



"JUST A BAD COLD"—Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong, who only a week ago was feared to be near death from pneumonia in Spoleto, Italy, dismisses it all as "just a bad cold," on his return to New York. "I have never felt better," declared the 58-year-old jazz trumpeter.

Tax Sleuths Sleuth Each Other's Forms In Effective System

Washington — (AP) — Who sleuths the tax sleuths? They do.

The tax return of each of the 50,000 employees of the Internal Revenue Service is checked in greater or less detail by another IRS employee, perhaps by several. What's more, it's checked in the same office where the employee works.

Does that mean a tax agent can fill out his return in the expectation that a buddy will go over it with one eye closed?

Officials at IR headquarters in Washington doubt it. More likely, they maintain, the employee wouldn't dare omit any extra income or claim too much exemptions, since the person who audits the return may know too much about the taxpayer's financial affairs.

Checked More Than Once

Moreover, returns selected for full audit are checked more than once, so that it would be difficult if not impossible for an IRS employee to make a "deal" inside his office. (Tax returns of ordinary taxpayers which get a full audit are also subject to review at several levels.)

Top officials feel their system is effective. They say analysis of IRS employees' returns backs up their belief.

Figures made available to United Press International show that a proportionately fewer IRS employees are slapped with back tax claims than are other taxpayers.

Tax people also have less of a tendency to overpay.

Both facts suggest that IRS employees are more careful and more expert in preparing their returns—perhaps even a shade more honest, officials said.

In 1958, the IRS figures showed, 3.8 per cent of all taxpayers' returns got full audits as against 5.0 per cent of those filed by IRS employees.

Of those audited, 61.7 per cent of the general group showed taxes underpaid. In the IRS group it was 24.2 per cent.

In the general group, 9.4 per cent of audits led to refunds. Only 5.0 per cent of IRS employees whose returns were checked completely received refunds.

Below Average

The 613 IRS employees who ended up on the short end of the audits owed Uncle Sam an average of \$106. The 1,442,000 citizens whose returns were deficient owed an average of \$478.

Despite reported complaints from the lower echelons of the Revenue Service, top officials contend that the tax laws are applied to IRS people no more harshly than to anyone else. They also have the same rights of appeal.

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There are 347 students from the United States now studying in Vienna. Most of them are in art schools.