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'Successful filing period'

No Taxpayer Revolt, Says IRS Official

The U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service said here yesterday the American taxpayer pungled up like a good citizen should on his 1973 returns.

Commissioner Donald C. Alexander made the remarks at a luncheon meeting of students, faculty and graduates of Golden Gate University's graduate school of taxation.

"There was no wave of non-compliance this year," he said, speaking 24 days after the close of filing.

"During the recently ended filing period, perhaps our most successful in history, there were highly publicized stories in the press quoting a few individuals claiming the ability to read the minds of 81 million American taxpayers.

"These seers forecast a wave of noncompliance."

But, he said, if the taxpayers were "taking all kinds of questionable deductions, the average refund this year would have risen dramatically over what we projected."

But, he said, the service had predicted an increase of about five per cent based on normal economic factors, and this prediction has held up.

And "refund statistics are good current indicators of compliance trends," he concluded.