

Treasury Men Scoff At Windfall Estimate

Washington — (U.P.)—Treasury officials Saturday scoffed at a claim by Rep. Herbert Zelenko (D-N.Y.) that big business received an unexpected \$5,000,000 "windfall" in the 1954 tax revision program.

Studying Effect

Zelenko has offered a bill to repeal the provision of the tax law.

While denying the \$5,000,000 figure, treasury officials confirmed that they are studying the provision's effect on federal revenue.

Congressional tax sources said

they knew of no basis for the figure estimated by Zelenko. But they said the treasury is concerned that its revenue loss from the provision may run considerably higher than the \$47,000,000 it had anticipated.

Could Deduct Reserves

The provision permits most business firms to deduct for tax purposes some of the funds put in reserve to cover future operating expenses. For instance, firms could deduct reserves for vacation time earned by employees but not yet taken.

The revision was requested by the administration at the urging of accountants and some business men. They said it would simplify matters by helping to put bookkeeping for tax purposes and for business purposes on the same basis.

Silverton Farmer Faces First Degree Murder Charges

Salem — (U.P.)—Casper Oveross, Silverton carpenter and part-time farmer, will go before the Marion county grand jury Monday on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of his one-time neighbor, Ervin O. Kaser, Silverton hop farmer, Feb. 17.

Surprise Move

Marion County District Attorney Kenneth Brown announced the surprise legal move Saturday. It had been expected that the next step in the case would be a preliminary hearing next Wednesday.

The calling of the grand jury for 9:30 a.m. was made over vigorous objections of Bruce Williams, Salem attorney for Oveross, in the District Court of Judge Edward O. Stauffer Jr. late Friday.

Raps Move

Williams called the move "an attempt to deprive my client of the right to a preliminary hearing in the hope of gaining a grand jury indictment on the charge."

Brown denied this and said he was only trying to speed justice. Oveross is in Marion county jail charged with killing Kaser, by firing rifle bullets at him while Kaser sat in his car just outside his Silverton area home.

Judge Orders Dismissal Of \$215,970 Damage Suit

Portland — (U.P.)—U. S. Judge William J. Lindberg of Seattle Friday ordered a \$215,970 suit against Alaska Wrangell Mills, Inc., be dismissed for lack of evidence of fraud and no proof of damage.

The judge, assigned to Portland temporarily, ordered the dismissal after hearing the case for three days.

The suit was brought by Florence Windsor, Pendleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Lucas, Rosemary Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marti and Alvera E. Smith, all of Portland.

The plaintiffs had charged that the Wrangell, Alaska, corporation defrauded them in the sale of \$19,215 of stock in a sawmill.

Anderson Convicted Of Second Degree Murder of Miller

Burns — (U.P.)—James Quinton Anderson, 31, was convicted of second degree murder shortly before midnight Friday for the slaying last November of Richard David Miller, wealthy Klamath reservation horse breeder.

The jury was out about eight hours. A poll of the jury showed 10 voting for the second degree murder verdict.

Sentencing Tuesday

Anderson will be sentenced in Klamath Falls Tuesday. The trial was held here after a charge of venue was granted.

Defense Attorney Herbert P. Welch, who had asked the jury for a "liberty or death" verdict for Anderson, said he would appeal the case. The defense claims it was not Anderson who fired the shotgun blast that killed Miller after a party near Beatty.

Liberty or Death

Welch told the jury that Anderson "has instructed me to ask you to either have him sentenced to death or give him liberty."

Special Prosecutor Charles E. Raymond of Portland told the jury that if it did not believe the slaying was premeditated that a lesser verdict than first degree murder should be returned.

Old-Age Assistance Costs Said Increasing

Portland — (U.P.)—There were fewer old-age assistance cases in Oregon last month than since June of 1945 but the cost is going up just the same, Welfare Administrator Loa Mason said Friday.

Mrs. Mason said there were 20,054 recipients last month. Average payments were \$64.80, which was 89 cents above the average for January of last year. In June of 1945 the average cost was \$35.37.

In other categories, both the number of recipients and the average cost increased.

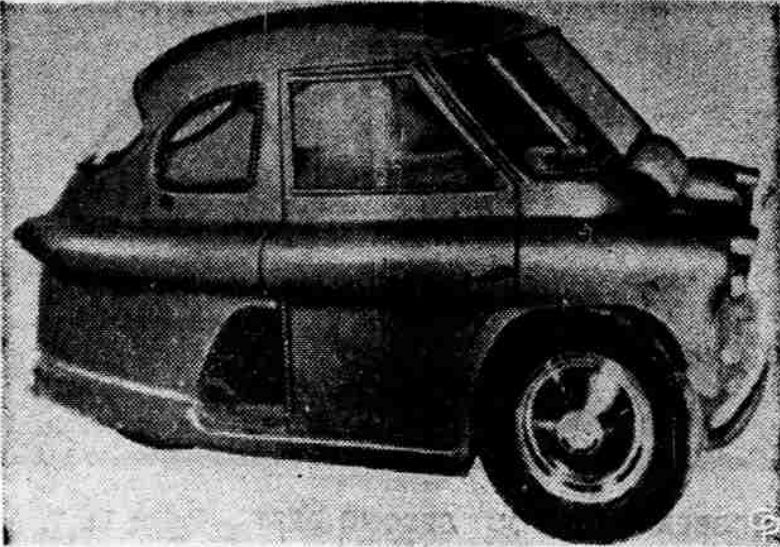
Streetcar Men Approve Wage Hike In Portland

Portland — (U.P.)—Some 900 members of the AFL Streetcar men's union local here Friday night voted to accept a 6-cent hourly pay raise offered by Portland Traction Company.

M. E. Lienard, business representative for the union, said the vote favored the offer by about 2 to 1. The raise will be retroactive to November 1, 1954.

Lienard said the workers also accepted fringe benefits offered by Portland Traction. They include a guarantee of \$150 semi-monthly payments for retired employees.

Streetcar men had demanded a 15-cent hourly boost, plus certain vacation benefits for senior employees. Recently, union members had turned down a company offer for a 4-cent hourly raise.



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As We Live

Need For Scapegoat

It is always easy, when something goes wrong, to pass the buck to someone else or to claim that it was the fault of the thing you were working with. This frees you of all sense of responsibility for the mistake or the poor quality of work done.

Dr. Hurlock

While this may give you temporary satisfaction, sooner or later you will be forced to realize that part of the blame was yours. Then you will begin to feel guilty or inadequate, or both.

Instead of being a buck-passer, it is better to face things realistically and recognize from the first where the responsibility lies. In the long run you will feel better about the matter, even though you may feel guilty or disappointed at first.

First of all, recognize that no one can be perfect, that everyone makes mistakes and that a lot can be learned from mistakes. A person who feels guilty when he falls short of perfection has an unhealthy attitude, perhaps the result of too-high parental expectations and criticism in childhood.

Must Change Attitude

This attitude must be changed before a person can make any headway in taking the blame. Always remember that people are less likely to criticize or blame if you frankly admit that you were at fault than if you try to shift the blame to someone else.

The second step in overcoming the buck-passing tendency is to avoid tackling something you are incapable of doing or that you have not prepared yourself to do. Recognize your limitations, and ask for help or advice instead of plunging into something that is doomed to failure from the start. No one expects you to be able to do everything well. If you try to deceive yourself into believing you can do this, you will have no one to blame but yourself if you make a failure of it.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Relaxation: "I have found that if I sit down and relax for a few minutes several times during the morning and afternoon, I do not get so tired. When my mother is visiting me, she says I am lazy and that she could work from morning to night when she was my age. This makes me feel guilty."

(A) You could work from morning to night too, but you would certainly not do as efficient work and you would be more tired at the end of the day. All efficiency experts agree that a short break does wonders for a worker. Let your mother criticize you for having "new-fangled ideas," but stick to them.

Size of Wardrobe: "Does a high school student need such a big wardrobe as most high school girls insist upon?"

(A) Social life in high school today is such that a girl must have a fairly large wardrobe if she is to fit in. However, a large wardrobe need not be too expensive. Most girls learn to make some of their clothes. Old clothes can be changed and remodeled and new ones bought at sales. For a few years in a young girl's life, a big wardrobe goes a long way toward helping her to make good adjustments to school and people, and toward being happy.

Evenings at Home: "Since our baby came, we have been unable to go out much and my husband is beginning to get very restless. How can I meet this problem?"

(A) It is always an adjust-

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ment, sometimes a very difficult one, for a young man who has been used to going and coming as he pleases to stay at home. Try to make the evenings at home more enjoyable by inviting friends in, playing some game together, or encouraging him to develop a hobby he can work on at home, such as shopwork in the winter and gardening in the summer.

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Americans spend more than \$9,000,000,000 per year for alcoholic drinks.

Red Swing To Heavy Industries May Lower Morale of Russians

Washington — (U.P.)—American officials said Saturday that the Soviet swing from consumer to heavy industry may seriously lower Russian morale and mean less food on the Russian dining table.

Satellite peoples may be even more seriously affected because many of them have in the past known much higher living standards than the Russians, officials added.

The Soviet hierarchy made an effort after Stalin's death to give the Russian people more food, clothes and other items than they previously received. But the government recently abandoned this softer line and said it would place heavier emphasis once again on heavy industry—the kind needed for further industrialization and support of a growing military machine.

See Drop In Food Supply

This poses a question of what will happen to already lagging agricultural production. If tractor and light industry production is curtailed in an effort to get more heavy production, it seems likely the Soviet Union will produce still less food.

A U. S. government report recently said the Soviet Union is already "critically short of foodstuff."

The U. S. Information agency said Russia had less grain per person last year than it had in 1926. The agency admitted that Soviet grain production has been increasing slightly but said the increase has not been enough to keep pace with the growing population.

The agency said Russia has fared just as badly in cattle production. Last year, the agency said, the total number of cows in the Soviet Union was 25,800,000, about 3,000,000 less than in 1916, the year before the Bolshevik revolution.

The agency said the Russian magazine "Problems of Economics" disclosed that the average Soviet collective farm family last year earned less than 3,000 rubles. The agency said a good wool suit costs 1800 rubles in Russia.

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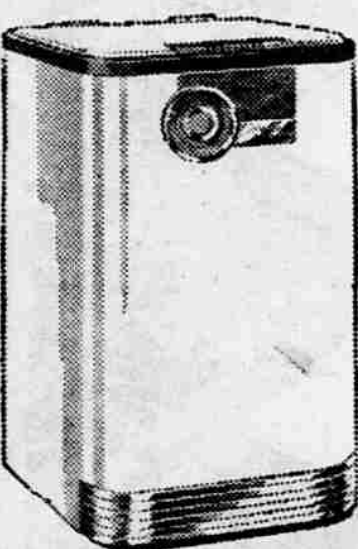
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