

Eric Johnston Presents Case—

Film Makers Charge British Tax Violates Three Pacts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Motion Picture Assn. of America charged Thursday that the new 75 per cent British tax on U. S. movies is a clear violation of three Anglo-American pacts.

In a brief filed with the State and Treasury Departments, the association said the tax would deal "a serious blow to the high hopes for international trade and commerce in the postwar world."

Britain decided to impose the tax as a means of conserving her dwindling supply of dollars. The money would come out of American earnings on the films. The U. S. movie industry promptly retaliated by banning all American films from Britain.

The industry's brief, submitted by Association President Eric Johnston, charged that the tax would violate:

1. The British-American tax convention of 1945. The convention, in effect, forbids imposition

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of an income tax on American films. The brief said Britain's 75 per cent tax was tantamount to an income tax.

2. The 1935 reciprocal trade agreement with Great Britain. The brief noted that the trade agreement prohibits internal taxation of American imports unless British products are similarly taxed. British films have not been subjected to the 75 per cent tax.

3. The "spirit and intent" of last year's British loan agreement. In the agreement, the brief pointed out, Britain promised not to prevent American exporters from taking their money back to this country. The new tax, it said, would effectively prevent transfer of money received for film rentals "by the more drastic means of taking away these rentals."

Portland Man Drowns In Diamond Lake

KLAMATH FALLS, (AP)—John P. Hughes, Jr., 24, of 714 N. E. Webster, Portland, was drowned in Diamond Lake late Wednesday afternoon. State police said his body had not been recovered Thursday.

Hughes was out on the lake in a boat with his wife. He decided to go swimming and dived off the boat into deep water.

Unable to swim very well, he called to his wife to help him back, but she was not able to row the boat close enough before Hughes went down again and did not reappear.



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1060 AMATEUR APPLICANTS
NEW YORK, Aug. 14—(AP)—The U.S. Golf Assn. Wednesday closed the books on entries for the Na-

tional amateur championship at Pebble Beach course, Del Monte, Calif., with a bumper list of 1060 applicants—second highest in history of the title tourney.

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Ship Salvage Plans Started

SEATTLE — (AP) — Foss launch and tug company officials said Thursday that divers will begin immediately to survey possibilities of salvaging portions of the \$3,000,000 cargo which was carried to the bottom of the Strait of Juan de Fuca Wednesday in the sinking of the MS Diamond Knot.

The tug Mathilda Foss kept a line on the vessel during the day and over night to mark the spot of the sinking.

Fog Collision

The Diamond Knot, inbound from Alaska with an estimated one-ninth of the Bristol Bay Salmon pack, was sheared nearly in half early when rammed by the 10,681-ton freighter Penn Victory in a dense fog.

There were no casualties. The 38-crew members of the stricken freighter arrived here Wednesday night by bus from Port Angeles voicing the almost unanimous refrain:

"We're lucky to be alive." So dense was the fog at the time of the collision and during the attempted salvage operations that Capt. Norman Winter, master of the Mathilda Foss, said crew members of his vessel "didn't see her sink."

Meanwhile, officials of two shipping companies on the Alaska run said passenger vessels to Alaska soon will have at least partial protection from fog-caused collisions through installation of radar.

Senator Cordon Says Republicans Strong

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what they intend to do with the next one," he replied. "I voted against the first loan to Britain, you understand," he continued, "and unless the British people show more inclination and ability to put their own house in order, I'm afraid I'll have to follow my former vote in the event of another loan vote."

Taft-Truman

Senator Taft's comment that

Truman's for eign policy is muddled and ill-thought-out brought the following observation from Senator Cordon:

"After all, there's a political campaign coming up, and I'm not running against either of the two gentlemen."

The veterans' legislation, pushed through the Senate by last-minute pressure from its sponsor, Senator Wayne Morse, "will go through the House and be passed during the next session of Congress," according to Cordon. "There's no doubt about it."

The legislation covers various training assistance programs.

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