

Passage of Tax Cut Bill Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first move in a potent drive to cut many excise taxes in half may get under way early next week.

House Republican leaders said they are confident the Eisenhower administration will put up little or no real opposition to early passage of the bill.

There were broad hints the House Ways and Means Committee would take up the excise cutting proposal at a meeting called Monday for an unannounced purpose.

The plan, publicly backed by House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) and other key Republicans and many Democrats, would bring down to 10 per cent all excise or sales taxes now above that level.

One GOP theory was that these cuts could help fight off a Democratic drive to boost individual income tax exemptions.

The excise cutting proposal would slash levies now ranging from 15 to 25 per cent—most of them at 20 per cent—on such items as movie and other admissions, jewelry, women's handbags, cosmetics, furs, luggage, local and long-distance telephone bills, telegrams, passenger fares and sporting goods.

But it would be of a three-package proposition also including:

- Cancellation of a billion dollars in annual cuts scheduled automatically on some other excises on April 1. This would continue present rates on liquor, tobacco, gasoline, automobiles, beer and wine.
- Cancellation of a two billion dollar cut—also set automatically for April 1 under present laws—in corporation income taxes.

The administration has strongly urged cancelling these cuts.

Morgan Raps Vice Stand Of Governor

PORTLAND (AP)—Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman, Saturday accused the governor and the Lincoln County district attorney of trying to mislead the public about vice conditions in Lincoln County.

It was in Lincoln County that a group called for an investigation by the state attorney general several months ago. Gov. Patterson looked into the situation and said he saw no need for such action.

Dist. Atty. William Hollen of Lincoln County at that time cited a grand jury report, which he said noted that the vice situation had already been corrected.

NO EVIDENCE

Morgan told a Democratic meeting here that the governor said there was no evidence of lawlessness in Lincoln County, and that none of the grand jurors had complained to him. Actually, said Morgan, the governor had in his possession then a letter from the foreman of the grand jury, Mrs. Victoria Alborn, in which she said there had been "a miscarriage of justice."

The governor said Saturday at Salem that he did not have Mrs. Alborn's letter before him or in his mind at the time he made the statement. He said he had received hundreds of letters on the case.

Morgan said, however, that the governor had replied to Mrs. Alborn's letter, saying he might want to discuss the case with her.

Morgan said Hollen misquoted the grand jury report in announcing it to the press. Morgan said the grand jury reported, "Public apathy has contributed to the deplorable situation that existed and in a few instances still exists."

DELETED REFERENCE

Morgan said Hollen deleted the latter reference to make it sound as if the vice situation had been cleared up completely.

Hollen said at Newport that the grand jury approved the statement he helped them prepare for the press, adding, "They were very anxious to make it plain that there was nothing in the present administration objectionable to them."

Morgan said, "Peace and quiet have not returned to Lincoln County. What is happening is that honest people of the county are slowly finding out what has been going on."

Rabbi Urges McCarthy Bar

PORTLAND (AP)—A Portland rabbi urged President Eisenhower Friday night to stop Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) in what the rabbi said were attacks on freedom.

"How long will you wait before the Constitution also is surrendered to McCarthy?" the Rabbi Julius J. Nodel asked in a letter read to his congregation at the Temple Beth Israel in weekly services.

"A showdown between you and McCarthy is inevitable . . . An entire nation is fearful and waiting. It wants to know when you will put an end to McCarthy's revolution through power," the letter said.

He said the negotiations between Army Sec'y. Stevens and McCarthy gave the senator "permission to again make loyal Americans his helpless victims."

The success of McCarthy and others is encouraging "former Fascists, Jew-haters, Negro-haters, Catholic-haters, Protestant-haters to crawl out of their foul holes of darkness and begin to live again in the heyday for crackpots," the rabbi said.

He added that the letter is being sent to the President.

Waterfront Crippled By Labor Dispute

NEW YORK (AP)—A labor dispute between longshoremen and truck drivers crippled operations on the New York-New Jersey waterfront Saturday.

Tons of cargo, including perishable foods, was tied up as members of the Independent International Longshoremen's Association refused to handle any goods delivered in trucks manned by members of AFL Teamsters Local 807.

An ILA spokesman estimated the strike would affect about 30 per cent of the traffic in the sprawling port, but the New York Trucking Authority said closer to 70 per cent would be affected.

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Seattle Police To Quiz Sack

Old Disappearance Case Reopened

PORTLAND (AP)—Seattle police were en route to Portland Saturday to question George F. Sack, 37, about the 15-year-old disappearance of Joseph Clifford Young, 55.

Sack, now held on a first-degree murder charge in the death of his third wife, was questioned about the case in Seattle previously.

That was at the time of Young's disappearance in 1939, shortly after leaving a chicken farm to Sack. At the time Sack also was questioned about a missing Monroe, Wash., housekeeper, but Seattle police said that disappearance now has been cleared up.

They said the housekeeper, Emily Judd, who since has married, called the King County sheriff's office to say she had voluntarily dropped from sight.

Sack, who was found insane in Chicago after being accused of killing his second wife in 1925, is charged here with asphyxiating the third wife, the former Goldie Rosa Goodrich, 56. Her body was found in a vacant lot Feb. 18, two days after she last was seen at the apartment house Sack owns.

Sack's first wife died in a 1923 fire in Chicago. After his second wife's death, he was committed to a mental hospital. He was released in 1932, and went to the Seattle area. He has lived here since 1940.

Snow Storm Hits Midwest

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A blustery snow storm hit the central part of the nation Saturday while Southern Texas simmered in summery heat. Mild springlike weather prevailed along the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

Moderate to heavy snow fell in the Great Lakes region and the central Mississippi Valley southward to the Texas Panhandle. Stiff winds caused a mixture of light snow and dust in some Panhandle localities.

Rain changed to snow in Chicago in mid-afternoon and the city was warned to prepare for a snowfall of two to five inches.

Daytime temperatures in the high 40s were general along the East Coast while the Pacific Coast reported readings ranging from the 40s in Washington to the 60s in California.

Temperatures were in the high 80s and lows 90s in Southern Texas. Corpus Christi had a 92-degree reading at noon.

A chill gripped Colorado and Southern Wyoming, with readings mostly in the 20s.

Avalanche Hits Village

SRINGAR, Kashmir (AP)—At least 30 people were killed in an avalanche which swept down on the Himalayan Mountain village of Manchil, 65 miles north of here. Many houses were destroyed and cattle killed.



PUGNACIOUS PETEY

This is Petey, a bantam rooster with a—excuse the expression—foul disposition who stirs up a fight with anyone who ventures near Barn D at Hialeah race track in Florida. He sent the supervisor of the track barns to the medic recently with stab wounds from the spur which he is displaying. Sign was put up outside the stall by trainer Jim Healey who so far has escaped Petey's wrath.

Eleanor Holm Drops Billy, The Rose

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—The battle of the Roses came to an official end Saturday in a routine way as former American swimming queen Eleanor Holm divorced millionaire showman Billy Rose.

Trim, tanned and attractive, Eleanor, 39, made special reference to the court restoration of her maiden name, saying, "I'm delighted."

She was smiling after the 15-minute appearance before District Judge A. S. Henderson on her complaint of mental cruelty and promptly set out on a shopping trip.

The closed door session was in contrast to the lengthy fight between the Roses in which she named actress Joyce Matthews as the other woman and he filed a divorce complaint charging her with adultery with at least five men. Miss Matthews was once the wife of TV star Milton Berle.

An end to the battling came when Rose, 54, agreed to pay \$600 a week alimony plus \$20,000 more a year for 10 years provided they were divorced by April 10. Miss Holm came to Las Vegas in January to meet the six-weeks residence requirements.

Japanese Surrender

ALOR STAR, Malaya (AP)—Three Japanese have surrendered to British forces at Datoa, on the Malay-Siam border, after nearly nine years in the jungle with Communist guerrillas. All three went underground immediately after the war, and believed Communists who told them the British would kill them if they found them.

Status of Bills At End of Week

WASHINGTON (AP)—The status of major legislation in Congress:

AGRICULTURE—Committees of both branches are considering the President's proposal for revisions in the price support program. Both branches have passed the bill to the President a bill adjusting cotton crop quotas.

STATEHOOD—The House has passed a bill to admit Hawaii to the Union; a bill to give statehood to Alaska is tied up in the House Rules Committee; and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has approved bills to admit both territories to the Union, but there has been no Senate action.

TAXES—The House Ways and Means Committee has drafted a general tax revision bill for House consideration early in March.

LABOR—The House Labor Committee is drafting amendments to the Taft-Hartley Law. The Senate Labor Committee has held hearings on the proposed changes.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—The Senate killed by a single vote the last surviving proposal to amend the Constitution and curb the President's treaty-making powers. Final vote of 60-31 came on a substitute by Sen. George (D-Ga.) for the original amendment by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio). Two-thirds majority of those present and voting was required for adoption of a constitutional amendment. A Senate Judiciary subcommittee has approved an amendment to lower the voting age in federal elections to 18 years; there has been no House action on either subject.

SOCIAL SECURITY—The House Ways and Means Committee has scheduled hearings for March on bills to extend social security coverage and increase benefits.

POSTAL RATES—The House Postoffice Committee has recommended an increase of one cent—from 3 to 4 cents—in first class postage.

PAY RAISES—Bills to raise the pay of members of Congress, federal judges, postal workers and federal employees generally are pending in the House Postoffice and Judiciary committees.

TREATIES—The Senate has ratified a mutual defense pact with South Korea; no House action is required.

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN—Bills financing the military department and the foreign aid program are being prepared by the House Appropriations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. A bill establishing a cadet academy for the Air Force has passed the House and is pending in the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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