

Johnson Heads Into '64 Convinced Tax Reduction Bill Is A 'Must'

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson headed into 1964 today deeply concerned about chronic unemployment and convinced that the \$11 billion tax reduction bill before Congress was a "must" for the economic vitality of the nation.

at the start of the year on the authority of a key White House official intimately familiar with his feelings and thinking about official matters. This account does not represent an interview with the Chief Executive, but it does reflect his attitude as reported by an authoritative member of the White House staff.

The unemployment problem has figured frequently in Johnson's planning for the new year and legislation which he will recommend to Congress.

Walter Heller, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, saw the President earlier this week. While Heller's emphasis was on the upward trend of the American

economy in 1963, he called the unemployment situation the most serious problem on the current economic horizon.

4 Million Jobless.

The unemployment rate is around 5 1/2 per cent of the work force with more than 4 million persons out of work. According to the government, automation is displacing about 1.2 million workers annually and to complicate the situation further, about 1.2 million persons also are being added to the work force each year.

The President feels a substantial effort must be put forth on unemployment problems for the future. He is dissatisfied with future cures and pro-

grams that have been suggested. "We may be underestimating what lies ahead and I am calling for new solutions and I am demanding new thinking on this entire problem," Johnson has been quoted as saying.

As part of his overall approach to economic improvement, Johnson wants more labor leaders and business executives actively participating in government.

Latin America Promising

He thinks the public service field in Latin America is particularly promising for U. S. labor leaders. And he thinks the government should draw more heavily on the reservoir of talent in business.

Johnson wants what he calls dynamic young businessmen in government. In this connection, associates said he speaks of wanting "action from the young and advice from the old."

The President seemed to be increasingly preoccupied with domestic economic matters and federal finances. For example, he has been citing recently a firm conviction that fiscal prudence is no longer what he calls a rich man's issue.

He believes the massive federal budgetary burden is "stagnating traditional liberalism in the United States" and hitting particularly at middle income families.

Johnson is convinced the upward progress of the economy

in 1963 will be sustained in 1964. But as part of maintaining economic progress, he wants and expects business confidence to remain high and he feels the need for a re-evaluation of government-business relations.

Other Highlights

Other highlights from this authoritative report on the President's outlook and plans for 1964:

—Johnson believes the "unrelenting peace offensive" should be the so-called hard line on communism rather than an unrelenting cold shoulder to any possibilities of reaching an accommodation with the Soviet Union.

break-throughs on peace. He is acutely sensitive to the fact that East and West stand on a nuclear precipice. This being so, he cannot wait until after the election to mount a peace offensive. He thinks it would be "muddle-headed" for the United States to fail to seek peace simply because we are afraid of being taken in by Communist tactics. He is confident the nation is fully alert to such tactics after 15 years of cold war.

—Johnson is confident that the economies planned for fiscal 1965 will reflect a pattern which will result in fiscal 1966 budgeting. He is enthusiastic about the policies and performance of Budget Director Kermit Gordon.

—One problem of budget cutting, in the President's opinion, is that too many department and agency officials are so influenced by the population growth and certain built-in costs of government that they accept increased spending as inevitable. He regards this attitude as unwise and unwarranted.

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Johnson, Weaver Talk Housing Plans Today

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—A home-for-every-man comprehensive housing program was to be discussed today by President Johnson and Robert C. Weaver, housing and home finance administrator.

Weaver originally was scheduled to have conferred with Johnson Wednesday at the Texas White House, but bad weather in Washington interfered with his flying schedule.

Depending on weather conditions, Weaver was expected here by midday when he will confer with Johnson on what a presidential associate described as "a most comprehensive housing program."

Johnson was quoted by this associate as saying he wanted a program which would provide or in any case, lead to "a home for every man."

The President also was quoted as saying, "I want to clean up the slums." No other details of the housing program were available immediately, but Weaver was expected to talk with reporters after he had talked with Johnson.

In connection with the housing plan, Johnson also was pictured by aides as feeling that a thriving construction industry was vital to the maintenance of the present upswing in the economy.

The Chief Executive also hoped to meet at the LBJ Ranch during the day with Postmaster General John Gronouski, another conferee who had been expected in Texas Wednesday. Johnson planned a hard-driving business schedule at the ranch until he flies back to

Washington next Sunday or Monday. He has a Friday meeting here set for Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz and Mrs. Esther Peterson, assistant secretary of labor.

Johnson, meantime, spent a fairly low-pressure New Year's Day although he did devote part of his time to the seemingly endless revision of his State of the Union message which will be delivered in person to a joint session of the House and Senate Jan. 8.

Chou Begins Third Day In Albania

VIENNA, Austria (UPI)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai is engaged in high-level policy talks with leaders of Albania, China's only European ally in the Sino-Soviet dispute within the Communist camp, diplomatic sources said today.

Chou began the third day of his visit to Albania today. Reports from Radio Tirana in the Albanian capital have concentrated on the ceremonial and goodwill aspects of the tour, without mentioning any working sessions.

But sources in Vienna said they believe the Chinese premier is using the visit for important conferences with Albanian Communist leader Enver Hoxha and Premier Mehmet Shehu.

Albania has consistently stood by China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union, while the remaining Communist nations of Eastern Europe have supported Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Thousands of Albanians cheered Chou's motorcade Wednesday as he drove through the city to lay a wreath on the monument to Albania's war dead, according to Radio Tirana. The monument commemorates the men who died in Albania's "war of independence"—the action in which Italian and German armies were ousted in 1944, ending a five-year occupation.

The radio also reported a speech addressed to Chou by Premier Shehu which emphasized Albania's loyalty to China in the Communist split.



FIRST BABY born in Douglas County in 1964 is this little charmer, Sandra Gail Strunk, shown here with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Strunk of Winston. The new baby looks mighty contented with her lot and apparently found all signs pointing to a happy and prosperous new year. In addition to being "first," she is the recipient of over \$50 worth of prizes from local merchants. She was born at 4:23 a.m. at Douglas Community Hospital and weighed 5 pounds, 12 1/4 ounces. (Photo by Barbra Wackerbarth)

Strunk Infant First Arrival For New Year

Douglas County's first baby of 1964 is a tiny little miss with a wisp of a curl who is a most welcome addition to the Clyde Strunk family of Winston.

She is Sandra Gail, all 5 pounds and 12 1/4 ounces of her, and joins two big brothers, Vernon, 3 years old, and Bobby, 2 years old. According to her paternal grandfather, Vernon Jennie of Roseburg, the whole family had been hoping for a girl.

Sandra Gail was born at 4:23 a.m. Jan. 1 at Douglas Community Hospital, and both mother and baby are reportedly "doing fine." In addition to pleasing everybody by being a girl, the new baby won a shower of gifts from Roseburg area merchants. "All of these will be extremely welcome and everybody concerned is mighty happy about the whole affair," according to Jennie who this morning was acting as spokesman for the family. The baby's father, Clyde, was back at his job with Forrest Industries.

In addition to maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jennie, a paternal grandfather lives in the Midwest. The baby's mother, Shirley, has lived here for most of her life and is a graduate of Douglas High School.

As far as could be determined following a check with all hospitals in the county this morning, Sandra Gail was the only baby born in the county on New Year's Day.

WEATHER SWITCH

LONDON (UPI)—A year ago today, Britain was suffering its worst winter storms in centuries and cold and snow records were being broken across the nation.

Globemaster Plane Ditches In Ocean; Survivors Reported

HONOLULU (UPI)—An Air Force C124 Globemaster en route from Japan to Hawaii with nine men was reported to have ditched in the Pacific today and a radio report said "there are survivors."

Two air-rescue C135 aircraft took off from Hickam Air Force Base to join four other aircraft at the scene, 450 miles west of Hawaii.

Knife Stabs Put Man In Hospital

Eunice McKeithen of 908 W. First St., Sutherlin, was admitted to Douglas Community Hospital with knife wounds, and his alleged assailant has been booked at the Douglas County jail, following an altercation in Sutherlin Wednesday night.

Arrested by Sutherlin police was Jim Mackey Tucker, 37, of Wilbur, who is being charged with assault and battery by force and means likely to produce great bodily harm, said Deputy District Attorney Philip Washburn who investigated and assisted by Sutherlin and state police.

The fight took place in the wash room of Lyle's Cafe in Sutherlin about 10:30 p.m. Details were lacking, but in the melee, McKeithen reportedly was jabbed two or three times in the left side of his abdomen with the blade of a pocket knife. The blade was an inch to 1 1/2 inches long, Washburn said.

McKeithen's injuries were not considered serious, but he was still in the hospital this morning following emergency treatment. Sutherlin police officer Roger Hutchings arrested Tucker, following a call from the tavern

(three hours of confusion during which the Air Force reported the big plane missing and presumed down, then discovered on radar that it was "still flying" an hour and 10 minutes after it was calculated to have run out of fuel.

The reported ditching came in a round-about way. An Air Force spokesman said it originated with a surface vessel in the area, relayed to the Navy Rescue Center at Fuchu, Japan, and then passed on to the Navy Air Rescue Unit at Pearl Harbor.

Aboard the plane were eight crewmen and a military passenger who was escorting a body being returned to the United States.

The aircraft was attached to the 28th Air Transport Squadron based at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. The 28th is part of the 1501st Air Transport Command Wing at Travis AFB, Calif.

After a refueling stop at Wake Island Wednesday, the craft left on the 2,200-mile flight to Honolulu with 22,000 pounds of cargo taken on at Tachikawa Air Force Base near Tokyo.

It was due at Hickam Air Force Base here at 2:39 a.m. PST today. Last radio contact was made at 10:59 p.m. Wednesday.

At 7 a.m. PST it was presumed out of fuel and down in the Pacific.

But at 8:10 a.m. the Air Force reported that the Globemaster, workhorse of the nation's military air transport fleet, was "still airborne and heading to Wake Island."

Youth Commits Suicide After East Berlin Visit

BERLIN (UPI)—A young West Berliner, apparently depressed by having to leave his relatives in East Berlin, committed suicide on his return trip to the Western sector, West Berlin police said today.

Police said the youth threw himself in front of a train at the Friedrichstrasse elevated railway station Wednesday. This is the border station where Communist police check Berliners who cross the border by train.

It was believed the youth killed himself in a fit of des-

pair at parting with loved ones in the Communist zone of Berlin.

He was one of about 100,000 West Berliners who entered East Berlin with a Christmas pass Wednesday, but he was not otherwise identified.

In another incident, Western border officials at Bad Hersfeld said a 22-year old refugee escaped to West Germany by jumping off a bridge and swimming across the Werra River Wednesday night.

They said Communist border guards spotted him crossing the

bridge and opened fire, but that the refugee made it safely despite a hail of bullets. One of the shots splattered a window on the Western side of the river, however.

The incidents became known as West Berlin waited uneasily for an expected East German invitation to begin new talks about further traffic through the Communist wall.

Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin already has indicated he is willing to begin new talks about keeping the Berlin Wall open for those who want to visit relatives trapped in the Communist zone of the divided city.

But many people in this city fear that direct negotiations between the municipal government and the Communist East German regime could help isolate West Berlin from the East.

Under a current agreement covering Christmas season passes, the Communists have permitted 615,000 West Berliners to cross the anti-refugee wall to visit their relatives in East Berlin. Additional tens of thousands are expected to pour through before the agreement expires on Sunday.

The Christmas pass agreement was the first to be reached between East German and West Berlin negotiators. It went into effect 13 days ago.

The Communists long have insisted that West Berlin is a separate entity with no legal ties to the West. They contend West Berlin must negotiate directly with East Germany and not be represented, as in the past, by Western Allies or the West German government.

Two days ago Walter Ulbricht, East Germany's Communist boss, said his regime was interested in new talks with the municipal government of West Berlin on the pass issue.

Ulbricht said the Christmas pass agreement showed what is possible when both sides display goodwill, reason and "mutual recognition."

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Reports Say Turks, Greeks Are Alerted For Duty In Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)—British troop reinforcements arrived in Cyprus today "to protect British families and bases on the island" following a New Year's Day of violence in which five Cypriots were killed.

An artillery regiment landed by air during the night and 700 paratroopers prepared to leave England at midnight today for duty in Cyprus, where fighting has flared between Greek and Turkish Cypriots since Dec. 21.

There were unconfirmed reports in Athens that Turkey and Greece were alerting their armed forces for possible action on the island.

Diplomatic talks continued over President Makarios' announced intention of ending Cyprus' treaties with Britain, Turkey, and Greece, the three guarantors of its independence.

Three Greek Orthodox monks were killed Wednesday by men identified by survivors as Turkish Cypriots. Another Greek and a Turk were killed in an exchange of shots near the west coast town of Paphos, police said.

Informed sources in Athens said the Greek government had received reports of Turkish military movements and feared the Turks might invade Cyprus, which is less than 50 miles off Turkey's shores.

The sources said Greece put its armed forces in a state of immediate readiness and was prepared to launch a counter-invasion if Turkey attacked.

Turkey, Greece, and Britain, all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), were the co-sponsors of the 1960 agreement giving Cyprus independence within the British commonwealth.

Ghana's Leader Missed In Plot

LONDON (UPI)—An assassin attempted unsuccessfully to kill President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana today as he was leaving his official residence in the capital city of Accra, the Ghana Commission in London reported.

The commission spokesman said one guard was killed at the residence, Flagstaff House, in Accra during the attempt on the president's life.

Five shots were fired at close range by the assailant, who was arrested immediately and jailed by police, the commission said.

NO SALE GOSPORT, England (UPI)—John Lynes, a 23-year-old sailor, has gone on a two-day hunger strike at the submarine base here because British navy officials turned down his application to buy himself out of the service, officers said today.

Death Takes Holiday

By United Press International Oregon got through New Year's Day without a traffic death but the state looked back today on its worst traffic toll in history.

The Traffic Safety Division in Salem reported 553 persons died on public streets or highways during 1963. This was 61 more than the previous high in 1959 and was 68 more than meted out in 1962.

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Millions View Pasadena's Diamond Jubilee Parade

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—Millions of people saw the diamond jubilee Tournament of Roses New Year's Day in a stirring panorama of contrasting floral elegance under warm clear skies.

An estimated 1.6 million people lined the streets and an additional 80 million persons watched the annual spectacle on television.

Temperatures ranged in the mid-80s as the 62 floats decked with more than 10 million blossoms moved along the five-mile parade route. Floats valued at about \$750,000 were joined by 200 smartly stepping bands and equestrian units along the broad palm-lined avenues.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, ruddy and grinning, touched tribute to the late President John F. Kennedy.

One was an empty floral rocking chair set near a statue of Lincoln on a float marking the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Another was the city of Burbank's "The President goes to the Prom," recalling the late President's surprise visit to a high school graduation dance last year.

More than 35 persons required hospital treatment after collapsing along the parade route. Many had waited through the night for advantage view points.

Non-Participant Wins Parking Space Battle

LONDON (UPI)—Laurie Kantor, 23, said it was his parking space, and to have his car half-way in to prove it.

But James Ballard, 44, said it was his parking space, and he had his car half-way in to prove it.

Ballard and Kantor glared at each other for 50 minutes Wednesday, adamantly refusing to budge despite the urgings of a police despatcher.

Finally, both gave up and drove away. Another car immediately whipped into the vacant space.

Traffic Accidents Claim Heavy Toll On Holiday

By United Press International Automobile accidents killed a record 153 Americans over the 30-hour New Year's holiday, final tabulations showed today.

The toll surpassed the previous record of 160 for a one-day New Year's holiday set in 1957-1958 and exceeded the worst expectations of the National Safety Council.

The council had estimated that from 140 to 180 persons would be killed in traffic accidents during the official holiday period between 6 p.m. Tuesday and midnight Wednesday.

The Weather AIRPORT RECORDS

Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness tonight with chance of some rain tonight and early Friday. Partial clearing with a few showers Friday.

day. Howard Pyle, council president, said "we are very disappointed...grieved...over the showing by motorists."

Deadly fires helped boost the overall holiday accident death toll to 250.

The breakdown: Traffic 193 Fires 29 Miscellaneous 28 Total 250

California's 18 traffic fatalities led the death list. There were 14 in Michigan, 13 in both New York State and Wisconsin, 11 in Texas and 10 in Pennsylvania.

Six states had no traffic fatalities over the holiday. They were Alaska, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Oregon. The District of Columbia also escaped automobile death over the New Year's.

The normal traffic death toll for a 30-hour midweek non-holiday period is 70. The New Year's toll edged past the previous record—160 set in 1957-1958—late New Year's Day. Helping to boost the traffic death count were hazardous road conditions spawned by snow and ice storms across the eastern third of the nation.