

Dulles, Chiang Kai-Shek Confer On Quemoy

Treasury Officials Nix Sales Tax Plea

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Treasury officials and the chairman of the Republican National Congressional Committee today rejected Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks' plea for a national sales tax on manufacturers.

They asserted that the administration will not recommend such legislation despite Weeks' announcement that he will try to sell the President on the idea.

Weeks told reporters last Saturday that he will urge the administration to include in its legislative proposals next January a board uniform excise tax levied at the factory. He said federal revenue is too dependent on the income tax which falls off sharply in times of economic recession.

Weeks emphasized he was speaking only for himself. Nevertheless, the wide publicity given his statement in the closing weeks of the congressional election campaign caused some dismay among GOP campaign strategists. They feared voters might tend to associate Republican congressional candidates with Weeks' advocacy of a new, and unpopular tax.

Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.), chairman of the Republican National Congressional Committee, took the lead in publicly repudiating Weeks' proposal.

"I have been assured by officials in the Treasury Department that the administration is not contemplating any recommendation to the Congress for the enactment of a new broadly based excise tax as recently mentioned by Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks," Simpson said.

This was confirmed by a United Press International reporter in private talks with top Treasury officials.

"We have no intention of recommending such a tax and haven't even been considering it," one official said. "You'll note that Weeks said he was speaking for himself — well, he sure was!"

Simpson, a key member of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, went on to say that in the absence of a recommendation from the administration he doubted that Congress would even "consider" such sweeping changes in federal excise taxes.

Various proposals for a uniform excise tax on manufacturers have been advocated for many years, but have never generated any enthusiasm in the Treasury of Congress.

Local Lawyers Named On Bar Committees

Assignments to Oregon State Bar committees for 1958-59 were announced Monday by George L. Hibbard, Oregon City, newly elected president.

La Grande attorneys named included: Ross E. Hearing, Committee on Lawyer Placement, Grievance Committee, C. Richard Neely, Committee on Public Service and Information, Grievance Committee, Colon R. Eberhard, Committee on Statute Revision, Committee on Uniform State Laws, Trial Committee, S. H. Burleigh, Trial Committee.

Forty-six standing committees carry on the work of the bar. Largest group is the trial committee which has 94 members, with 89 attorneys serving on the grievance committee.

Court Asked Not To Change Gas Rate Methods

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government asked the Supreme Court today not to overturn present natural gas rate-making methods which it said protect consumers from price-gouging while permitting expanded service.

U. S. Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin said no alternative procedures could give equally satisfactory results.

The court set three hours Monday and today for arguments in the highly complex case which could mean refunds of many millions of dollars by pipeline companies to their customers.



CLEANUP—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Niederer of 2106 First street here, clean up after chasing a burglar from their home early yesterday morning. Niederer caught the thief in his bedroom and in a series of bouts, the burglar, who collected \$50 in jewelry, escaped. The fight went like this; first round, in bedroom; second round, in hallway; third round in living room; fourth round in dining room; fifth round, in kitchen; sixth round, in utilities room; seventh round in backyard. Eighth round never came off - Niederer's opponent failed to show up. The fight was unequal to start with. The burglar weighed 180, Niederer, but 155. Police are investigating. (Observer Photo)

Moroccan Government Faces Crisis

PARIS (UPI)—Morocco's worst government crisis since the nation gained its independence two and a half years ago is threatening to topple the government of Premier Ahmed Balafrej, reports reaching here said today.

Balafrej and his government have been in almost continual session with King Mohammed V since Saturday.

Reports from Rabat have made no mention of the current crisis, but informed sources here said an ultimatum has been handed to Balafrej, demanding that he resign or face the threat of an armed uprising.

Cause of the trouble, the sources said, is the Istiqlal Party's monopoly of government jobs. Other political factions feel they should have a say in the government, and their demands have crystallized into a "Balafrej must go" movement.

According to unconfirmed reports reaching here, the leader of the anti-Balafrej movement is Ben Meloudi, a former anti-French guerrilla.

Meloudi has a force of several thousand guerrillas ready for action in the wild Rif Mountains and has warned Balafrej that unless he broadens his government and releases three guerrilla leaders now under arrest his men will "begin operations," the reports said.

Some minor clashes between the Guerrillas and Moroccan troops have already taken place, the reports added.

Ordeal Of Being Lost Told By Hunter

By BUCK BUCHANAN

H. P. McCormick, of 1708 Portland avenue here, was safe at home late yesterday afternoon after a state forestry search party had located him near Kamela at 1:15 p.m. McCormick, 55, an experienced hunter, had been lost since "about 5 p.m. Sunday" in the area 20 miles northwest of La Grande.

While he warmed himself by the stove at his home, then reclined on a couch to rest a leg that had been wrenched late Sunday afternoon, he related his experiences to this reporter.

"My partner and I, O. F. Howell of La Grande, were hunting behind Kamela near the road to Flat Lake when I spotted some deer and rushed into this draw and through some heavy brush," he said. "That's when I hurt my leg."

"Frankly, though I have been hunting for years, I panicked, and stumbled out of the brush and up this ridge — then discovered I was lost and had no idea where I was. It got dark in a hurry and a light snow began to fall. I fired my gun several times and remained where I was — but nobody came." (Howell had sounded the horn of their pickup but it was too far and McCormick hadn't heard it.)

"Night had fallen and it was cold so I started a fire in a log and stayed by the fire all night, not daring to go to sleep since I thought I'd fall or roll into the fire — and anyway I was thirsty and cold."

"In the morning I made my biggest mistake. I thought I knew the area and during the night had seen the light flashes of the airplane beacon which I thought was located near Kamela. I found out later it wasn't located there at all."

"I took off, crossed a canyon and thought I'd hit into the Kamela-Ukiah Road. Three hours later I was back where I'd started — I'd walked in a circle. Then I got mad at myself — and just started walking."

"Luckily, near one o'clock, I saw the forestry service pickup — and then the state forestry crew and state police that were searching for me."

McCormick said he didn't get particularly hungry during the 20 hour ordeal — but became "terribly thirsty." And during this season there is little water in the hills.

"I finally found a small pool in a canyon — and that's the best drink I ever had," he added.

Warning to hunters — take a compass! Directions just aren't directions when you are lost.

WORDS OF WISDOM—P. H. McCormick of La Grande has some words of wisdom to offer hunters who tend to wander off by themselves in heavy woods. First, take a compass. Second, don't panic. Third, stay put—someone will find you. Fourth, don't get lost in the first place. Fifth, if you do, light green wood and create a heavy smoke. (Observer Photo)

Thailand Seized By Military

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI)—Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, who seized power in Thailand in a bloodless coup d'etat Monday night, today began a roundup of the Communists who he says threaten the nation's security.

More than 100 police patrols fanned out across the city at 1:30 a.m., seeking suspected Reds. Chinese-language newspapers were a particular target of the dragnet, and it was reported that some newspapermen had been picked up for questioning.

Police predicted that the roundup would bring in a number of high-ranking army and police officials. It was impossible immediately to determine whether any prominent leftist politicians are under arrest.

The roundup followed Monday's seizure of power by Sarit's Revolutionary Party, which charges that Communist subversion had become a threat to the nation.

The field marshal, who had been supreme commander of the armed forces, declared martial law, scrapped the constitution and dissolved the national assembly.

He announced over Radio Thailand that his revolutionary party will rule the country until further notice.

The coup came six hours after Premier Thanom Kittikachorn had resigned, declaring that he "could not conduct the affairs of the state with the desired results."

A government broadcast said Thanom agreed to Sarit's seizure of power.

Spokesman Says Logical To Talk Of Ship Convoy

TAIPEI Formosa (UPI)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Chiang Kai-shek met for two and a half hours today. A spokesman for Dulles said it was logical to assume they discussed resumption of U.S. naval convoys for Nationalist ships supplying the Quemoy.

As they started the first of three days of talks on the Formosa Strait crisis, the Nationalist Defense Ministry reported that the Red Chinese had opened another artillery bombardment of the offshore islands.

The ministry said the Communists poured a total of 3,313 shells into the Quemoy on this second day of renewed bombardment of the Quemoy after 15 days of quiet.

Joseph Greene, special assistant to Dulles, briefed newsmen at the end of the opening discussions at Chiang's mountaintop retreat near Taipei. He said he was not present at the talks, but was filled in afterwards.

Questioned whether Dulles proposed offshore island troop reduction, which Chiang opposes, Greene said:

"Mr. Dulles is not out here to twist anyone's arm, apply any pressure or heat. That sort of thing is not compatible with the mutual trust and confidence which governs our relations."

Asked if the question of the U.S. resuming its naval escort of Nationalist supply ships to Quemoy was considered, Greene replied: "I would imagine that matter was encompassed in the general review of the military situation."

Dulles came here to discuss with Chiang and other leaders ways to strengthen U.S.-Nationalist Chinese relationships. On this score, Greene told reporters that "The keynote of the talks was set in what Dulles said upon arrival in Taipei this morning."

This referred to Dulles' statement that "our consultations are not aimed at reaching any new agreement."

"We hope through re-examination further to consolidate a relationship of mutual trust and confidence which is of immense value to all of the Free World," Dulles said.

The newsmen questioned Greene closely on whether Dulles' 10-minute telephone conversation Monday after the Communists initially broke their own self-imposed cease fire had affected the secretary's approach to Chiang. Dulles called the President in Denver during a stopover in Fairbanks, Alaska, while en route here from Europe on a North Pole flight. It was decided then for him to continue here despite the renewed Red bombardment.

"There was no change in the purpose of the talks," Greene said.

Shortly after the high-level meeting started between Dulles and Chiang, the Nationalist Defense Ministry announced that Red artillery launched a general bombardment of the Quemoy for the second day in a row after a 15-day period of "peace" in the strait. Heavy fire was directed against Little Quemoy.

Dulles drove to "Scholar's Forest," Chiang's home of the outskirts of Taipei, to begin a three-day round of conferences. Their meeting began just 24 hours after the 11,620-shell Communist barrage which ended 15 days of uneasy "peace" off the Red-held China coast.

The nationalist president's top military advisers attended the meeting, but Dulles was accompanied only by two diplomatic aides—Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson and Ambassador Everett Drumright.

The high concentration of Chinese Generals left little doubt that the 71-year old nationalist leader intended to focus his talks with Dulles on military matters. Dulles, on the other hand, appeared willing to listen but not to initiate any military arguments at today's meeting.

Baum Accepts Appointment To Committee

Ray Baum, Union county commissioner for 10 years, has accepted the appointment to serve on the welfare committee of the National Association of County Officials, with general offices in Washington, D. C., by the association president, W. H. Johnston.

In a letter to Baum, Johnston said, "Because you are a recognized leader of county government in your state, we would be particularly honored if you would accept appointment to serve. Our committee people meet separately at our annual mid-winter conferences; carry the burden of our work with the Congress and administrative agencies and in general implement the program of our association at the state level."

Baum will attend the Oregon meeting planned for November 19 to 21 in Portland. He is also considering attending the national business meeting scheduled for Nov. 23 to 25 at Asheville, N.C.

Grade School Pupils Take Forestry Tour

Approximately 200 fourth grade La Grande public school children left by bus this morning for a forestry tour in the Fly Creek ridge area.

The tour is sponsored by the Mt. Emily Lumber Company, a division of the Valselt Lumber Company, at the La Grande public school's request. It involves the participation of the U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Conservation Service, Oregon State Board of Forestry, Oregon State Game Department and the Union County Extension Service.

The program for the day includes a tree falling demonstration, 10:45; lunch from 11 to 11:30; loading, skidding and soils, 11:30; tree farming in pine woods, tree-wood management, fire prevention and fish and game management beginning at 1:30; return trip to La Grande, 1:45.

Another tour is planned for tomorrow morning with assembly of children at 8:45 at the Central School.

Solicitation For Banquet Funds Begins

Solicitation for funds to finance the 10th annual Farmer-Merchant banquet began yesterday, according to Bill Thomas, chairman of the banquet solicitation committee.

The free banquet, which has been described as the "biggest pot-luck in the state," is sponsored annually by the La Grande-Union County Chamber of Commerce. Five hundred farmers and merchants are expected to attend this year's banquet next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the La Grande armory.

As in past years, the event will be financed through the voluntary contributions of local business and professional people.

Thomas said it is hoped that the solicitation can be completed by Wednesday. All farmers in Union county are being invited to attend the event.

DEATH REPORTED
Charles E. Cameron, 65, died in Elgin on Oct. 19. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Dempsey-Snodgrass Funeral Home.

Progress In Eradication Of Bush Told

County Agent Ted Sidor said today that although the community-wide campaign to eradicate barberry has not yet gotten underway, several La Grande residents have called his office to report that they have the bush in their yard.

"In all instances," Sidor said, "people who learn they have common barberry in their yard are anxious to have it taken out."

The decorative shrub has been placed on the compulsory eradication list because it plays host to the spores of wheat stem rust. The rust last year caused nearly \$400,000 damage to U. S. county grain crops.

Sidor said the cooperation of La Grande people in reporting the shrub has been "outstanding."

Efforts are currently underway through the La Grande-Union county Chamber of Commerce, to organize an inter-service club project in La Grande with clubs participating in a program to eliminate the bush. It is proposed that such a program be scheduled early next month.

ARRESTS TOLD
State police report the arrest of Duane Cordell, age 20, and Benson Cordell, age 42, on October 16 for false application for hunting licenses under the Oregon State Game Code regulations.

Tire Salesman Admits Setting Portland Fires

PORTLAND (UPI) — Police, who have been searching for a local arsonist, arrested a 32-year-old tire salesman Monday after he confessed to setting 23 fires in the Portland area.

Darrell J. Roesberry was charged with first degree arson and lodged in city jail. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Roesberry walked into police headquarters and told officers he decided to confess because he figured fire investigators were on his trail. He gave no motive for setting the blazes.

Roesberry admitted setting fires at 11 Portland companies, five vacant buildings, four residences and in other areas. The biggest blaze destroyed the Plywood Sales Company in East Portland with loss estimated at more than \$109,000.

Damage in the fires to which Roesberry confessed was estimated at \$199,190.