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### GENERAL INVITATION

The Conference sessions are open and the public is cordially invited to take part in the discussions following the formal papers, to the extent that available time permits and in accordance with the Conference rules.

Anyone may take part in the discussion of resolutions submitted for Conference action, but the voting is confined to official delegates.

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

2:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.—REGISTRATION Alcove, 17th Floor

### RECEPTION

All Members and their Ladies are cordially invited to be the guests of the Local Arrangements Committee at a reception with entertainment in the Ballroom of the Hotel William Penn from 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.

# "An Appraisal of Governmental Fiscal Problems"

# PROGRAM IN BRIEF

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Honorable David L. Lawrence, Mayor of Pittsburgh

#### RESPONSE AND CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

President G. Howard Spaeth

#### OUR FISCAL RESOURCES FOR THE EMERGENCY

Roswell Magill, Attorney, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and former Under-Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, New York, N. Y.

#### THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND WORLD DEVELOPMENTS

Leon H. Keyserling, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors, Washington, D. C.

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#### 12:15 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—FIRST CONFERENCE LUNCHEON—Ballroom

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

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#### KOREA AND THE TAX PROBLEM

General Brehon B. Somervell, Chairman of the Board and President, Koppers Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### 2:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—SECOND GENERAL SESSION—Ballroom

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Admiral Ben Moreell, Chairman of the Board and President, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### IMPACT OF TAXATION ON PRODUCTION AND JOBS

C. F. Hood, President, Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### TAX PROBLEMS AND THE BUSINESSMAN

Courtney Johnson, Assistant to the Chairman of the Board and to the President, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

#### **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND TAX REVENUES**

Lt. Colonel H. Carl Kait, JAGC, Chief, Tax Branch, Procurement Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

# REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL CORPORATE NET INCOME TAX

Harold M. Groves, Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

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# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (Continued)

#### 7:45 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.—FIRST ROUND TABLE—Urban Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Alfred G. Buehler, Professor of Public Finance, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

# REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION

C. Emory Glander, Tax Commissioner, State of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio

# WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE PERSONAL PROPERTY JAX?

#### PARTICIPANTS:

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William Miller, Director of Research, Princeton Surveys, Princeton, N. J.

Thomas A. Byrne, City Tax Commissioner, Milwaukee, Wis.

H. Guy Chase, Manager, General Tax Department, Pure Oil Company, Chicago, III.

E. L. Maynard, Supervisor, Property Tax Division, Chicago Office, Illinois Department of Revenue, Chicago, III.

E. A. Cole, Assistant Counsel, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

# 7:45 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.—SECOND ROUND TABLE—Monongahela Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Fred S. Martin, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

# CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES IN FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION PARTICIPANTS:

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W. H. Danne, Certified Public Accountant, Price, Waterhouse & Company, Washington, D. C.

Seymour Mintz, Attorney, Hogan and Hartson, Washington, D. C.

### Notes

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 M.—THIRD GENERAL SESSION—Pittsburgh Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

H. Clyde Reeves, Commissioner of Revenue, State of Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky.

#### THE PROBLEMS OF EXPENDITURE AND DEBT CONTROL

#### THE FEDERAL PROBLEM

Elmer B. Staats, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C.

#### THE STATE PROBLEM

Ben Hulse, Chairman, California Senate Interim Committee on State and Local Taxation, Sacramento, Cal.

#### THE LOCAL PROBLEM

C. A. Harrell, City Manager, Norfolk, Va.

#### FACING UP TO OUR FISCAL PROBLEMS

Charles W. Briggs, General Counsel, Weyerhaeuser Sales Company, St. Paul, Minn.

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### 12:15 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—SECOND CONFERENCE LUNCHEON— Ballroom

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

William A. Sutherland, Vice President, National Tax Association

# COORDINATING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES Honorable Alfred E. Driscoll, Governor of New Jersey

#### 2:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—FOURTH GENERAL SESSION—Ballroom

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Walter W. Walsh, Attorney, Chapman, Bryson and Walsh, New York, N. Y.

#### COORDINATING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES

#### FEDERAL ASPECTS OF A COORDINATED TAX PROGRAM

Mabel Newcomer, Professor of Economics, Vassar College, Pough-keepsie, N. Y.

#### EFFECT OF FEDERAL TAXES ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.

#### LOCAL ASPECTS OF A COORDINATED PROGRAM

Harland C. Stockwell, Executive Secretary, The Civic Federation, Chicago, III.

# A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR COORDINATING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES

Clarence L. Turner, Certified Public Accountant, Turner, Crook and Zebley, Philadelphia, Pa.

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### 7:45 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.—THIRD ROUND TABLE—Allegheny Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Henry D. Allen, Supervisor of Payroll Taxes, United States Steel Corporation of Delaware, Pittsburgh, Pa.

# REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON INTEGRATION OF PAYROLL AND WITHHELD INCOME TAXES

E. Gordon Keith, Associate Professor of Finance, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### INTEGRATION OF PAYROLL TAXES

#### PARTICIPANTS:

Joseph L. Faye, Assistant Director, Accounting Operations Division, Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, Federal Security Agency, Baltimore, Md.

W. S. Bowser, Comptroller, Blaw-Knox Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

James R. Turner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Samuel C. Bernstein, Commissioner of Unemployment Compensation, State of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.

David H. Kurtzman, Director of Research, Western Division, Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

# 7:45 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.—FOURTH ROUND TABLE—Monongahela Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Eugene G. Shaw, Commissioner of Revenue, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.

### UNIFORM ADMINISTRATION OF THE SALES AND USE TAXES

#### PARTICIPANTS:

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# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

# 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.—SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION—Pittsburgh Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

G. Howard Spaeth, President, National Tax Association

General Discussion of the Association's objectives and purposes by Members of the Association

# 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 M.-FIFTH GENERAL SESSION-Pittsburgh Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

Robert S. Ford, Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

# REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TAX SITUS AND ALLOCATION

Jack R. Miller, Attorney, Rawlings and Miller, Sioux City, Iowa

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

# 12:15 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—THIRD CONFERENCE LUNCHEON—Ballroom

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

J. Cameron Thomson, President, Northwest Bancorporation, Minneapolis, Minn.

# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS—DOES OUR AMERICAN TAX POLICY NEED REVISION?

G. Howard Spaeth, President, National Tax Association

#### 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

No formal session of the Conference will be held and the afternoon will be devoted to a program of the Local Arrangements Committee.

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# **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

7:00 P. M.

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### TOASTMASTER

Col. Willard F. Rockwell, Chairman of the Board, Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

# PROBLEMS FACING US AT HOME AND ABROAD

Honorable Harry Flood Byrd, United States Senator from Virginia

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.—SIXTH GENERAL SESSION—Urban Room

#### PRESIDING OFFICER

G. Howard Spaeth, President, National Tax Association

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

### REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON BANK TAXATION

Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.

# REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TAXATION OF TRANSPORTATION

Benjamin P. Whitaker, Professor of Economics, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

**ACTION ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS** 

#### ADJOURNMENT OF CONFERENCE

# 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.—BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION—Urban Room

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Robert J. Eby, New Rochelle, N. Y.

# REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Walter W. Walsh, Attorney, Chapman, Bryson and Walsh, New York, N. Y.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

#### ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

NOTE: Adjournment of the Business Meeting will be subject to the desire of members and interest shown in continuation of discussions on any previous subjects relating to the affairs of the Association.

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