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Right in the Middle

By DEB ADDISON

"How would you," the young man asked, "like to have the subject for a good editorial?"

Uh-huh.

"Take me, for instance, a representative of the younger generation." (Short turn in navy, college, married and working a couple of years, one baby, a white collar man.)

"I don't see that this country is the land of opportunity like it was once. You can't take a chance and make a killing any more; you can't save up from a salary and get ahead. Government regulations take care of that."

"If you made a million dollars, the government would take ninety some per cent of it. When you get done paying your income taxes you blow the rest because it isn't in the scheme of things to save and make something with it."

When the state ratified the 16th amendment in 1913 which stated, "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration," it took the first step toward socialism.

The income tax is a vicious and undermining influence because it taxes industry and efficiency, the qualities that made the country great.

But think of the security you have—

"We may have security, but I don't think it's worth the price. The people who settled this part of the country didn't have security, and look what they did."

"I have a car, with a radio in it, and smoke cigarettes and have plenty to eat because my dad didn't have these things—but where does it get me?"

"I think a transactions tax—yeh, a sales tax—would be better. Then, if you want to spend your money, you'll help the government going, but if you want to save it you can, to go into business or do something with later."

Mister, you're a radical, though most people would call you a reactionary. Keep thinking these things. Maybe you'll infect some others of your younger generation. Maybe it will take some fresh thinking of your generation to straighten some of these things out.

Taxation without representation was the British thorn-in-the-side that the colonies resented. The framers of the Constitution realized that if the voting of appropriations by Congress was to be on a basis proportional to population, the taxes levied to meet these appropriations must be on the same basis.

The progressive income tax has destroyed this fundamental practice. It has resulted in the expenditures of money at popular request without assessment of the full cost of the appropriation against those who would benefit.

Without this amendment, allowing the income tax, any socialization of our economy would have been impossible. No person would favor surrendering his money to the government part to be paid back for the things vote-seeking executive officials thought he should have.

Since 1913, when the income tax amendment was passed, annual federal expenditures have mushroomed from \$735 million to the \$85,000 million asked today. The national debt has increased from a little over \$1 billion in 1913 to the present \$260 billion. The number of employees of the federal executive branch has increased from 470,000 in 1913 to 2,500,000 now.

Can you visualize a billion? One of our mathematicians has figured it out this way.

Stand on Link river bridge. Assume that 1250 cubic feet of water pass under you every second. You would have to stand there two years, 57 days, 31 minutes and 50 seconds to watch 85 million cubic feet of water pass under you.

That's the number of dollars asked for in President Truman's budget.

James Marlow

ABC's

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series explaining how to make out your income tax return for 1951.)

WASHINGTON — For each exemption you can legally claim you knock \$600 off your income before the rest is taxable.

There are various exemptions and rules covering them. Husbands, wives, dependents, blind people, people 65 or over, and people who were born or died in 1951.

Husbands and wives— Everyone with \$600 or more income last year must file a return. And everyone who does so gets a \$600 exemption for himself.

A wife is not considered a dependent. If she had no income, and you file a return but she doesn't, you claim an exemption for her. If she had any income, no matter how small, you get no exemption for her unless she files jointly with you.

Where a husband and wife each had income but file separate returns, each claims his own exemption.

Can a wife be claimed as a dependent by someone like her father—it must be a close relative—who supported her? Yes.

But then her husband can't claim any exemption for her because, when she's claimed as the dependent of another, she can neither file jointly with her husband nor claim any exemption for herself.

If a wife does file jointly with her husband, she can't be claimed as a dependent by anyone else even though the latter supported her.

In short, a wife can't be claimed as an exemption on two returns.

Couples divorced or legally separated any time in 1951—even as late as Dec. 31—must file separate returns for the year. Each then gets only his own exemption.

Even though a husband paid all the support of a divorced or legally separated wife he can't claim an exemption for her.

Husbands and wives living apart by Dec. 31, 1951, but not divorced or legally separated during that year, may file a joint return.

A man and wife are considered married for all of 1951 if they were married as late as Dec. 31, 1951.

Dependents— Although no one has to file a return unless he had \$600 or more income, a quirk in the old law said you couldn't claim as a dependent anyone who had \$500 or more income. That's been changed.

Now you can claim as a dependent—no matter how young or old—anyone who had less than \$600 income in 1951, who received more than half his support from you, and who is closely related by blood, marriage or adoption as follows:

Your child or grandchild; a step-child but not his children; a legally adopted child; a brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister; your parents, grandparents, or other ancestors; your step-father, step-nephews; your father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

As an illustration of what close relation by blood means, you can't claim a cousin as a dependent.

Some government payments to veterans are taxable. You can claim as a dependent a veteran who, although receiving tax-free government money, had less than

They'll Do It Every Time



Beck Denies Union Shift

NEW YORK — When is the right time to retire? That problem is becoming of great concern to social workers who see America becoming a land of long-living greybeards.

And more and more they question the wisdom of automatically turning out to uneasy pasture at 65 men who are still vigorous and healthy.

It seems to me that people who have the least immediate likelihood of being able to retire are the ones who are loudest in saying they want to.

And it might also be true that the less anybody knows about life the more he wants to retire.

When is the right time to retire? "Now!" squalls the newborn babe, looking dimly about him in red-faced anger at the perilous, puzzling world of strange sights and sounds he has unwillingly entered.

"I surely will have enough money at 30 to quit," hopes the young college graduate, and begins making notes for his memoirs.

"About 50 will be right for me—and I'll spend the rest of my life traveling," muses the fellow of 35.

"I guess I'll hang on until I'm 65," he says at 50, educated to the falling value of money and a growing disinclination for long journeys.

"If they'll just let me stay on working until I'm 70 I won't mind," he says at 64, now in love with the job he has complained against for 40 long years.

But at 69 he speaks out in panic: "Retire? Never. I'm a better man now than I ever was. What is experience for—just to throw away as junk?"

And if he is forced into retirement, he goes grudgingly and sore of heart.

He has carved a pattern in the wilderness world that frightened him as a baby so long ago, and he hates to yield that pattern for a formless new world of retirement, where he will again feel himself a stranger—a pioneer in idleness.

By now he knows that idleness and vague yearnings for a life of complete ease are for the young and unknowing. He has learned himself that rust is the red warning of death and decay.

Success used to be the old American dream, when success was measured in dollars and cents. But for millions of people today there is a new American dream—retirement.

It is a beautiful dream—as a goal. But it is like most other dreams, goals, and fair women. The closer you get, the more the wrinkles show. A star is pale and cold and lovely far away in the evening sky. But if you ever came near it, it would roast you into a clinker.

So does the dream of retirement turn a man ashy when he achieves it and finds it a nightmare. He no longer wants to taste lotus. Heaven is a nice thing to think about, too, except when you get pneumonia.

The theory of retirement is exactly backward. If it is true, as Bernard Shaw quipped, that youth is too wonderful to waste on young people, so is retirement too terrible a plague to visit on old people, who know the value of keeping busy.

What the government should do is retire all people at the age of 25, then put them back to work at 50 and let them stay happy at their tasks until they die. Their will is strong—if they ever did.

I'd like to try it myself. I'm only 40, and I sure could use ten years of retirement right now.

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Taft Party Candidate Robert Taft, Ohio Senator, Will Appear Here Feb. 14

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NEW YORK — A New York Journal-American story that the aging president of the Teamster's Union had "turned control" of the union over to Dave Beck was denied by Beck in a telephone conversation from Miami, Fla., The Post-Intelligencer said Thursday.

The Journal-American said 77-year old Daniel J. Tobin had called union officials to his Miami suite in small groups, telling them to consult Beck in the future on organizing matters.

Beck, the union's executive vice president, reported in the phone call, the Post-Intelligencer said, that he was opening offices in Washington, D. C.

Nothing has happened, he was quoted, "except that I have been given certain extra responsibilities, among them the direction of the international organizers."

Beck, who started as a union organizer in 1926 and has risen to his present important position, said he expected to spend as much time in Seattle as formerly the Post-Intelligencer said.

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Cynthia Louisa

Next time you meet a blind man, you'll probably be amazed at the way he is able to handle himself. In fact, you'll probably tell him so, and you'll probably go away impressed by his manners, his good humor and his poise.

Chances are that this man, as a matter of self-protection, has taken a special course in the fine art of coping, politely and patiently, with people who can see.

The American Foundation for the Blind has compiled a list of "don'ts" for persons in casual contact with the blind. It is unfortunately true, however, that there are about two blind persons for every 1,200 of the population and, as a consequence, most of the population doesn't remember—if it ever sees—the rules. So it is that most of the nation's 16 training—or "adjustment"—centers for the blind have tried to solve the problem by equipping the blind with an understanding of the average, unthinking reactions of a person with eyesight to blindness.

VALUABLE

A young Dutch psychologist named Herman Roose, now traveling the United States on a United Nations fellowship, thinks this course is one of the most valuable projects he can take back for the benefit of the blind of his country.

There seem to be certain subconscious reactions by some people when in contact with persons who are blind. One of them, Roose said, is a tendency to shout, as if the blind person were also deaf. This tendency, however, is not limited to the blind alone. Most of us, if we don't stop to think, also speak more loudly to people with a faulty or sketchy knowledge of English, as if added decibels would add to their understanding.

Another apparently normal reaction is a tendency to address conversation concerning the blind per-

son to his companion who can see. Frequently a host will remark to another person, "How many lumps of sugar does Henry like in his coffee?" Henry, if he's been trained to handle the situation, knows how to jump into the conversation and get over this distressing bottleneck.

Reactions to the blind are explained and probed in this course, so that the blind person has perception and understanding of the stumbling rudeness, the domineering motivated by sympathy and the downright offensive solicitude so frequently encountered.

However, in case you run into a blind man or woman in the near future, here are some things to avoid. In some instances, they apply pretty well to persons handicapped in other ways and even to some elderly ones.

Don't talk to him as though he were deaf.

Don't express sympathy for him in his hearing.

Don't be afraid to use the word "see" in his presence.

Don't give him more help than he actually needs; usually placing his hand on some object is enough to give him his bearings to go on by himself.

NO PUSHING

Don't push him when walking; merely offer your arm and then walk in as straight a line as possible.

PETITION

ASHLAND — Kefauver-Ford President petitions were being circulated in Ashland Thursday. Backers of the Tennessee Senator organized a committee here to get his name on the Oregon Democratic primary ballot. Dr. Arthur Kreisman is temporary chairman of the committee.

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