

Tax Plan Recommended House OK

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House today approved a bill cutting personal income taxes 20 to 30 per cent this year for nearly 50,000,000 taxpayers.

The bill was passed by a vote of 377 to 100.

House Republicans pushing to cut taxes, a banking subcommittee to keep rent controls, and a country-wide income tax.

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Turkey Under Pressure - Acheson Says Communist Nations Are Threat to US

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Acheson was asked by a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee whether it would not be dangerous to have Communist-dominated governments in the Pacific. He replied:

"It is dangerous to the security of the United States to have Communist-dominated governments anywhere."

Acheson also told the committee—which is holding hearings on the administration's proposed \$400,000,000 aid to Turkey and Greece—that Turkey needs American aid to resist Soviet demands for a share in the control of the Dardanelles. The strategic straits are the gateway between the Mediterranean and oil-rich lands bordering the Black Sea.

Acheson said the government's new foreign policy was not aimed at any "country or ideology." But then in answer to a question he made this statement on the threat of Communist-dominated government to us.

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Rep. Chester E. Mrow (R-NH) said he was strongly in favor of aid to Greece and Turkey. He asked whether failure to approve it would not be interpreted as a resignation of the United States from its position of world leadership.

"World Watching"

"If the United States will not accede to the requests made upon it," Acheson said, "there will be a very strong conviction in the Middle East and throughout the world that a great deal of our professions are merely words and we will not exert any efforts to maintain institutions which we wish to see survive."

He said that the position of the United States "as the defender of certain views stated in our Constitution and stated in the United Nations Charter" will be "greatly weakened" in the event Congress refuses to approve the program.

Mrow said that "Mr. Stalin and his associates will not stop their aggressive policies of expansion unless the United States takes a firm stand." He said he was "in favor of a showdown now."

Acheson repeatedly assured the Congressmen that the administration's foreign policy is not aimed at any particular nation.

He told Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R-SD) that the Turkish armies have had to remain in a state of semi-mobilization for several years. This, he said, has been a severe "budgetary strain" on the government.

The Turks are not worried about "internal bands of guerrillas," he said. Their worries stem entirely from "external pressures."



SIMULTANEOUS actions by communists in countries all over the world occur too frequently to be mere coincidences, Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson told the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

State Revenue Planners Seek Additional Taxes

SALEM (AP)—The joint legislative Ways and Means Committee, which must decide quickly whether to make a drastic cut in all appropriations or whether to have a deficit of more than \$6,000,000 for the next biennium, voted 6 to 5 Friday to ask the House Tax Committee to bring in the bill to levy a 30 per cent tax on slot machines, pinball games and punchboards.

The tax committee has tabled the bill, which would bring in about \$4,000,000.

The Ways and Means Committee took the action after Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg, chairman of the House Tax Committee, told the ways and means group that his committee has finished its work.

The committee's program includes the cigar tax of 2 cents a package, which would bring in \$4,000,000.

Sales Tax No Help

The 3 per cent sales tax bill, which was passed 38 to 22 late Thursday by the House and sent to the Senate, would not help the deficit, since it must go to the people.

C. C. Chapman, chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Finance, suggested to the committee that one way out would be to have the deficit, and authorize the State Tax Commission, on July 1, 1948, to call a special election to levy a property tax to make up whatever deficit exists at that time. The property tax then probably would be offset by income taxes.

Economy Measures

The committee also voted Friday to make relief payments a lien against the estates of persons receiving the payments, thus restoring a provision of the law that was eliminated in 1941.

The committee also is faced with having to make a 20 per cent cut in old age assistance.

The committee voted to kill bills to permit counties and cities to operate boys' camps with state aid, conduct aviation education in the schools, and to acquire 1000 acres for the site of a new penitentiary near Salem.

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Rainman Plays Familiar Tune

That gloomy weatherman is at it again. Friday was the first day of spring, but did that change things in the Willamette Valley? No.

With, no doubt, a mocking taunt on his lips, the weatherman overlooked the confident girls in bright dresses and teased off the prediction that Friday night and Saturday will see cloudy skies, cooler temperatures and, you hit it, "light rain."

Spring founned in officially at 3:13 a.m. By 10 a.m. the weatherman had succeeded in discounting the new season—slight hope for clear skies in the next five days, he said.

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Man-in-Moon's Eyeview Copied

WASHINGTON (AP)—Now you can get a small-scale idea of how the earth looks to the man in the moon.

The Navy, with the aid of a special camera and a V-2 rocket, has come up with a picture of the earth from an altitude of 100 miles, highest ever reached by the camera's eye.

If you're doubtful about the shape of the earth, the picture will present visible proof that it's round.

The rocket, with the camera in the tail, was fired towards the moon from the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds on March 7. The camera began grinding away at the peak altitude and then was blown clear in the descent.

The picture shows 200,000 square miles of the southwestern United States and Mexico.

US and Britain Ask Immediate Start on Problem

Austria Invited To Moscow Sessions

MOSCOW (AP)—U. S. Secretary Marshall called on the Council of Foreign Ministers Friday to set plans for the creation of a German government in motion as once and both he and Britain's Ernest Bevin presented programs for the organization of a federalized German nation.

The council, in a brief session, agreed to invite representatives of the Austrian government here immediately for discussion of the Austrian peace treaty.

Molotov Willing

V. M. Molotov, Soviet foreign minister, said he already had assured Foreign Minister Karl Gruber of Austria, that visas would be issued for the Austrians assigned to come to Moscow.

The action on Austria came after Marshall had urged the council to break the Austrian treaty impasse on what constitutes German assets in that country and had expressed hope that the treaty would be completed in the Moscow meeting.

He said that it was for this purpose—completing the treaty—that the Austrian government representatives should be called into consultation.

Bevin laid before the council a six-step plan for the creation of a federalized government structure intended to make Germany a self-governing, democratic state.

How far the British and American ideas will go in agreeing with Soviet and French ideas for Germany was not at once clear. Molotov and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will introduce their plans Saturday.

Marshall's Plan

Marshall laid down a three-point plan of procedure for setting up a German government.

First, he said, there should be "establishment of a provisional German government composed of the heads of the governments of the now existing states and leaders, including Berlin, and clothed with necessary powers to create and operate central administrative agencies."

To this end, he said, the laender or state governments should be completed "throughout Germany at an early date."

Second, Marshall called for "a drafting and acceptance of a constitution which shall be consistent with democratic principles and the decentralization of government authority." All powers not assigned the central government would remain in the state governments.

Third, Marshall said, there should be the assumption of the governmental authority by the central government created by the constitution and by the state authority recognized by the constitution.

Bevin's views on the government structure for Germany were set forth in a 600-word paper.

It called for creation of a two-house legislative along the lines of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, a president without executive powers and strong state rights.

Young Couple Not Yet Charged

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Sheriff James Musick said Friday he believes Financier Walter Overell and his wife, Beulah, were slain with a ball pen hammer before their yacht exploded in Newport Bay last Saturday night. But the district court attorney announced he was not yet ready to file murder charges against the couple's daughter and her boyfriend.

Sheriff Musick retorted that, in the absence of action by District Attorney James L. Davis, he would ask a grand jury indictment of Louise Overell, 17-year-old heiress to a reported \$600,000 fortune, and George R. Collum, 21, her husky fiance.

"If sufficient evidence has not been presented by this afternoon and charges have not been filed, I have no choice but to entertain defense demands for writs of habeas corpus," Davis said.

Attorneys for the couple indicated Thursday that such action would be forthcoming.

Other developments in the strange case Friday included:

Disclosure by an autopsy that there was not water in the lungs of the Overells, socialites of exclusive Flintridge, indicating that they were dead before the blasted craft sank at its mooring.

Senate May Alter Sales Tax Measure

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Senate, with only a week or so left to work on it, got the 3 per cent sales tax bill from the House Friday amid predictions by House leaders that the bill would be almost unrecognizable by the time the Senate's Assessment and Taxation Committee works it over.

The House passed the measure Thursday 38 to 22, concluding three hours of the most bitter debate during the first 67 days of the legislature. The bill would be referred to the people at a special election June 24, the people already having beaten five sales tax proposals.

The Senate Tax Committee will begin work Monday on the bill. There is some talk that it might reduce the rate to 2 per cent, and drastically change the distribution of the \$24,000,000 annual revenue.

Labor, Business Given Warning

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach, in a speech before the California Institute of Industrial Relations, declared Thursday night that unless industry stops bookkeeping and labor stops asking wage increases, "they together are going to price the products out of the market—which will be a disaster not only to each of them but to our whole national economy."

Discussing various labor bills pending in Congress, he vigorously opposed any ban on the closed shop (in which only union men may be hired) "and kindred forms of union security," because, "neglecting other considerations, it is plain such proposals would open the doors to prolonged industrial chaos in America."

Union security, he said, "is the very heart" of contracts which cover 77 per cent of all union workers, and "in many cases these security provisions were won after long struggles . . . against the bitterest opposition. Given this historical background, and the undeniable fact that some employers still are anxious to get rid of unions, I do not see how a ban on union security could fail to provoke industrial strife."

The secretary favored "a banning jurisdictional strife between unions, since 'certainly the employer and the public should not be penalized by inability of labor unions to agree as to which union has jurisdiction in a certain plant.'"

Making union financial transactions public; "as a matter of fact, most of the unions do this already." (17 of the 25 AFL internationals and 31 of the 38 CIO internationals do, he said).

Making unions subject to suit in event they violate contracts.

Bill to Curtail Sessions Favored

SALEM (AP)—The House State and Federal Affairs Committee Friday recommended passage of a proposed constitutional amendment which would limit the length of a legislative session to 60 days, and pay legislators \$10 for each day of the session.

There now is no limit. The lawmakers now get \$8 a day for the first 50 days, and work for nothing after that.

The measure was introduced by Rep. E. W. Kimberling, Prairie City, and 51 other members of the 60-member House.

Saturday will be the 69th day of the session, which will last a week or so longer.

This session will be the longest in history, the 1945 69-day session having been the previous longest one.

Reps. Giles L. French, Moro and William Niskanen, Bend, did not concur in the committee's recommendation.

The measure would be submitted to the people in November.

Joint Bargaining Wins Approval

PORTLAND (AP)—Unionists' long-standing ambition of industry-wide negotiations in the lumber industry appeared a step nearer fulfillment Friday.

The lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' Assn., and the Oregon Coast Operators Assn. agreed to form a joint committee to negotiate with the CIO International Woodworkers of America. The three associations represent the major part of Oregon's and Washington's fir industry.

Meetings are to begin next Wednesday. On the same day the CIO-IWA will begin its first major pine negotiations, meeting at Klamath Falls with the pine Industrial Relations Committee. The negotiations will cover the pine industry in the Klamath basin and northern California.

Senate Rejects Mild Portal Pay Suit Ban

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The vote was 63 to 35.

The defeated substitute called for a ban on existing portal suits for nearly \$8,000,000, but would have left future claims to collective bargaining or court settlement.

Senators McCarran (D-NeV) and McGrath (D-RI), sponsors of the measure, had urged its adoption on the ground it would keep the wage-hour act intact. They contended that the Republican-backed bill approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee would "emasculate" that minimum wage statute, under which nearly all portal suits have been brought.

Defeat of the substitute cleared the decks for a final vote on the GOP-sponsored bill voiding nearly all pending and future claims except those covered by wage contract or industry custom.

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Chinese Reds May Establish New Capital in Manchuria

SHANGHAI (AP)—Speculation grew Friday that with the fall of Yenan the Chinese Communists may seek to develop northern Manchuria as a major base of operations while continuing small-scale guerrilla warfare from isolated pockets within China proper.

There was no certain indication where the Communists might place their main base but it was believed it might be Kiamusze, an old fur trading center 250 miles west northwest of Harbin and only about 70 miles from the Soviet border.

City Described

Kiamusze is isolated but little more so than Yenan. Compared to Yenan's single, narrow tricky river and one serviceable highway Manchuria has much better communications. It is on the banks of the Sungari River which flows to the Amur, skirting the Manchurian border and is the center of a network of short-line railroads.

Harbin was believed to be an alternate Communist site. It is the most highly developed city controlled by the Communists and because of its large Russian colony is believed to be safe from Nationalist bombing or ground attack—at least for the time being.

Leaders Missing

It was doubted that the Russians would object to the construction of a strong Communist state along their frontiers.

The whereabouts of the top-ranking Communist leaders is not yet known but it was believed they would have little difficulty in covering the 1200-mile march from Yenan to Harbin and thence to Kiamusze.

Thousands Throng To Spring Opening

Thousands of Lane County shoppers milled up and down Willamette St. Thursday night as weather remained warm and balmy for Eugene's first post-war spring opening.

Merchants unveiled their brightly decorated windows promptly at 8 p.m. to reveal the latest spring ensembles from eastern and California style centers. Freshly cut spring blossoms appeared on several window trims.

The 35-piece Eagles Band, under management of Sam Rubenstein, played from 8 to 10 p.m. on the corner of Eighth and Willamette Sts.; Ellis Hoy directed the band in a mixed program of martial music and ballad numbers.

Jaywalking in the downtown area was ruled legal for the evening through the courtesy of the Eugene Police Department.

Seven Workmen Hurt As Part of Plant Falls

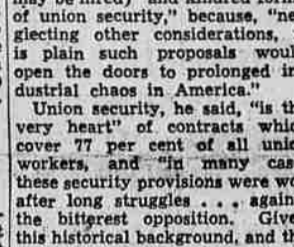
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A section of a new rotogravure plant being constructed by the Philadelphia Inquirer collapsed Friday, injuring at least seven workmen.

A section of the fourth floor, measuring about 100 by 150 feet, fell through, carrying a number of workmen with it. The men were said to be pouring fresh concrete at the time.

AIR RATE BOOSTED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civilian Aeronautics Board Friday approved an agreement among 16 airlines for a 10 per cent increase in passenger fares. This raises the average rate from about 4.5 cents a mile to slightly more than five cents a mile.

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LONDON (AP)—Gale warnings went up throughout Britain Friday and "worsening conditions" were reported in the nation's two most critical flood areas—the Fenland region in the east and the northern mining town of Bentley.

Rivers were reported receding in virtually all other areas, however, after the nation's worst flood disaster in living memory.

British soldiers and volunteers stacked more sandbags on a 12-mile long, seven-foot high dike holding back the swollen Wissey River in the Fenlands, where entire communities and 110 square miles of rich farm land already were under water.

Trucks piled high with sand were dashing to the danger spots along roads dotted with fleeing flood refugees. RAF planes ranged over the region reporting the spread of ever-widening waters.

Two army amphibians sped the work of rescuing hundreds of families marooned in Bentley, ringed by churning waters and inundated up to a depth of six feet.

McNutt Sign Military Pact

MANILA (AP)—President Roxas and Ambassador McNutt Friday signed a military assistance agreement between the Philippines and the United States giving American military equipment and supplies to the Philippine armed forces.

The agreement provides for an American military mission to the Philippines and for handling over to the Philippines of the new re-armed at the Philippines.

Cross Nearing Fund Goals

Lane County Red Cross workers reported a total of \$4,414.04 collected to date.

The report said a considerable amount of money is known to be collected over the county, but has not been banked and therefore is included yet in collections.

Several districts have gone over on collections. Not mentioned in previous accounts or the District Five, led by Mrs. Hake, which went over several days ago.

Both east and west side divisions of the Eugene district had topped goals.

Work will continue through April 21.

Four-Alarm Fire Hits Crowded Boston Area

BOSTON (AP)—A four-alarm fire swept a combination business and tenement block in Boston's congested North End Friday and a deputy fire chief said he believed five or six persons had perished.

The blaze, in a five-story brick building at Hanover and Union Sts. in one of the city's oldest sections, was believed to have started on the top floor.

Heavy smoke poured from the top floor of the building and it was believed this had felled occupants who were unable to reach the stairs.

JAPAN HAS BLIZZARD

HAKODATE, Japan (AP)—The worst blizzard since 1934 struck Hakodate Friday, disrupting train and ferry service and communications. Kyodo news agency said many houses were believed to have been blown down.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, cloudy Friday night and Saturday with light showers tonight and Saturday. Slightly cooler Saturday. Oregon, cloudy Friday with light rain in northwest interior Saturday. Moderate southerly winds off coast becoming westerly Saturday.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 63 degrees; low Friday, 40 degrees; no rainfall in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., total for month, 3.36 inches; normal for month, 3.90 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a.m. Friday, minus .20 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., South 4; prevailing Thursday, SW 5.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Saturday, 6:12 a.m. and 6:27 p.m. Sunday, 6:10 a.m. and 6:28 p.m.

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