

Articles Aid Taxpayers In Making Tax Returns

Editor's Note: This is the fourth of five articles to help taxpayers in making out their federal income tax returns.

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WASHINGTON (UP) — May a taxpayer deduct from his income the \$5 he gave to Hungarian refugee relief? May he deduct a political contribution?

Those are two of the kind of special questions which are popping up this year.

Everyone is entitled to at least the standard \$600 deduction which allows you approximately 10 per cent of your income for deductible outlays, even if you spent less than that or nothing at all. If you claim the standard deduction, you cannot claim it for more than \$1,000. In most cases it comes to less than that.

Taxpayers who file their return on the card Form 1040A and those who figure their tax from the tax table in the official instructions take the standard deduction. It is automatically calculated in the tax these people owe.

Taxpayers who compute their own tax may take either a standard or an itemized deduction.

If your contributions and other deductible expenses come to more than the standard deduction, allows your best bet may be to list them all in the spaces provided on Page 2 of Form 1040. Listing each deduction item by item removes you from the percentage and dollar limits of the standard deduction.

The rest of this article is devoted to deductions which may be claimed if you itemize your deductions. It may be worth your while to add up your deductible outlays on a separate sheet first, to see if they give you a bigger deduction than the standard allowance.

Contributions are deductible if they go to religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary organizations, so long as the organization is not operated for personal profit and does not carry on propaganda or try to influence legislation.

This means contributions to qualified Hungarian relief groups, such as the American Red Cross and others, are deductible.

Contributions to the 1956 election campaign, to candidates or parties are not deductible.

Child Care: You are not permitted to deduct for babysitter fees when you go to the movies. Deductions for child care are de-

signed primarily for mothers who are working or actively looking for work, or for a man who is divorced or legally separated or a widower.

Women and these eligible men may deduct up to \$600 a year, if it costs that much to have someone look after the child while they are at work or seeking work.

Medical, Storm Expenses: Basically you are allowed to deduct medical and dental expenses if they run higher than 3 per cent of your income.

You do not deduct that first 3 per cent portion, but you do deduct the amount above that. If you are 65 or older, you may deduct all your own medical expenses. There are ceilings in all cases.

You may deduct: Payments to physicians, surgeons, dentists, optometrists, qualified psychologists and Christian Science practitioners. Also the expenses of diagnosis, treatment or prevention of a disease; hospital bills, nursing, laboratory services; eyeglasses, hearing aids, drugs (any amount spent for drugs over 1 per cent of your income), medical and dental supplies (including false teeth and artificial limbs), ambulance hire and health insurance plans which cover the cost of medical care.

Note: If you receive payments from a health insurance plan, or are otherwise repaid for your medical or dental expenses, your deduction is reduced accordingly.

Storm Losses: Generally, the deduction you may claim for storm, flood or other casualty damage to your property is the difference between the value of your whole property immediately before the storm and immediately afterwards (before you clean it up). The loss you claim may not be greater than what you paid for the property.

Interest: The interest you pay on a mortgage or a personal loan or back taxes may be deducted. It is clearly designated and easily reported.

Taxes: As a general rule, you can deduct most state and local taxes imposed directly on you, such as income, real estate and personal property and sales taxes. You may not deduct: Federal sales or excise taxes, federal social security taxes, hunting or dog licenses, water taxes or auto inspection fees.

Let me repeat: You may not claim any of these deductible items unless you list all your deductions one-by-one; you may not claim them if you take the

Order Unions Fire Reds And Gangsters

Suspects Ordered Ousted From Union

MIAMI BEACH (UP) — The AFL-CIO today ordered its unions to kick out suspected gangsters or Communists without waiting for them to be brought to trial.

The announcement was one of the strongest pronouncements by the powerful labor group against racketeering in many years.

A trade union need not wait upon a criminal conviction to bar from office corrupt, Communist or fascist influences," the leaders of 16 million American union workers said.

Guided By Principles
The responsibility "is not placed upon unions by law but by the AFL-CIO constitution and by the moral principles that govern the trade union movement," the council said.

The labor group said those who support any totalitarian agency or those who are known to be racketeers shall not be permitted to hold membership in the AFL-CIO or its member unions.

The report was one of three approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. The reports, presented by the group's ethical practices committee, were aimed at cleaning up member union.

Beck Absent

Notably missing from the 27-member council meeting when the reports were approved was Dave Beck, whose powerful Teamsters Union is a target of a Senate investigation of labor racketeering and mishandling of union funds.

The new codes also prohibit trade union officials from having "personal financial interest which conflicts with full performance" of his duties as a representative of the union workers. It also gave the AFL-CIO power to "deal" with anyone suspected of accepting "kickbacks," under the table payments, or gifts.

The third report outlined an elaborate set of rules for protecting union health and welfare funds.

The famous Santa Fe Trail — a trading route that operated in the 19th Century between Independence, Mo., and Santa Fe, New Mexico — covered 775 miles.

standard deduction.

Friday: Deductions for sickness or injury; tax benefits for persons with pensions or annuities.

Stuck In Elevator At Peru Courthouse

PERU, Ind. (UPI) — Rollin Place, 68, was stuck between floors of the Miami County Courthouse Wednesday when electrical power failed as he operated an elevator. Firemen called the power plant and had an auxiliary generator turned on long enough for Place to move the lift to a floor he could get out.

Eisenhower Studies Successor To Reed

High Court Justice Reed Is Retiring

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower probably will choose a successor to retiring Supreme Court Justice Stanley S. Reed from among judges on lower federal courts, administration sources said today.

There was some speculation that Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. might be in line to replace Reed, who announced his retirement Thursday after 19 years on the high court. But the post seemed more likely to go to a member of a lower court, probably a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Brownell, whose job it is to advise the President on judicial appointments, was scheduled to confer with the Chief Executive today.

In filling two of the three previous Supreme Court vacancies which have occurred during his administration, Mr. Eisenhower set a pattern of choosing from the ranks of the judiciary—in one case naming a federal circuit court judge and in the other a state supreme court justice.

Justice John M. Harlan was moved up from the Second U.S. Circuit Court, of New York in 1955, and Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was selected from the New Jersey state Supreme Court last fall.

Mr. Eisenhower's first appointment to the high court was Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Republican governor of California.

If geographical considerations govern in replacing Reed, the new justice will come from the South or Midwest, since the other three Eisenhower appointees were from the East Coast and the Far West.

A centipede does not have a hundred legs. A common house centipede has 15 pairs. Garden centipedes have 21 and some other centipedes have anywhere up to nearly 200 legs.

Saud's Pledge To Stand With United States

WASHINGTON (UP) — U.S. officials took heart today from King Saud's statement that he will stand with America "in what is right and just and for the common good of humanity as a whole."

The visiting king of oil-rich Saudi Arabia made the pledge at a state dinner given in his honor Saturday night by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Saud, one of the Arab world's top leaders, and Dulles had conferred earlier in the day in the continuing effort to win Saudi's support of the anti-Communist Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East.

Meets Ike Again

President Eisenhower planned to meet with Saud again this afternoon in a final conference on the doctrine and other Middle East problems.

The king was scheduled to go to the White House after attending a Pentagon lunch given by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and the nation's top military officers.

The Pentagon planned to greet him with an honor guard and a 21-gun salute.

Dulles indirectly referred to the threat of Communism in the Middle East when he toasted Saudi in orange juice at the brilliant state dinner at the Pan American Union Building.

The secretary said Saud came to America "at a time of crisis" when "turbulent waves" that have beat first upon one part of the world and then another "would seem to beat upon the Arab lands."

Saud Answers

In his answering toast, Saud spoke of what he called the traditional friendship between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

He said this friendship was based on frankness and a love of permanent peace.

Saud said he is sure his visit would increase the bonds of this friendship between the two countries.

King Saud will spend Saturday inspecting the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He will leave the Washington area Sunday for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where he is expected to spend a week before leaving the country.

Director Of Budget Doubts Tax Slash

Continued Increase Of Costs Foreseen

WASHINGTON (UP) — Budget Director Percival F. Brundage believes a tax cut still may be three to five years away.

Brundage also said he fears that government expenses will continue rising, despite efforts to reduce them. But unlike Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, he foresees no economic recession if expenses are not cut.

Humphrey has predicted a "hair curling depression" eventually if federal expenses do not come down.

The House Appropriations Committee today made public Brundage's view which he gave it in recent testimony.

Brundage estimated that the national debt of about \$270 billion could be paid off in 59 years if the same sum were poured into interest and principal each year as is being set aside for this purpose in President Eisenhower's \$71.8 billion budget for the next fiscal year.

Brundage said he thought a tax cut might be possible in 1959, provided the budget rose, no further and if the economy continued to expand. But he said he is afraid the budget is going up.

He based his forecast on a tax reduction in three to five years on a hope that the world situation is going to get better, making possible some cuts in defense spending.

That's understandable. As Miss Corcera departed for lunch she was accompanied by eight gentle-

U.S. Officials Are Cheered By Saud's Pledge

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Arrest Driver For Running Stop Sign

Three Others Fined On Traffic Counts

Charles E. Wolfe, 18, of Monroe

route one, was arrested Thursday night for running a red light at the corner of Fifth and Monroe streets. He will appear in Floyd Hunter's justice of the peace court Saturday.

Robert Cullimore, Jr., of Colum-

bia City, who was charged with

failure to yield the right of way

following an accident near Pleasant Mills Wednesday, was fined \$1 and costs in J. P. court Thursday night.

Edgar A. Thieme, 41, of Monroe

route two, was fined \$1 and costs in city court Thursday. He was arrested on 13th street

Sunday for speeding.

Woman Engineer Is Chief Attraction

Steals Attention At Road Builders Meet

CHICAGO (UP) — A 24-year-old

Filipino engineer with large brown

eyes, jet black hair and a weak-

ness for bridges was stealing most

of the stares this week at the

American Road Builder's Assn.

convention.

The petite engineer is Romola

Corcera, a native of Manila and

currently a design engineer for the

Michigan State Highway Depart-

ment.

"You know, it's funny how I got

off on bridges," she said. "It was

in my second year in school at

the National University in Manila.

We each had to make a model of

some famous structure and to be

a little different and maybe get a

better grade, I chose the Golden

Gate Bridge."

Inspired by Golden Gate

In excellent English Miss Corcera said she was "sort of inspired" by the Golden Gate by the time she finished the model.

"Ever since then I've been crazy

about bridges," she said.

Upon graduation with a bache-

lor's degree in civil and sanitary

engineering, Miss Corcera was

named to receive the Barbour

Scholarship for Oriental women

from the University of Michigan.

She completed her graduate work

there and received a master's de-

gree in civil engineering in 1955.

She returned home but soon

came back to the United States as

her government's nominee for the

International Road Foundation

sponsorship. The IRF placed her

in her present position.

"My job now is to design the

bridges for the Detroit-People's

Expressway," she said.

To Return Home

"I'll be working where I am for