

Congress Faces Knotty Problem On U. S. Finances

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) says the gravest problem Congress will face next year is "how to keep the government solvent and at the same time meet our defense requirements."

Noting reports that President Truman's budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1 may total \$85,000,000,000 or more, McClellan told reporters:

"We've got to find some way to economize on domestic spending and make sure defense spending is carefully screened."

"The most important issue, the

gravest problem ahead of Congress is to keep this government solvent. It's going to be tough because we certainly have to continue our armament program to prepare against the danger of another world war."

Similar concern regarding spending was expressed by Senator Robertson (D-Va.), who said the federal budget will be "the most vital issue confronting the next Congress."

Robertson called for substantial cuts in spending for domestic programs. He also declared "it would be very helpful if some reduction could prudently be made in defense spending."

On the revenue side of the picture, Robertson predicted Mr. Truman will ask for another increase but added there is little chance Congress will go along on that.

"Income taxes have already been raised to the point of diminishing returns, leaving the only new source of tax revenue retail sales taxes or transaction taxes," Robertson said.

He also forecast that the senate Democratic policy committee will shelve Mr. Truman's controversial civil right program at the session of Congress convening next month. He said he expects the President to renew his demands for enactment of the program.

Robertson's talk made it plain the southern senators will meet with another filibuster any move to get senate action on the program. Filibusters always have blocked action in the past.

Search Warrant Denied In Betting Stamp Case

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (AP) — A city judge has refused to issue a search warrant for police to enter the home of a man who has obtained a federal wagering stamp.

City Judge Michael Zimmer said he denied the request to Police Capt. Charles F. Schulz for a warrant because of "insufficient cause and proof." Zimmer said he would have to have more facts in the form of an affidavit.

He also told Schulz: "You have to describe the gambling equipment you want to seize."

The judge remarked that in the prohibition period, warrants were sometimes issued on the basis of smell.

"This is a test case," Schulz said. "Although the man is an admitted gambler, he lives in a private home. Only through a search warrant could we enter unless we saw a crime committed or attempted. Then we could arrest without a warrant."

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DIES

EUGENE — (AP) — Arthur M. Mason, 43, principal of Harrisburg high school since 1945, died at a Eugene hospital Saturday following a brief illness.

Born at Mill City, he had lived in Oregon all of his life, once residing in Klamath Falls. He received his BA and MA degrees from the University of Oregon.

Surviving are his widow, Louise, two children, and three brothers.



THEY'RE BOB, BOB, BOBBING ALONG — As the Taft-for-President campaign swings into high gear, the Ohio senator's New York supporters borrow from an old nursery rhyme to remind us that their favorite has lived in the White House before as the son of former President William Howard Taft. Virginia Bechtold of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the girl with all the Taft campaign buttons.

Big Profit Haul By Demo Leader Related In News

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Daily Mirror says a spokesman for Frank McKinney, newly-appointed Democratic national chairman, acknowledged that a \$1,000 stock investment netted McKinney \$74,000 profit within ten months.

The Mirror quoted the spokesman as saying in Washington last night that McKinney purchased 1,000 shares of stock in the Empire Tractor company, successor to a much-investigated World War II firm, the Empire Ordnance company.

A Washington dispatch to the newspaper gave this account of the Empire transaction:

McKinney paid \$1 per share in the late 1940's.

Ten months later the firm's organizer, Frank Cohen, borrowing money from the firm's funds, bought back the shares for \$75,000.

"Despite this multiplication of the company's stock value by 75 times," Empire tractor soon went bankrupt.

Bankruptcy proceeding records in Philadelphia showed that McKinney's political sponsor, Indiana Democratic Chairman Frank M. McHale, also netted himself \$74,000 in the same manner.

McHale's sister, Miss Mable McHale, came out \$18,500 ahead on a \$250 investment.

McKinney and the McHales were not immediately available for direct comment.

The Mirror said: the 74-to-1 profit to McKinney and the McHales resulted from a simple "stock investment," according to the McKinney spokesman in Washington, who added:

McKinney Partly Ignorant

At the time of the \$1,000 payment, McKinney had no idea Empire Tractor and its sponsor were related to Empire Ordnance. And, not being a member of the firm, the committee chairman had no inkling where the payment money came from.

McKinney, the story continued, was reported to have understood, "on receiving his 74-1 jackpot," that the large amount was paid for his block of stock because of a fight within the firm for control of its management.

The chairman's spokesman said McKinney did not know the firm had made any sales of tractors to or through the government. Court proceedings brought out the fact that Empire Tractor made large sales to the Argentine government

17 Rail Unions Demand Closed Shop Agreement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Labor organizations have reached another milestone in their growing drive to have employers require workers to belong to unions.

A three-man emergency board named by President Truman prepared to open hearings on the demand of 17 railroads unions for a union shop arrangement covering 1,000,000 non-operating rail workers.

The same demand for a union shop is being made by the CIO's steel workers in current negotiations with the steel industry. This would cover another 1,000,000 workers. Various other industries are presently facing union shop requests from unions.

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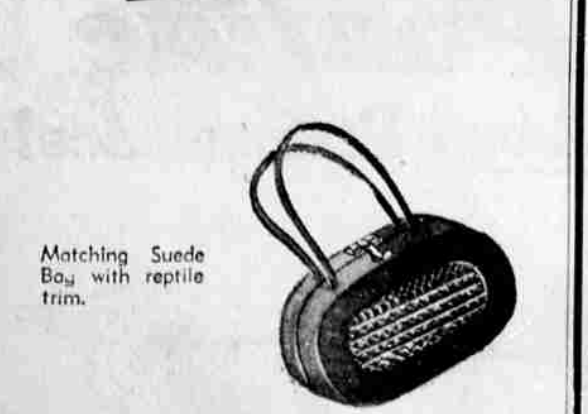
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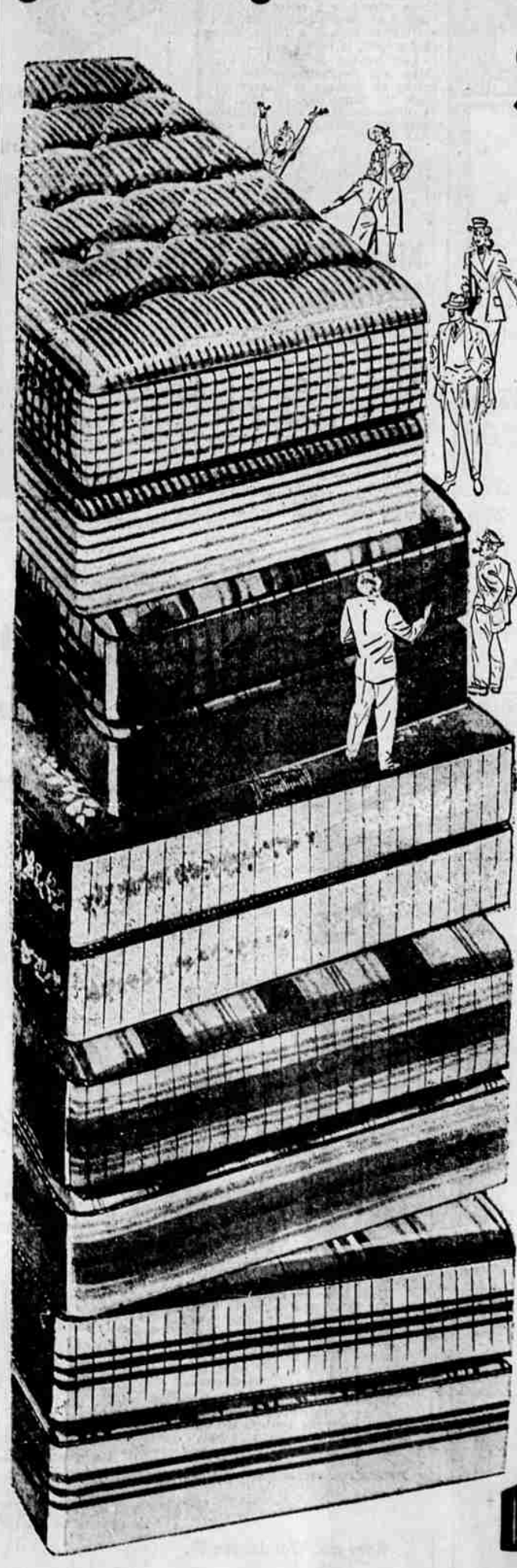
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