

A Misunderstanding

Proxmire Defeats Own Proposal With Complicated Explanation

By DICK WEST
Washington—(UPI)—During debate on the tax revision bill, Sen. William E. Proxmire introduced an amendment which received only 16 favorable votes.

It has since become apparent why the Wisconsin Democrat's proposal failed so overwhelmingly. There was a misunderstanding.

The other senators understood the amendment all right, but they didn't understand Proxmire's explanation of it. Except for that, it might have received 17 favorable votes.

The amendment would have deprived utilities of investment credits provided in the bill. In support of this move, Proxmire cited a study entitled "Private Investment in the Electric Power Industry and the Acceleration Principle."

The study, complete with tables, algebraic symbols and 37 footnotes, filled eight pages of the Congressional Record with small print. It seems to have baffled a large portion of the Senate.

At least it baffled Sen. Robert S. Kerr, who is by almost any measurement a large portion.

Two days after the study appeared in print, the Oklahoma Democrat arose to

report that he couldn't comprehend anything about it. In fact, he couldn't even pronounce the names of its authors.

He was, however, able to spell them. K-i-s-s-e-l-g-o-f and M-o-d-i-g-l-i-a-n-i.

Kerr also had trouble with the term "econometrica."

"The first time I looked at the expression I thought it was Metrecal," he commented.

Mainly, however, he was baffled by the equations that K-i-s-s-e-l-g-o-f and M-o-d-i-g-l-i-a-n-i used to illustrate economic concepts.

In one place, Kerr pointed out, "I-A T equals 18.9 minus .162 IIR-A T plus 62.9RT." But in another place, "I-A T equals 297 minus .909 IIR-A 5-1 plus 61.6RT -1."

"Exploring through the

ramifications of these algebraic equations has given me more pleasure than when I flunked Greek," he said.

If I were keeping score, I would give Kerr 10 points for harpoonyery. Nevertheless, Proxmire would get the gold star.

Replying to Kerr's drollery, Proxmire wryly observed that "should we follow a policy in the Senate of introducing nothing into the record which the senator from Oklahoma cannot understand that might reduce the size of the record."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

THE NURSES HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR THE PATIENTS WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING ON A STARVATION DIET....



BUT GET A GANDER OF THEM STOKING UP IN THE HOSPITAL CAFETERIA! WOW! GLUTTONY, INC....



Social Warfare Continued By Canadian Freedomites

By DONALD EICHERT
Vancouver, B.C.—(UPI)—When the government displeases them, the Sons of Freedom take their own form of revenge:

They take off their clothes; Or set fire to their homes; Or go on a hunger strike; Or blow something up.

The Freedomites, a splinter group of the Russian-descended Doukhobor religious sect, have conducted their social warfare for 40 years.

Their brand of terrorism—primarily taking off their clothes in public and setting fire to their belongings—began in the mid-20's, when authorities seized Freedomite-held land and belongings as payment for fines members had incurred by refusing to send their children to school.

When authorities took over the property, the Freedomites began protest bombings, arson attacks and disrobing by men and women.

And the battle has been going on ever since. New Dimension
A few months ago the violence took on a new dimension when Freedomites staged arson and bomb attacks at their special Spring Assizes, or conferences, near Nelson, B.C.

They topped their activities by using 200 sticks of dynamite to blow up a 386-foot power transmission tower 25 miles east of Nelson, throwing some 1,000 persons out of work as a result of the power loss.

Only the arrival of 130 Royal Canadian Mounted policemen kept angry "vigilantes" from marching on the Freedomite "capital" of Krestova. Other Canadians, a Freedomite leader says, just don't understand the Freedomites' ideology.

Three weeks later the Mounties staged some dawn raids of their own, rounding up all but one of the Freedomite leaders. Some were charged with terrorism, while 70 of the leaders were accused of masterminding the raids and charged with "conspiring to intimidate parliament."

Launch Drive
While the men sat in jail, Freedomite women launched a "scorched earth" drive to burn their buildings, apparently in protest. They reduced the 130 dwellings in Krestova to fewer than a dozen tarpaper and plywood shacks.

In prison, the men folk did their part by refusing to eat for 16 days. When the conspiracy charges failed to hold up in court, and some of the men were released, they found little to return to.

It was an active but typical year for the Freedomite Doukhobors.

The Doukhobor sect as a whole originated nearly 250 years ago in Russia over a difference among Greek Orthodox clergy as to whether the sign of the Cross should be given with two or with three fingers.

The losing faction, branded "Doukhobors" or "spirit wrestlers" by the church, accepted the nickname but let it signify spiritual struggle instead of heresy.

In Colonies
Living in isolated farming colonies in Russia, the Doukhobors were governed by 12 so-called apostles and 30 elders who generally surrounded their decisions with a wall of anonymity.

Gradually the sect began to divide, primarily into the orthodox, the independent and the Freedomite Doukhobors. It was the Freedomites' refusal to do military service which led to a decade of Czarist persecution in Russia and ended in the migration of the group to Canada.

The Freedomite spectacular—nude, hefty women silhouetted against buildings which they have set on fire—were begun in 1895 in Caucasasia when 2,000 Doukhobors sang psalms around a bonfire of guns in their village—marking renunciation of the use of force.

The Canadian Doukhobors split sharply after 1924 when sect leader Peter Verigin and eight other apspensers aboard a passenger train were killed in a bomb explosion near Furon, B. C. Verigin's son, Peter II, took over the leadership until brushes with the law drove him into exile.

Rift Deepens
His policies deepened the rift between the Freedomites and Canada's 18,000 Orthodox and Independent Doukhobors, who apparently wanted a little less violence.

Sociologists say the public undressing has a dual meaning for the Freedomites. On the religious plane, it expresses the Freedomite's conception of himself as a naked child of God.

on bystanders at their religious services.

Shocking to non-Freedomites, the practice comes naturally to people who maintain mixed communal steam baths.

The Freedomites have danced in the nude while setting fire to buildings, paraded in the nude to protest government actions and ridden 35 miles to jail nude in a railroad boxcar. One parade of naked Freedomites was led by a pretty, blonde girl, riding nude on a white horse.

After being convicted of nudity in public in 1959, some 50 Doukhobors did the only "right" thing: they took off their clothes in court.

Reject Laws
Primarily, the Doukhobors reject man-made laws. They respond only to their leaders who communicate the "Word of God." But pinning the Freedomites down as to who the leaders are has been a difficult task.

There have been few actual leaders. Peter Verigin I, a disciple of Tolstoy, gave the sect its vegetarian, abstinent way of life. His son helped face its non-violent philosophy with an obsession for bombing and arson.

As the terrorism, mostly over the school issue, continued into the last decade, a colorful figure from outside the sect presented himself as a leader.

He was black-bearded Stefan Sorokin, a displaced person

and former Baptist Bible student from Russia. After plying the Freedomites with spiritual advice for two years, Sorokin left British Columbia for Uruguay with \$96,000 in Doukhobor funds, promising to found a new home for the sect.

Found's Empire
Instead, he founded a real estate empire and continued to supply the Freedomites with spiritual guidance, by mail, receiving in return contributions which by 1958 were estimated to total \$300,000.

When a Vancouver Sun reporter exposed Sorokin's activities, the newspaper received a letter from a group of Freedomites who wrote:

"We know we send money to Sorokin. We get all we want from him in spiritual and intelligent advice."

Before this spring's flare-up the Freedomites had been considering a move to a more friendly social climate. The Soviet Union offered to settle the sect in Siberia in 1958, and the Canadian government offered to pay their fare-on the condition they renounce Canadian citizenship.

But Russia later backed down, claiming the move would endanger trade relations with Canada.

Late last year the Freedomites were reportedly dicker for a tract of land in Brazil. Members of the sect say they still might go through with the deal.

Tax Increase Forces Small Company To Move

New Auburn, Wis.—(UPI)—The New Auburn Screw Products Co., New Auburn's only industry, is leaving town because of a 260 per cent tax hike.

"I can see a normal increase in taxes, but this I can't justify," owner Frank Nesvacl said.

"When the tax notice came I couldn't believe it," he said. "But I knew there was no use arguing with them, so I drove to Chicago and hunted up a place."

Taxes on the firm went up from \$290 to \$1,040 in connection with a new state assessment for the town of Sampson.

The firm was founded by Nesvacl 12 years ago. Sales last year exceeded \$50,000.

"If this is the way to attract and keep small business in an area, then I'm glad I'm pulling out before I get it again," Nesvacl said. "The only thing this town has given me in 17 years is one load of gravel for my loading ramp. I even plow out my own road in the winter time."

A tax assessor disagreed with Nesvacl.

"His taxes aren't too high for what he's got there," said Carl Melon. "He's been getting

Nancy Kwan Expects First Child in April

London—(UPI)—A actress Nancy Kwan, currently filming in London, announced today that she and her husband, Austrian ski instructor Peter Pock, expect their first child next April.

Miss Kwan and Pock, both 23, were married in ceremonies in London, Hong Kong and Austria last June.

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