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Destructive Taxation

During the war, excise taxes of 15 per cent on passenger fares and 3 per cent on freight charges of common carriers were imposed, primarily, as a deterent to the use of vital railroad facilities for nonessential personal trabel and freight shipments. The tax worked well then and is working even better now when there is no need for it. Less than 30 per cent of the seating capacity of passenger trains is now being used.

From 1946 to 1952, the share of intercity passenger travel handled by the rail roads, bus lines and airplane dropped from 28 per cent to only 15 per cent. There is no tax on the use of a private automobile, so naturally the pressure is in the direction of their greater use.

The 3 per cent tax on freight charges discriminates against shippers who use common carrier transportation, and thus encourages business wherever possible to develop their own fleets of trucks and barges. The net tax produced by these excise levies is small. When incurred for business reasons, as both of them usually are, they are of course deductible for income tax purposes. Secondly, by driving business away from the common carriers, they reduce taxable income—another tax loss.

Common carriers are absolutely indispensible in times of emergency. The use of their facilities must be encouraged in ordinary times if they are to maintain the capacity which emergency defense needs may demand. About 80 per cent of the federal budget is earmarked for defense. There is no sense buying preparedness and then undermining our national transportation system with punative taxes.

An analogy is found in the sad case of the rattlesnake that ate its own tail.

SPECIAL
REGISTRATION DAYS

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 1953
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at Court House, Centreville, Md., in Court Room from 2 to 9 P.M.

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Perez, Gallardo Rematched On Fri. Radio-TV Bout

Larrupin' Lulu Perez and fast-punching Dave Gallardo will try it again in Madison Square Garden Friday night (November 27) in a ten round featherweight scrap to be national televised and broadcast on the Cavalcade of Sports by the Gillette Safety Razor Company.

The fight will start at 10 P.M. EST and will be seen on the NBC television network and heard over the ABC radio network.

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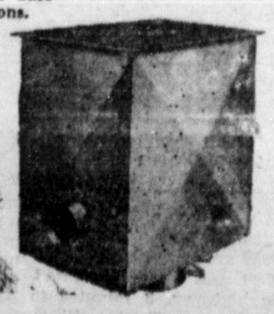
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