



NEW RUEA PRESIDENT—John MacKenzie (left) was installed as the new president of the Redford Union Education Association May 24. The installation took place during a banquet at the Northwood Inn in Berkeley. MacKenzie replaces William Shoemaker, who served two terms as RUEA president. MacKenzie has been teaching business education in Redford Union for the past 10 years. He is also varsity track coach.

Ask Clarification On Political Contributions

WASHINGTON — Direct campaign contributions to political candidates have long been non-deductible for tax purposes. In the view of the Internal Revenue Service,

Now the IRS is beginning to spell out clearly that tax deductions are also forbidden to indirect campaign donors, like the businessman who purchases an ad in a political convention program or buys a ticket to a political testimonial dinner.

But eight tax attorneys who believe much more clarification is needed in this area of indirect giving, have written the IRS chief counsel's office to urge that even more rules be laid down for the current political season.

The issue was highlighted Friday at an IRS hearing called to solicit views on proposed new regulations governing campaign contributions.

THE SUBJECT has generated correspondence from California attorneys since the state was the starting point—and is still the major focus—of a national investigation by the IRS into alleged illegal deductions claimed by campaign contributors.

The proposed regulations under consideration, would prohibit an individual or firm from deducting the cost of advertising in a convention program or other political publication, or the cost of admission to a political dinner, cocktail party, inaugural ball, inaugural concert or similar event.

The rule also would spell out that "no deduction shall be allowed for an expenditure for advertising in any publication... if any part of the proceeds... directly or indirectly inures to a political

party or candidate."

This would apply equally to billboards, pamphlets and radio and television programs under the proposed regulations.

LOS ANGELES ATTORNEYS William Hannam and Walter S. Weiss, who represent an advertising firm under investigation by the agency to expand the scope of its proposed regulations.

"A great deal of confusion presently exists as to which indirect expenditures are properly deductible and which are clearly not deductible," Hannam said in a letter.

Hannam offered amendments to "clearly define those practices which are prohibited... and eliminate many of the widespread and well-known methods which have previously been employed in the making of indirect political contributions."

His amendments would forbid deductions "being claimed for that portion of a fee paid to a public relations firm or law firm which the donor asked to be passed on to a candidate."

THEY WOULD ALSO prohibit deductions for material or printing costs furnished to a candidate by a businessman or his firm, or for such items as free billboard space, food or drink furnished to a candidate or his party.

Hannam offered another example of a prohibition that might be spelled out:

"An organization responsible for conducting a political campaign borrows \$20,000 from taxpayer A. Taxpayer G guarantees the repayment of this loan. G is eventually called upon and repays the loan in full. G may not deduct this \$20,000 expenditure."

Halibut Goes South Of The Border



The flavor of Mexico is added to halibut in this colorful main dish. Halibut steaks are baked in a spicy tomato sauce with the addition of onion, olives and celery. The warm tang of the sauce accents the fresh flavor of the halibut.

Halibut can be purchased as filets, steaks, or roasts, both fresh or frozen. When selecting halibut, be sure it's the genuine North Pacific halibut, since this is the true halibut. It is caught in the coastal waters of the Pacific Ocean and comes directly to markets and freezers across the nation, assuring fresh flavor and high quality.

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Halibut Mexicano

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| 2 pounds genuine North Pacific halibut steaks or filets, fresh or frozen | 1/2 cup chopped celery |
| 3 tablespoons oil | 1 (15-oz.) can tomato sauce |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup sliced stuffed olives |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 1 teaspoon chili powder |
| | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |

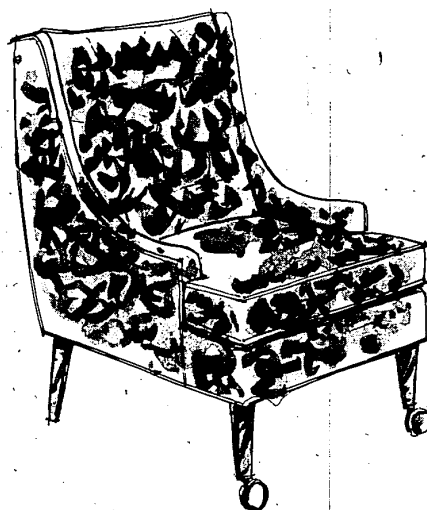
Defrost frozen halibut. Brush both sides of halibut steaks or filets with oil. Sprinkle with salt. In remaining oil, sauté onion and celery until soft. Add tomato sauce, olives, chili powder and pepper. Simmer 2 or 3 minutes. Pour sauce into shallow baking dish. Arrange halibut in dish, spooning some sauce over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with fork. Makes 6 servings.

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