

Republican Leaders Agree Cut In Taxes To Stimulate Business Not Wise Move

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders of Congress agreed with President Eisenhower's key cabinet officers Tuesday that it "would not be wise" to cut taxes as a business stimulant at this time.

Following a breakfast conference at the White House, Senate Republican leader Knowland of California told reporters the decision was "of course subject to review" before Congress adjourns in late July or early August.

Tax reduction was the subject of a "round table discussion," Knowland said, along with the question whether the government should launch a major public works program to counter the recession.

Expect Upturn

Both the administration chiefs and the minority Congress members agreed, Knowland said, that unemployment will start declining in March and business will turn up fairly soon thereafter without artificial stimulus.

But Knowland added: "If the anticipated improvement did not take place before midyear when Congress meets again, public works would get serious consideration."

Knowland's statement did not appear to rule out a tax cut as an additional stimulant later if business continues to slump. Both the administration and Democratic leaders are reported working quietly and separately on plans for such a move if it should appear necessary.

The Democrats are reported working on a package plan totaling more than five billion dollars in cuts.

At the same time administration officials are known to have called in private experts, and to have talked among themselves, in efforts to work out tax formulas to meet various economic conditions.

The congressional delegation, headed by Knowland and Rep. Martin (R-Mass.), house minority leader, got a briefing on the economic outlook from Secretary of the Treasury Anderson, Secretary of Commerce Weeks and Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

French, Tunisian Debate Expected To Be Suspended

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The U.S.-British offer of "good offices" to help solve the French-Tunisian dispute was expected to bring a speedy suspension to U.N. Security Council debate today on the charges growing out of the French bombing of a Tunisian village.

Although both France and Tunisia accepted the British-American offer, neither made a move to avert the Council meeting scheduled after Tunisia complained to the U.N. and the French filed a countercharge.

However, diplomats both at the U.N. and in London were confident both nations would now try to avoid a bitter debate which the Communists could exploit.

These sources predicted each nation would make a restrained statement explaining its charges, and that the necessary 7 of 11 Council members then would be mustered to adjourn the debate, giving the good offices a chance to work.

Overruled Examiner Says He Was Surprised

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owned subsidiary of National Airlines. The award is now being contested in the courts.

"I held that WKAT was the best qualified of four applicants," Sharfman testified.

The name of Sen. Smathers (D-Fla.) has come into the case in connection with the Wilson application. Smathers was executor of Wilson's estate.

Smathers told a reporter Monday that he has no active connection with the estate's prosecution of the TV application after Wilson's death. He said he would be glad to testify if the House subcommittee asked him to.

Smathers told a reporter Monday an informal conference of FCC members and the senate commerce committee at which, he said, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) expressed an opinion that perhaps it wasn't wise for FCC to award a TV station to a party which also had interests coming under another Federal regulatory agency.

Smathers said no names of applicants or cases were mentioned at this conference, held before the FCC made its decision in the Miami case.

Summoned from Florida to testify were Paul R. Scott and Robert L. Anderson, now a circuit judge, whom Schwartz identified as members of the law firm representing the successful applicant; Thurman A. Whiteside, who Schwartz said wrote at least \$2,630 in checks to FCC Commissioner Richard A. Mack while the case was pending; and Perrine Palmer Jr., described by Schwartz as a leading Miami political figure and a close acquaintance of Mack.

Shoplifting Charged Against 2 Teen-agers

Two young Roseburg boys were booked on charges of petty larceny by Roseburg police after they were apprehended and taken to the police station by Jim Knudtson, Roseburg jeweler.

Knudtson nabbed the pair, 13 and 14 years old, in another store after they had taken two Roseburg high school class rings from the shop operated by Knudtson.

Knudtson's Jewellers, 633 SE Jackson St. Both boys signed statements admitting the thefts, said police.

Officers reported that the younger boy told them he is on probation in Springfield in connection with a similar charge.

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Valley Gasoline Dealers Vote To Stop Price War

EUGENE — Gasoline dealers from five Willamette Valley cities voted here Monday night to take immediate steps to bring a gasoline price war to an end.

Some 45 service station operators from Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Junction City and Corvallis attended a meeting here to discuss the effects of price cutting.

Charles Goforth, Portland, president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., told the operators that a "majority of the oil companies and their stations are expected to co-operate" in settling the price war which has resulted in gasoline reductions of up to 12 cents per gallon.

Retailers indicated their profit margins are down as much as 50 per cent, even with subsidization by wholesalers.

Goforth recommended a "price clearing" plan which he said was used successfully last fall by some 1,500 Portland stations.

Retail dealers will be requested by their local associations to sign a pledge agreeing to removal of all large gasoline price signs and to adjust pump prices to a normal profit above tank-wagon prices.

The pledge requires the retailers to hold the adjusted prices for 48 hours to give the association time to contact "stragglers."

No Immediate Relief Seen From Heavy Storm

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cluded Augusta, Ga., 12 above; Charles, S. C., 14 above; and Savannah, Ga., 15 above.

Blizzard Hits Indiana

Southern Indiana was hit last night by a new blizzard that added 20 more inches to the already snow-plagued area. The fall raised the total in South Bend to 35 inches.

Michigan City, Ind., already covered with an estimated 34 inches, escaped the brunt of the new storm.

Lee on the upper Ohio River brought water traffic there to a virtual standstill.

The temperature in New Jersey dropped to 10 above at High Point. About 300 motorists in East Orange, N.J., finally dug their automobiles out of snow drifts and found each had been tagged with an overtime parking ticket.

The cold spell in Washington, D.C., was its worst in 16 years. The temperature dropped to five above in the district, which had a 14 inch snowfall Saturday. Public schools in the area were closed for a second day. Government workers had another holiday, this time at Uncle Sam's expense. Those who stayed on Monday were docked a day's leave.

Town Without Heat

Middlesboro, Ky., not only had no weather, but one-third of the coal mining town was without heat, awaiting emergency supplies of heating gas.

A shortage of natural gas caused hundreds of schools and industries to close in Georgia. Zero temperatures were reported in the North Georgia mountains.

Some parts of Virginia and Tennessee had below zero readings. Some other New England temperatures all below zero. Montpelier, Vt., 26; Portland, Me., 16; Burlington, Vt., 18; Concord, N.H., 7; Boston 4, and Bradley Field, Conn., 5.

Twenty-four families in Stamford, Conn., were given shelter in the Stamford High School gymnasium after the heating system failed in two tenement houses they occupied. The temperature was zero.

The Pennsylvania Railroad cancelled 23 trains. One reason was that wind-driven powdered snow caused short circuits in a number of electric engines.

Twenty-two outbound and 24 inbound flights were cancelled at New York's LaGuardia Airport. Most of the cancellations were by short-haul airlines serving New England and the Midwest.

Ten trips—mainly for Florida—were cancelled at Idlewild Airport.

Convicted Slayer Dies In Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — A sex slayer who mutilated and killed two San Francisco girls with a knife was executed in the state gas chamber Friday after spending a sleepless night in his death row cell.

James Reese, 27, entered the chamber at 10:01 a.m. and was pronounced dead 11 minutes later.

Reese, convicted of murdering Elizabeth Simmon, 13, and Georgia Ann Barrett, 20, in 1936, alternately read magazines and talked to prison guards and his religious counselor, Father Earl Sutherland, during the night.

BICYCLE FOUND

Roseburg police were informed Monday by Jack Cummings, 834 W. Nebo St., that his son had found his bicycle which was reported stolen Feb. 4. The bike was found near the South Umpqua River, he said.

W. Oregon Rivers Drop, But Eastern Rivers Stay High

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Oregon's rivers were falling Tuesday, but rains and melting snow had Eastern Oregon rivers brimful and running over.

The Umatilla was up sharply. The Malheur and the Owyhee were rising, and streams feeding into the Crooked River were threatening floods in the Prineville area.

Less than the usual winter quota of snow was expected to lessen the hazard at many places, Elmer Fisher, river forecaster, said at Portland.

Illustrative of what was happening to the snow, Fisher said, was the situation in Central Oregon, where Bend had a top temperature of 55 degrees Sunday and 56 degrees Monday. For three days Bend's minimum has not gone below 40 degrees. This is a wide spread situation east of the Cascades, with Baker having the state's low early Tuesday at 39 degrees.

More Rains On Way

More rains are on the way and Western Oregon streams still may come back to fresh crests, Fisher said, if the rains are heavy.

At Coquille, the Coquille River, which had closed two highways, was falling rapidly Tuesday morning and both Highway 101 and Highway 42 were open to traffic.

Coquille cautioned that Southwest Oregon, where heavy rains had put all rivers up over the weekend, could again be a trouble spot if forecast rains are heavy. An inch and a half was expected Tuesday and a half inch Wednesday.

However, at midday Tuesday, Coquille reported lessening rain and a favorable outlook.

High winds raked much of the coastal area Monday night and early Tuesday but no major damage was reported.

The crest in the Willamette had moved downstream from Salem Tuesday but some roads, including the Salem-Independence route, remained under water.

The Yamhill and the Tualatin rivers were still out of their banks, but Fisher said that is a standard wintertime occurrence and no heavy damage is caused.

Drinking Bartender Assessed Fine Of \$25

A bartender who pleaded guilty of drinking beer while on duty at a Roseburg tavern has been fined \$25 in municipal court.

Gertrude LaVerne Woodcock, 34, Grand Hotel, was assessed the fine after pleading to a charge brought by city police. She was accused of violating a city ordinance which prohibits bartenders from drinking while on duty.

Police said she was observed breaking the law while working at Swede's Tavern, 635 SE Stephens St.

In other municipal court cases: Earl Cheal, 38, 950 W. Pilger St., pleaded innocent to a charge of disorderly conduct and had his trial set for July 2. He was arrested on a complaint filed by Jarvis Robertson, 157 W. Kildeer St. Fines of \$25 were assessed against two young Roseburg men who pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Dwain Hayden Pace, 19, 474 W. Whorfin St., paid his fine, but Cecil Neal Whitten, 23, Rt. 2 Box 484, was jailed when he was unable to pay.

Two 17-year-old girls arrested with the two men pleaded guilty to curfew violation and paid \$10 fines.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted: Medical: Mrs. Frank Husak, Mrs. Ronald Laurence, Mrs. Elmer Hitchman, Aaron Gibby, Mrs. James Youtsey, Roseburg; Mrs. Joe Goodreau, Glide.

Surgery: Larry Gifford, Jennie Haines, Oakland.

Discharged: Laura Templeton, Yoncalla; John Schofield, Daniel Blehm, Noble Burgess, Kenneth Tisso, Roseburg; Willard Ott, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Robert Surgeon, Winston.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted: Medical: William White, Mrs. Margaret Holton, Charles Healy, Roseburg.

Surgery: Mrs. James Rose, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged: Mrs. Laurence Emil and baby, Donald Laurence, Mrs. W. T. Dawson, Roseburg; Lawrence Norton, Winston; Mrs. Arthur Manchester and baby, Geri Marion; Mrs. Chester Cline and baby, Robert Earl, Sutherlin; Mrs. Myron Haines and baby, Mildred Nauma, Winston.

GRAND LARCENY CHARGED

Booked at the county jail Monday was Odie Goodin, 21, Box 398, Myrtle Creek, charged with larceny over \$75. He was arrested by Riddle police who brought him to the jail.

Ikes' Note Not Expected To Stop Bulganin Letters

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON — Diplomatic officials said today it is quite likely Soviet Premier Bulganin will ignore President Eisenhower's advice and keep firing public letters at the White House.

If he does, they said, Eisenhower would have no choice but to answer the notes just as publicly.

Silence, it is felt, would only allow the Soviets to win a high-level propaganda war without a contest.

These officials discussed this outlook in the wake of the strongly worded Eisenhower letter to Bulganin which the White House made public yesterday.

The Eisenhower message virtually told Bulganin further letters from him on the subject would be unwelcome. Eisenhower suggested that the Kremlin leaders concentrate on "less formal and less publicized contacts" if they genuinely want to improve relations and arrange a summit conference.

Spaceman Given Series Of Checks

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Physicians and scientists at the Air Force's School of Aviation Medicine continued checks and tests on the world's first "space man" today.

Airman Donald G. Farrell, 23, of the Bronx, during the seven days in the compact space cabin, neither heard nor saw anything going on on earth. He was subjected to most of the physical and psychological conditions scientists believe man will experience in space travel.

Mostly, he said, he missed smoking cigarettes. He usually smokes a pack a day.

At his first meal outside the chamber, attendants placed a sizzling steak in front of him. "If Gen. Benson says I'm a chow hound I'm going to be one," Farrell quipped. Maj. Gen. Otis O. Benson Jr., commander of the aviation medicine school, branded Farrell a chowhound during the simulated space flight.

Farrell ate the steak, slept most of the afternoon and then ate a roast beef dinner. He lost four pounds, he said, during the seven-day flight.

Farrell, who now wants to make a real flight to the moon, will complete a scheduled 72 hours of tests and observations tomorrow.

Camas Valley Woman Passes In Phoenix

Mrs. Harvey C. (Nora) Boyle well-known resident of Camas Valley, died Tuesday morning at a Phoenix, Ariz. hospital where she had been vacationing this winter.

Her body is to be brought to Roseburg and funeral arrangements, in care of Long and Orr Mortuary, will be announced later.

California To Get Threatening Rain; Water Still Falling

The rain storm which threatened to pour down on an already saturated Douglas County today has veered south into Northern California. The report was made today by the Roseburg station of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

It had been feared that another storm would raise rivers quickly and thoroughly soaked the county bringing waters almost to flood crests.

Rivers and streams of the county today were well within their banks. The Weather Bureau said. Reports today showed the South Umpqua at Roseburg at 12 feet and at two feet from 24 hours earlier. The main Umpqua at Kellogg was 17.3 feet, down five feet.

The bureau predicted showers for Wednesday, but no continuous, heavy rains.

Another new development on the weather scene was a warm front which followed the veering Northern California storm. Monday a new record for the airport was set with a reading of 70 degrees. This is the highest February temperature recorded in the five years the Roseburg station has been at the airport. At its previous location, however, a high of 79 was recorded Feb. 26, 1932.

The bureau reported that lower temperatures are expected tonight.

Road Repair Moves Along After Storm

Road crews were hurriedly getting roads in Douglas County back into near-normal operating conditions, but some after-effects of the weekend rainstorm continued to plague them.

At least one new slide was reported Monday. That was on Yukon Road leading into Riddle, which was closed for several hours in the evening by mud and rock tumbling down the hillside. County road crews were still at work clearing away debris in other parts of the county, and it was expected to be a couple days before operation would be back to normal, according to County Road Engineer Al May.

State roads were reported back to pre-storm normalcy by State Division Engineer Frank Morgan. Highway 35 was operating normally in the Elktion area again.

A road in the Lookingglass area, near the Stebbins Sawmill, was reported to state police this morning to have given way, and road crews were said to have begun work on it.

LARCENY CHARGED

Sheriff's deputies Monday arrested Woodrow W. Godon, 40, 1029 NE Willow St., on a petty larceny charge. He is accused by C. Shadbourne, 1760 NW Grove Lane, of selling Shadbourne two tires which allegedly had been stolen from OK Rubber Welders.

Egypt, Sudan Wage Word War Over Desert Frontier

CAIRO. — Egypt and Sudan waged a war of words Tuesday over some 6,000 square miles of desert frontierland claimed by both nations.

The Egyptian government charged that Sudanese troops had crossed the frontier and entered the territory claimed by Egypt on the Red Sea coast. Egypt told her ambassador to demand withdrawal of the troops.

A communique served notice that Egypt planned to send electoral teams into the disputed area so residents could participate in the Feb. 21 plebiscite to approve the union of Egypt and Syria.

Police Detachment

It said the group would be accompanied by a frontier police detachment.

Sudan's Foreign Minister Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub arrived in Cairo Tuesday and went into immediate conference with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Interior Minister Zakaria Mohieddin.

The Egyptian communique expressed hope the dispute would be settled amicably. It complained that the Sudanese had made the issue public after agreeing to keep the negotiations secret.

Sudanese Prime Minister Ab-night in Khartoum that his government had protested Cairo's efforts to take over the trace in a move to re-establish Egypt's southern boundary at the 22nd parallel of latitude.

Rich Minerals

He said the area possibly contains rich mineral deposits. Egypt countered that there is nothing of value in the sector except a manganese mine operated by an Egyptian company on an Egyptian-granted concession.

The site of Egypt's proposed Aswan Dam is about 125 miles above the disputed area.

The Sudan was one of the nations Presidents Nasser of Egypt and Kuwaty of Syria invited to join in their United Arab Republic. Nasser has been rebuffed in efforts to extend Egyptian influence over Sudan. The vast area is important to Egypt because the Nile—on which Egyptian economy depends—flows through it.

Minniejean Brown Given Suspension

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Little Rock School Board expelled Minniejean Brown, one of nine Negroes admitted to Central High School last fall, for the remainder of the school term Monday night.

Supt. Virgil T. Blossom recommended the action against the 16-year-old girl. He said it means that Minniejean, already under a two-week suspension, cannot attend a public school, white or Negro, in the Little Rock district until next September.

A few hours earlier the superintendent had announced that three white students — two boys and a girl — were suspended after racial incidents at the 2,000-pupil school Monday.

W. B. Brown, father of the Negro girl who claims she has been the main target of segregationist students during the five months the Negroes have attended central, promptly labelled the action as "very unfair."

Mrs. Brown said: "I shall consult my attorneys immediately and be governed by their advice."

Mrs. L. C. Bates, Arkansas president of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, declined comment.

Alcatraz Prisoner Hangs Self With Bed Sheet

SAN FRANCISCO — Harold Swann Jr., a prisoner at Alcatraz, hanged himself with a bed sheet Monday night in his segregation cell, Warden Paul Madigan announced.

Swann, 31, was serving 18 years for murder and assault.

Swann, whose home was at Andover, Mass., was convicted by a court-martial of killing a Korean girl. He was sentenced to eight years and drew another 10 for attacking a fellow inmate in the federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind.

Minneapolis Election Today Closely Watched

MINNEAPOLIS — Voters in Minnesota's 1st District were choosing a new congressman today in an election viewed by party leaders as setting a possible pattern for the state's fall general election.

Candidates, nominated in a primary a week ago, are State Sen. Albert Quie, 34, a dairy farmer from Dennison, a Republican, and Eugene Foley, 29, a Wabasha attorney, Democrat.

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