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Douglas Proposes Economy Program

CHICAGO—(AP)—Senator Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) Friday threw the book at free-handed spenders of the taxpayers' money.

It was a new book. He wrote it. The title: "Economy In the National Government."

Douglas, an economist, said federal spending, if it goes unchecked, may reach \$5.4 billion dollars in the 1952-53 fiscal year.

HE OUTLINED a program for balancing the budget. His proposals included:

Cutting down on agricultural conservation payments, research and price supports; trimming silver, air line and shipping subsidies and outlays for GI education and public works; reducing personnel in some divisions; and pruning in the post office department. These and similar cutbacks could save 1.8 billion.

"Eliminating waste" in buying and building and other dollar-purchasing changes that could reduce the military budget by 4 billion.

Slashing foreign aid by 1.8 billion.

The total saving in the budget would be 7.6 billion, he contended. Douglas also suggested that closing tax loopholes and making several changes in rates and tax practices would increase the government's income by 2.4 billion. He concluded:

"If we cut expenses by 7.6 billion, we will bring total outlays down to approximately 77.8 billion.

"AN INCREASE of 2.4 billion in revenue will bring receipts up to nearly 73.4 billion.

"This would give us a probable deficit of 4.4 billion in the administrative budget.

"But since Social Security and other trust funds yield a surplus of approximately 4.5 billion, this will mean the consolidated cash budget will approximately balance. This will eliminate the danger of inflation caused by a government deficit."

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MARILYN MORRISON, daughter of a Beverly Hills night club operator, talks with newsmen about her engagement to Johnny Ray, 25-year-old singer who rocketed to fame with crying rendition of "The Little White Cloud That Cried." They plan to marry in New York.

Senate Okays Tidelands Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate passed a bill Friday giving the states clear title to oil-rich submerged lands off their coasts. This sent the legislation to President Truman, for approval or veto.

The Senate acted by voice vote on which members are not recorded.

The issue is state vs. federal ownership. Truman vetoed a state ownership bill in 1946 but has not said publicly what he will do about this one. Most capital guesses were he would veto it.

California, Texas and Louisiana are most directly concerned, experts have estimated the worth of oil in the submerged lands off their coasts at anywhere from 22 to 39 billion dollars.

The Supreme Court has ruled three times that the federal government has "paramount rights" over the lands, but state ownership sponsors contended the court never nailed down the question of actual ownership and they offered the bill to give the states clear title.

Planes Blast Red Artillery

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — Allied planes silenced 20 Red guns and damaged two tanks Thursday in close support strikes along the 155-mile Korean battlefield, the Air Force said Friday.

Clear weather permitted Allied planes to fly 1,220 sorties. Fighter-bombers roared deep into Communist territory to blast communication lines and supply centers.

A main target was a big vehicle repair center near the Red capital, Pyongyang. The Air Force said 30 buildings were destroyed.

Other U. N. planes ranged almost to the Manchurian border, cutting Red rail lines in 65 places. In all, the Air Force said, 30 gun positions were silenced, 20 rail cars destroyed and 100 Communist buildings were destroyed.

'GOSSIP,' ALI SAYS

PARIS, May 15 — (AP) — Ali Khan, estranged husband of Hollywood's Rita Hayworth, Thursday night dismissed as "idle gossip" reports that he hopes eventually to marry Greek movie actress Irene Pappas. He did not deny, however, that he has invited Miss Pappas to visit him at his villa near the southern French resort city of Cannes.

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Allies Dared To End Talks

U.N. Again Rejects Red POW Plans

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — For the ninth straight day Red truce negotiators blasted the Allies and again virtually dared them to formally break off the armistice talk.

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, senior Allied delegate, spoke for only two minutes of the 30-minute session.

He used his time to "reject finally and formally" the Red prisoner exchange proposal and suggest a recess until the Reds have something new to offer.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il replied:

"UNLESS YOU formally declare the termination of these armistice negotiations, you have no reason to object to the normal holding of conferences.

Another session was scheduled at Panmunjom Saturday at 11 a.m.

Joy told the Reds "we again reject finally and formally" the Red proposal calling for exchange of 132,000 captured Reds calling for exchange of 132,000 captured Reds for the 12,000 Allied captives in Communist hands.

Nam Il was equally firm in rejecting the Allied voluntarily repatriation plan.

It would return only 70,000 prisoners to the Reds. The rest of the Red prisoners questioned refuse to return to Communist territory, the U.N. Command said.

The prisoner issue is blocking an armistice.

NAM IL SAID a letter written by Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson, former commander of the Allies' Kojima Island prison, "has disclosed to the whole world the utter bankruptcy of your position."

Colson wrote the note to obtain the release of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, who was seized by the POWs. The letter, since repudiated by the top Allied Command, admitted guards had killed prisoners in Red riots and promised "humane treatment."

Joy said he told the Reds "they were cloaking their fears of the truth and dodging our rescreening program. I told them the remainder of their remarks were unworthy of notice."

Senate Group Votes For Tax Deduction

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee Thursday voted to permit federal income taxpayers to deduct from taxable income any charitable contributions up to 20 per cent of their income. The present ceiling is 15 per cent.

The provision was approved as an amendment to a House bill which would permit sports organizations to deduct from their gross income proceeds of any benefit given for the Red Cross.

If the amended bill is approved by the Senate, it will have to go back to the House.

Deduct Washington Expenses

Tax Relief for Lawmakers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House voted tax relief to all members of Congress Thursday. An internal revenue official said the plan would permit the lawmakers, in figuring their income tax, to deduct all expenses while in Washington.

The amendment was offered by Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, the Democratic leader in the House who also will head his party's platform-drafting committee. The amendment was adopted without a record vote.

IT PROVIDES that for taxable years starting after next Dec. 31, the place of residence of a member of Congress in the state, district or territory he represents "shall be considered to be his home" for purposes of the federal tax laws.

A quick query by reporters brought the internal revenue interpretation. The bureau spokesman said businessmen may now deduct business expenses incurred in Washington if they live elsewhere, but Congress members can't.

In the case of some Congressmen who live in high-priced Washington hotels or apartments, the business deduction for that purpose alone could run into thousands. The deduction also would apply to the cost of food, transportation and other expenses while the member is attending sessions of Congress.

Frequently Congress stays in session almost an entire year. Congressmen now get a \$2,500 tax-free expense account on top of their \$12,500 annual salary. However, this exemption will expire Jan. 1.

IN ANOTHER move to help Congressmen, the House also voted to give its members up to \$900 annually for rental of office space in their home districts if free space can't be provided in federal buildings back home. The cost of this proposal alone could exceed \$40,000 annually if all members took advantage of it.

This vote, as the one on tax relief, was on an amendment to the annual bill providing funds to run Congress, the Library of Congress and the government printing office.

McCormack said that under his amendment, Congressmen will not be able to deduct the cost of living their families in Washington. He said they could, and should, be permitted to deduct all necessary expenses such as living, food, transportation and laundry while they are away from home in their official capacity.

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