

Washington Report

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In this political year, there has been a great deal of talk about the need for tax reform. Charges have been made that our present tax structure favors corporations over the individual taxpayer and that rich people are able to escape taxes through a system of "loopholes" while low and middle income people are bearing the brunt of the tax burden.

There is no doubt that significant changes in the tax structure should and will be made. The present system is far too complex and far too difficult for the average citizen to understand. In addition, there are loopholes which should be plugged to prevent abuses that now exist.

But much of the debate about the tax reform question has been misleading and aimed more at making political gains than at providing practical and fair suggestions for the reform of our tax structure. Before the Congress acts on tax reform legislation, it would be wise to study the issue more thoroughly and more cautiously, out of the heat of the political arena.

In both 1969 and 1971, legislation revising our tax laws was enacted by the Congress. While some have charged that these two laws favor corporations to the disadvantage of individuals, the facts do not bear out this contention. The U. S. Treasury Department officials' estimates show

that the combined effect of the 1969 and 1971 tax reform laws has been as follows:

- increased corporate income taxes by \$1.9 billion;
- decreased individual income taxes by \$1.5 billion;
- decreased excise taxes on automobiles and telephones, affecting mainly individuals, by \$500 million.

For the current calendar year 1972, they will have:

- decreased corporate income taxes by \$0.4 billion;
- decreased individual income taxes by \$12.0 billion;
- decreased excise taxes by \$2.6 billion.

These statistics demonstrate that under the 1969 and 1971 tax changes, substantially all reductions have gone to individuals.

Attention has also been focused on the fact that for the tax year 1970, 106 persons with incomes in excess of \$200,000 paid no income tax. Some have argued that this handful of cases shows that the system is unfair and that the rich do not pay taxes. However, it should be noted that 15,200 taxpayers in this income category paid an average federal income tax of \$177,000 each — a total of \$2.7 billion. In addition, all of the 106 cases in which no taxes were paid are under study by the Internal Revenue Service and final settlement has not been made.

A list of so-called "loopholes" has been cited as a cause of inequity of the tax burden and loss

Rains Bring Mosquitoes

If you are swatting and scratching more this summer, it's probably because there are so many mosquitoes around. It has been a good summer for these blood-hungry little pests.

The frequent rains across most of North Carolina so far this season have provided ideal mosquito breeding conditions, as rain water has collected and stagnated in discarded cans, tires and hundreds of other containers.

The only way to have any degree of control, according to North Carolina State University entomologists, is to destroy these mosquito breeding places.

They suggest removing unneeded water containers, flattening tin cans, putting old tires where water containers such as fire barrels, emptying birdbaths, cleaning out gutters and draining stagnant pools.

Mosquito eggs cannot hatch unless they are in water. Destroying as many of these hatching grounds as possible is a first step in mosquito control.

If standing water contains mosquito larvae and the water can't be drained, an approved insecticide may be applied.

If the water to be treated ISN'T used as drinking water for humans or animals, or for birds, cats or aquariums, a spray containing one-half percent lindane or 2 percent malathion may be used. Or, kerosene or fuel oil full strength may be used.

The active sprays are usually contained in preparations for control of ants, roaches and mosquitoes.

If you use any recommended insecticide except full strength kerosene or fuel oil, apply about one ounce of spray to each 100 square feet of water surface. If full strength kerosene or fuel oil is used, apply it full strength at the rate of two to four ounces to each 100 square feet.

Outdoor application of recommended insecticides may be ineffective against adult mosquitoes. For example, few mosquitoes will live to enter your house if you

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NEW YORK—Directors of Celavese Corporation today declared a dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, payable September 27, 1972, to shareholders of record September 1, 1972.

The board voted regular quarterly dividends of \$1.12 1/2 per share on the preferred stock, series A; 75 cents per share of the convertible preference stock; and \$1.75 per share on the 7 percent second preferred stock. All preferred stock dividends are payable October 1, 1972, to shareholders of record September 1, 1972.

apply an emulsion or oil solution of 1 percent lindane to places where mosquitoes rest or hide near the house.

These sprays are potent a week or more after they are applied. If quick relief is wanted outside during picnics, lawn parties and so forth, space sprays may be used. Such sprays are on the market in push-button cans. Or fog units and mist machines are available for spraying fogs and mists for control.

If the mosquitoes get inside the house, any good household spray may be used to kill them. Such sprays may contain pyrethrum plus a synergist such as piperonyl butoxide.

In any use of an insecticide for any purpose, and particularly around and in the house, label directions should be followed to the letter, NCSU specialists caution.



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"JUST CAUSE YOU LOOK EMPTY-HEADED DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO DRIVE THAT WAY," cautions Dexter (KURT RUSSELL) to the invisible Schuyler (MICHAEL MCGREEVEY), as Debbie (JOYCE MENGES) holds on for takeoff in Walt Disney Productions' comedy spoof of invisibility, "Now You See Him, Now You Don't." Also starring are Cesar Romero, Joe Flynn, Jim Backus and William Windom. In color by Technicolor, the Joe McEveety screenplay was based on an original story by Bob King. Bob Butler directed for executive producer Ron Miller.

of revenues to the Federal government. A closer look, however, reveals that many of these "loopholes" are used by the average, low and middle income citizen to lower his taxes rather than being the exclusive prerogative of the rich. For example, the interest in home mortgages is a "loophole" used by millions of American homeowners. Deductions for medical expenses, children, personal exemptions, and occupational costs are all available to everyone with any kind of taxable income. They were deliberately written into the tax laws because they serve legitimate social or economic needs. The impact of these deductions is far greater for taxpayers in the low and middle income brackets than for those with high incomes. Any decision to eliminate them should be carefully thought through and the effects on our economy and social institutions should be considered.

It is clear that the subject of tax reform is far from simple. We will be hearing a great deal of rhetoric in this election year about this issue, and many so-called "reform" plans will be offered. Hopefully, the next Congress can weigh the merits of these various proposals in a more reasonable atmosphere.



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