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SPREADING THE TAX LOAD NOW

THE operation of our Federal Government is riddled with anachronisms, but one of the most outrageous of these errors in the order of things is the granting of income tax exemptions to such business enterprises as co-operatives, foundations and educational institutions engaged in profit-making operations.

These exemptions from taxation grew and multiplied at a time when our nation was receiving enough revenue from the regular income taxes paid by corporations and individuals. But that day has long passed. Our Government's current fiscal budget is far in the red, and Congress has no right to be handed in exempting from income taxes the profit-making operations of co-operatives, foundations, trusts and educational institutions.

If the Congress fails to reduce or repeal the excise taxes it will derelict in its clear-cut duty to consumers, businessmen and the Federal Treasury. Most of our citizens do not realize that taxing the taxpayer would produce more than one billion annually in new revenue, more than enough to grant effective excise-tax relief. Legislation to require all commercial business corporations to pay Federal income taxes is long overdue, and the present justifiable demand for the repeal of wartime excise taxes throws a searchlight on a seriously neglected tax condition, which has existed for much too long a time.

In bringing about the tax reforms, the Charlotte leaders have the backing of many organizations including the National Tax Equality Association, the National Retail Dry Goods Association and the American Relief Federation. However, until this problem challenges the indignation of Mr. and Mrs. Average Consumer and moves them to protest to their Senators and Representatives, the fight may not be won. Now before it is too late—is the time to spread the tax load. The March 15 deadline approaching and with so many men and women wrestling with the burden of their individual as well as their corporate tax returns, it will be well that they should be urged to do so. If they see the great opportunity to spread the weight of taxation on a more equitable basis so that those who are at present crippled by excessive taxation may again walk.

Political Pandora



Peoples Platform

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Appreciate Help

CHARLOTTE. Half-breeds were conceived and born out of wedlock, and to me those mutalities were the most pitiful objects imaginable... Mr. and Mrs. Watt appreciate the help of the Peoples Platform.

CAPT. BROWN LIVES UP TO TRADITION

AMONG the brass-buttoned bosses of the United States Navy there is a long-standing, much honored tradition. The senior officer in charge of a ship or a base is responsible for anything that transpires under his command—be it good or be it bad.

Refugee 'Turk' Westerling

One Of East's 'Tough Guys'

WASHINGTON. Character. He lets nothing stand in his path. Westerling was educated at St. Joseph's College in Istanbul, and speaks many languages. He was a commander in the Dutch Army during the war.

THE NEGRO YMCA

MR. EDWIN L. JONES' recent appeal for public support in the move to secure funds for completion of the Negro Y.M.C.A. building program has struck a responsive chord in the community.

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THE UNCERTAIN MONTH

MARCH... last year, perhaps, it was cold, bleak; this year, before a Spring-time page with a shiny, golden trumpet.

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THANKS SHAW FOR STOPPING STRIKE

MAYOR VICTOR SHAW of Charlotte, together with other mediators and representatives of the Duke Power Co. and about-to-strike bus drivers, deserve the commendation of the people of Winston-Salem.

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An 'Aye' For Mr. Wilson

DALLAS. I HAVE read with much interest the letter by Mr. J. W. Wilson of Dallas entitled "Billy Graham Called" and I think Mr. Wilson is right.

Big Three Peace Parley

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. NOT even Winston Churchill's "olive branch" could make the front pages with a bang, it seems, like the news of the Big Three peace parley.

No Mixing Of The Races

ST. PAULS. Editors, The News: I am a "People's Platform" fan from way back, and recently I have read a few "Letters," edited that were down right disgusting, to say the least.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(ED. NOTE: Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson on the all-important problem of our Russian relations and future war.)

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Close Election May Bring On Financial Crisis In Britain

LONDON. NOW THAT the tremendous excitement of the election is dying down, the London financial circles here are beginning to face an unpleasant fact that has, apparently, already been established. To be blunt, the new political situation greatly increases the possibility of another, still more shattering British financial crisis, which could occur some time during the next twelve months.

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