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Senate Fight On Tax Bill Held Likely

Democrats Seek To Delay Action

By JACK BELL
Of The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—A possible delay by the Senate Democratic leadership on the administration-backed tax bill threatened Thursday in bitterness that which preceded House passage.

Colleagues said Sen. Clements of Kentucky, acting Democratic leader, has let it be known he favors delaying the start of debate until March 14. His only public comment was that the bill would be handled "in regular order."

House Democrats, over the vigorous opposition of President Eisenhower, had written into the bill a \$20 income tax cut for everyone effective next Jan. 1. The Senate Finance Committee struck out that cut, leaving in the bill only a year's extension beyond April 1 of present corporation and excise tax rates now bringing in \$3 billion a year.

NO JUSTIFICATION
Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) of the Finance Committee, who led the fight there against the \$20 income tax cut, said in a separate interview there would be "no justification" for delaying Senate action beyond the middle of next week.

"We are going to move to bring this bill up then, if it becomes necessary to do that," he said.

Ordinarily the majority leader schedules the order in which legislation is taken up. But his timetable could be upset if the Senate voted otherwise.

With this in mind, Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP floor leader, opposed a request of Sen. Kerr (D-Okla.) to permit a Finance Committee minority to file a report "when written." Knowland and Kerr, who backs the \$20 tax cut, finally agreed at Byrd's suggestion on a Tuesday noon deadline.

Sen. Barkley (D-Ky.) said the proposed \$20 cut—which would cost the treasury \$200,000,000 in receipts in a full year—would be offered on the Senate floor.

Chairman Bridges (R-N.H.) of the Republican Policy Committee predicted an almost solid GOP vote against it.

DEMO STRATEGY

As related by an influential party member who didn't want to be quoted publicly, Democratic strategy was to delay any final action by Congress until the eve of the excise-corporation tax reduction date.

If they could corral the votes, the Democrats then would present Eisenhower with a bill extending the corporation and excise levies but cutting the personal income tax.

If they failed to attach the \$20 provision in the Senate—as seemed likely—the bill might die in a Senate-House conference and Democrats then could blame Republicans for thwarting compromise attempts.

Balkan Nations End Conference

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Foreign ministers of the Balkan Pact nations—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia—ended a 3-day conference Wednesday night.

A joint communique said the ministers had agreed on the need to reinforce the defense capabilities of their nations. But it made no mention of any new military efforts.

Yugoslavia recently has indicated a desire to de-emphasize military aspects of the 20-year treaty against aggression, following establishment of closer relations with the Soviet Union.

A separate announcement said the 3 countries had agreed, to form, a consultative assembly along the lines of the Council of Europe, and to hold an early conference on the possibility of economic cooperation.

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Committee to Draft Compensation Bill

SALEM (AP)—The Senate Labor and Industries Committee, with six bills to challenge the unemployment compensation laws, will take what it wants out of the committee and draft an omnibus bill.

The committee held its final hearing Wednesday on this subject, hearing protests by employers and praise from labor unions.

Only slight opposition appeared against the bill to extend compensation to firms hiring fewer than four workers.

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, said it would work a hardship on small businesses. Other opponents included representatives of well dealers and apartment-house operators.

ALL EMPLOYERS

James T. Marr, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, said all employers should be brought under the law.

"It is unfair," he said, "for an employer of three persons to be

exempt when a competitor, hiring four employees, has to pay the payroll tax."

Representatives of fruit growers and packers protested that Senate Bill 360, which would most maximum weekly benefits from \$25 to \$35 and also increase payroll taxes, would work a hardship on their business.

Robert W. Root, Medford, of the Rogue River Traffic Assn., said the bill would make many housewives, who work in canneries for a few weeks each year, eligible for benefits. This, he added, would cause a heavy drain on the unemployment trust fund.

F. L. Phipps, the Dalles, secretary of the Assn. of Oregon Counties, opposed the provision putting public employees under the law.

FIRINGS NECESSARY

Phipps said it is impossible to compute the cost to the counties, but the result would be that counties would have to fire so many employees in order to pay the added cost.

He said the fund would be hit when county control changed from one party to the other, because many employees would be fired.

James H. Cellars, Astoria, representing employers, charged that many people are drawing benefits to which they shouldn't be entitled. He mentioned those who voluntarily quit work, who refuse to accept suitable employment, and who are fired for cause.

TV Comedy Skit Draws Criticism
LONDON (AP)—Outraged television viewers accused the British Broadcasting Corp. Wednesday night of satirizing Queen Mother Elizabeth in a comedy skit. The BBC quickly denied the charge.

The skit depicted a ship launching and many viewers complained that comedienne Pearl Hackney in the lead role dressed and talked like the Queen Mother.

The program's climax came when Miss Hackney broke the bottle on the bow of the ship. The vessel slid down the ways into the water, then sank.

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4-Year House Term Unlikely

Rep. Celler Indicates Bills Will Be Killed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's recommendation for 4-year terms, instead of the present 2, for members of the House is "not likely to get to first base," Rep. Celler (D-NY) said Thursday.

Celler is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which has before it 4 bills calling for a constitutional amendment to put into effect a 4-year term. Celler's comment indicated they won't emerge from the committee.

The President's recommendation came at his news conference Wednesday as he praised a bill raising congressional pay from \$15,000 to \$22,500 a year. He signed it into law, effective Tuesday, shortly thereafter.

Celler told reporters the framers of the Constitution "used rare judgment when they set up 2-year terms."

"The House is closest to the people, and the Founding Fathers rightly felt that in this ever-changing world the people should have a right to voice their opinion through their representatives every 2 years," he said.

Celler declared, "It is no hardship to run every 2 years." And he added that the 2-year term is part of the general scheme of government in which senators are elected for 6 years, the President for 4 and House members 2.

Rep. Doyle (D-Calif.), author of 1 of the 4 bills to extend the term of office, took a different view. Too much of House members' time is taken up with electioneering, "and we ought to be free at least 3 1/2 years to tend to our legislative business," he said.

Reporter Dead Who Helped Innocent Man

CHICAGO (AP)—James P. McGuire, Chicago Sun-Times police reporter who gained nationwide fame by helping to free an innocent man convicted of murder, died of a heart attack Wednesday night. He was 51 years old.

McGuire collapsed in front of an elevator in the building where he lived. Efforts by a Fire Department inspector failed to revive him.

McGuire, a reporter for the Chicago Times and Sun-Times for 10 and a half years, played a major role in the freeing of Joe Majczek from Stateville Penitentiary.

Majczek had been convicted in 1933 on charges of killing a Chicago policeman. His mother, after slaving for years, put an add in the Times in 1944 offering a reward for evidence leading to the arrest of the real killer.

McGuire and other members of the Times staff investigated the case and obtained a pardon for Majczek in 1945.

The story was made into a 1948 motion picture, "Call Northside 777," in which actor James Stewart portrayed McGuire.

McGuire received several national newspaper awards, including the 1945 award for outstanding general reporting from Sigma Delta Chi, the 1946 Heywood Brown Memorial award of the American Newspaper Guild, and the 1946 National Headliners Club award for "outstanding public service."

Texas School Employees Stick to Protest Strike

IRVING, Tex. (AP)—A large group of Irving school employees, many of them teachers, stayed on strike Thursday despite a state school official's advice to get back on the job.

Citizen volunteers continued to man the posts of the absentees. The employees, in protest over the dismissal of Dr. John L. Beard, 53, as superintendent, voted Monday to stay off the job until he was reinstated. They said his unexplained firing was unfair.

The Irving School Board,

headed by President Charles E. Young, since has fired nine school executives, including seven principals. Wednesday, the board said, all employees who failed to report for duty or who failed to say they would return were discharged automatically.

William S. Ward, spokesman for the striking employees and one of the seven principals fired, said that included 126 classroom teachers out of 198 usually in the schools. Others absent, he said, included 9 out of 10 principals and other executives, 34 maintenance workers, 42 lunchroom workers, and 10 of the 11 office employees.

Beard formally notified the School Board Wednesday night that he was appealing his dismissal to the state commissioner of education, Dr. J. W. Edgar.

Edgar's assistant Lee J. Wilborn Wednesday advised Ward that the teachers should go back to work when the latter telephoned to ask if the education agency intended to send a representative to Irving.

Later, Ward indicated the walkout would continue indefinitely with the assertion that "there is no change in our attitude."

Egypt Issues War Threat

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Egyptian Premier Gamel Abdel Nasser announced Thursday the Egyptian army has been ordered "to retaliate by force" against any future Israeli attacks.

The head of Egypt's military ruling group told cheering students at the Egyptian military college "If we enter war... we will give Israel a lesson it will never forget."

38 KILLED

Nasser's warning to Israel came after 38 Egyptian soldiers and 2 civilians were killed in fighting with Israeli forces on the outskirts of Gaza Monday night.

It was also an answer to Israeli Premier Moshe Sharmitt's statement to his parliament Wednesday night in which he said "it is up to Egypt to decide" whether the Palestine war breaks out again.

Refugee-packed Gaza, chief town of the small Egyptian-held strip of Palestine, was reported quiet Thursday after 2 days of Arab rioting and attacks on United Nations property which followed the clash with the Israelis.

The U.N. truce chief for Palestine, Canadian Gen. E. M. Burns, visited the city and inspected the damage done in the riots.

Burns said he has protested to the Egyptian foreign office about the rioting and attacks on U.N. property and has demanded protection for U.N. personnel.

URGENT SESSION

The U.N. Security Council will meet in urgent session at its New York headquarters Friday to discuss Egypt's charges of Israeli aggression near Gaza.

David Stephen, Gaza district director of the U.N. Works and Relief Agency, said the destruction of two UNWRA food depots in the Gaza strip by rioters Wednesday caused about \$75,000 damage according to first reports. Maj. Gen. Abdullah Rifaat, governor of Gaza, said the 2 depots held a month's food for 50,000 of the Arab refugees who made up the bulk of the rioters.

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