GOP Issues Declaration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans approved Thursday a declaration of party principles for this year's election campaigns and coupled it with a broadside attack on Kennedy administration domestic and foreign policies.

The 2,500-word statement called for a thorough overhaul of the tax system without specifically mentioning tax reduction, and for "a new direction for public policy in order to advance the cause of freedom at home and throughout the world."

Firing directly at President Kennedy, the Republicans said:

"The oft-heard campaign cry 'get America moving again' has become a hollow echo."

The statement, entitled "a declaration of Republican principle and policy," also said:

"The current administration has shown little understanding of, or concern for, institutions that buttress freedom at home — separation of the powers, checks and balances, state and local responsibility, and a free competitive economy.

"It has demonstrated neither the wit nor the will to meet effectively the assault of international communism on freedom.

"We Republicans cannot witness the erosion of freedom without warning or protest . ."

'Overriding Issue'

The Republicans asserted that the overriding issue before the American electors in 1962 is this:

"Which party acts more effectively to preserve and enlarge human freedom?"

Offering GOP alternatives in broad, non-detailed outline, the statement attacked Kennedy administration actions and policy across a broad range of specific points. The list of targets ran from such matters as medical care for the aged and the injection of government into labor-management affairs, to the handling of the Berlin crisis and the decisions which the Republicans said permitted establishment of a Communist military base in Cuba 90 miles from the Florida coast.

The document is intended as a handbook for the 1962 congressional elections.

Ike Consulted

It was drafted by a 12-member Senate-House committee after consultation with party leaders including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Rep. Melvin Laird of Wisconsin, chairman of the committee, made public the document after it had been submitted to and approved by caucuses of Senate and House Republican members.

Prefacing the statement was an outline of what the Republicans called their "five principles as basic beliefs."

They were:

- "We believe in the individual's right and capacity to govern himself — to set his own goals — to make his way to them without the restraints of dictatorship or paternalism.
- "We believe that the basic function of government is to maintain an environment in which the individual can freely develop powers of mind, heart and body with which his creator endowed him. We believe that government should do for the people only the things they cannot do for themselves.
- "We believe that the federal government should act only when the people are not adequately served by state or local governments. We believe in separation of the powers of government. We believe in a system of checks and balances to prevent a monopoly of power in any branch of government.
- "We believe that government must act to help establish conditions of equal opportunity for all people and to help assure that no one is denied the requisites for a life of dignity.
- "We believe that government must prudently weigh needs against resources, put first things first, rigorously tailor means to ends, and understand the difference between words and deeds. The future will be built by those who work for it — not by those who only promise it."

College Vote Slated

PENDLETON (AP) — Umatilla and Morrow County residents will vote Friday on whether to establish a community college for the two northeastern Oregon counties.

Tourists Get Conflicting Route Advice

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — The Pendleton-Walla Walla areas are having a bit of a feud over the route tourists from the east should take en route to the Seattle World's Fair.

First, large signs appeared at La Grande, saying the best routes to the fair are through Walla Walla. These signs suggested that motorists go to Walla Walla by way of Pendleton and Milton-Freewater or via Tollgate, bypassing Pendleton.

Maps Issued

The Umatilla County, Ore., Gas Dealers' Assn. moved to counteract these by issuing maps saying the best way to the fair is on U.S. 30, through Pendleton.

Now Bob Webb of nearby Pilot Rock, president of the association, reports that the Walla Walla chamber of commerce has asked his group to withdraw these maps.

One thing Fred Schneider, manager of the Walla Walla chamber, objects to is that the map gives the idea that state Highway 11 from Pendleton to Walla Walla is under construction, instead of finished, Webb said.

How Far?

In addition, Schneider feels that the map suggests that the distance between Pendleton and Walla Walla is about twice the actual 50 miles, Webb said.

Webb added his own comment on the Walla Walla routes:

"I think that Walla Walla is off the beaten track, and certainly would not suggest to tourists that they go by either of those routes."

A different complaint came from Milton - Freewater, just south of Walla Walla. Neither the Pendleton maps nor the Walla Walla signs mentioned Milton-Freewater.

(AP Wirephoto)

One Killed

Norman Lanctot, 19, of Woonsocket, R.I., was killed and a companion, Raymond A. LaPlante, 34, of Cumberland, was seriously injured when their light plane crashed into a house moments after taking off from Woonsocket airport Wednesday night. Robert Lemay and his two children had left the house just before the crash. One child was cut on the arm by debris from the crash.

Joblessness Drops in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg Wednesday reported the number of major labor market areas experiencing substantial unemployment declined by eight to a total of 54 in May.

A regular monthly survey of employers showed that continued employment improvement to midsummer is anticipated in about two-thirds of the nation's 150 major labor market areas. The spring months started unemployment declining in about nine-tenths of the areas.

Unemployment, which had been between 6 to 9 per cent of the labor force in the following areas, fell below 6 per cent in Portland, Ore., Baltimore; Louisville; Patterson - Clifton - Passaic, N. J.; Asheville, N.C., Baton Rouge, La.; Knoxville, Tenn., and Mobile, Ala.

Redding, Calif., was added to a separate listing of smaller labor market areas with substantial unemployment, while Sturgis, Mich., and Las Vegas, Nev., were removed as local employment conditions improved.

Goldberg said that while some of the job improvement was seasonal the advance was stronger than usual for this time of year.

Most Bourbon

LOUISVILLE, Gy. (AP) — Distilleries at Louisville and Jefferson County produce more than half of all bourbon made in the United States.

Film Studio to Take Action Against Non-Working MM

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Actress Marilyn Monroe Thursday faced a possible law suit or replacement in her new film for failure to appear for work.

Producer Henry Weinstein said Wednesday that 20th Century-Fox Studios definitely would take same action, against Miss Monroe "to protect the picture, our stockholders and the other artists in the cast."

Weinstein said the blonds star had reported only 12 days out of the 32 she was supposed to have worked on "Something's Got to Give" which costars Dean Martin.

"She appeared for the picture several weeks late," Weinstein said, "then after working only three days she flew to New York to celebrate the President's birthday party.

"She has a repsonsibility to do this picture and now we have to take some kind of action. She has completely flouted professional discipline and is responsible for putting 104 crew members out of work."

A spokesman for Miss Monroe said, "Marilyn isn't being difficult. She's been ill and unable to work."

However, Weinstein claimed the actress had a low grade sinus infection and a temperature of 99 degrees. He said she failed to report for work last Monday and has not appeared for the past three days.

"It means taking the bread right out of the mouths of the men who are depending on this picture to support their families. Her running off to President Kennedy's party was enough to make Republicans out of everybody on the set."

Costar Martin said, "We had some little kids in the picture when we started out. Now they're ready for college."

Jackson County Sheriff Resigns

MEDFORD (UPI) — Joe Walsh has announced that he will resign as Jackson County sheriff effective June 30.

Walsh, whose term would expire Dec. 31 when the newly elected sheriff would take over, said he is seeking the additional time to become established in his new job as sales representative for a janitor supply firm.

Walsh announced shortly before the candidacy filing deadline this spring that he would not seek reelection on the Republican ticket.

The Jackson County Court will appoint a successor.

Kennedy Tax Revision Bill Criticized by Demo Senators

By JOE HALL
Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Kennedy's tax revision bill appeared in deeper trouble Thursday after being criticized sharply at a closed meeting of Democratic senators.

Opponents of the bill said privately they were convinced now there was a good chance it eventually will be dropped. And Republicans voiced such a demand in floor speeches Wednesday.

However, Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., who opposes the measure's two key provisions, told a reporter the finance committee he heads will continue its consideration of the tax bill.

It was learned the Virginian told Kennedy a few days ago the measure would receive a complete study from his group.

The committee has been giving the bill a slow-motion airing since it started public hearings April 2.

The House passed the measure March 29, keeping the bulk of Kennedy's proposals.

Wednesday's Democratic meeting was in the office of the party's Senate leader, Mike Mansfield of Montana. It was one of the periodic sessions he holds to go over the Senate program and to relay the results of congressional leaders' conferences with President Kennedy.

The tax bill in general was the chief subject of the meeting, with most of the time devoted to the bitterly disputed provision to withhold taxes on dividends and interest.

There also was some discussion of the other major feature, an investment credit to give business a $1.35 billion incentive to modernize its plant and equipment.

The administration believes the credit would go a long way toward making the economy more efficient and productive.

The withholding is counted on to help pay for the investment credit.

It was learned that Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., second in seniority on the Democratic side of the finance committee, led off at the meeting with a defense of the withholding plan. He emphasized the present tax losses from unreported dividend and interest income.

Byrd then gave a rebuttal, stating his previously expressed view that the system would be unduly burdensome and that the Treasury has greatly exaggerated the losses.

One senator at the meeting even raised the question that the plan might be unconstitutional. Others said they were unable to explain it to their constituents.

Byrd said that Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon will be back before the committee next week to continue his defense of the bill.

Sen. Thruston B. Morton, R-Ky., a finance member, voiced a plea on the floor Wednesday for shelving the bill. He was joined by Sen. Frank Carlson, R-Kan., who also served on the committee.

Arsonist Blamed

PORTLAND (AP)—Investigators Wednesday blamed an arsonist for a fire that caused about $10,000 damage to a bag company warehouse-garage in southeast Portland Tuesday night. Three trucks were damaged by flames, which burned through an overhead high tension wire.

'Big Boy' Williams, Film Cowboy, Dies

VAN NUYS, Calif. (UPI)—Guinn "Big Boy" Williams, a movie cowboy with an authentic Texas background, died Wednesday. He was 63.

Williams was a lean, lanky cowboy type and carved a career in westerns as a dull-witted comic relief type. He rode the celluloid range in the late 1920s with such stars as Tom Mix and Harry Carey and later played supporting roles in several John Wayne westerns.

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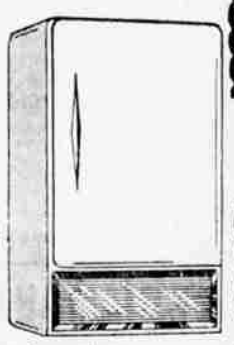

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