

# Detailed Information On Expense Accounts Due on New Tax Forms

Editor's note: There have been conflicting reports for a week about a new question on income tax forms dealing with expense accounts. The United Press has investigated the situation and interviewed top officials of the Internal Revenue Service. The facts are contained in the following dispatch.

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Washington — The Internal Revenue Service said today a new expense account question on income tax forms is a warning to all taxpayers—fat cats and tin.

It amounts to this: The government wants without fail detailed information on all expense accounts.

The Internal Revenue disclosed last week it has inserted the expense account item—line 6A—in the 1957 personal income tax blanks—the ones that are due by next April 15.

It calls for stating on the front of the blank the size of any taxpayer's expense account—the amount if any he received from his employer for such diverse items as taxi fares and convention trips. A full itemized explanation must be attached as a separate sheet.

## Earlier Forms Confusing

Confusion resulted from early interpretations. Whom does line 6A affect? Is the government opening an attack on expense accounts—considered by some as an escape loophole from high income taxes?

Here, from top revenue officials, is the meaning of 6A:

—Internal Revenue is tightening its standing regulation that expense accounts must be declared.

—Line 6A is aimed primarily at taxpayers with buglingly-suspicious expense accounts. But it also is aimed at the little guy with a \$200 annual expense account that he never bothered to report.

—Everyone receiving an expense account, no matter how small, will have to keep a record of it and report it as they should have in the past.

—Revenue officials said failure of many taxpayers to comply with standing regulations on expense accounts brought on line 6A.

—Instructions for old tax forms said: Expense accounts receipts from employers should be added to wages; legitimate expenses for which the payments were made should be subtracted from wages; and the result should be entered as the taxpayer's income.

## Some Didn't Bother

Revenue officials said many taxpayers whose receipts and allowable expenses cancelled

each other simply skipped the whole thing.

Other taxpayers omitted the "detailed statements" or submitted sketchy ones.

Now at line 6A there is a blank space for entering allowable expenses. A "detailed explanation" must be attached. Money from expense accounts as usual is to be added to wages.

They said the average taxpayer has nothing to worry about, it is the man with the yacht for his personal use on his expense account that has to do the worrying.

## Mastermind of Czech Coup Dies

Vienna — President Antonin Zapotocky of Czechoslovakia, who masterminded the Communist coup of his country in 1948, died today of a heart attack. He was 73.

Prague Radio made the announcement on a broadcast and then followed it with funeral music. The broadcast said Zapotocky died two hours earlier following another heart attack.

Zapotocky, who led a charmed life amidst purges behind the Iron Curtain, died in the Prague State Sanatorium. He was taken there seriously ill Nov. 4. He had suffered his first attack two years ago.

Zapotocky was one of the Reds that engineered the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia in 1948 and promptly became premier. He rose to the presidency on the death of Klement Gottwald in March, 1953.

## Sherry Fong Trial

### Recessed To Thursday

Portland — The second degree murder trial of Sherry Fong was recessed until Thursday after a doctor's report that the defendant needs more time to recover from a throat ailment.

The trial was recessed last Thursday after Mrs. Fong became too ill to testify in her own behalf. She is accused of the 1954 slaying of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

## 'ENOUGH'S ENOUGH'

Chicago — A destroyer seaman of cockleshell proportions is getting his steam up over being arrested by the shore patrol. John Kennelly, who's only 5 feet 2 inches tall, has been arrested by authorities 14 times on charges of impersonating a sailor.

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Carol F. — My brother and sister won't share responsibility with me.

Daniel F. — We must think of our families first.

Carol F. — I am an unmarried woman of 40 and I have a problem which seems to get worse as the years go on.

I have a younger sister whom I love dearly and who has been in a mental institution on and off for the past 12 years. The doctors seem to feel she is cured, and then she breaks down again and again under the strain of life outside the hospital.

When she is well, Sylvia comes to live with me and when she is sick, I am the only one who goes to visit her. Our parents are not living and my married brother and sister will have nothing to do with her. I myself am not very well physically and it is a great strain for me to undertake all the responsibility for Sylvia.

I only ask that my brother and sister go to see her occasionally and take her into their homes at times when she is feeling better. Is this too much to ask?

Daniel F. — Carol makes out she is asking only a trifle, yet she understands how big that "trifle" is.

My sister Helen and I are married and have families. We can't keep Sylvia in our homes with the children when we don't know what can happen. The children now know nothing about the whole thing except Aunt Sylvia is ill and in a hospital.

Carol seems to feel we are monsters and have no feeling at all for our unfortunate sister. That isn't true, but we must think of our own families first. We want our children to marry and live normal lives without having the stigma of mental illness attached to them.

As far as we know there have been no other instances of insanity in the family and it is unfair the children should suffer because of this.

The Council: No, it is not a "trifle" that Carol asks. It is a big and difficult thing to do—and Daniel and Helen are not justified in evading that big and difficult thing.

Morally, they are wrong to abandon their mentally ill sister and they are equally at fault in foisting the entire responsibility on Carol. The fact she is single is not quite enough justification for their using her as a kind of dumping ground for the family skeleton.

From a practical point of

view, Daniel and Helen are equally wrong. Family secrets like these seldom remain hidden. Skeletons choose difficult moments to pop out of the closet and frequently create havoc when they emerge. Daniel and Helen owe it to themselves and their family to face the problem courageously.

They should find out from Sylvia's doctor all that can be learned about her illness and the possibility of hereditary mental disease in the family. They may find there is less to worry about than they believe. But if they find there is much to worry about, their children should know when the proper time comes. They may be able to avert tragedy in their own lives if they know the facts.

Daniel and Helen should also discuss with the doctors the problem of taking Sylvia into their homes, for occasional visits. Here again, they may find there is little to worry about.

Whatever answers they get, however, they should remember their attitude toward the situation will leave the most lasting



**SORROWFUL VIGIL**—Mrs. Faye Cordoza maintains a sorrowful vigil in Honolulu for word of her brother, Louis Rodrigues of San Francisco, one of 44 persons missing on Pan American Stratocruiser downed in the Pacific.

impression on their children. They should try to display courage and loyalty, rather than fear and selfishness. (Copyright 1957, General Features Corp.)

## Magazines Face Obscenity Count

Hollywood — Confidential and Whisper magazines face a new trial on charges of conspiracy to commit obscenity but there will be no new testimony. Superior Judge H. Burton Noble agreed Tuesday to drop criminal libel charges and to try the publications on the lesser obscenity count.

Despite the new trial, prosecutors appeared to have won their effort to "clean up" the scandal magazines.

An advertisement signed by Confidential Inc., and Whisper Inc., and Publisher Robert Harrison appeared in Los Angeles and San Francisco newspapers, declaring the magazines would change their format "so as to eliminate expose stories on the private lives of celebrities."

"While we have never felt that such stories violated any laws," the advertisement said, "in a spirit of cooperation with Edmund G. Brown, attorney general of the state of California, and William B. McKesson, district attorney of Los Angeles county, we have agreed with them to so change our format."

## TALKS PROGRESSING

Cairo — Anglo-Egyptian financial negotiations in Rome are progressing "although differences of viewpoints still exist," the Egyptian Finance Ministry said today. A ministry spokesman said Hassan Zaki, chief of the Egyptian delegation, received fresh instructions Tuesday from Finance Minister Abdel Kaysouni. The negotiations deal with financial problems resulting from the Suez crisis last year.

## FIVE DIE IN FIRE

Milan, Italy — Five persons burned to death Tuesday night at nearby Melegnano when the gas tank of a motorcycle exploded and set fire to a farm house. Authorities said the blast occurred when farmer Angelo Agazzi, 41, used a lighted candle to look into the engine of his cycle. The explosion ignited the house which was gutted. Firemen found five charred bodies in the debris.

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