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DAYTON, O., Oct. 30 -- "If equal liberties are to be enjoyed in our freedom and in our American free enterprise, we must pay the price. This price is taxes."

So commented Fr. Andrew L. Seebold, S.M., president of the University of Dayton, as he welcomed some 50 tax practitioners to the University's fourth annual Institute on Federal Taxation this morning.

Father Seebold continued that the price we pay through taxes "is small in comparison to the blessings of freedom and independent self-government which they bring us."

Referring to the current practice of praising Russian education and scientific advancements, the U.D. President said:

"If we were to be as irresponsible as the critics who are flaunting Russia's seeming superiority before us, might we not say that in Russia, the people pay no taxes, students pay no tuition in schools, etc.

"They do not; neither do they live as human beings with the exercise of the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Father Seebold said American citizens must see in taxes a patriotic duty to the country as a means of preserving it and safeguarding individual rights.