

Bill To Withhold Tax On Dividends, Interest Facing Trouble In Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The administration's appeal to the Senate Finance Committee for favorable action on its tax revision bill ends today where it began more

Mary Boehme Ruling Is Due

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—The judge was expected to say Thursday whether Mary Boehme could refuse to testify in the trial of Dr. Robert E. Boehme.

The doctor is charged with first-degree assault, accused of trying to poison his wife in the pretense of taking a blood sample last Sept. 30.

Prosecutor Gordon Walgren contends Boehme did that because he was in love with Mary Boehme who was divorced from the doctor's brother, Jack Boehme, in 1938.

Dorothy Boehme, the doctor's wife, has stood by him steadfastly, denying there was a poison attempt.

Mary Boehme, 29, a petite brunette, appeared in court late Wednesday dressed in her nurse's uniform. She is under bond as a material witness for the state.

When the state called her to the stand, her attorney told Superior Judge Frank Ryan his client does not want to testify and claims protection under a provision in the state constitution.

The provision is similar to the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and provides that a person may not be forced to testify against himself.

Judge Ryan ordered the jury from the room and asked the attorneys to discuss the matter in his chambers. The judge returned to the bench more than an hour later to adjourn court for the day without announcing a decision on the question.

Three Counties Slate Ballot On Home Rule

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Three counties will vote on home rule charters in the May 18 election. They are Benton, Jackson and Sherman.

Under home rule the voters would set up their own county government, and in addition would be able to revise it in the future. Now it takes action by the legislature to make changes.

Two other counties, Hood River and Lane, plan to submit home rule charters to voters at the November election.

than a month ago—with a plea from Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon.

More than 200 witnesses have been before the committee since Dillon made his first plea April 2 for tax withholding on dividends and interest. As he returns he will find this provision—and several others—in serious trouble.

In an effort to muster support for the measure, President Kennedy opened his news conference Wednesday with a lengthy statement that he said would set the record straight on his withholding plan.

Evaders Affected
He declared the government would collect taxes on dividends and interest the same way it has collected on wages and salaries for years. Evaders would be adversely affected if the bill became law, he said.

Democratic leaders had urged the President to make such a statement. They said today they were strongly hopeful his presentation would stem the tremendous tide of mail running against the withholding plan—and perhaps reverse it.

This deluge of letters—some senters have received many thousands—has caused even strong administration supporters to have second thoughts.

Some who still intend to vote for it say that many of the writers are badly misinformed.

Finance Committee Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., told a reporter after Kennedy's statement that he was keeping an open mind on the provision. But he has expressed serious doubts about hardships it might cause.

Soloist Waits Testimony
Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., senior Republican on the commit-

U. S. Friendliness Impresses Titov

NEW YORK (AP)—Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov says what impressed him the most about the United States is the friendliness of the American people.

Titov spoke Wednesday before 3,000 Hunter College students, most of them girls.

Speaking through an interpreter, Titov said "our planet is beautiful, and too small to allow wars and quarrels."

Later Titov visited the Ford Motor Co. assembly plant at Mahwah, N. J.

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tee, said in a separate interview he would hear Dillon's testimony before making a final decision. But he said he would not vote for it unless he was satisfied it was administratively workable.

Opponents of the provision argued in the long hearings it would cause severe hardships for old persons who live on dividend and interest income.

Corporations and savings institutions insisted that it would impose a heavy administration burden on them.

The President said advertising by savings and loans, banks and others had led some persons to believe a new tax was being proposed, instead of a different method of collecting one now due.

Navy Slaps Curfew On Japanese Base

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP)—The U. S. Navy today slapped a 1 to 5 a.m. curfew on this naval base city of 250,000 for all American military personnel and their dependents.

The Navy said the curfew had been under consideration for some time, but it apparently resulted from the fatal shooting of a Japanese policeman in a scuffle with five Navy seamen early last Saturday.

Japanese police arrested four of the sailors and charged them with suspicion of robbery and murder. The fifth, Richard Lee Jackson of Kansas City, Kan., was shot by pursuing Navy police and is recovering in the Yokosuka base hospital.

The Navy said the curfew would remain in force indefinitely.

Japanese police today filed additional charges of obstructing justice and illegal possession of weapons against the four sailors and forwarded the case to the Yokohama district prosecutor's office.

The four, in the U. S. Navy brig at Yokosuka, face additional questioning by prosecutors before a decision is made whether to bring them to trial. The four are Joseph J. Urgan Jr., 19, Canoga Park, Calif.; Harry E. Williams, 20, Scotts Mills, Ore.; Robert N. Driscoll, 19, Dumont, N. J.; and Eugene R. Pacelli, 19, Atherton, Calif.

Jackson has not yet been questioned.

Each of the new charges has a maximum penalty of three years in prison. Death is the maximum penalty on the murder charge and life imprisonment on the robbery charges.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COUNCIL PTA will send four voting delegates to the 66th annual PTA convention set for May 20-23 in Portland. From left are Mrs. Willis Coble, secretary of the county council, and Mrs. James Marr, both of Roseburg; Mrs. Dale Sall of Myrtle Creek, legislative chairman; and Mrs. Willard Pease, president. The convention, with the theme "New Adventures in PTA Leadership and Responsibility," is the first national convention to be held in Oregon since 1915. (News-Review photo)

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Nine Moslem Women Killed By Secret Army Terrorists

ORAN, Algeria (AP)—Secret army terrorists lashed out at Moslem women on the streets of Oran and Algiers today, killing nine of them by noon. In addition, a Moslem woman and a 12-year-old Moslem girl were injured.

The toll of European secret army gunmen in the two cities stood at 27 persons killed and 17 injured. With the exceptions of one European killed and another injured, all the victims were Moslems.

Oran's prefect of police issued an order forbidding vehicles occupied by Europeans from driving in streets leading to the city's Moslem neighborhoods. He coupled this with advice to the Mos-

lems to remain away from the European neighborhoods. Heavily armed police stood guard to enforce the orders against European motor cars.

The killing of the Moslem women was clearly in reprisal for the death of a young European woman Wednesday. Europeans said she was shot by a Moslem disguised as a woman in robe and veil.

One by one, the European terrorists shot down Moslem women as they shuffled fearfully along the streets of Algeria's second city.

The terrorists paid no heed to a broadcast warning from Premier Ben Youssef Ben Khedda of the Algerian provisional government that they risk their future in the country if they keep up their attacks on the Moslem population.

Speaking from his headquarters in neighboring Tunis in a broadcast Khedda called on the Europeans "to open your eyes to the new Algerian realities."

"The Europeans have their place in the Algeria of tomorrow," he declared, "but it is up to them to decide if they merit it."

The cease-fire pact reached by the nationalist rebels and France provides for equal rights for Europeans when the Moslems take over the government.

But Ben Khedda charged ultra-colonialists and the underground Secret Army with the help of certain French military authorities were undermining the peace agreement with the campaign of terrorism.

As he spoke, the terrorism raged on in Algeria. Wednesday's toll was 37 dead, 33 of them Moslems, and 38 wounded, 34 of them Moslems.

The Moslems, who outnumber the Europeans 9 million to 1 million, have been kept almost completely in check by their leaders, but Ben Khedda warned: "Anger of the Algerian masses is growing. This situation cannot continue."

Ben Khedda, regarded as a moderate, appealed to his people to hold their tempers and not be provoked into the civil war that the Secret Army is trying to stir up in a desperate attempt to block Algerian independence.

Second Stage Failure Blamed In Centaur Blast

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Trouble in the second stage caused the first Centaur space rocket to explode on its maiden flight, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reports.

Analysis of camera and radio data showed the Centaur upper stage began breaking apart about 35 seconds after the rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral Monday.

There was immediate concern that the Atlas first stage was at fault. If this had been so, the forthcoming orbital flight of astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter might have been affected. A similar Atlas is to boost Carpenter aloft.

Following the Centaur post-mortem, Project Mercury officials reported they were moving ahead with plans to launch Carpenter on May 17. The shot could be delayed, however, if technical problems develop during tests and checkouts which still lie ahead.

Technicians studied data to determine what caused two missiles to explode during second stage flight after launchings Wednesday.

They were a Polaris launched by the nuclear submarine Sam Houston and a Pershing fired from the Cape.

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