt had filed an application for permission to divert 20 second feet of water from the creek for hydraulic mining and gravel washing. The state protested that there was not that much water in the stream during the summer and fall.

The Game Commission said the water diversion would block the passage of migratory fish in the stream, and the mining operation would destroy spawning beds and pollute the water.

## Pioneer Woman, Mother Of Henry Hess, Passes

Union — (U.P.) — Funeral services will be held here Wednesday for Mrs. Eliza Flamm Hess, 88, mother of Henry Hess. She died Saturday in a Portland hospital.

Hess was once Democratic candidate for Oregon governor and is a former United States District Attorney for Oregon.

Mrs. Hess was the first white woman to settle in the area of Rexburg, Ida., and moved to Union with her husband, prominent eastern Oregon lumberman, in 1907.

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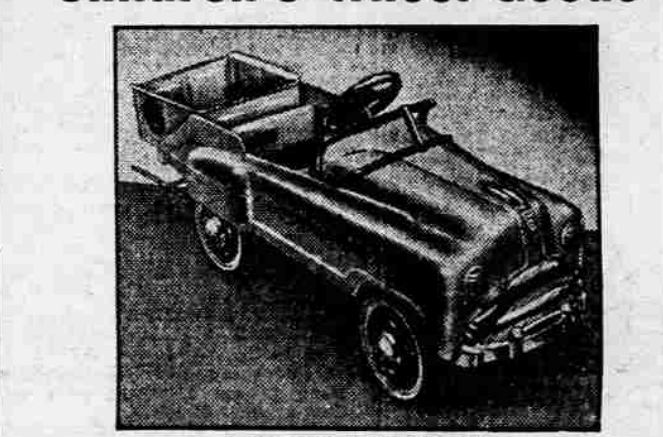
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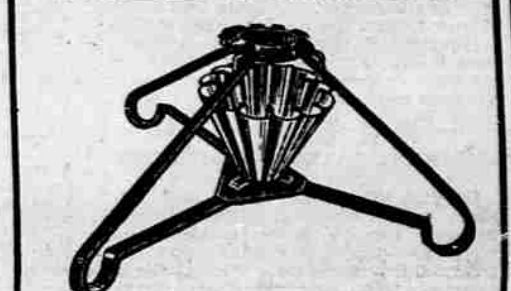
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