

Senate Democrats Back Tax Battle Compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Influential Senate Democrats Sunday were reported backing a compromise that might help bring a truce in the congressional tax battle with President Eisenhower.

The new plan would put off until July 1, 1956 the proposed \$20-a-person income tax cut and would extend present corporation and excise levies to the same date.

Sen. George (D-Ga) said he did not know whether such a proposal would be laid before the Senate Finance Committee Monday.

\$20 Reductions

The committee meets then to consider a House-approved tax bill carrying the \$20 reduction which Eisenhower has denounced as reaching "the heights of fiscal irresponsibility."

George said that if a situation arises where a compromise seems in order "We might do something about it."

Democrats Approve

From other sources it was learned that the compromise, reportedly first suggested by Sen. Smathers (D-Fla), has the tacit approval of Democratic committee members with the exception of Chairman Byrd (D-Va).

Byrd said he had not been consulted and would not comment. There were indications, however, that he was not likely to receive the proposal favorably.

Might Increase Deficit

The Virginian has opposed cutting any taxes now because of the prospect of further increasing the federal deficit. Sponsors contended, however, that the compromise actually might increase treasury receipts in the new fiscal year beginning this July 1.

The House voted to make the proposed reduction effective next Jan. 1. In a full year, this cut

would be calculated to lose \$2,200,000,000 in revenue.

800 Million Loss

In the period between Jan. 1 and July 1, however, the loss has been estimated at only 800 million, and this loss would be avoided if the compromise change in dates were approved.

The House voted to extend for one year the corporation and excise rates which otherwise would drop on April 1. These levies now yield about three billion dollars a year.

Pasadena Earthquake Is Largest in Year

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A distant earthquake, described as the largest jolt in more than a year, was registered on the Caltech seismograph at 12:55 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Charles Richter said the quake was about 6,000 miles away in an undetermined direction. It had a magnitude of 7.8 on a scale that rates the most severe earthquake recorded as 8.6.

The Arvin-Tehachapi quike in California July 21, 1952, was measured at 7.6. The San Francisco quake in 1906 was listed as 8.2.

The University of Oregon library was founded in 1882 by a gift from Henry Villard.

Officials Delay Atom Tests Today

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Atomic test officials Sunday definitely ruled out any blast for Monday because of wind conditions. They scheduled another conference for Monday to decide whether to stage a shot at dawn Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission test organization said the weather outlook was fairly good for setting off on Tuesday the less powerful of two pending blasts.

The more powerful one will be fired from a 500-foot tower. It was scheduled to open the present test series Feb. 15 but has been postponed several times because of bad weather.

Two tests have been made so far in the series.

Man Claims Sabotage Attempt on Leg by Wife

PARIS (AP)—Ernest Carrere, 52, a former policeman, sued his wife for divorce Saturday, charging she tried to sabotage him by sawing part way through his wooden leg.

He said he was walking down stairs when he noticed the leg seemed to give a bit. Examination showed it had been sawed almost through at the ankle. Carrere's lawyer said "this act of sabotage" could have resulted in serious injury.

Mrs. Carrere denied the whole thing.

Atomic Sub 'Nautilus' Makes First Deep Dives

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—The atomic-powered submarine Nautilus left her berth early Sunday and headed for waters off the coast of Maine for her first deep dives.

The Navy said she was scheduled to dive late Sunday. However, Lt. Commander Jack Perry, public information officer for Atlantic Submarine Fleet Headquarters here, said the progress of the boat was not known.

"We won't know until she gets back," he said. The Nautilus is scheduled to return late Monday or Tuesday.

In her deep dives, the Nautilus will test the effects of increasing water pressures on the hull, equipment and operation at various depths. She already has made 50 shallow dives and the Navy classified them as satisfactory.

Wengert Speaks To City Managers

ASTORIA (AP) — The Northwest City Managers Association, holding its annual meeting here, was told Sunday that colleges generally are not providing adequate training for city managers.

E. S. Wengert, professor of political science, said city managers should take more interest in training of students entering the field.

Robert Brunton of Milton-Freewater, secretary of the organization, reviewed the history of city managers, reporting that the town of La Grande was the first in the Pacific Northwest to install the system. La Grande hired its first city manager in 1914.

There now are 27 cities and towns in the region which hire a city manager.



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