

EDITORIALS

SOMETHING WRONG WITH LAW

We are not expert when it comes to tax matters, especially the devices in the income tax laws affecting corporations. Nevertheless it is interesting to read that a certified public accountant in the State of New York, testifying in a criminal case, said that the company concerned had losses of \$607,000 in 1945 but that it "amounted to a net gain of \$47,000 because, by the carry-back feature of the tax law," the losses "wiped out the concern's liability on past profits and entitled it to a refund of taxes paid."

This should be interesting to little people trying to pay income taxes out of their salaries and earnings. When a \$607,000 loss, suffered by a company in one year, becomes a profit of \$47,000 through the operation of the provisions of the income tax law, there must be something wrong with the statute.

SAYS CIVILIANS VICTIMIZE SOLDIERS

"A sordid and rotten picture of substandard housing and rent-gouging" is reported by a Senate sub-committee, which investigated conditions in the vicinity of Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky; Camp Rucker, Alabama, and Fort Leonard, Missouri.

The Senators state that many landlords around military installations are guilty of "cruel indignity, irresponsible greed and casual disdain for the self-respect of our men in uniform." They come to the conclusion that, in too many instances, servicemen are being "shamelessly victimized at the hands of civilians whose property and lives the men in uniform are dedicated to defend."

The publicity given the conclusions of the Senators may cause some Americans to become indignant but the advice that it gives to the Department of Defense is more apt to produce results. The sub-committee recommended that no further posts be re-activated unless responsible local officials guarantee an adequate number of livable units for the families of the soldiers.

There is much talk of honor and respect for the fighting men of this country, but, when it comes to profits, they receive no discounts from those who have things to sell or something to rent. Nevertheless, if the Department of Defense declines to re-activate posts in the future, unless there are responsible guarantees of fair prices, the city involved will lose considerable business revenue. Consequently, the local citizens might get busy, not in behalf of the servicemen, but in the interest of their own pocketbooks.

CONGRESS WILL LISTEN

The people of the United States may wonder why a Congress which practically forced an elaborate system of economic controls upon the Administration last fall, when there was no readiness to use them, is now apparently bent on legislation which will seriously diminish the power of the Government to meet the present inflationary threat.

The explanation, in the words of one observer, is that of last year, Congress was being flooded with demands from home that something be done to end the prevailing wave of inflation. This fear was somewhat psychological, but, nevertheless, the "special interests" found Congress in no mood to respond to their arguments.

Today, when the inflation threat is much more imminent than it was last fall, there is no demand from the public to exert pressure upon Congress, despite the frantic appeals of Administration leaders for the passage of effective legislation.

The consequence is that, unless the people make their wishes known, the members of Congress will probably continue their complacent acquiescence in the demands of individuals and groups, who place their profits above the interest of the country, as a whole.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Heaven gives long life to the just and intelligent.

— Confucius

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Most any diamond will cut glass, and some of them are even capable of making an impression on a woman's heart.

Having come to the conclusion that the world is all wet, we've given up on the idea of trying to set it on fire.

The Korean fiasco has proven to us beyond doubt that "to the victors of war belong the spoils."

Now, if the super colossal super-markets will add a loan section where a man can borrow the wherewithal to buy the commodities, we'll call them a great success.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says a good salesman knows when to stop talking and so does a bachelor.

A local man hasn't changed much during the years, but he thinks he has. He keeps talking about what a fool he used to be.

It's really tough on salesgirls this summer. The days when they used to insult customers is still fresh in their minds.

A new member of the local saddle club ordered himself a saddle without a horn. He says where he's going to ride there isn't much traffic.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Corrine Hallstrom, clerk of Cass County Selective Service Board returned from a vacation . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cloldt and daughters Maxine and Frances returned from a week's outing at Sanda Beach, near Henning, Minn. . . Cary A. Marshall, drum major of the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps was first place winner in the drum major contest held at Hastings. . . Miss Barbara Gering and Mrs. J. M. Roberts returned from a motor trip that afforded them opportunity of visiting many attractive parks and especially the Indian reservations in which the Episcopal church mission work is conducted. . . Ninety-one attended the 27th reunion of the family of the late Charles and Elizabeth Spangler August 10th at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Smith.

20 YEARS AGO

The large box elder tree that had stood for a great many years in the sidewalk parking at the rear of the Donat building, which in times past sheltered "Dolly" the faithful old horse that served the delivery wagon of Edward Donat was cut down, removing an old landmark. . . Manager G. G. Griffin announced the opening of the "Platz", formerly the Parmele theatre, with pictures and a vaudeville act. . . Rev. W. H. J. Petter of Oak Park, Ill., was to fill the rectorship of St. Luke's Episcopal church in September. . . Mrs. Don Siever entertained for her sister Miss Beatrice Seybert of Chicago who was a vacation guest of her sister. . . The P. F. P. Pinochle club were guests of Miss Emma Johnson.

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RUSSIAN BEAR HAS SWALLOWED TOO MUCH — CAN'T ABSORB SATELLITE NATIONS; WESTERN PROPAGANDA NEEDED MORE THAN EVER TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN.

(Note to Editors: Drew Pearson is on another tour of Europe, studying conditions there in this period of world tension and crisis. This is the first of his cabled dispatches from Central Europe).

Near the Iron Curtain, in Central Europe—If there was ever a time when propaganda was needed to encourage and stimulate the people behind the Iron Curtain, now is it.

Already the people of the satellite countries and even many in Russia proper are torn by doubt and dissension and distrust. Their restlessness has been churning for some time but now it's near the boiling point.

All clues I have been able to pick up from the underground and from intelligence reports convince me that the Russian bear has swallowed too much and will have to regurgitate. A bear that's suffering from acute indigestion is not usually belligerent and it may be that additional propaganda barrages by balloons, the Voice of America and every other device possible could help increase that sickness and tip the scales for peace.

Furthermore, messages of friendship and encouragement to the people behind the Iron Curtain at this time can help produce another Tito in Poland, Czechoslovakia or Hungary. That, of course, is what Stalin fears most.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



'Good Morning, All You Sleepy Heads! This Is Your Early Bird Again. It's Half Past Six . . . Time To Shake A Leg.'

There have been reports in previous years of trouble behind the Iron Curtain, but never as many as now. Two hundred Communist leaders in Bulgaria are reported under arrest. 22 Soviet generals and high Soviet officials have died mysteriously in the last few months; four Czech generals have been arrested or committed suicide in six months; nine of the highest officers in the Polish army were tried for treason; 12 Polish seamen on a minesweeper mutinied, locked up their officers, and deserted to Sweden; four young Poles fled to Sweden in a stolen bullet-riddled airplane; three Lithuanians locked up other crew members on a Russian trawler and escaped.

WHY PEOPLE REBEL

This throbbing unrest inside the Iron Curtain has been caused in part by Soviet war preparations which have been going on for some time. When a government takes too much of the necessities of life—food, fuel, consumer goods—away from its people they rebel. When a Polish miner who hates Russia anyway is ordered to work harder to produce war material for communism, he gets restless. Likewise with the Czech uranium miner and the Hungarian farmer who never did like collective farming.

No nation in its right mind—though dictators seldom are in their right minds—makes war when the civilian population behind the lines is certain to rise up against the government. That's why the unrest behind the Iron Curtain is so important. To illustrate the seriousness of this situation and the importance of intensifying our propaganda, here is a brief summary of the best underground reports I can get of what is happening behind the curtain.

KREMLIN SUSPICIONS INCREASING

Poland—Resentment against Moscow is so serious that Vacheslav Molotov, now the No. 2 man to Stalin and seldom seen in public, made a special trip to Warsaw to warn the Poles against following Tito. The importance of this warning is shown by the fact that Marshal Sviridov, hero of Berlin, and Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, military ruler of Poland, appeared with Molotov on the same platform. Behind this warning was the fact that the railroad between Berlin and Moscow is sabotaged so frequently, that repair crews are kept busy night and day. Production is dropping. The Catholic church is leading a potent underground and the Kremlin has become so suspicious of top Polish generals that nine of them have now been tried.

BULGARIA "ULCER" TO COMMUNISM

Bulgaria—a peasant revolt has held up delivery of wheat to Russia, and brought a battery of Soviet officials hurrying into Sofia. About 30,000 have been added to the 30,000 already in concentration camps, while treason trials have shown that the Agrarian (or peasant) party, once the strongest in Bulgaria, now operates a powerful underground. Agrarian leaders have encouraged the peasants to withhold crops and join guerrilla units in the mountains so successfully that the official Communist newspaper called Bulgaria on "ulcer" and criticized Premier Chervenkov for allowing the unrest to spread.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HONORS TWO FRIDAY

Mrs. Dan Anderson and Mrs. Edith Christy were honored guests at the Christy home Friday evening. Mrs. Dick Berner planned the party for their birthdays, which occurred Friday and Saturday respectively. Those present included the guests of honor, their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Englemeier, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Berner and Linnea, Mr. and Mrs. Eno Ahrens, Frank and Tom Wolfe.

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Denverites Are Visitors Here

Mrs. Francis Marks and son, Leonard, Denver, are spending several days this week at the F. O. Sand home. Mr. Marks made a business trip to Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the Gates Rubber Co. of Denver.

ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thacker attended the wedding Sunday evening of Miss Martha Dicus of Fremont and Rex Hoffmeister of Imperial at the bride's home.

Beverly Bonner left Thursday

for Hampton, Neb., to attend the wedding of a classmate at Doane. Later she will go to Fairfield and with her roommate go to Franklin, Neb., where they will teach this fall, to find an apartment.

Dean Nutzman has returned

to his home from St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Puls

Louisville, called at the Roy Bridenstine home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pitts and children, Ava, Mo.

were guests the past week at the Neil Pierce home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hall, Omaha

were week end guests at the George Pollard home.

Arthur and Allen Hanson and Larry Pollard left Monday

for the lakes in northern Minnesota to fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tucker

were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pollard. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemon were Sunday dinner guests at the Pollard home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pollard

and family attended the Tyson-Ringler annual picnic at Lincoln Sunday noon.

Recent visitors at the George Sheldon home were Mrs. Carl Macprang, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Richard Schanot, Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard

attended services at the Baptist church at Union Sunday. In the absence of their regular pastor, Rev. McMillan, a group of young people of the Nebraska City church conducted the services.

Mrs. Lyman Anderson assisted

at dinner Wednesday for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fries of Los Angeles, Calif. Dan Anderson, Clinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Anderson were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beatty and Presley attended the Memon club picnic at Steinhart park at Nebraska City Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hansen of Brainard

enjoyed a picnic and later the stock car races at Auburn Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hicks and Twila, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nixon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Switzer and family and Rosemary Redden

enjoyed a picnic and fishing at Louisville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson, Utica, were visitors of their son, Ralph Nelson and family Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson of Lincoln

were their guests Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jameson and family left Sunday

for a few days vacation in the Black Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McConaha and sons left last week

for their home in Ontario, Ore., for a month's visit at the R. B. Stone home and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Block, Longmont, Colo., left Saturday

for their home after visiting at the Sterling Ross home.

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How To Soothe the Brain

HERE IS THE VERY SIMPLE and commonsense method applied by Dr. Hugo Gabriel, Pasadena, California, when his brain is tired.

Whenever he is upset about something, whenever he feels the need for clarifying his thoughts on any particular subject, he sets about performing some duty requiring physical exertion. Such, for instance, as clearing out his files, re-arranging closets and drawers, making them as neat as possible and keeping his mind on what he is doing. He says that he finds the external order achieved is an invaluable help in establishing order and clearing his mind in connection with his problems. Then he takes a walk, gets out in the open and breathes the invigorating fresh air. After that, his mind cleared, he tackles his problems with far greater success than he once could have thought possible through such a simple process.

His second principle of overcoming worry and fear over his affairs is to go mountain climbing. Once he considered a mountain too formidable; even a steep, hilly city discouraged him. Then one day he met a woman in a street in San Francisco, that city of steep hills. She appeared desperate as she stood and gazed upward, contemplating reaching the top by no other means than her own two feet.

Dr. Gabriel went to her and suggested that she practice taking just a few steps at a time, then stopping to breathe deeply and rest for a moment or two. She agreed, and they arrived at the top together with no more acceleration of heartbeats than if they had walked on level ground. You see, it was only one step at a time they had to take. "And," says Dr. Gabriel, "one step at a time enables anyone to climb the steepest mountain without any greater effort than walking on a level road."

Kansans Visit At Sturm Home

Mr. and Mrs. Wall Ficke, Janis and Steve, Wichita, Kan., were guests Thursday at the Melvin Sturm home. Mrs. Ficke is Mrs. Sturm's sister. Mrs. Sturm's brother, H. W. Steinmeyer and Harry Smith of Columbus stopped Tuesday for a short visit en route from Plattsmouth to Lincoln on business.

Mrs. May Halverstadt and daughter, Dorothy, Johnnie and Calvin Martin, Columbiana, O., arrived Sunday to visit at the Wildon Switzer home and with other relatives for a week.

F. W. Bell, Plattsmouth, was a week end guest at the Wildon Switzer home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barkhurst and Beverly attended the air show at Lincoln Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and children, Nebraska City, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoll and children, Mrs. Sadie Schrader and Gerald visited Paul Murdoch at Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Schram made a trip to the Minnesota lakes to fish last week.

Ike Todd, Murray, called at the George Sheldon home Monday morning.

Mrs. Ken Gilbert, Los Angeles, and her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Gummery, Benkleman, Neb., were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beatty.

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