

# 9.5 Per Cent Tax Drop Asked Of Special Session by Holmes

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The tax cut proposed by Gov. Holmes in his call for a special legislative session for Oct. 28 adds up to 9.5 per cent.

His plan to reduce property taxes by increasing basic school and would give the average property taxpayer a 3 per cent reduction. And his idea of reducing income taxes 4 million dollars a

year would amount to a 3.5 per cent average reduction.

This doesn't mean that if the Legislature adopts his plan, that every taxpayer would get reductions by that amount. The lawmakers might give larger reductions to some classes of taxpayers, and smaller cuts to other classes.

Gov. Holmes hasn't proposed details.

The fact that this program has to be worked out is one reason there isn't general optimism that the session can be short.

## U.S. Eases Exports To Poland

By G. K. RODENFELD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—The government today eased export controls on goods destined for Poland. It gave that Communist nation a trade status nearly equal to any of this country's friendliest allies.

The move opened the way for Poland to get such prized U.S. goods as industrial machinery, steel mill products, machine tools, electrical machinery and vehicles.

Also under the new rules, Poland can now import surplus U.S. agricultural commodities on a barter basis, something hitherto impossible.

The relaxation of controls was promised last June when the two countries signed an economic agreement providing Poland a U.S. loan of nearly 40 million dollars for the purchase of American agricultural products and mining machinery.

Another 40 million dollars in aid was promised if and when Congress provided the authority and the funds.

Those negotiations which lasted 2 1/2 months, came after President Eisenhower last February promised help to Poland or any other free nation which demonstrated a will to assert its sovereignty and independence of Russian domination.

## Inmate Trades Parole for Dusty Walk

CHESTER, Ill. Aug. 28 (AP)—A penitentiary inmate traded a September parole yesterday for eight hours of freedom, most of it spent walking along a hot, dusty southern Illinois railroad track.

He was 35-year-old Charles Smothers who walked away from a tomato picking gang on the Menard prison honor farm.

Smothers, from the Marion, Ill., area, had three times before been paroled from his 1939 one-year-to-life sentence. Each time he had been returned as a parole violator.

Since Smothers was scheduled for parole next month, Warden Ross Randolph asked him why he walked away.

"It was just one of those things," replied Smothers.

## Japanese Atomic Reactor Starts

MITO, Japan, Tuesday, Aug. 28 (AP)—Japan's first experimental atomic reactor started operation at Tokai Village Tuesday.

The Nuclear Research Institute announced the reactor started after 1,170 grams of uranium 235 fuel were poured in the reactor by Japanese and American scientists.

## Ceylon Official Says Hungarian Report Incomplete

SINGAPORE, Aug. 28 (AP)—Ceylon Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike said today world judgment on Soviet intervention in Hungary last October should not be based on the report of the U.N. Special Committee on Hungary. Ceylon was a member of the committee.

He told a news conference that the report was incomplete because the Soviet Union and Hungary did not place their cases before the committee.

"To that extent, the report is not to be taken as the last word on the subject," he said.

Asked if the United Nations should shut its eyes to events in Hungary, he replied: "There should be no action that might compel certain members of the world body to leave the U.N. itself."

## AF to Close 7 Facilities

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—The Air Force announced today that seven of its facilities have been scheduled for closing.

It said they have been declared in excess of future needs.

The facilities are Wendover Air Force Base, Utah, scheduled for closing in the fall of 1958; Foster AFB, Texas, spring 1959; Savannah Storage Station, Ga., fall 1959; Ardmore AFB, Okla., summer 1959; Philadelphia Storage Station, Pa., spring 1960; Chel Air Force Depot, Maywood, Calif., spring 1961; and Harding Storage Station, Pa., during the coming year.

# Flood-Ruined Town Proves Comeback Possible

LAMPASAS, Tex., Aug. 28 (AP)—Citizens of surrounding towns to come see how the town of 3,000 has been restored.

Less than four months ago—May 13—a levee broke, sending a wall of water through the town and its district.

It wiped out or damaged 80 stores and 210 homes. Six persons drowned.

Friday and Saturday, the citizens will point to restoration of almost all the former businesses and to homes cleaned and repaired or rebuilt.

Merchants have a very business slogan: "If you buy it in Lampasas, it's bound to be brand new."

The Corps of Engineers estimates the restoration cost at \$485,238.

The restoration was done largely with loans and some outright help. And back-breaking work. Flood insurance was not generally available.

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