

**Knutson Tax Cut Bill Gets Republican Nod**

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to reduce the budget more than that."  
To which Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the House Appropriations Committee added in an interview: "When we get through with the President's budget we

will have money enough for a \$5,600,000,000 tax reduction and at least a \$5,000,000,000 payment on the debt."  
On the other side of the capitol, however, a leading Republican who asked not to be quoted by name said tax action will be delayed in the Senate "until we have a clearer picture of what the treasury surplus will be."  
Knutson's bill would:  
1. Raise individual exemptions

by \$100, from \$500 to \$600.  
2. Let husbands and wives in all states split the family income for tax reporting purposes, thus holding it within the lower tax brackets.  
3. Grant percentage cuts, ranging from 30 per cent in the lowest income brackets to 10 per cent in the upper brackets.

**Gandhi Pleads for Youth Who Bombed Prayer Meet**

NEW DELHI, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi said tonight he will ask the police to be merciful with a youthful Hindu accused of exploding a home made bomb near his prayer meeting last night. The suspect could be imprisoned for life.  
"We should not harbor hatred," Gandhi said. "I will request the police not to trouble him but to have compassion towards him and make him see the righteous path."  
Gandhi, too weak to walk because of his recent fast for communal peace, had been carried to the prayer meeting in a chair. He laughed when an unidentified man in the audience demanded that Gandhi proclaim himself a reincarnation of God. When the speaker persisted, Gandhi impatiently told him to sit down and be quiet.

**Grey-Market Sales of Farm Machinery Probed**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The House Agriculture Committee is investigating grey-market sales of farm machinery by "fly-by-night" operators in South Dakota and other states, Rep. Mundt (R-SD) said.  
In a statement he asked farmers who have dealt with such operators to send him full information.  
He said the dealers have accumulated large stocks of farm machinery for which they forced farmers to pay "fantastic prices."

**Lana Turner Ends Revolt Against Role, Reinstated**

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Lana Turner is back in good standing at her studio.  
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer reinstated the screen actress yesterday after she agreed to play the role she earlier had turned down, of Lady De Winter in "The Three Musketeers."  
MGM had denied any connection between Miss Turner's suspension last Wednesday and her recent romance with Tyrone Power or her current interest in millionaire Bob Topping.

**Vital Statistics**

**Marriage Licenses**  
THRUSH-ST. JOHN—Richard Lee Thrush and Laura May St. John, both of Camas Valley.  
STAUFFER-JOHNSON—Chris J. Stauffer, Riddle, and Constance Elaine Johnson, Myrtle Creek.

**\$50,000 Fire Guts Two Merrill Business Houses**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fire broke out in the middle of the business district of the town of Merrill, 18 miles south of here, this morning and gutted the frame quarters of two business houses before it was controlled by the combined efforts of the fire departments of Merrill and Malin.  
The fires started in the Merrill Billiards, and spread to the Reeves Hardware and Electric Services quarters next door. Adjoining buildings had brick walls and were saved.  
An informal estimate of the total loss to buildings and stock and equipment was \$50,000.

**200,000 German Workers Strike Over Short Food**

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 21.—(AP)—About 200,000 workers left their jobs in Nuerenberg and Cologne today, protesting the food shortages.  
Union speakers, addressing a throng of 30,000 strikers in the Nuerenberg square formerly known as Adolph Hitler Platz, assailed the British and American administrations and the German government. Workers carried banners bearing such slogans as: "We want a united Germany;" "Death to Black Markets;" and "We are hungry."

**Yugoslavs Have Atomic Bombs, Boast of Tito**

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fleet in the Adriatic; against their atomic bombs we shall use our own. We do not stand alone this time.  
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Would Erase "Spies"  
Tito was quoted as saying a few thousand "bandits" were in the Yugoslav mountains and were vexing, but of no consequence. (Balkan government spokesmen regularly use the term "bandit" for opposition forces.)  
"Hundreds of thousands of their companions who live in our midst spy on us from London and Washington through yet undisclosed channels," Tito was quoted as saying. "Comrades, these things must be stopped at all costs."  
The report then quoted Tito as saying: "I have no wish to interfere in

matters of religion, but when priests will toll alarm bells, there will be wholesale insurrection and it must not be overlooked that the farmers are very well armed."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The report by a Trieste newspaper that Marshal Tito claims Yugoslavia has atomic bombs produced the customary deep silence in official quarters here today.

Spokesmen for the Atomic Energy Commission said that, as in the case of previous similar reports from Russia and elsewhere, there would be no comment on the Trieste story.  
Officials have taken the position that comment in any manner would be to react to obvious "fishing expeditions" by other nations who seek to learn how much the United States knows of their progress in atomic research or lack thereof.

**Rationing Talk Perils Meat Supply, Assertion**

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rationing days to come."  
Afterwards, Wherry told newsmen he was "just kidding" and "I just thought it was amusing." But he added he didn't care if Flanders took exception.  
Flanders did. He said he does not believe it was right for Wherry to kid "because I am not sure the meeting he was addressing knew that he was kidding." Flanders added:  
"My entire stock of stored beef is one steer put in early last fall long before I had any thought whatsoever of meat rationing."  
Has Large Family  
He said he stored the steer "for the benefit of my three children, their wives and husbands and my eight grandchildren. . . and I don't imagine there is much left."  
Flanders made the same reply to Thye when the Minnesota senator referred in the Senate earlier this week to Flanders' stored meat.  
The Senate banking committee is holding hearings on the Flanders-Javits bill, as well as on various measures dealing with President Truman's 10-point anti-inflation program. Among other things that program calls for stand-by power to reimpose wage-price controls and rationing on a selective basis.

**Housing Needs to Get Major Attention of C.C.**

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crease enjoyed by all types of business in 1947.  
"If a similar increase is to be recorded in 1948, its source must obviously be additional population and additional population will spur a demand for more housing accommodations."  
Access Road Urged  
The promotion of access roads was adopted as a further objective of the Chamber of Commerce during the coming year. Special emphasis will be given apart from the chamber's continuing highway promotion objectives.  
"Proper forest management and a well regulated plan for timber cutting must include access roads into our Umpqua National Forest," Fullerton said. "It

is believed that returns on the sale of national forest timber can be increased by the building of access roads sufficiently to return sufficient funds to more than cover access road construction costs."

Endorsement of the County Court's presentation to the legislative interim committee on roads at its meeting in Coquille this week, was given by the Chamber of Commerce directors, "save and except that portion in which the court opposes bond issue as a means for financing road construction costs," it was stated.  
Directors of the chamber agreed that "if a bond issue is the best solution for financing new highways," that that method should be adopted. Payments on bonds, however, should be made against state revenues from the gasoline tax and similar sources.

Endorsement was also given the tentative proposals for street improvements as listed by City Manager M. W. Slinkard, which will be presented to the interim committee at Eugene Feb. 17.  
An operating budget of \$18,333.32 for the coming year was adopted by the directors for the Chamber of Commerce, it was announced.

**Missing Prodigy Found in Hotel With Sailor**

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told newsmen that Mrs. Clara Horner, Jacqueline's divorced mother, had collapsed after being informed her daughter had been located. A physician was called and gave the mother sedatives, the friend said. Jacqueline had left home after a family quarrel.

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