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Tax Paying Is Unfair

President Truman has asked congress for an increase in taxes sufficient to place the new defense program on a pay-as-we go basis, and apparently congress is favorable to that plan.

The president said a deficit of 16.5 billion dollars is estimated for the fiscal year 1952 if no further tax legislation is enacted. It is apparent that taxes must be increased if the appalling annual deficit is to be avoided. However, Secretary of the Treasury Snider's forecast enormous deficits must be wiped out by reductions in non-defense expenditures, an increase in taxes and changes in and enforcement of present tax laws.

When tax laws permit large corporations and individuals to make enormous contributions to religious and philanthropic groups and other organizations and for the coming fiscal year is even worse. He anticipates expenditures of \$75 billion. Including new taxation already enacted, federal revenue may reach more than \$51 billion, and, assuming conditions short of total war, we shall have an annual deficit of nearly \$25 billion, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia. These needlessly and wastefully throw millions into advertising campaigns and other activities solely for the purpose of avoiding the payment of taxes a remedy should be found for stopping such unfair scheming. When an organization supported by taxation needs a certain amount of money, the faithful will have to pay excessive amounts, if a few fail to pay their just shares.

When a large corporation or other group avoids

payment of a million dollars in taxes through loopholes in the law, that million is distributed to the income tax payments of the rest of us. But, when we attempt through government to tell a man or corporation how they can spend their money, we enact more restrictions upon personal liberty and that is the thing the majority of the people in the world have been fighting for.

We have a great many laws today restricting the people in the enjoyment of their liberties because they are so confounded dishonest with themselves, their neighbors and their governments. That is why it is difficult to strike a happy medium in our financial, social and religious activities. One good place to start teaching the people a lesson in honesty would be plugging the loopholes in our tax structure.

Capital Parade

By Murray Wade

Action vs. Grandstanding
The first real progress made toward shortening the present session of the legislature was accomplished this week in the senate when 37 bills were introduced after screening tests by the senate committee on education.

The bills incorporate a few of the numerous changes in the Oregon school system recommended by Dr. T. C. Holy of Ohio who was hired by the legislative interim committee on education.

The principal bills would: Let school districts adopt a permanent tax base, reorganize and enlarge school laws, improve teacher training, reorganize the department of education and have the state education superintendent appointed by the board of education instead of being elected by the people.

One of the bills would reduce the terms of members of the board of higher education from nine to five years. This was requested by Governor McKay.

Advance Announcements
A bill aimed at protecting prospective borrowers from the wiles of small loan companies, who do not relate complete conditions of loans in broadcasts and advertisements, will be introduced by Senator Frank Hilton of Multnomah this week. Senator Hilton says some contracts he has examined exact as much as 36 per cent a year and unfortunate borrowers should be informed what may be expected of them.

Representative Francis W. Ziegler is preparing a bill that would require that all revenue from state income tax be delivered to the general fund of the state. This would remove the temptation, Ziegler says, of special groups to shoot at the funds.

A two per cent sales tax bill is being drafted at the request of Sen. Rex Ellis that would finance the \$30-a-month increase in the basic school levy and pay soldiers bonus. It would apply to the retail sales of all tangible property, with some exceptions.

AFL Labor Bills
Two labor officials, Sen. Phil Brady and Rep. Gus Anderson, introduced bills this week relating to public buildings.

One provides that all governmental agencies in Oregon give preference in employment and contracts to Oregon firms. The other provides that the state, counties, cities, school districts and other such agencies must call for competitive bids on contracts of more than \$10,000, except in time of disaster.

Digest Of New Bills
Recently introduced bills would: Require money-spending initiative measures to state the maximum amount; get state veterans preference for veterans of Korean war and for all persons engaged in police operations under United Nations; require initiative petitions to carry signatures of 5 per cent of registered voters in each congressional district, instead of 8 per cent of those in the state at large; bar leaving key in switch of a car parked on street or highway; allow women workers becoming pregnant to collect unemployment compensation for 12 weeks; allow Oregon courts jurisdiction over husbands who leave the state to avoid paying alimony; revoke the license of a hunter killing another for 10 years; restrict the use of fireworks to public displays if supervised by local police and fire chiefs; create a one-house non-partisan legislature of 40 members elected on non-partisan ballot; make all hunters, fishermen and trappers wear license tags on their backs bearing

numbers two inches high; allow night fishing for cat fish; make it illegal to hold in captivity any game fish or game animal; set up fishing areas for youngsters under 14 years of age; require all political campaign contributors to be identified by name and address, with violation to be punishable by a year in prison or \$5000 fine or both; make illegal pari-mutuel and other forms of betting on dog races; abolish the state civil service commission and allow sales of colored oleomargarine in Oregon as now being sold in 32 other states.

Legislators Shanghaied
Oregon legislators were the guests of the Weyerhaeuser folk last week-end. The solons left the capitol at 9 a. m. for a trip through the firm's large plant at Springfield, returning in the afternoon after having lunch at the plant. Transportation was furnished by the company.

Solons To Give Blood
Monday, February 19 will be Blood Day for the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross with a collection unit located in the capitol. Legislators as well as state employees and the public in general will be asked to give blood. The date is between Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday when legislators and all good Americans should be tops in patriotism.

Statehouse Static
"Oregon's legislature is known as 'the apron string legislature'", declared Sen. Thomas Mahoney, who had a motion adopted to bar secretaries from the floor of the senate during sessions. Mahoney, who amply supplies comedy relief in the upper house, says he started the movement as a gag—but it got away from him.

Good Price For Beets Expected

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tween the beet growers associations and the officials of the Amalgamated Sugar company regarding the 1951 beet contract over a period of two days. An agreement was reached on a contract that will be similar

to that of 1950. Among other things, the growers were successful in obtaining a 10 per cent differential in the price of dry pulp charged to growers as compared to the price to be charged to non-growers.

Mr. Lewis told members of the Nyssa chamber of commerce when asked to speak at the weekly luncheon Wednesday that the price scale in the new contract is the highest in America. One of the major factors in the high price scale is the

big volume of sugar production made possible in the large plants at Nyssa and Nampa. The ultimate price to be paid to the growers is based on sugar content of the beets and the price of sugar so that the figure of \$12.50 to \$13 is only an estimate, based on this year's conditions.

"We in this area feel we are in a good position to make labor available to the farmers", Mr. Lewis said. "We are going to get the job done. We are farther ahead than

in previous years when we had similar conditions".

The company had sliced 250 million tons of beets Wednesday morning and had produced 110 million bags of sugar, with prospects that the total sugar production will reach a figure of more than 160 million bags by the end of the campaign, expected to be reached about February 25 or 26.

Despite the unusually warm weather, the beets are keeping and processing well.

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