

Kennedy's Tax Cut Program Has Union Support

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An AFL-CIO spokesman emphasized today that organized labor was supporting President Kennedy's tax cut program "for one single purpose — to help create badly needed jobs."

The labor official urged more generous rate cuts for low-income taxpayers and elimination of what he called "unwarranted" tax benefits for corporations.

Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO legislative director, made the comments in a statement prepared for Senate committee hearings on the \$11 billion tax cut bill passed by the House Sept. 25.

Biemiller said the AFL-CIO "is for a tax cut" because "we believe that the funds it would release would significantly help create the additional jobs this country urgently needs."

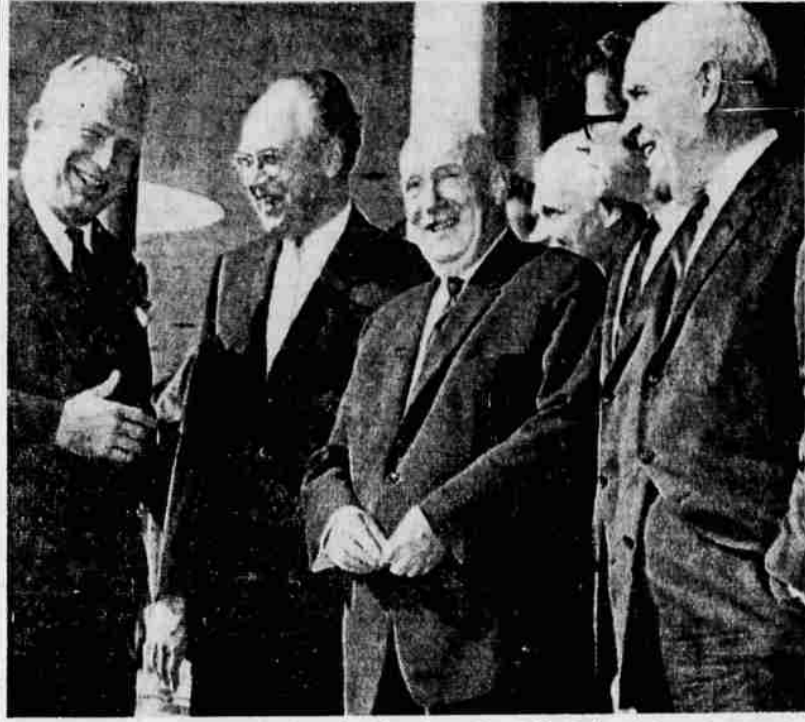
However, he suggested a number of revisions, including a scaling down of rate reductions given to corporations in the House measure.

Instead of a cut from 52 to 48 per cent in the top corporate tax rate, Biemiller recommended it be limited to 50 per cent, and the \$1 billion thus recouped be spread to low-income wage earners.

In the face of the nearly \$2.5 billion in tax relief handed business last year through depreciation reform and the investment credit, he said, "we see little merit in a cut in the top corporate tax rate at this time."

GETS NEW POST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Walter C. Williams, former director of Project Mercury, has been named operations director for all manned flight missions. The announcement was made Wednesday by George E. Mueller, associate administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He said all NASA, defense and other teams would report to Williams.



DELEGATION AT LUNCHEON — Soviet trade delegates had a "courtesy lunch" at the State Department in Washington with Undersecretary of State George Ball before opening talks on a wheat-to-Russia deal with private American traders. Here, prior to the luncheon, are, from left, Ball, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, Sergei Broisov, first deputy Soviet foreign trade minister; an interpreter, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, and Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges. (UPI)

Labor Leaders Hope Goldwater Wins Nomination

WASHINGTON (UPI)—AFL-CIO union leaders are quietly hoping that Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., will win the Republican presidential nomination in 1964.

Their hopes are based on an admiration for Goldwater but on a belief that he will solidify organized labor's support for President Kennedy's re-election.

Union political strategists said today that Goldwater was far more vulnerable than his potential GOP rivals on issues of great concern to the AFL-CIO.

Would Kill Support

They said that Goldwater's support for state "right-to-work" laws which ban the union shop and his proposals for

other restrictions on collective bargaining would kill chances of labor support for his candidacy.

"I can't think of a single labor leader who would come out for Goldwater," one union official said. "That's not true of some other Republicans."

He said New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Michigan Gov. George Romney or Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton all would be able to attract some union backing as the GOP candidate in a presidential campaign.

Concerned Over Defections

AFL-CIO officials said they were concerned over possible labor defections from Kennedy's camp in 1964 because of

administration actions since the President took office.

A few railroad union leaders are annoyed over compulsory arbitration legislation sought by Kennedy to avert a threatened nationwide rail strike. Buildings trades chiefs were reported to be grumbling about anti-discrimination measures aimed at their organizations.

Nomination of Goldwater by the Republicans, however, would give them virtually no alternative but to endorse Kennedy, one union strategist said.

Even Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa, whose feud with the Kennedy family is well-known, has said that he would not help Goldwater get to the White House.

The Medical Roundup

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UNMARRIED PARENTS

I wish all families who have a son or a daughter who is faced with the terrible problems of parenthood — perhaps too early in life and without the benefit of clergy — could read the March-April 1963 number of "Children," published by the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C. A copy can be obtained for 25 cents.

In this particular number of the magazine there are excellent articles on several phases of illegitimacy; about gaps in our services to unmarried mothers; legal protections for the unmarried mother and her child; provisions for the carrying on the education of teen-age unmarried mothers; care-work services for unmarried fathers; and the community's part in preventing illegitimacy, and dealing with it when it comes.

According to Hannah M. Adams and Ursula M. Gallagher, in 1960 there were in the United States 224,300 births out of wedlock. Thirty-seven per cent of the mothers were white. Authorities tell us that in recent years the rate of illegitimacy has doubled. In 1960 there were 91,700 illegitimate children born to teen-age girls; 48,300 of them in school. The rate of out-of-wedlock pregnancies was highest, not among teen-agers — as many people have been led to believe — but among women between 20 and 30 years of age.

A while ago it was estimated that 2.5 million of the children in the United States, under 18 years of age, were born out of wedlock. Only 13 per cent of the mothers were receiving aid to dependent children. It is not true that most unmarried mothers are recipients of aid.

Many of the unmarried mothers are bright, and come from good homes; but one in three does come from a family on relief. One in 6 gets help from a welfare agency. Often the pregnant girl does not apply for help because she does not want her relatives to learn of her trouble, or she does not want her child to be taken from her, or she does not want her parents to pressure the lad who got her into the trouble to marry her. During their time of waiting, half of the unmarried girls live with parents or relatives; 16 per cent live by themselves, 13 per cent live in foster homes, and 11 per cent are cared for in maternity homes.

At present, we have some 190 maternity homes — with beds for 5,000 girls and women. Often, 90 per cent of these beds are filled.

In 1961, the number of adoption petitions granted was around 66,100, which means that 29 per cent of the illegitimate children born were given out to adoption. Most unmarried mothers keep their babies, but as yet little is known as to how these mothers manage to take care of their child. Also, we do not know how often the teenage girl goes on with her education.

It is estimated that of the 2.5 million illegitimate children now in this country, 31 per cent have been adopted, and 13 per cent have been receiving aid. Little is known about what has happened to the remaining 56 per cent.

A helpful chapter in the journal is by Prof. Sanford N. Katz on the legal protections needed by the unmarried mother and her child. As can easily be imagined, unmarried motherhood can have many emotional and psychological repercussions, especially when the person is still a youngster in high school.

Father Has Problem

The unmarried father has problems, and sometimes he is in great need of advice and help. Sometimes he ought to be taught to take some responsibility for his child and for the girl whom he got into trouble.

Rubin Pannor tells of "Robert," a high school student, who was stunned and frightened when he learned of his Barbara's pregnancy, and realized that he had done something very wrong. His worries caused his grades to go down so low that he almost failed to graduate. As usual in these cases, Robert said he had never had any idea of marrying Barbara, and besides, he was in no way ready for marriage. He was too young; he had no money, and he still had many years of study ahead of him.

Another type of much-disturbed man found by Pannor was one who was married, but had just had a child by a young woman other than his wife. Among the questions he was facing were: Should he tell his wife? How should the new child be provided for; and if the young mother insisted on keeping the child, what would be his relationship to it? What would be the child's relationship socially and in a court of law — to it's father's father. Should the child or can the child inherit money from his father and his grandfather, when these persons die?

As a physician, I have talked over some of these problems with troubled people, and so I know how very disturbing they can be.

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SEEKS SUPPORT

LAGOS, Nigeria (UPI)—Kadiri Olupo, a 41-year-old garbage cleaner, came weeping to the newspaper Morning Post Wednesday and begged for money to help support his newborn quadruplet children.

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