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Bigger "Take" but Simpler Tax Program Looks Probable **New Tax Legislation Seen Unlikely Before January 1**

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The tax bill picture, always muddy until the last call in congress, shapes up something like this: The "take" will be increased—but far below the 12 billions asked by the treasury. Just how the simplification and increases will be worked out is still a nebulous matter. One thing appears certain, there will be no more retroactive taxes unless the pay-as-you-go program should be repealed, a far-fetched possibility.

The last word from the house ways and means committee and the treasury made it almost definite there will be no tax bill for 1944 enacted by Jan. 1. Here are some features that may be covered by the legislation:

- 1—Possibly slight increases in individual tax rates. Representative Knutson, ranking minority member of the ways and means committee, opposes this.
- 2—Some increases in corporation taxes, retaining the provision for post-war credits in the amount of all excess profits taxes over 80 per cent.
- 3—Further increases in excise taxes, on tobacco, whiskey, et al.
- 4—Provision that taxpayers be given an income tax credit for war bond or postwar redemption bond purchases, as an inducement for them to lend more to the government.
- 5—A new tax combining the individual normal income tax of 6 per cent and the victory tax, probably by making a flat rate of 10 or 11 per cent for simplification purposes. Also other simplifications in the filing of returns.

Confusion over the Sept. 15 filing of estimated tax declarations has increased the demand for simplification.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is expected to deliver another war address to the nation within the next few weeks.

The "Breade chat" has been described as a second part to the president's talk to the nation last summer, just after the downfall of Premier Mussolini.

Much water has passed over the dam of history since then—and the next week or so should see more.

A FEMININE CUSTOMER appeared recently at a District of Columbia ration board and tried to obtain six new tires, to which the board said "no."

The assistant who refused the request pointed out that the government had ruled that five tires are enough for any automobile. There was considerable discussion, and finally the applicant disclosed that the six new tires were for the White House. That meant "O. K."

THE 10-YEAR-OLD BELIEF that President Roosevelt's favorite ballad is "Home on the Range" is a myth. The president reportedly detests the cowboy chant with which he has been serenaded by "hill-billy" bands for a decade. Real lover of the piece is Marvin McIntyre, personal secretary and close friend of the chief executive.

OWI BOYS TOOK IT IN STRIDE but they're still looking for the note of gratitude that was singularly missing in a recent bit of service for a southwestern congressman.

The congressman, it is told, called in an OWI representative and asked for help in obtaining some factual material on progress of the war. Between throaty "hrrmphs," he added that he "couldn't mind" if the material was submitted in OWI Aids speech form. The OWI man caught on quickly, did not mind turning out a speech, but curiously asked why the material was wanted.

The member explained that during the last war the congressman from his district failed of re-election because he did not keep his constituents posted on war developments. OWI produced the speech, was pleased to note that it was used several times and was "played" in newspapers. But one set of newspaper clippings changed the OWI reaction.

In a news column next to one reporting the congressman's "OWI speech" was a story in which the same representative, at a press conference, pulled no punches in lambasting the agency which had come to his aid.

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MOST POPULAR FELLOWS in Italy right now appear to be the American soldiers, judging by this photo of Neapolitans greeting the Yanks in the captured city. One soldier is holding a little "bambino," left. This is a United States Army Signal Corps radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

FIRST PHOTO FROM CORSICA SHOWS NAZI PRISONERS



DEJECTED GERMAN SOLDIERS, captured near the hill of St. Stephano on Corsica, are pictured above as they were questioned by a French intelligence officer. Nearly all the Germans on the island have been driven off, captured or killed by French troops and American Rangers. This French Army photo was transmitted by United States Army Signal Corps radio. (International)

TREACHERY
CHAPTER XXV
He opened his heavy eyes Barry could not think where he was. His groping consciousness told him it must be the jungle. Yet it wasn't. The swaying branches and vines above him were shadows on the gray of a ceiling. A dull alarm echoed through him, a sharp presentiment of disappointment. He was not on his way through the jungle. . . .
He raised his head and found he was in his bed in the estancia. A pool of yellow sunshine lay on the floor before the window. And at the edge of it, Lila was sitting in a low chair. She rose and came over quickly.
"How do you feel?"
There was a look of sharp concern, almost irritation, in her dark eyes as she bent over him.
Barry groaned. "How'd I get back here?" he complained.
"Tony brought you."
He cursed silently.
She gave him a quick and sympathetic half smile. "I know," she said. "It is maddening to have one's plans upset."
His watch told him it was already 3 o'clock. Sounds of activity in the clearing were drifting in through the window. Barry raised himself on an elbow and looked out, even as he asked, "What's going on out there?"
"He could see for himself. A dozen Indians were packing the blocks of chicle into waterproof bags and fastening them securely to the sides of the small pack mules.
Barry watched the scene with satisfaction, thinking with respect of the hours of dangerous and difficult labor that had gone into the blocks of chicle.
"So the chicle pack train is really leaving for Puerto Barrios!"
Lila came back into the room with his coffee. He saw now that her black hair was done high on her head. Her white sheer dress, the yellow flower in the coils of her hair carried a freshness into the room. She propped his pillows expertly and fixed his napkin.
"Since you couldn't make the trip into the Quiche country," she said softly, "how about resting today and going with me on the mule train? A boat leaves Puerto Barrios for New York next week."
Barry sipped his coffee slowly. He felt weak, but well. The fever had run its course again. He said with relief, "No. I'm all right. I'll be able to start again tomorrow morning. Allison was right. I had no business to try it yesterday."
She had moved to the window and was watching the loading. "Did it ever occur to you," she asked, in her low voice, "that the company might prefer your coming home and sending a new man down here?"
"Sure, it has," Barry shrugged. "But I'm sending my reports on the boat. And the next guy couldn't do much if I don't get straightened around with Moncha Suma."
She gave a cry of exasperation. "Moncha Suma! I've heard nothing but Moncha Suma ever since I arrived! Can't you ever think of anyone else?" She crossed to his bed and sank down on the edge of it, her eyes somber dark pools. "Me, for instance?"
He grinned a little sheepishly. "It's not that I love the old boy more than you, sweetheart. It's just that it's more important to the war effort right now that he loves me than that you do."
"I see. I'm just another war widow."
"Well, you're not alone there," Barry consoled humorously.
Anger smoldered suddenly in her dark eyes, tightened her lips. "Alone or not," she burst out, "I don't like it." She rose and faced him in open fury. "And war effort or not—I don't think you've been neglecting Allison Topping!"
Barry regarded the furious girl with dismay. "Oh, come on now, Lila," he rebuked. "That's not out of her way that first night on the boat to put on a predatory act for you. But she's not that type at all."
"Really?" Lila laughed icily. "Since when did you learn so much about women?"
"You've been here a couple of weeks now," Barry argued. "Couldn't you see she's all wrapped up in this plantation?"
"And there's Renaldo—"
"Can't you see," retorted Lila with bitter scorn, "that she's using them both as bait for you? The plantation—to show you how smart she is—Renaldo to make you jealous."
Barry's dismay broke into a shouting laugh. "You really get a man! Allison's a little dizzy, but not that dizzy! She's got a real business here and she's running it."
"I see," Lila's voice dripped bitter sarcasm. "Well, the Quiche chief is not her business. If she isn't trying to impress you, then why did she have to act the heroine and rush off last night with Tony for your rendezvous?"
Barry's chuckles died slowly. He stared at his fiancee in bewilderment. "You mean—Allison started off to answer Moncha Suma's summons?"
Lila nodded.
"My God!" Barry cried wildly. "Why didn't you stop her?"
"I tried hard enough," Lila said shortly. "She seemed to think she knew all about your business and could talk the chief around as well as you could."
A reluctant grin broke over Barry's concerned face. "Why, the plucky little devil!" he said. "I did tell her a lot about the stuff when she typed my reports. And, knowing how important the thing was—"
He swung out of bed and into robe and slippers. "But she might get into a whole of a mess. Have them get a mule ready, will you, Lila?"
Lila's voice stopped him. It was strident and harsh. "Can't you see she just wanted you to come, after her and rescue her?"
Barry was gathering up clothes and starting for the shower. "This isn't the time for jokes, darling. That girl is in real danger."
But Lila blocked his way. "And I tell you she's not!" she cried, her anger burning through her. "I know!"
"How do you know?" Barry scoffed.
"Because Renaldo's men have stopped her—thinking it was you."
She looked frightened then as she realized what she had told him, but her rage mounted above her fear. "All right!" she screamed. "I did arrange with Renaldo to have you stopped and discouraged by some Quiche Indian friends of his. It was one of them who brought the note. This whole business of yours here is too ridiculous! You don't belong down here. I love you and want to take care of you!"
"I don't like to be taken care-of by trickery," Barry said steadily.
"All right," Lila said. "Stay down and be killed if you want! But I'm not going to worry my heart out!" She stripped his ring from her finger and flung it at him.
"You can go back on the pack train," Barry said.
"Goodbye," Lila flung the word back at him like a curse as she swept out of his room, slamming the door behind her.
(To Be Continued)

First Sea Lord



NEW FIRST SEA LORD and chief of the British naval staff is Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, above, Allied naval commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean. Sir Andrew succeeds Sir Dudley Pound, who resigned because of ill health. (International)

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Approaching Marriage of Miss McDowell and Mr. Scott
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The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Cecelia Shellene McDowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell, to Mr. Joe Bailey Scott, Cadet, United States Army Air Corps, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Scott of Murchison, was announced Thursday afternoon when Mrs. L. R. Pearson entertained with a tea at her home from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The announcement was made on miniature scrolls, inscribed in gold, bearing the insignia of the Air Corps, and reading "A Military Secret, Cecilia and Joe, October 30". The scrolls were distributed from a silver basket by Miss Beth Pearson. The wedding will take place at the Post Chapel at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., at 9:30 in the evening.

Receiving the tea guests with Mrs. Pearson were Mrs. McDowell, mother of the bride who wore a black and white afternoon dress with a corsage of white chrysanthemums, the bride-elect who was dressed in a sky blue maline formal dress with corsage of white roses and Mrs. B. A. Tunnell of Abilene, aunt of Miss McDowell, who wore black with a corsage of white chrysanthemums.

Miss Caroline Clarke presided at the white satin guest book and Miss Gwendolyn Tunnell of Abilene, cousin of the bride-to-be, ushered the guests to the dining room where Mrs. M. H. Haganam presided at the silver tea service. The tea table was laid with an imported lace and linen cloth and centered with a diagonal arrangement of crystal vases pyramiding to a tall center vase, all filled with white chrysanthemums and fern.

Three branch silver candelabra holding white candles lighted the tables, and an arrangement of the chrysanthemums was used on the buffet.

Assisting in serving the guests were Meses, C. E. May, R. H. Hodges, J. E. Matthews, and Meses Mildred Palch and Imogene Dixon.

Throughout the afternoon music was furnished by Miss Marjorie Pearsall, violinist, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. F. S. Pearsall.

During the afternoon about two hundred guests called and received news of the approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is a member of a pioneer Ranger family and is a graduate of the Ranger schools and Southern Methodist University at Dallas. She is a member and past president of the Sigma Kappa sorority chapter at SMU, a member of Mu Phi Epsilon and of Pi Lambda Theta and a member of the American Association of University Women. She is an accomplished musician and has appeared on many programs here and over the state.

Cadet Scott attended SMU and enlisted in the service just a few months before winning his degree. He was for four years a member of the SMU football squad and played three years on the varsity team. He expects to receive his wings and commission soon after the wedding.

Woman's Council has Luncheon Thursday

The Women's Council of the First Christian Church was entertained with a covered dish luncheon Thursday at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. May Ivey.

For the occasion the home was attractively decorated with arrangements of Columbia red roses in low vases. The roses were also used as center pieces for the luncheon tables.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Jack Blackwell, presided over a meeting of those present, and the meeting was opened with a prayer repeated in unison. After a business meeting Mrs. Glenn Simons gave the devotion which was based on the 15th chapter of Proverbs with the subject "Accept criticism gladly. Mrs. B. S. Dudley offered the closing prayer.

Those attending the meeting were Meses, Blackwell, R. A. Jones, Dick Jones, Simons and daughter, Flora, B. H. West, J. M. Hamilton Dudley, Leonard Huckaby and children of Eastland, J. E.

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