

Thornton Urges GOP To Unite in Country's Battle

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Dan Thornton, former governor of Colorado and currently an administrative assistant to president Eisenhower, last night called on Republicans to unite in what he termed the country's battle, "The battle between socialism and Americanism."

Thornton, speaking at the Klamath county Lincoln day dinner last night said, "The coming campaign will not be between Democrats and Republicans but rather between Socialism and Americanism."

Brain Washing

He added that Americans have undergone a brain washing to convince them that government should be the master. "The greatest blow to socialism is the success of the Eisenhower administration," he said.


More than 100 Republicans from Klamath county were on hand for the fund raising dinner and to hear Thornton's remarks in Klamath Falls last night.

The Republican dignitary also stated that one of the greatest blows to Socialism was the Eisenhower administration's proof that America can be strong and business can flourish without war and government controls.

Thornton has four other speaking engagements in the state today and tomorrow as he tours the west addressing Republican rallies.

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Taxpayer Given Choice of Filing Joint Or Separate Return for Income Taxes

Editor's note: This is the second of five dispatches by the commissioner of internal revenue, giving helpful advice to taxpayers. In this dispatch, he discusses a problem that puzzles many married couples—whether to file a joint or separate return.

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Washington — (U.P.) — The only sure way for married couples to tell whether to file a joint return or separate income tax return is to figure the tax both ways.

Generally, married couples save money by filing a joint return. This may be done on either Form 1040A or 1040, depending on whether your combined gross income was less, or more, than \$5,000.

Also, the law allows you to file each year to your own advantage. In other words, you aren't bound to file jointly this year just because you did so last year.

Before going further it might be well to point out that there are certain situations in which joint filings are forbidden. These occur in relatively few cases, but should be remembered. They are: If you are legally separated on or before Dec. 31, 1955; if you are married to a foreign citizen who does not live in this country; or if you and your wife report your income on the basis of different tax years.

Just because your wife had no income in 1955 doesn't prevent your filing a joint return. And, even if you happened to have been married New Year's Eve—before midnight of course—you can still include her in a joint return.

If your wife or husband died during the year and you did not re-marry before the close of the year, you may file a joint return for the full year. And, under certain circumstances, the benefit of income splitting is allowed to the surviving spouse for the two following years.

The joint return usually works out best and the law allows you to choose whichever methods costs you the lesser amount, or gives you the greater refund. Even if your wife worked a little during the year—earned less than \$600 perhaps—it will probably be to your advantage to file a joint return, rather than let her file separately and get the refund.

If she filed a separate return, you could not file a joint return and you would also lose her as an exemption.

If you do file a joint return,

you both must sign and you both become liable for any balance of tax due.

When filing a joint return, you add together the husband's and the wife's income and the exemptions and the deductions of both. And keep in mind that if you file separate returns and one of you itemizes deductions, then the other must also itemize.

A special tax rate table is provided on Form 1040 which automatically splits the taxable joint income reported. If your computations show a balance of tax due, attach a check or money order for the full amount due, made out to the "Internal Revenue Service," to your return before mailing it to your district director.

If you use the card Form

1040A, fill it out and mail to the district director for your locality along with your Form W-2s. The district director will send you a bill or a refund as soon as your return is checked. He will compute the tax on the combined or separate income, whichever results in the smaller tax or larger refund.

Remember, those returns are due not later than midnight April 16. You have a day of grace this year because the legal deadline, April 15, falls on a Sunday.

And, please don't wait to the last minute if you can help it. The sooner you file your return, the better it will be for all concerned.

You will find the correct mail address of your district director on Page 2 of the official instruction pamphlet accompanying the blank returns forms.

Wednesday: How to claim exemptions.



RIGHT ON SCHEDULE—No London bridge falling down is this but San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge being obliterated by fog rolling in after the Bay Area enjoyed a week of sunshine. View is from the San Francisco side looking north toward Marin County. The cables rise to meet the first tower and disappear right before your eyes.

Fir Belt Workers Approve Wage Scales

Portland — (U.P.) — Fir belt workers have approved new wage scales and other benefits by a large majority, according to the ballot committee of the International Woodworkers of America.

The IWA completed ballot counting yesterday and said 93 per cent of the last block of workers in fir belt mills and woods had approved recently negotiated increases.

The approved agreements call for a 4½ per cent increase in wages, improvement in the holiday clause and reduction of qualifying time for vacations. The contracts are effective as of June 1, 1957.

Back Stairs: Ike Should Make Up Own Mind

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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Washington — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the White House: Some of the White House staff are studiously ignoring the outside pressure developing on President Eisenhower to run for a second term.

They say they want the President to make up his own mind first.

And yet some of Mrs. Eisenhower's closest friends are meeting several times a week in Washington, busy mapping plans for corraling Ike votes this fall.

The locations of the rendezvous are known only to police and a few top advisors.

All of this is perfectly normal. But it attracts attention because GOP leaders have gone to great lengths to assure the public they have not discussed second term politics with the President.

Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, the President's doctor, is not endeavoring himself to some of his White House staff colleagues by talking rather freely about the chief executive's condition, and this prior to the big medical checkup in a few days.

Most definitely, Dr. Snyder is in no trouble with the President who thinks that his physician is a fine and competent man.

But there are those in the family circle who would prefer

to have medical information on the President reach the public in a rather precise manner.

The doctors still don't want the President to amble around his Gettysburg, Pa., farm when there is an appreciable amount of ice and snow covering the ground.

They don't like the possibility of his slipping.

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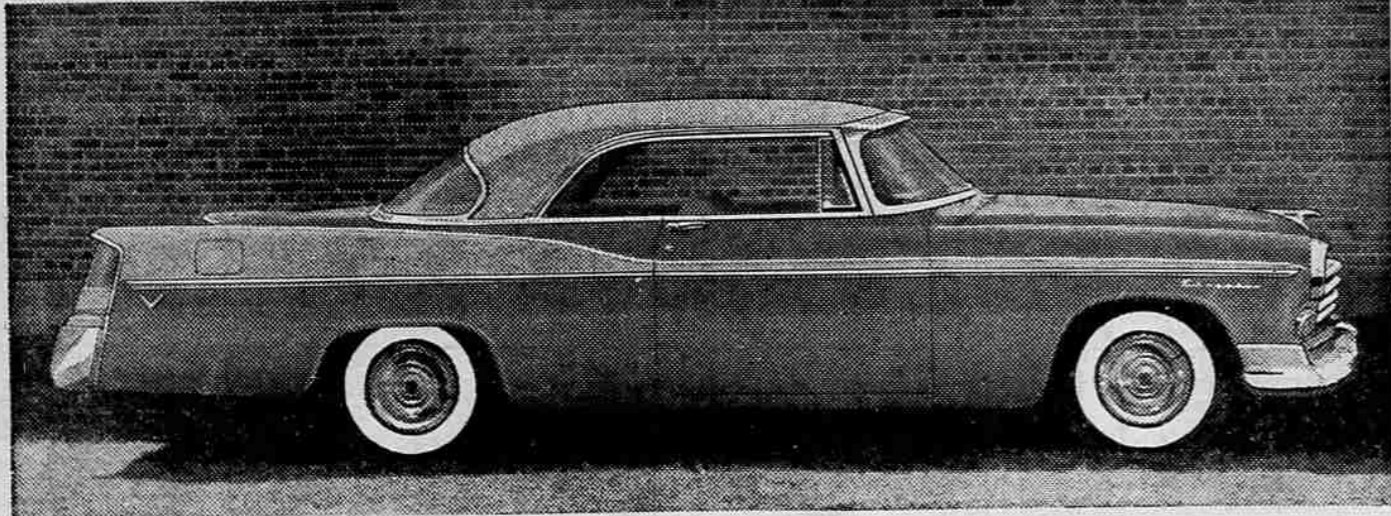
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