

Free OKs Family Exemption Hike

Single persons and married couples without children would pay more tax. Couples with one child would have the same exemptions as now, and those with two or more children would pay less tax. The single person's exemption would be reduced from \$750 to \$600, and the exemption for a married couple would be cut from \$1,500 to \$1,200. Exemptions for each dependent would be increased from \$300 to \$600.

Every person over 60 years old would get an extra \$300 exemption, and blind persons would get an additional \$600 exemption.

The committee, holding a night session, voted 7 to 1 to change the personal exemptions. The vote for the extra exemption for those over 60 was 5 to 3. The committee decided unanimously on the doubled exemption for the blind.

Here's how the exemptions would be changed for couples with children:

With one child, exemptions would remain \$1,800; two children, increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400; three children, from \$2,400 to \$2,700; four children, \$2,700 to \$3,000; five children, \$3,000 to \$3,300.

Employers and labor were scheduled to tangle at a public hearing Wednesday afternoon on the employer-sponsored bills to restrict unions. They would ban picketing to influence employees to join a union, require strike votes of employees before a strike could be called, and permit union members to sue their unions.

PROTECTION

Employers argue the bill is needed to protect small businesses, but union leaders claim their unions would be destroyed. The hearing is before the House Labor and Industries Committee.

The Senate Highways Committee heard arguments on the House-passed bill to permit tolls to be charged on the existing Portland-Vancouver bridge in order to finance a second bridge. The new bridge would be completed in five years.

Most of the opposition comes from labor, which says the tolls would hurt the pocketbooks of workers who cross the bridge daily. The toll would be 15 cents a car.

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FIRE HITS WATERFRONT — Smoke rises from warehouses on the Wilmington, N. C., waterfront as fire and explosions threatened to spread to the business district. At least six firemen were seriously injured and others hurt as materials stored in the warehouses blew up.

Science Says Chicken Hero

ST. LOUIS (A) — Scientists pointed today to the chicken as the heroine of the barnyard. They said if all farm creatures would become as efficient as the hen Americans need never worry about eating well.

Forty years ago the average hen produced about 87 eggs a year's work. Today each hen turns out about 195 eggs in a year.

Her efficiency increased in still another way. She used to require 2.25 pounds of feed for a dozen eggs—now she gets the same re- sults on only 6.9 pounds.

These figures came out today at the National Farm Chemurgy Council meeting, a conference of farm leaders, industrialists and scientists on how to make farming more profitable and efficient.

In an interview Dr. R. M. Bethke, director of research for the Ralston Purina Company, feed producers, said the chicken also has increased in meat-producing efficiency about one-fourth. Broil- ers now are turned out in about three-fourths of the time it formerly required, he said.

The hen's efficiency has been increased by breeding; by develop- ment of new feeding methods; by eliminating disease and by cre- ating new feed elements, the feed experts said.

Visitor Loses Valuables

A check book and savings ac- count book belonging to Mrs. Alice Oliver, a visitor here, was lost Tuesday somewhere in downtown Klamath Falls. About \$20 in cash was with them.

Mrs. Oliver is visiting with the Harry Levey family here. She thinks she may have dropped it at the Postoffice or the Quality Market, but checks there showed nothing had been found.

The books are from the Baker Boyer bank of Walla Walla, Wash. Anyone finding them is asked to phone 8329.

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Why Do Enemy Captives Continue Bloody Fights?

(Editor's Note—John Randolph, veteran Associated Press corres- pondent in Korea, has made a tour of Communist prisoner of war camps to see why violence per- sists long after the United Nations Command thought it had been brought under control. This is the first of a series of three stories presenting his observations after nine days among the camps.)

By JOHN RANDOLPH

KOREA ISLAND, Korea (A)—Why do Communist captives still riot in bloody battles over the prison islands of South Korea?

Is it the result of any mistreat- ment or brutality by the United Nations Command—as the bitter Red radio at Peiping claims again and again? Is it the work of trig- ger-happy guards supplied by the U. S. and Republic of Korea Armies?

Or is it some peculiar madness inside the prisoners themselves—some innate Communist frenzy fu- eled by unreasonable hatred and magnified by the mental pres- sure of long confinement?

Saturday's riots on the islet of Yoncho, where 23 North Korean Reds were killed and 43 wounded, raises these questions.

Such violence was understand- able and probably inevitable in May and June last year after the Reds had gained control of their huge, 5,000-man compounds on Koje Island and had seized the camp commander, Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd.

DISAPPOINTMENT

But Dodd's rescue and the break- up of the Reds into smaller, more manageable compounds has not ended even the major violence— as many hoped and expected it would do.

Last October, well after the breakup, more than 50 Chinese Communists were killed in a riot in their new camp on Cheju Is- land, far off Korea's southwest coast. Only last January nearly 90 North Korean Reds met a like fate on the islet of Pongnam.

In between have been more than a score or more of other "incidents" that include murderous at- tacks on Allied guards, shooting of mutinous single prisoners, and frequent compound "suicides" that look suspiciously like Communist lynchings.

What are the reasons for this un- ending, bloody violence so com- pletely different from America's World War II experience with Ger-

man, Italian and Japanese prison- ers of war?

To get these answers and others like them I made a nine-day tour of U. N. prison camps in South Korea—traveling nearly 1,500 miles by air, train, boat and jeep, and trudging many other miles afoot.

I talked to high-ranking com- manders and to buck private com- pound commanders, watched the prisoners at work, play and rest, and visited their compounds and workshops. I saw some prisoners so savagely anti-American they spat curses as we passed—and others so friendly they serenaded us with a brass band.

NO BRUTALITY

You cannot see everything in nine days, but I can say without qualification that not once in any camp did I see a single act of U. N. brutality or mistreatment—not even minor "hazing." On the contrary, I saw many positive acts of genuine kindness and friendli- ness by Allied troops.

It is true that there always was a steady display of Allied weapons, and the continual presence of over- whelming military force. But as long as the individual prisoner be- lieved himself, he got far more consideration from his guards, both American and South Korean, than any American rookie gets from his sergeant at recruit camp. As for prisoners' food, clothing, shelter and medical care, it was beyond reproach.

To explain the sudden bloody outbreaks that have haunted the Prisoner of War Command for more than a year, the American officers and men give these general reasons:

1. Prisoners in the Communist

camp have never "surrendered" mentally and still wage war as Red soldiers at every opportunity.

2. Die-hard Communist leaders in the Red camps hold daily and nightly rabble-rousing sessions to goad their men into even more bitter hatred of the Americans and the U. N.

3. There is a possibility that message of instructions still reach some of the Red compounds by means of Communist espionage agents.

4. Many Reds, most of them confined for more than two years, are going "stir crazy" and would commit acts of violence under any circumstances.

BIG REASON

"The biggest reason is that these prisoners are not prisoners at all in their own minds," explains Col. H. L. Taylor of Arlington, Va., at Korean camp commander Taylor has general supervision over three sub- camps at Chogu, Pongnam and Yoncho.

"They see themselves as Red soldiers cut off behind enemy lines. As Communists, they must go on fighting at the risk of their lives to do us all the damage they can—to tie down our troops, try to shake our nerve, and try to make us look bad in the eyes of the world."

To combat this Red strategy, the men who run the camps try every remedy they know. Com- pounds are kept small enough to handle—not more than 500 men each. A strict eye is kept for trou- ble brewing, and too ambitious compound leaders are pulled out and isolated whenever they can be located.

Informers are planted in danger-

ous compounds whenever possible, and two American soldiers are kept in each one during the day- light hours. Sharp inspections are made at random intervals at night. Day and night, the strictest la- zation is maintained to keep down the possibility of message sending.

Every camp, too, has a quiet and hard-working intelligence sec- tion that keeps its fingers on the pulse of each compound—often pre- dicting and thereby avoiding trou- ble in advance.

FATAL INJURY
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