

EXCISE TAX REDUCTIONS ASKED BY TRUMAN



AWARDED PLAQUE—Keith Custer, left, is shown receiving the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce plaque for being the outstanding committee chairman for the year. He headed the committee for the construction of park benches and tables for the Umpqua district. Retiring President Glenn Scott, right, has just finished presentation of the award at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Friday night. (Picture by Photo Lab.)

FINAL KEY LACKING

Prisoners, After Felling Guard, Trusty, Open Every Jail Door But Last One

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Four prisoners turned Dade county's skyscraper jail into badland last night in an escape try which came within a key of success.

The prisoners, led by convicted forger George Bertrand, obtained every key but the one leading to freedom by slugging a guard and a trusty into unconsciousness.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE federal oleomargarine taxes, which both houses of congress have just voted to repeal, were first levied back in 1886—64 years ago. They were designed to help the dairy farmer by taxing a competitor of the dairy farmer.

Over the years, repeated efforts have been made to repeal the oleo taxes, but up to this week they were unsuccessful.

THAT raises a quite interesting question:

Why did we finally abandon this effort on the part of the federal government to aid the dairy farmer by levying punitive taxes on his competitor, the margarine maker?

I don't know, of course, but I suspect it was because consumers

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GOP SPEAKER DATED

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(P)—Oregon Republicans will hear Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.) at the annual Lincoln day banquet here Feb. 14.

PENSION HIKE SEEMS SURE

Social Security Law Changes Being Planned By Senate Committee

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—This year Congress is likely to change the social security law in several ways.

The main changes being talked about would increase social security payments—particularly on old age pensions—and bring more people under the law's protection.

Last year the House passed a bill to do this. But the law hasn't been changed because the Senate hasn't yet approved.

It is expected to act this year. The law finally passed probably will be different, at least in some ways, from the bill passed by the House.

That's because the Senate right now—with the House bill in front of it—is trying to put together a bill of its own.

If the Senate passes a bill different from that of the House, both houses will have to take the

bill, iron out the differences by compromising, and then pass one bill agreed to by both houses. That's why it's impossible for anyone now to predict exactly what changes there may be in the social security law.

Higher Pension Certain

At this moment one thing seems certain if the law is changed: That the size of old-age pensions will be increased.

The House-passed bill would do

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The Weather
Cloudy with occasional light rain today, tonight and Tuesday. Slightly cooler tonight. Sunset today 5:13 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:37 a. m.

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Coal Miners Refuse To End Strike

Urge Of Lewis' Union Aides Proves Futile

"No Contract, No Work" Stand Holds; Strategy In Lewis' Role Seen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A federal district court here today granted a six-day delay in the hearing of a government plea for an injunction to end the three-day work week in soft coal mines.

The hearing, originally set for Thursday, was postponed to Wednesday, February 1.

The postponement was granted on the joint request of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers and Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations board.

The injunction suit was brought last week by the NLRB counsel.

Aides said Denham feels that, since it took him about three weeks to prepare his case, the union is entitled to more time to prepare for the hearing.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.—(AP)—John L. Lewis' district officials today failed to end a "no contract, no work" strike in seven soft coal states.

Votes taken by locals of the United Mine Workers over the

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Former Baseball Player Favored In Primary Election

HACKENSACK, N. J., Jan. 23.—(P)—Harry C. Harper, a former big league pitcher, looked like the man who would win the Republican nomination tomorrow for the post vacated by the jailed Parnell Thomas.

Harper is running against two other Republicans in the special primary in the Seventh congressional district.

In the strongly Republican district, the party's nomination usually means the easy election of a candidate, and Harper has the blessing of the powerful GOP organization here.

There is no contest in the Democratic ranks. George T. English, former mayor of East Patterson, is the party's entry for the special election Feb. 6.

Harper left the major leagues in 1922 to establish himself as a wealthy building contractor, dairyman and politician in New Jersey. He now is serving as state commissioner of labor.

Thomas resigned his Seventh district congressional post early this month after pleading no contest to government charges that he padded his office payroll. He is serving a six to 18-month prison sentence for defrauding the government.

Harper spent ten years in the major leagues as a southpaw pitcher. He started in 1912 with the Washington club of the American league and finished with the New York Yankees in 1922.

Chinese Nationalist Navy Bombs Red Port

TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 23.—(P)—Chinese Nationalist warships bombed Chapu, 45 miles southwest of Shanghai, an official dispatch said today.

The Sunday attack set off huge fires and ammunition dump explosions. Chinese Communist defense works were heavily damaged, the Nationalists said.

The sea attack followed extensive air raids along the red mainland.

It was the fleet's nearest approach to Shanghai since that great port fell to the Reds last spring.

Speed Pilot Paul Mantz Sets New Air Record

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(P)—Paul Mantz, 47-year-old pilot and movie stunt flyer, today claimed a new west-east coast record for planes with gasoline-filled engines.

He spanned the continent yesterday in four hours, 52 minutes, 58 seconds in a P-51 fighter plane.

The transcontinental record for all types of planes now is held by Col. William Council. He flew a P-80 jet plane from California to New York in four hours, 13 minutes, 30 seconds, on Jan. 26, 1946.

Contract For \$900,000 Hospital At Bend Let

BEND, Jan. 23.—(P)—Construction is to begin soon on a \$900,000 hospital to be operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph order.

Federal financial aid for the structure has been granted by the U. S. Public Health service. J. H. Wink and Sons, Boise, has the building contract.

FEDERAL CASE DEFEATED

Tucker, Seven Associates Freed Of Fraud Charge In Rear-Engine Auto Project

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The former head of the bankrupt Tucker corporation and seven associates in a \$28,000,000 venture to mass produce a rear-engine automobile were found innocent yesterday of government charges of fraud.

A federal court jury returned the verdict for Preston T. Tucker and the other defendants on charges of mail fraud, conspiracy, and violation of federal securities regulations in promoting manufacture and sale of the car.

The jury which heard the government's 73 witnesses in the three-month trial reached its verdict on the fourth ballot after 17 hours of deliberation.

The case had gone to the jury Saturday without any of the defendants or witnesses in their behalf offering testimony. Defense attorneys contended simply that the government had not proved any of the charges in its 31-count indictment.

Tucker, 46, was president and board chairman of the corporation from the time he launched it in 1947 until it sank into bankruptcy last March. Other defendants acquitted were Fred Rockelman, 63, executive vice president; Robert Pierce, 50, treasurer; Mitchell W. Dulan, 55, sales manager; Otis Radford, 45, a former treasurer; Floyd D. Cerf, 60, underwriter of a \$17,500,000 stock issue; Harold A. Karsten, 58, an assistant in the early promotion, and Cliff Knoble, 59, an advertising manager.

Throughout the trial, the government contended the venture was a mammoth confidence game conspiracy and it introduced more than 1,000 exhibits intended to support the charge.

Prosecutors mentioned that the corporation produced less than 50 cars, all of them hand-built and lacking many features advertised as sensational improvements in automotive engineering. Among the advertised features, the company claimed a hydraulic torque converter, air-cooled disc brakes, and an air-cooled engine embodying a revolutionary fuel injection principle. The

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Local Cook Arrested As Suspect In \$897 Theft

A local cook, who lists his home as Albany, was booked in the county jail early Monday morning on a drunk charge and is being held on suspicion of larceny, Police Chief Calvin H. Baird said today.

Baird identified the suspect as Homer White.

According to Chief Baird, White was arrested in a local hotel at about 3:30 this morning, following investigation of an alleged theft from a Roseburg tavern of a wallet containing \$897.45. The bartender told police the wallet was kept under the counter and the money used to cash patrons' checks.

White was arrested less than three hours after the theft was discovered. When confronted by officers, White had \$820 in his possession. Baird said two checks are still missing.

CVA Project Opposed By U. S. Commerce Chamber

SEATTLE, Jan. 23.—(P)—Declaring that the present Pacific Northwest development program has brought greater gains than the TVA brought the Tennessee valley, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce called Saturday for a nationwide campaign against a Columbia Valley administration.

The chamber charged in a special issue of its publication, Governmental Affairs, that the CVA move is a step in a campaign for a chain of "authorities" in nine great river valleys.



PRESTON TUCKER
Innocent Of Fraud

Hungary To Try Seized American

VIENNA, Jan. 23.—(P)—Hungary's Communist government says it will try American businessman Robert A. Vogler, with in the next few weeks on charges of espionage and sabotage.

The American minister to Hungary, Nathaniel P. Davis, by telephone from Budapest said Deputy Hungarian Premier Rakosi had informed him of the trial and told him "the proceedings will be open to the public so the world can see that the trial is a fair one."

But Rakosi, Davis said, refused flatly to let the minister see Vogler, who has been held incommunicado for more than two months.

Vogler, a representative of the International Telephone and Telegraph company, probably will be defended by a Hungarian attorney appointed by the Budapest government. Davis said Rakosi told him the American could turn to him for the question of American attorney's appearing in a Hungarian court would have to be "considered."

Davis said he interpreted Rakosi's remarks about the open trial to indicate American news correspondents would be granted visas to report the trial.

Hungary turned down strong protests from the United States state department, which demanded Vogler's release.

Elkton Men Fined For Possession Of Venison

Two Elkton men were fined \$50 each, following pleas of guilty to violation of game laws, reported Justice of Peace Clarence Leonard, Drain.

The men were identified as Archie Williams, 33, and John Francis McNeil, 33. Both pleaded guilty to possession of venison during closed season.

List Of Items In Tax Slash Plans Given

Proposals Of President Truman Affect Revenue Totalling \$1,326,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(P)—President Truman's proposals today for excise tax cuts singled out seven taxes estimated to yield the government \$1,326,000,000 a year at present rates.

The President said nothing about cutting a long list of other sales taxes which he has figured will yield another \$6,316,000,000 in the year beginning July 1.

Liquor taxes, which raise \$2,290,000,000, and tobacco taxes, figures at \$1,352,000,000, are the big items among the taxes Mr. Truman apparently wants left at present rates.

Four of the seven taxes marked for reductions make up the complete present list of federal levies on retailers' sales. These are all at the rate of 20 per cent of the retail value of the goods.

The items subject to tax and estimates of their 1951 yield at present rates are:

Jewelry \$201,000,000; furs, \$55,000,000; toilet preparations, including baby oil, \$85,000,000; luggage, including women's handbags and men's wallets, \$80,000,000. Total yield: \$431,000,000. The talk has been that the 20 per-

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Greyhound Bus Upset By Boulder; 7 Passengers Hurt

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—A Pacific Greyhound bus struck a big boulder on the Pacific highway just south of here today and overturned, injuring seven passengers.

State police said the two-by-four boulder had tumbled onto the highway in an earth slide. The bus struck it at 2:35 a. m., and turned on its side.

There were 21 passengers on the northbound bus.

Most seriously hurt was Cameron Sharp, Seattle, who suffered internal injuries and fractured ribs. The Oregon City hospital said he was in "poor" condition.

Six other passengers were taken to an Oregon City hospital. They were Mrs. Ada Condon, Vancouver, B. C., shock; Donald Cramer, Coos Bay, fractured arm; Glen Welch, Oregon City, head injury; Glen Garouete, Portland, back injury; Mrs. Edna Dunbar, Portland, side injury; Charles Martin, Portland, back injury.

The bus driver, Frank Johnson, Eugene, was not hurt.

Diamonds Worthless To Thief Who Stole Them

GREENVILLE, Tex., Jan. 23.—(P)—Someone stole between \$30,000 and \$75,000 worth of diamonds from the core laboratories Saturday night but to the thief they're practically worthless.

Plant officials said it would be almost impossible to peddle the 12,000 carats in industrial diamonds because of the close relationship between dealers and manufacturers.

They think the burglars who cracked the plant's safe grabbed the small fortune in industrial diamonds in ignorance. Each lot of diamonds has a key stone, easily recognizable by any jeweler who has been warned to look for it.

Industrial diamonds are used for cutting purposes. The core firm uses them in making drill bits.

Message To Congress Also Urges Boost In Other Levies, Plugging Of Costly Loopholes

By FRANCIS M. LeMAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—President Truman sent Congress a tax program today calling for a cut in excise or "sales" levies, plugging of loopholes, and a billion-dollar boost in taxes on corporations, estates and big gifts.

In a special message, Mr. Truman did not say specifically how much reduction he thought should be made in the excise taxes. But he said cuts are "most urgently needed" in the taxes on freight, railroad and bus tickets, long distance telephone and telegram bills and "the entire group of retail excises, including such items as toilet preparations, luggage and handbags."

Boulder Wrecks SP Freight Train

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Southern Pacific railway crews labored at the edge of a lake and under a thawing blizzard today to restore mainline tracks blocked by a freight train wreck.

Officials hoped the route would be cleared of wreckage of 21 smashed freight cars and the rails relaid by noon. A huge mountain type locomotive lay beside the scene. It will be moved later.

Fireman James H. White, 45, Klamath Falls, was the only man hurt when the locomotive hit a five-ton boulder Saturday night. He injured an ankle in a leap from the engine cab.

Thawing weather was blamed for the fall of the rock 18 miles north of here. It plummeted from the high bluff known as Modoc Point, smashed a section of high-way paralleling the tracks at a higher point and rolled to the rails.

Five passenger trains were stalled early yesterday behind the block. The railroads estimated 1,600 passengers later were shuttled by school buses around the wreck scene. The stalled train then reversed and returned to Portland, Ore., and Oakland, Calif., terminals.

Thomas J. McCarry, Roseburg, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Co., said this morning that regular service on the Cascade line was restored at 6:30 a. m. The Siskiyou line handled the passenger train Klamath Falls and the Cascade and Shasta Daylight were detoured around the derailment, he said. Extra freights were handled on this line (Siskiyou), some of which are diesel powered. It is coincidental, McCarry pointed out, that diesel power is being used, as SP has been setting up plans to make diesel tests for freight operation on this line.

Gen. Eisenhower's Brother Elected Penn State Prexy

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 23.—(P)—Milton Stover Eisenhower, long a career government official since 1943 president of Kansas state college, is to be the new president of Pennsylvania state college.

The 51-year-old educator is a brother of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, wartime supreme allied commander in Europe, now president of Columbia university in New York.

Penn state's board of trustees elected Eisenhower unanimously. The Penn state president's post has been vacant since Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel died in 1947.

At Kansas state Eisenhower receives \$10,000 annually, in addition to a furnished home on the campus and some expenses. It was reported here that Penn state will pay him \$20,000 a year.

Eisenhower served the United States government for 19 years. He joined the department of agriculture as an assistant to Secretary William Jardine in 1926. He remained in the agriculture department 14 years. During the war he headed the war relocation authority, and served as associate director of the office of war information.

Miss Will Appeal From Conviction Of Perjury

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(P)—Alger Hiss, convicted of perjury and branded an aide of prewar soviet spies, will file an appeal immediately after he is sentenced in federal court Wednesday.

The onetime ranking state department official, an adviser to President Roosevelt at the Yalta conference, faces a possible maximum sentence of ten years in prison and \$4,000 in fines.

Hiss was free in \$5,000 bail after the jury of eight women and four men found him guilty Saturday about 24 hours after they received the case.

Hiss' chief defense counsel, Claude B. Cross, said that the appeal will be filed with the U. S. circuit court of appeals here as soon as sentence is imposed.

Cross declined to state what grounds would be cited in the appeal.

Company Will Remedy Defects In Street Lights

Roseburg's new street lights will burn again—and at no cost to the city for repairs made.

City Manager Matt Slankard returned Sunday from a meeting with officials of General Electric in Medford, during which he requested the needed repairs be made to assure Roseburg street lights would function perfectly.

Slankard was told that General Electric will make all the necessary repairs at their own expense, including installation of heavier wire in lamps and replacement of burned out lamp bulbs.

The city manager was told that other cities are experiencing similar difficulties with this new type lighting, but that General Electric is making every effort to correct the situation.

Auto Larceny, Weapon Charges Facing Youth

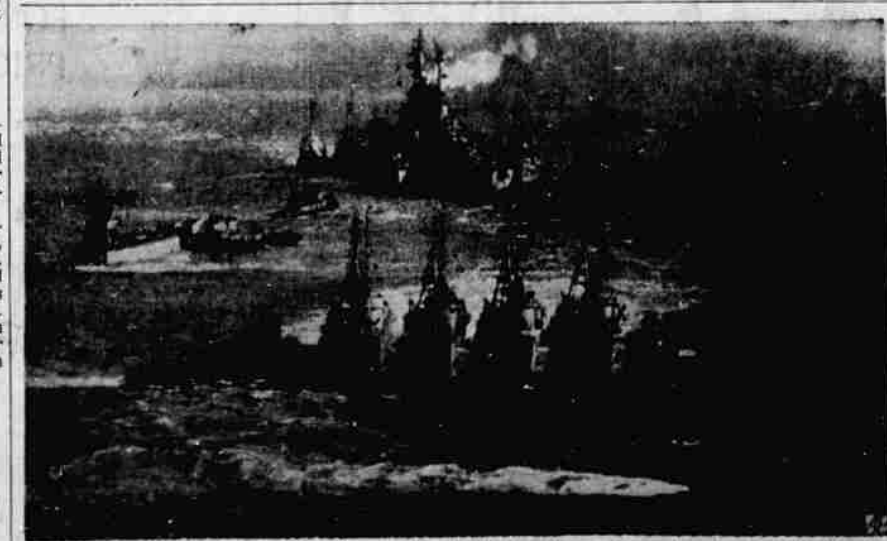
Ernest Carl Goodwin, 18, Fort Leavenworth, Mo., was arrested by state police Sunday and charged with larceny of an auto and carrying a concealed weapon, reported Sgt. Holly Molcomb.

State police said Goodwin was apprehended in Drain, driving a car owned by Marion Buchanan of Sutherland. Goodwin was armed with a .22 calibre revolver, which he said belonged to a Springfield person, Sgt. Molcomb said.

ACTOR ALAN HALE DIES

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 23.—(P)—Death has taken jovial, hearty Alan Hale, at 57, a veteran of 39 years as a motion picture actor and director.

Hale, one of the last members of the film colony who had been active in pictures since its earliest days, died last night in Hollywood Presbyterian hospital of a virus infection, complicated by a liver ailment.



ATTEMPT TO FLOAT 'BIG MO'—The combined efforts of twenty-one tug boats failed to float the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, aground on a mudbank in Chesapeake bay. This airview shows part of the tug boat armada straining to release the giant craft. The Big Mo will remain a "coastal fortification" until Feb. 2, when the next high tide peak is expected. (AP Wirephoto).

Let the next SILVER show be in your heart and purse. Help take the polio fund out of the red. In the past 'twas a dime; make it more this time.

By L. F. Reizenstein