

Solon to Fight Tax Reduction On Dividends

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Williams (R-De) said Saturday he will join in a fight to knock out of the general tax revision bill a key section giving tax reductions to stockholders on their dividend income.

The Senate Finance Committee, on which Williams serves, is opening three weeks of public hearings Tuesday on the 875-page measure which represents a complete rewrite of the nation's whole tax structure.

Williams said he was not passing on the merits of the dividend provision, but he contended the government could not afford now to lose the millions of dollars of revenue he said was involved.

Several Democratic senators also have said they will try to knock the provision out of the bill, and the issue is shaping up as one of the biggest fights ahead on the measure.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va) takes the same position as Williams—that the budget must not be thrown further out of balance. Other Democrats argue the dividend benefit would be largely for the wealthy and that what is needed now is more buying power for low income families. They contend that 80 per cent of all publicly held stock is owned by six-tenths of 1 per cent of American families.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey asked for the provision on the ground that it was a step in the direction of ending "double taxation" of corporation profits. These profits are taxed both as corporation income and as income to stockholders.

Humphrey contends the move would help greatly to increase investment funds for modernizing business plants and equipment.

26 Perish in Turkish Airliner Explosion

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—A Turkish State Airways plane exploded in the air near Adana Saturday—killing 26 persons aboard. The accident occurred at 1,500 feet shortly after the plane had taken off from Adana for Istanbul.

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Communist-led Vietminh forces continued all-out assaults on the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu (1), in northwestern Laos. A French news agency said that other Vietminh forces crossed the frontier (2) from southern Laos into Cambodia and fighting was going on between the rebels and Cambodian troops. (AP Wirephoto map.)

French Cling To Center of Dien Bien Phu

(Story also on page one.) HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The French clung grimly to the vital core of Dien Bien Phu Saturday as Red-led Vietminh battered the fortress from three directions.

Pouring from the northwest, southeast and south, rebel waves surged through withering French fire in an effort to pierce the final defenses of the key northwest Indochina bastion.

But the French Command said the courageous but outnumbered defenders held fast. At no point could the rebels get within less than a mile of their target.

Tanks, artillery and foot troops smashed every Vietminh effort to score a breakthrough, the French Command said. Overhead French fighter planes strafed the charging rebels, while U.S. supplied bombers pounded Vietminh supply lines.

During the day the Vietminh stepped up their artillery barrage on key fortress positions in what might be the prelude to another mass attack.

Unconfirmed reports spread that the Vietminh commander, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, had called for reinforcements from the Red River delta area, asking another division because of staggering losses in the Dien Bien Phu siege.

The Vietminh have been using three divisions with a fourth in reserve—or some 40,000 men—for the current assault.

A French Army spokesman said it was impossible to estimate accurately the Vietminh casualties at this stage.

"They are simply so big that we have not had a chance to count them," he said. "There are bodies of Vietminh dead everywhere on the plain and floating in the Nona River (south of the dust bowl plain)."

Eugene Youth Wins Church Oratory Meet

Rick Cleveland of Eugene, was judged winner of the Methodist Youth Fellowship oratorical contest held at the Salem Armory Saturday night.

The contest, sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, was a feature of the MYF convocation which started in Salem Friday night and will conclude this morning.

Cleveland, who competed against four winners of district conference contests in Oregon, spoke on the subject "Why Young People Should Consider a Church Related Vocation." He was awarded a \$25 cash prize.

Activities will start this morning with a communion service at 7:30 at the First Methodist Church and will be followed by a communion breakfast at the Marion Hotel at 9 o'clock. Over 400 delegates from the Oregon state conference and from churches in southern Washington and Idaho registered Friday night and Saturday.

Automatic Transmission Attacks Police

An automatic transmission almost proved the undoing of a city motorcycle patrolman Saturday evening after he stopped the driver of 1950 Oldsmobile on a routine traffic check.

Patrolman William H. Bales stopped the car, driven by Russell James Taufest, Aurora Route 2, at 14th and Court Streets and parked his motorcycle behind the car. A second police car, driven by patrolman William L. Vandershoff, then pulled in behind the motorcycle.

Police said Taufest climbed from behind the wheel of the Oldsmobile and started walking toward the motorcycle when the car accidentally slipped into reverse gear and crashed into the motorcycle. Bales was thrown over the handlebars and onto the curbing by the impact which shoved the motorcycle into the police car. The patrolman was treated for bruises and a bump on the head.

A passenger in the Taufest vehicle, Mrs. Rose Van Damme, St. Paul, told police she felt the car go into reverse and tried to step on the brake but hit the accelerator pedal by mistake.

Taufest was cited to court for having no vehicle registration certificate. He was released on \$50 bail.

Police Search for MacLaren Boys

State police Saturday night were searching for three youths who escaped from MacLaren School for Boys at Woodburn, shortly after 8 p.m.

The three were identified as Robert Shank, 15, of Springfield, Howard Byron Campbell Jr., 15, Coos Bay Route 2, and Lee Roy Ness, 14, Portland.

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Judge Kimmell's Condition Listed As Satisfactory

Marion County Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell, confined at Doctors Hospital in Seattle where he underwent major surgery Tuesday, was said to be in satisfactory condition Saturday night.

Mrs. Kimmell said she talked to her husband by telephone Saturday and he seemed to be feeling fine. Doctor's reports indicate that he should be able to return home in about 10 days, she said. When he will be able to return to the bench is not known, she added.

Officials Hold Conferences On Indochina

WASHINGTON (AP)—High level conferences were held Saturday on the military situation in Indochina, which Sen. Knowland, Republican leader, described as "serious."

Dispatches from Hanoi said the French were clinging grimly to the vital core of Dien Bien Phu as Red-led Vietminh battered the fortress from three directions.

There was increasing speculation that more American support might be given to the anti-Communist fight in Southeast Asia. The talk was that this might possibly take the form of naval or Air Force aid, but there was no official confirmation.

Secretary of State Dulles met for 2 hours and 10 minutes before noon with a group of congressional leaders. Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, briefed Dulles and the senators and congressmen on the Indochina war, under tight secrecy restrictions.

Train Derailment In Mexico Kills 11

CAMPECHE, Mexico (AP)—Eleven persons were reported killed and 43 injured in a passenger train derailment near here Saturday.

The train, enroute from Campeche to Merida, Yucatan, jumped the tracks near the small town of Pomucho.

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French Jet Pilot Crashes Near Officials

PARIS (AP)—A French jet fighter plane crashed during a demonstration Saturday and parts of the exploding craft landed within 55 yards of Defense Minister Rene Pleven and his guest, Duncan Sandys, British minister of supply. Sandys is a son-in-law of Prime Minister Churchill.

Col. Constantin Rozanoff, 49, at the controls of the Mystere IV, France's latest model jet fighter, was killed. One of France's most famous pilots, he pushed a Mystere IV to a speed of 837 miles an hour last October.

The group with Pleven and Sandys included French Air Minister Louis Christiaens and British Air Marshall G. B. A. Baker.

The low flying plane encountered a strong gust of wind. One wing touched the ground. The plane crashed, exploded and burst into flames. Parts were hurled in all directions.

Disarmament Meeting Urged

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Western Big Three powers urged Saturday an early meeting of the U. N. Disarmament Commission as debate raged around the world over the force of American hydrogen bomb tests.

The ultimate goal is to spare the world from the threat of mass destruction blasts.

The United States, Britain and France proposed the meeting to determine whether secret talks on disarmament, aimed toward agreement on control of atomic energy, can be launched. This course was recommended by the U. N. General Assembly last November.

Russia appeared to welcome the idea of the meeting, it was indicated after Britain's Sir Pierson Dixon called on Russia's Andrei Vishinsky Saturday morning to advise him of the step the Western Allies were taking.

T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist Chinese delegate and chairman of the Disarmament Commission for April, said he planned to call the meeting during the coming week.

Low Clouds Due to Continue Today

Low clouds that dropped .12 inches of rain on Salem Saturday are slated to continue today with more rain forecast during the day, weathermen predicted.

Little change in temperature is expected with the high today near 58 and the low tonight near 45.

GOP May Ask For Radio Time to Reply to Morse

PORTLAND (AP)—Ed G. Boehnke of Eugene, Republican state chairman, said Friday that the Republican Party may ask 15 Oregon radio stations for weekly time to match talks by Sen. Wayne Morse.

Boehnke said the Morse program had been announced as a "public service." He said he assumed it was free time and it was "clearly a political broadcast."

He added he was certain the Republicans would ask equal time, although a study will be made first.

Infant Survives Fire, Mother, 2 Children Killed

EUGENE (AP)—James Mark Perkins, 10 months old, the only survivor of a fire that killed his mother, his sister and a brother, was reported in "very good condition" at a hospital here Saturday.

The fire broke out in a cabin near Oakridge Thursday morning, and the family was trapped behind a door that had been latched from the outside.

Neighbors broke in to carry out Nancy, 2, and Jimmy, 3. Firemen had to cut a hole in a wall to get to the mother and the infant. Nancy and Jimmy died Thursday; the mother Friday.

Early Character Lives Up to Name

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—Early Character was just that early Saturday.

Police said Character, 38, clouted a neighbor, Ezell Johnson, 36, over the head with a baseball bat at 3:45 a. m. to climax an argument.

Fourteen stitches were taken in cuts on Johnson's head. Character was booked on an assault and battery charge.

McCarthy's Reply to CBS Show Ready

BOSTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) said Saturday he has completed a filmed reply to television commentator Edward R. Murrow for showing on Murrow's CBS-TV show next Tuesday night.

McCarthy said the film would show "that Murrow is (1) a liar, and (2) has been of great assistance to the Communist cause." He added he would make the film available to any television station that wants to show it.

The senator's comment was made in the course of a brief news conference at Logan Airport as he arrived to speak Saturday night at a closed meeting of the Beacon Society, composed of Boston business and professional men.

The film the senator referred to is his reply to a telecast a few weeks ago in which Murrow was critical of McCarthy and his methods of investigating alleged Communist infiltration.

"It was not possible to give the complete picture of Murrow in 25 minutes," McCarthy said. "The time is too short to give all the documentation necessary." He added, however, that he would follow it up and make available to those who want it the full documentation.

Prison Farm Convicts Flee

SUGAR LAND, Tex. (AP)—Police and prison officials Saturday night had found no trace of five Central State Prison farm convicts who escaped during an early morning fog.

Four of the men saved their way out of a farm tank. The fifth is believed to have supplied the others with guards clothing from a prison laundry where he had been working on a night shift.

Sunset Highway Collision Fatal to Coastguardsman

SEASIDE (AP)—Robert N. Keopohiwa, a coastguardsman stationed at Astoria, was injured fatally Saturday evening in a three-car accident on the Sunset Highway.

Herbert H. Davidson, a sailor stationed at Astoria, a passenger in Keopohiwa's car, was injured and taken to an Astoria hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Stanley, Astoria, the driver of the other car, and her daughter, Becky, 12, were hospitalized at Seaside.

Robert William Taplin, Nehalem, was the driver of the third car. State police said Keopohiwa's car skidded headon into the path of the two other cars.

The accident occurred at 5 p.m. two miles east of the Tillamook-Clatsop county line.

Goats, Rabbits, Bees on Plane

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—There's a reason why a Transocean Air Lines DC-4 will fly to Pusan, Korea at 4,000 feet instead of the normal 8,000 Monday—so syrup feeders will keep operating for the 200,000 bees on board.

Two milkers will go along—to attend 60 pregnant nanny goats. The goats, 80 in all, will be in special crates strong enough to prevent them from butting their way through the fuselage.

Also on board will be 500 rabbits. The cargo is being sent to Korean orphanages by Church World Service.

LORD ELCHO KILLED

AYR, Scotland (AP)—A head-on road crash Saturday night killed 8-year-old Lord Elcho, heir to the Earl of Wemyss, and 14-year-old Christian Fergusson, a friend of the family.

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