

# Knowland Predicts Defeat of Demo 'Compromise' Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) predicted Saturday the Senate will defeat by a margin of several votes next week a Democratic "compromise" plan to cut income taxes.

The Republican leader said the chamber then would pass an administration-backed bill to continue present corporation and excise taxes, scheduled to drop April 1 under present law.

Knowland said his party members would refuse to compromise with the Democrats who have proposed a 908 million dollar yearly income tax reduction for lower income families.

"We are going to stand pat on the bill to extend present corporation and excise taxes," Knowland said. "There will be no Republican compromise offered."

Knowland said he believes President Eisenhower would veto a bill containing the provisions of the Democratic compromise, although he said there had been no word from the White House to this effect since the "compromise" was worked out.

"I think I know what this President's views are on this situation," he said.

"I believe the treasury would recommend a veto. I don't believe a bill which included the amend-

ments proposed by the Democrats would become law."

Sen. Saltonstall of Massachusetts, the assistant Republican leader, said he didn't believe any final decision had been made known by the president.

"If there has been any word about a veto, this is one Republican who hasn't heard of it," he said.

Although Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) of the Finance Committee has conceded the vote on the Democratic compromise will be very close, Knowland said his surveys

indicated it would be beaten by more than three votes.

He said he believes Republicans will be on hand in full force for the test and will lose only one of their number — Sen. Langer of North Dakota — on the showdown.

At the White House, Assistant Press Secretary Murray Snyder was asked about reports the President would veto any Democratic income tax cutting bill. He said: "The President has adopted a consistent policy of not forecasting his action on legislation until it is before him."

## Bing Crosby Now Centering His Ambitions on His 4 Sons

By JAMES BACON  
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—What's the thing Bing Crosby wants most out of life these days?

I put that question this week to the man who has seen himself become a living legend, a man who is healthy, wealthy and at 50 about to start a whole new career as a serious dramatic actor.

"The thing I want more than anything else," he reflected, "is to see my sons grow into good, useful, God-fearing citizens."

Bing, who is both father and mother to his four boys, admits that he is not tolerant enough of the shortcomings of modern youth.

"I guess I expect too much of the boys, think maybe they lack sense at times but I guess they're no worse or better than I was at their age," he smiled, then added: "Kids nowadays don't seem to have any goal in life. I know where I was going when I was 10 years old."

But it's a cinch he didn't know then how far he was going.

**Top Contender**  
Bing, along with Marlon Brando, is a top contender for an Oscar this year. His portrayal of the has-been alcoholic actor in "The Country Girl" has been acclaimed a masterpiece.

Yet Bing came awfully close to dropping the whole thing. He didn't think he could do it.

"I was driving along in the car one day with Mona Freeman," he confides, "when I told her 'I'm going to tell Seaton (director George Seaton) to get Frank Sinatra, he's hot now.' Mona told me: 'If you do, I'll never speak to you again.'"

Bing also disclosed that he is toying with the idea of singing before the public again in intimate clubs.

With Small Combo  
"I'd like to tour with a small combo and do three or four turns a night. Nothing fancy, just sing. I've already talked to the Reuben Bleu people (a New York nightspot) about it."

"I want to get that ad lib feeling back. You lose it after many years just singing to a cold mike."

There would be no fancy Las Vegas deals. Bing was offered \$50,000 a week in the Nevada resort long before Liberace and Lanza became famous.

"The money is unimportant because I couldn't keep any of it anyhow. I just want to sing."

And that's the understatement of the year. Bing will sing at the drop of an idle moment. He's apt to warm up from room to room in his big house or standing in front of his Paramount dressing room.

Bing thinks Brando will win the Oscar.

Won Once Before  
"I'm honored enough just to be nominated," he comments. He had won before for playing the young priest in "Going My Way." In Hollywood, roles as drunks and priests are considered sure Oscar bait.

"I don't know what I can do next," he laughs.

As you drive up to the Crosby driveway, you are startled by the inscriptions written all over the gate. Tourists from all over the world have scribbled there, usually in terms of endearment.

One inscription written by someone from Mexico City read: "We love you, Bing, keep up the good work." It was typical.

When I remarked to Bing that I had never seen such public affection on any other movie star home, he laughed:

"There were a couple there that said 'You stink' but we washed those off."

## Sought



Dale Ivan Heland, 22, 6-foot 4-inch ex-inmate of Oregon State Prison, who is being sought in connection with the brutal beating of 65-year-old E. A. Gall of Lebanon Wednesday night. (Story on page 1.)

## Hearings on O & C Timber Draw Fire

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Harry J. Hogan Jr. of The Dalles, Ore. attorney for the Industrial Forestry Assn., Saturday said his group opposed public hearings on proposed regulations governing access to O & C timber in Oregon.

Speaking at the Western Forest Industry Assn. convention here, Hogan said:

"Our group sees no reason that public hearings should be held on this matter. All sides in this controversy will have a chance to file statements to the O & C advisory board."

Shortly before Hogan spoke, the WFIA unanimously passed a resolution calling on Interior Secretary McKay to hold public hearings in Oregon on the controversy.

Ray C. Swanson of Noti, Ore., WFIA president, said:

"Before Secretary McKay signs the proposed regulations, which would put most of us out of business and create widespread unemployment in Western Oregon, the lumbermen and communities affected should have a right to be heard."

Swanson added that "if Secretary McKay does not give the public this chance to be heard, Congress will be asked to protect the public's interest."

## New Volcanic Action Starts On Hawaii Isle

HONOLULU (AP)—A new volcanic eruption on the Puna Peninsula at the eastern end of Hawaii Island was reported from Hilo Saturday by Tom S. Walker, vice director of the territorial civil defense agency.

The fresh outbreak was not specifically located by Walker but was reportedly between abandoned Pohok and Kalapana villages on the eastern coast.

It apparently was in an area already evacuated and if so would pose no threat to the town of Pahoa.

Small cracks appeared Saturday in the Pahoehoe-Kalapana road in the region jolted by earthquakes and violent volcanic eruptions since Feb. 28.

A civil defense order went out, barring the entry of anyone previously evacuated from the Puna district, which is 30 miles south of Hilo. Some evacuees have been returning to feed livestock.

Volcanologist Gordon A. MacDonald had said that "if an eruption does occur in that area it will not constitute an immediate threat to Pahoa."

During the recent eruptions and earthquakes, flowing lava caused an estimated \$3,200,000 worth of crop damage and forced 600 persons from scattered villages.

New York's first subway was opened Oct. 27, 1904.

## House Group Tells Drop in Farm Income

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Agriculture Committee, reporting a sharp drop in farmers' income in the last four years, predicted Saturday that unless Congress restores major price supports at 90 per cent of parity a greater "blow to the farm economy is yet ahead."

The committee said the farmers' hardships were being aggravated "by an unwise and dangerous government policy" of lowered crop prices.

The report, signed by Chairman Cooley (D-NC), formally presented the committee's approval of a bill to repeal President Eisenhower's flexible price support program, approved by Congress last year.

**Party Lines Crossed**  
The group's 23-11 vote last Tuesday, which crossed party lines, indicated a pitched battle ahead similar to the one which preceded approval of the 1954 farm legislation.

The new bill, among other things would restate 90 per cent price supports for wheat, rice, cotton, corn and peanuts. Tobacco, the sixth basic crop, is supported at 90 per cent under a special law.

"The reduction of price supports," Cooley said, "is destroying farmer confidence in the program."

"If this should bring about farmer rejections, in their referendum, of the machinery for production adjustments, then a large segment of agriculture would be exposed to the possibilities of a disastrous collapse of price for farm commodities in the free market."

"This chance we cannot venture to take," he said.

**Farm Prices Down**  
The committee report said the average of farm prices is down 22 per cent since February 1951 although farm operating costs remain near their record high. It added:

"Net farm income in 1954 was 28 per cent below 1947 and 10 per cent below 1953. Further declines are in prospect for 1955 and 1956. The parity ratio at 86 per cent in January was the lowest since 1941."

"Farm debt is increasing. The value of agricultural assets has declined 10 1/2 billion dollars since Jan. 1, 1952."

"Farmers' purchasing power, in terms of 1935-39 dollars, is the lowest since 1940."

All this is taking place, the report said, while other areas of the economy are experiencing "unparalleled prosperity."

## Chlorine Gas Overcomes 10

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP)—Ten men were overcome by chlorine gas at the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. pulp plant Saturday.

The ten were ordered hospitalized for further observation.

The leak was blamed on a broken pipe in the bleach room. The plant's air conditioning system picked up the fumes and carried them to the nearby kraft machine room where the affected employees were working.

The men were reported in satisfactory condition at St. John's Hospital.

## Salem Pilot Forced Down

The engine of a light Kreitzberg Aviation plane stalled out on a take-off Saturday afternoon, but pilot Richard Swift landed it without mishap before leaving McNary Field's boundary.

The city's first aid car, called out for a possible crash at 3:08 p. m., was recalled at 3:11.

Neither Swift nor his student were injured, nor was the plane damaged. The engine died at about 50 feet.

## At The Theaters Today

**ELSINORE**  
"THE COUNTRY GIRL," with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly  
"ASSIGNMENT CHILDREN," with Danny Kaye  
**CAPITOL**  
"NEW YORK CONFIDENTIAL," with Broderick Crawford  
"UNCHAINED," with Elroy Hirsch and Barbara Hale  
**GRAND**  
"MANY RIVERS TO CROSS," with Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker  
"SO THIS IS PARIS," with Tony Curtis and Gloria DeHaven  
**HOLLYWOOD**  
"FRANCIS JOINS THE WACS," with Donald O'Connor  
"RAILS INTO LARAMIE," with John Payne

## Labor Party Official Asks Bevan to Quit

LONDON (AP)—An elder statesman of the Labor Party and a powerful union boss Saturday night demanded a crackdown on left-winger Aneurin Bevan.

Emanuel Shinwell, 71-year-old former defense minister and a militant Socialist for half a century, demanded that Bevan resign from the party "as the only decent course."

Arthur Deakin, secretary of the 1,500,000-strong Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU)—from which Labor gets a large part of its financial support—did not name Bevan and his followers but accused "a dissident group" of "strongarm methods" in trying to grab control of the party.

Shinwell is a member of the party's "shadow cabinet" which has recommended that the whip be withdrawn—party label removed—from Bevan in the House of Commons.

Labor's 292 Commons members will vote on this showdown move Wednesday. If the vote goes against the 57-year-old Bevan he might eventually be expelled entirely from party membership.

The issue has created a crisis for the party at a time when many believe the Conservative government is preparing to call a general election.

Deakin accused "those of the left" of pressuring Laborite commons members to line up against the moderate party policies pronounced by former Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

## Toastmaster Fete Won by Forkner

Robert Forkner of the Capitol Toastmaster Club of Salem Saturday won the Area 2, District 2 speech contest to become eligible for the District 2 contest, April 23.

Second place winner was Lloyd G. Hammel of Salem's other club, the Salem Toastmasters.

Forkner bested speakers from Toastmasters clubs of Lebanon, Silverton, Corvallis and Albany.

## Woman Arrested On Forgery Count

Vera May Hunt, 24, of Gervais, Saturday night was booked into the Marion County jail on a charge of forgery. She was arrested on a Woodburn Justice Court warrant, the sheriff's office reported.

The arrest was made by Woodburn police and Marion County deputy sheriffs in Woodburn. Bail was set at \$100.

## Margaret's Position Likened To King Edward's Abdication

LONDON (AP)—"Little does he know of the problem that confronts me this day."

Edward VIII, sweating out his abdication decision, muttered these plaintive words 19 years ago about a smiling servant who had no notion of the King's dilemma.

A similar dilemma—the choice between love or duty—appeared to be building up Saturday night for Princess Margaret as reports persisted of her intention to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend.

Britons buzzed with talk about the rights or wrongs of her purported romance with a divorced commoner of 40.

Few voices were heard disputing her right to marry any man of her choice. But the Church of England could not officially approve her marrying a divorced man whose first wife is still alive.

And some devout church folk were qualifying their private approval with such phrases as "a shame she must go against the position of the church."

Around the firesides and in shopping queues as the discussion grew, some Britons—a small minority of those heard, but a vocal

minority—were saying that marriage between the princess and Townsend would lower the prestige of the monarchy.

"Two 'wrong' marriages in 26 years—that is a lot," one Englishman commented.

Margaret rested in the seclusion of the royal lodge at Windsor Saturday night as talk about her and Townsend took on the proportions of a national debate.

Queen Mother Elizabeth was joining her there Saturday night, after a day at a hunt meeting at Cheltenham.

Queen Elizabeth II—"defender of the faith" which Margaret's marriage would flout—was spending the weekend quietly with Lord and Lady Mountbatten at their Hampshire country home.

Group Capt. Townsend, meanwhile, again spoke to newsmen in Brussels, where he is air attache to the British Embassy.

The Sydney Sun-Herald's staff correspondent quoted him as saying: "If the situation should demand my exile and that of a certain lady we should of course accept it."

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