

Sales Tax Levy, Exemptions Slash Urged on Congress

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A spokesman for the National Association of Manufacturers urged congress yesterday to lower individual income tax exemptions and levy a general sales tax as a "major source of federal revenue."

At the same time, the association registered its belief that "economy ranks first as a means of securing funds to finance today's national emergency."

Livingston W. Houston, chairman of the NAM committee on government finance, presented the association's views to the senate finance committee which is considering the house-approved \$3,236,700,000 tax bill.

"It does not seem just," he said in a prepared statement, "for congress to consider tremendous new tax burdens without taking prompt and decisive action to eliminate non-essential governmental spending. We urge congress at this time, when it is demanding great sacrifices from the people, to slash every possible dollar of non-essential spending."

Houston declared that samplings of public opinion "show clearly that the American public is willing to accept sales taxation as an easy way to pay-as-you-go in amounts which will not be greatly missed from day to day." They showed too, he said, that the general public wanted a tax bill which would reach low-income brackets now exempt.

He submitted graphs of potential tax yields, drawn on the assumption that the present \$2,000 exemption for married persons would be lowered to \$1,250 and the \$800 single exemption to \$500, with exemptions for dependents set at \$300 instead of \$400.

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Regional Kiwanis Officers Elected

SALEM, Aug. 20. (AP)—Charles Hamilton, Vancouver, B. C., engineer, was elected governor of the Pacific northwest district of Kiwanis international, which held the last session of its three-day 24th annual convention here yesterday. Hamilton barely defeated A. L. Lee of Tacoma, Wash., and he succeeds Arthur S. Cory of Chehalis, Wash.

Vancouver, B. C., was awarded the 1943 convention.

Lieutenant governors for the various districts elected today are: Harold Hutton, New Westminster, B. C., division 1; Ted Jansen, Seattle, 2; John Truekanbrodt, Kent, Wash., 3; Martin Dawson, Elma, Wash., 4; Harold Kreidel, Cle Elum, Wash., 5; Earl Green, Spokane, Wash., 6; Chas. Howard, Walla Walla, Wash., 7 and 8; Charles Saverude, Gresham, 9; William Hammond, Oregon City, 10; Charles Wiper, Eugene, 11.

The Spokane, Wash., club won the gold award for achievement. Puyallup, Wash., club winning the second-place gold award.

Northwest Prunes to Be Bought for Britain

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The surplus marketing administration notified Senator McNary yesterday it planned to purchase a large quantity of

Moscow Defender



Red Square and the bones of Lenin are among the charges of Maj. Gen. V. A. Reviakin, commandant of Soviet army's Moscow garrison, whose task is that of protecting the Russian capital.

fresh prunes for canning and pulp packing.

The administration said this would be done within terms of the lend-lease act and that the pulp pack would be sent in barrels to England and processed into jam. It said that that program would be supplemented by purchase of a large quantity of dried prunes. The latter program, it continued, would not get under way until the size of crops in Washington and Oregon and other prune-growing states was known. It added that the base price for this program had not been determined.

Depoe Bay Signalman Shoots Tuna Boat Skipper

DEPOE BAY, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Police held William Hughes, 59, in jail on an open charge today, in connection with the shooting of John Avery, 49, captain of the tuna boat Skipper E.

Hughes told State Patrolman Lou Culp, who was at the scene, that Avery had not paid him the one per cent of his catch which Hughes said he had been offered for serving as traffic signalman for the tuna fleet.

Culp who had just parked his car, stepped onto the sidewalk in time to catch Avery as he fell, wounded in the lower abdomen.

Action on Price Control Demanded By Sen. McNary

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, called on the administration congressional majority yesterday to consider price control legislation without delay.

McNary, introduced in both houses legislation two weeks ago, has been considered by the house banking committee but has not been taken up by the senate committee. The house group has decided to postpone further hearings until the house completes a four-weeks rest period and senate committee members have said they would delay action until the house acts.

The legislation would permit President Roosevelt to establish ceilings on various prices. Salaries would be exempted, however, and no ceiling could be established on farm products below 110 per cent of so-called "parity" prices.

"I appeal to the administration to consider this major (price control) legislation without delay," McNary told reporters. He added that there now was general uncertainty because the prospect of such legislation had "dislocated marketing conditions."

"There is neither a buyers' or a

sellers' market because of the uncertainty of price levels," the Oregon senator declared. Pointing out that the midsummer season is the marketing period for farm products, he said, "the great forces of agriculture should have this uncertainty removed."

"In the name of common sense, the price control bill should be voted up or down at the earliest possible date."

McNary declined to commit himself on the general subject of price legislation, but he asserted "that any measure which exempted labor and agriculture eliminated about 80 per cent of the price factors."

Defense Program Fails, Byrd Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Asserting the United States had "miserably failed" to outstrip other nations in arms production for the last two years, Senator Byrd (D., Va.) demanded yesterday complete reorganization of defense production with establishment of a single authority over the entire program.

"America has the capacity in labor and raw materials to out-produce any other nation in the

production of mechanized equipment," Byrd told the senate. "In that job for the past two years we have failed and miserably failed, and the sooner we as a nation realize it, the better we can remedy our mistakes and go forward."

Among other things, he asked suspension of the 40-hour week during the emergency.

"Confusion, due to conflicting and overlapping authority," Byrd declared, "exists to such a degree at Washington as virtually to stymie the whole defense program."

The office of production management and the office of price administration and civilian supply, he continued, "are engaged in a bitter battle behind the scenes, and by executive order they have been given conflicting authority."

U. S. Not Nearer War, View of Rep. Angell

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The United States is no nearer war than it was six months ago, but in view of the Japanese attitude, "anything can happen" in the Pacific, Rep. Homer Angell said yesterday.

Vacationing during the congressional recess, Angell ap-

proved the Roosevelt-Churchill eight-point agreement, but said, "I feel that congress and the public haven't been let in on the actual subjects of the conference."

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—(AP)—It is common talk in Washington, D. C., that the United States is planning to send another expeditionary force across the seas, former Senator Rush D. Holt of West Virginia said last night.

He urged a crowd at an American First committee meeting to

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