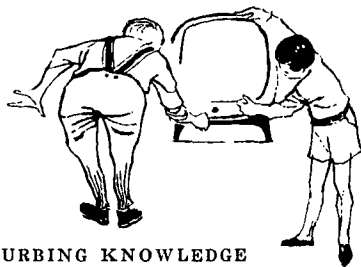


PAINLESS TAX REQUIREMENTS

or — FREEDOM FROM DISTURBING KNOWLEDGE



When window lights were blinking out
In every shop and store,
Old Kaspar stacked the supper plates
And barred the kitchen door,
While Peterkin and Wilhelmine
Looked at the allegoric screen.

They saw a room where lines of men
With blindfolds on their eyes
Were filing past a row of desks
And whispering replies
To clerks who juggled endless swarms
Of numbers on the printed forms.

"Is that some kind of numbers game?"
The little children cried.
"It is the Federal Income Tax,"
Old Kaspar soon replied.
"A man just tells how much he earns
And signs the finished tax returns."

"But why are all the blindfolds worn?"
Demanded Peterkin.
"They act as tranquilizers, Pete,"
Said Kaspar with a grin.
"We don't want folks to be disturbed
By things they'd see with sight uncurbed."

"An income tax," said Kaspar then,
"With steep progressive rates
Is what the communists prescribe
For these United States.
It wouldn't do for folks to see
A tax that fills the Reds with glee."

"Does no one ever dare to peek?"
Asked little Wilhelmine.
"A few have peeked," Old Kaspar sighed,
"And broadcast what they've seen.
But such Extremists of the Right
Are known for their defective sight."



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UNITED We Fall

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, the most perfect "United Nations" the world has ever known erupted into war. That organization had everything (and then some) that anyone could possibly desire to insure the success of a central government for a group of independent states.

The members of that particular United Nations all spoke the same language. And they still used every weapon known to man to exterminate each other.

They had the advantage of a common religious, racial, and cultural background. And for four years, they slaughtered each other at every opportunity.

There were no restrictions against travel or trade among the member states. And still they did a superior job of killing each other.

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They had a "Charter" that was generally recognized as ideal for the purpose of uniting independent nations. And still they fought each other in one of the most destructive wars in history.

For years, the member states openly debated the issues that divided them. But as always happens when truly vital issues are discussed by large groups of politicians in public, the resulting inflammatory speeches for "history and home consumption" made the situation worse instead of better.

Those United Nations had the most favorable opportunity yet known to man to prove the thesis that a formal organization can unite nations and preserve the peace when there is a major difference in the philosophies and aims of the member states. And as any objective student of history and government could have predicted, events proved once again that it never works.

You know, of course, that I am