

COUNTRY-WIDE VOTE OPPOSES TAX ON PROFITS

Results of National Chamber of Commerce Referendum Announced.

SPLIT ON SUBSTITUTES

An overwhelming demand from American business for repeal of the excess profits tax is shown in a referendum vote of the organizations within the membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The results were made public today through the Indianapolis Board of Trade.

The ballot was taken on a report of the national chamber's committee on taxation, which advanced three proposals for changes in present methods of Federal tax law.

Although the committee recommended substitutes for the excess profits tax, the vote was not conclusive. A considerable majority voted against an increase in income taxes and at the same time there was a majority vote against any form of sales tax, which had been suggested both as a substitute for and as an addition to other forms of tax.

A proposal that excise taxes be levied partly to take the place of the excess profits tax was carried.

PROPOSITIONS AND VOTES.

In the chamber's referendum system a two-thirds vote is necessary to carry. The propositions submitted and the vote on each were as follows:

1. The excess profits tax should be repealed. For, 1,718. Against, 44. Carried.

2. Increases not derived from the excess profits tax should be obtained mainly from taxes on incomes. For, 761. Against, 1,004. Not carried.

3. There should be excise taxes on some articles of wide use, but not of first necessity. For, 1,217. Against, 504. Carried.

4. Should a sales tax be levied instead of the taxes mentioned in Propositions 2 and 3? For, 704. Against, 855. Not carried.

5. Should a sales tax be levied in addition to the taxes mentioned in Article 4? For, 2 and 3? For, 703. Against, 894. Not carried.

6. Members voting in favor of Question 4 or Question 5 are requested to indicate the type of sales tax they desire:

a. A general turnover tax. For, 511.

b. A limited turnover tax. For, 180.

c. A retail sales tax. For, 541.

d. There should be a moderate and graduated distributed earnings tax on corporations. For, 640. Against, 1,063. Not carried.

8. Each individual stockholder of a corporation should pay his own normal tax. For, 603. Against, 93. Not carried.

9. Income from any new issuance of securities which is not fully made subject to Federal tax should be taxable. For, 1,386. Against, 275. Carried.

10. American citizens residing abroad should be exempt from the American tax on incomes derived abroad, but not remitted to the United States. For, 1,250. Against, 456. Carried.

11. Protection arising from sales of capital assets should be allocated over the period in which earned and taxed at the rates for the several years in the period. For, 1,116. Against, 243. Carried.

12. An exemption of property of like kind or similar nature should be considered merely as a replacement. For, 1,547. Against, 142. Carried.

13. Losses on inventory losses in any taxable year should cause redetermination of taxes on income of the preceding year. For, 1,359. Against, 323. Carried.

14. Ascertainment by the Government of any tax based on income should precede payment. For, 1,215. Against, 479. Carried.

15. Administration of income taxation should be decentralized. For, 1,321. Against, 390. Carried.

AGREE THAT TAX HAMPERS BUSINESS.

The vote makes it clear that business men are united in their view that the excess profits tax hampers business operation and retards the progress of reconstruction. The proposed substitute tax as pointed out by the committee is that it produces inequities; that it is difficult of administration; that price reductions will decrease revenues from this source, and that the tax encourages extravagance.

A striking reaction was shown in the vote against increasing income taxes. It was voted that the proposed increase in taxes would fall on the middle class of incomes, since little more can be derived from smaller incomes and because taxes already are so high on the larger incomes that those receiving large incomes are investing in tax free securities and thus defeating the purpose of the tax.

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BAPTISTS PLAN MANY MEETINGS

Three Missionary Conferences Are Set for Week.

Special to The Times.
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 28.—Baptist churches of Southern Indiana will have a part this week in a group of three missionary conferences of a scope and importance seldom, if ever, equalled in this State.

The meetings will be held at Shelbyville on Monday and Tuesday; at Madison on Thursday and Friday, and are a part of a nation-wide movement throughout thirty-five northern States. In 150 leading centers of this territory, similar conferences are taking place and in these conferences the 10,665 churches comprising the Northern Baptist Convention, are cooperating.

The aim of the movement is a deepening of the missionary spirit throughout the denomination and according to reports from cities where meetings have been held, have fully come up to all expectations.

Arrangements for the Indiana meetings have been in the hands of Dr. Dinsmore of Indianapolis, director of the Indiana State board of promotion, cooperating with the general board of promotion, and assisted by leading pastors.

Missionaries from Baptist fields in Burma, Assam, Africa, South India, East and West China and the Philippines are giving up time from furloughs in this country to take part, and workers from the various mission fields. Prominent executive officers in the denomination are also included as speakers.

Among those who will be speakers at the southern Indiana meetings will be the Rev. P. H. J. Lerrigo, M. D., candidate secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; the Rev. Brainerd C. Case of Bryn Mawr, Pa., expert in charge of a Baptist agricultural school; the Rev. Bruce Kinney, well known in the West as a home mission executive; Miss Harriet N. Smith, a medical missionary whose station is at Ningpo, China, and Mrs. F. S. Osgood, of the board of managers of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, who is well known for her books and work dealing with children.

Woman Changes Mind in Plans to End Life

Special to The Times.
ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Stella Viola Black, who disappeared from her home here Saturday after leaving notes to her husband and son, Harry Becht of Marion, was found Saturday at her son's residence, located Sunday at her father's home at Marion.

The father came here Sunday to aid in the search for his daughter. He accompanied officers as far as Sunnerville where it was reported a woman answering Mrs. Black's description had been seen there, and he and J. J. Rigby, who had been the son's companion all night and had left early Sunday in Marion. Continuing the search, the girl was found alone at her father's home in Marion, having walked the entire distance of thirty-five miles.

Mrs. Black said when she left her home she fully intended to end her life, but when she learned of the search for her son, she returned home and decided to go to the home of her father. Domestic trouble is said to have caused her action.

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Mr. Howe 'Sells' on Willingness to Take Orders

Purpose of Meeting to Satisfy Practical Politicians' Disclosed.

Republican ward chairmen who attended the little "at home" party given last Friday night by Charles Keyrett, former prosecuting attorney, at his Irvington residence, with Mrs. C. Howe, former president of Butler College, now News-Jewett candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor, as the guest of honor, have disclosed that giving Mr. Howe the opportunity to "sell himself" was the purpose of giving Mr. Howe the opportunity to "sell himself."

For if any of the practical politicians who carry out the orders of the News-Jewett-Lemcke-Roemer combination had ever seen Professor Howe, much less talked with him. Since there is so much dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Republican workers with the action of Mr. Howe, the "sellers" can dictate the leaders felt it was necessary that they "sell" Mr. Howe to them, it is said. The fact that Mr. Howe convinced the crew of practical politicians he was "their kind of a man," has caused considerable surprise among those people who have held Professor Howe in high esteem as being a gentleman of the highest type and ideals.

STANDY AGAINST SHADY DEALS EXPECTED.

Before the meeting there was a general impression among ward chairmen, one of them said today, that Howe would never take with the workers down in the "organization" ranks because it was felt so generally that he would be unable to stand up to the workers in the organization. The object of the retreat is to discuss modern church problems and to deepen the spiritual side of the church life. The Rev. W. H. Kneifer, director of religious education, and the Rev. Ernest E. Jones of the St. John's Reformed Church of this city have arranged and announced the following program:

8:45 A. M.—Devotions and song service.

9:30 A. M.—Address, "An Excellent Program for a Local Church," Rev. D. W. H. Kneifer.

10:30 A. M.—Address, "How to Increase Church Attendance," Rev. M. N. George, from Lafayette, Ind.

11:00 A. M.—Address, "The Whole Church," Rev. C. H. Winders, D. D., from Indianapolis, Ind.

12:00 P. M.—Devotions and song service.

1:30 P. M.—Address, "Pastoral Work," Rev. A. J. Michel, from Freeport, Ill.

2:30 P. M.—Address, "The Church and Social Changes and How to Meet and Treat Them," Rev. C. F. Krile.

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