



"I don't suppose he has very much money, Mom—but we're not getting married till after payday!"

Sickness, Accident Payment For Tax Returns Described

(Editor's Note: What sickness and accident payments are deductible from your federal income tax? The Oregon Association of Public Accountants' Tax Information Committee has prepared this discussion. Herald and News presents it as a reader service.)

If you received any pay while absent from your employment because of sickness during 1955, or if you received any accident or sickness benefits, this pay or these benefits may be tax exempt under the 1954 law—if they meet certain conditions.

As clarified by the new tax code, all such payments are specifically taxable unless they meet certain tests, which are broad enough to guarantee tax exempt treatment in more cases than was possible under the pre-1954 law.

Under the new law, now in its

Red Economy Reported Okay

PASADENA, Calif. (U. S. — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said last Tuesday night "the Russian economy is not about to fall apart—the Russians are not about to starve."

He told a YMCA-sponsored Leaders of America audience at California Institute of Technology that his tour of Russia last July convinced him there is no serious discontent among the Russian people—that the police state has effectively eliminated its most likely detractors.

Douglas said the advent of nuclear warfare and the emergence of a new set of great world powers makes any alternative but peaceful co-existence of nations out of the question.

He said Russian agriculture and industry has made tremendous strides and added:

"There is so much evil in communism that it is hard to realize that the Communist system can produce something not totally bad." He said the basic Soviet strategy remains unchanged from the days of Stalin and Russia's policy of internationalism will go forward under the Kremlin leaders.

Russia is bound to exert tremendous influence in the economic and political development of Asia, the justice told the group.

HERSHOLT RECOVERS
LOS ANGELES (U. S. — Actor Jean Hersholt was recuperating today in St. Vincent's Hospital from a major operation performed yesterday. His doctors said he could go home in about a week and resume "at least some of his work" in three or four weeks.

Stevenson Leads Democratic Race

(Editor's Note: This is one of four dispatches written by the United Press Washington bureau chief and top political writer, giving a closeup profile on the Democratic presidential hopefuls.)

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WASHINGTON (UP) — Adlai E. Stevenson is slugging this year for the Democratic presidential nomination which he all but brushed aside in 1952. As of today he is far ahead of the pack—and running hard.

The 1956 model Stevenson is a different man and somewhat different candidate, now aged 56 years. The crew-cut crew in the Brooks Brothers outfit which dignified his Springfield, Ill., campaign headquarters four years ago are loyal, still. But they are less evident. He has strong support in the Americans for Democratic Action, the hard core of FDR's New Deal.

Political Savvy
A delicate decision for the rough and tumble of politics which some sensed in the Stevenson camp in 1952 is less discernible now. Headquarters has been shifted to big and boisterous Chicago where politics is rough and ready. And the man himself seems to have picked up a lot of political savvy since 1952.

The political pros are taking over the Stevenson campaign. His campaign manager is James P. Finnegan, a graduate of Philadelphia's well adjusted Democratic organization. Finnegan was a factor in Gov. George M. Leader's successful 1954 Pennsylvania campaign.

Stevenson is the man to beat with the Democratic convention more than six months away. Two men, especially, are out to beat him and there are some dark horses. The two are Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Harriman, coy, has not formally announced his "active" candidacy. Kefauver is in officially and he may be a real factor in the pre-convention scramble.

Prosperity And Peace
Stevenson announced his candidacy Nov. 15 on a platform of a safer and safer world—prosperity and peace. By now he has agreed to enter presidential primary contests in California, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. He will meet Kefauver head-on in California and Florida, perhaps in Minnesota.

A primary defeat would be disabling although not necessarily deadly to his candidacy. Stevenson's managers already claim more informally pledged delegates than the simple majority necessary to nominate.

Stevenson is a left-of-center candidate much in the Roosevelt-Truman tradition, but with a qualification. The 1956 model Stevenson evidently has sensed something new in the political atmosphere.

He has pegged his campaign on "moderation"—a word fresh in recent Democratic presidential politics.

Attacks Foreign Policy
But Stevenson will substantially conform to big labor's party line in his political pronouncements, as any man must to obtain the Democratic nomination. He will go about as far as labor desires toward amending or repealing the Taft-Hartley Act.

Stevenson's pre-convention campaign has built up to a rip-saw attack on Eisenhower foreign policy. By mid-January Stevenson was demanding the scalp of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles—or that the President repudiate

salesmen for special interests."

Prosperity
"We climbed together from the trough of depression which we

Democrats had inherited from the Republicans. And, today, most Americans dwell upon the plateau of prosperity which the Republi-

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Stevenson is a graceful speaker with a knack for whiplash humor. His opponents call him an "egg-head." Some friends and foes, alike, believe his stuff sometimes is too subtle for the common man. The word around is that Stevenson's handlers suggest that he ease away from the wisecracks, bright though they may be. Habits, however, are hard to break.

Polled High Vote
The comparative conclusion of the TV studio and the chartered airplane were basic in Stevenson's 1952 campaign mechanics. But the 1956 Stevenson is likely to do more sweating with the crowds.

He is divorced which could be a factor against him. But that didn't seem to hurt much in 1952 when he polled 27,314,992 votes—a record for a loser and a total exceeded only by two winners, FDR and Mr. Eisenhower himself.

Former President Truman obtained Stevenson's nomination four years ago. The candidate seemed not to count Mr. Truman a prime campaign asset. The President seemed rattled. This time Mr. Truman has the public guessing about his 1956 true level. Stevenson's platform has developed so far:

Foreign Policy
He accused the administration of too much threat, bluff and bluster. He described as most perilous our relations with other countries, from Iceland to Japan. On Dulles' brink-of-war remarks, he said: "I am shocked that the secretary of state is willing to play Russian roulette with the life of the nation." He will deal in personalities.

National Security
He believes the United States has lost its military lead to Russia in the past three years. He proposes a drive for real disarmament instead of what he termed an uneasy balance of weapons, or of terror.

Taxes
Stevenson agreed with Mr. Eisenhower that government revenue must not be diminished now. But he proposed "some sort of relief" for low income groups, possibly to be made up by repeal of the small exemption now granted on dividends.

Farm
Stevenson is for the 90 per cent of parity farm subsidy; approves the Republican soil bank idea but fears the administration program will not be effective in time to relieve the cost-price squeeze on farmers.

Education
He described the administration's new program as an example of campaign year political expediency, recalling that proposed direct federal grants have been jacked up since last year from \$5 million dollars a year for three years to \$25 million dollars a year for five years. Even so, he considers this grossly inadequate.

Internal Security
Stevenson finds the government more the persecutor than the defender of the innocent. He told the American Jewish Congress in Chicago that "the excesses we have endured of late are not necessary in order to keep dangerous people out of government."

"Big Business" Government
With eight of 10 cabinet members and three-fourths of the government's top appointed officials recruited from big business, Stevenson said the people have become "customers, susceptible to the huckstering advertiser arts of

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By Bessy, the Basin Bossy

An "eating mood" is important in every household — especially when mealtime is high.

And it sometimes is a housewife's big problem, whether she realizes it or not, to create such a mood. Lack of it often is the reason why youngsters won't eat at the table — but will before or after the regular meal period.

And it is often why the man of the house bolts his food and hurries to the basement workshop, to the bowling alley or back to the television set.

True enough, a housewife must compete with a million distractions at suppertime.

Among suggestions to get the family in an "eating mood" besides just getting them hungry—

1. Keep variety in meal menus.

2. Give 'em the "treatment" — build up the main dishes now and then with appetizers that are easy to make, inexpensive to buy; fruit or seafood cocktails, juices, little pre-meal salads, relishes, etc.

3. Try a little fanfare with the meal. Don't set everything on the table and holler "come and get it" — get everyone seated, then serve up the main dish sizzling fresh from the oven or range.

4. Occasional use of a touch of foreign dishes will add some character and glamor to meals, make them attractive. Chinese dishes one night one week, a Mexican dish the next week, a Scandinavian dish the next week, and so on. Pretty soon they'll be asking you "what's for dinner tonight?"

5. AT EVERY PLATE, set a tall glass of milk. For coffee drinkers, serve coffee after the meal is over, but get them to drink some milk at the dinner table. This will help fill out the growings needs for those three glasses of milk every day.

Bessy.