

### Tax Hike Before Senate Group

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—The senate finance committee today began its closed-door study of the \$7,200,000,000 tax bill with a briefing on alternative methods of hiking personal income taxes.

Chairman George (D-Ga) reported afterward that no decisions were reached. He said it would be several days before the 13 senators get down to voting on changes in the bill which the house already has passed.

Many committee members have indicated the total of new revenue in the house measure probably will be reduced. These same sources, however, expect the senate to go along with the \$2,850,000,000 increase in individual income levies votes by the house but to adopt a different method of getting the money.

Several senators have shown a preference for a plan which would concentrate more of the increases in lower income brackets.

Experts from the treasury and the staff of the joint congressional committee on taxation met with the finance committee at its first executive session on the bill today.

The bill is on the "must" list compiled by the democratic leadership for action before congress quits this year.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the committee told newsmen he expects the 13 senators to finish writing their version within two weeks—by Aug. 24 or 25.

### 19 Priests Jailed By Red Police

Hong Kong, Aug. 13 (AP)—Church sources report that communist police have jailed 19 Catholic priests and closed 12 of Peiping's 17 parish centers in the "most frontal attack" yet on Christianity in China.

The rest of Peiping's 80 foreign missionaries were reported under house arrest.

A similar drive against other Christians throughout Red China was predicted.

Catholics arriving here from the Chinese communist capital reported that among those arrested July 25 was Father Harold Rigney, former rector of Catholic Fujen university and the only American missionary remaining in China.

He went to Peiping after World War II in which he served as an air force chaplain. He is from Chicago.

The Chinese Reds have been campaigning for an "independent" Catholic church which would have no connection with the Vatican. Propaganda broadcasts from Peiping have mentioned in Red Press previously had demanded Legion of Mary in Tientsin and elsewhere throughout Red China.

### Armed Contracts Let for Defense

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—A report of prime military contract awards by states for the 11 months from July 1, 1950, through May 31, 1951, was made public today by the defense department.

The munitions board said the report excludes navy contracts of less than \$5,000; air force contracts of less than \$10,000 army contracts of less than \$5,000 for the period July through December, 1950 and army contracts of less than \$10,000 in the period following January, 1951.

State data on certain army contracts, the Pentagon explained, was not included because the information is not yet available. The report, it explained, covers only \$21,019,955,000 of the grand total of \$23,741,288,000 for all contracts reported to the munitions board during the period.

New York led the list for the July 1950 to May 1951 period with \$3,843,270,000 or 18.3 percent of the total amount reported. California was second with \$2,820,018,000 or 13.4 percent.

Other states, total amounts of the prime contracts for the 11 month period and percent of the total \$21,019,955,000 includes: Idaho, \$10,640,000, 0.1 percent; Oregon, \$90,258,000, 0.4 percent; Washington, \$532,443,000, 2.5 percent.

### Phone Pickets At Exchanges

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—Picketing started at eight western Washington telephone exchanges early today.

Officials of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) said the strike picketing would be sporadically on a "hit-and-run" basis.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reported service was being maintained on a normal basis everywhere but Aberdeen. It was described as an emergency call basis there.

Most of the state city exchanges are on dial systems, but they are manually operated at Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Longview. There was no service trouble reported at Longview, however, where supervisory personnel manned the boards.

The issues over which company-union negotiations collapsed were seniority clauses and the company's refusal to submit dismissals to arbitration. Douglas Chishom, union president, said a wage issue did not prompt the break in bargaining talks.

### Fourth Alaska Plane Missing

Kodiak, Alaska, Aug. 13 (AP)—A four-engine navy patrol bomber with 12 crewmen aboard was reported missing today in Alaska. It was the fourth plane to have vanished along the Alaska and British Columbia coasts since July 21. They carried 80 persons.

The navy PB4-Y-2 Privateer disappeared after taking off at 7:35 a.m. (11:35 p.m. EST) from its Kodiak base on a routine operational mission.

The Kodiak naval station said nothing was heard from the big plane after it gave a position report at 10:14 a.m. Its fuel supply would have been exhausted at 9:35 p.m. Alaska time last night.

Names of the three officers and nine enlisted men in the crew were withheld.

An air and sea search was started yesterday after the bomber was presumed lost. Fog and rain curtailed rescue efforts. Planes of the 10th air rescue squadron at Anchorage were standing by today awaiting clearing weather.

Meanwhile, there was no slackening in the hunt for a Korean airlift DC-4 with 38 aboard which disappeared July 21 over the Alaska panhandle between Cape Spencer and Yakutat, about 500 miles east of Kodiak.

### Doney on Leave from San Diego Base

Technical Sgt. Herman Doney of the United States Marines, Mrs. Doney and their young son have arrived in Salem from San Diego.

T/Sgt. Doney, who was a member of the Salem police department for several years, was in the radio division when he re-enlisted in the marines. He previously had a long record of service in that branch of the armed services.

Doney is on 30-day leave. He and Mrs. Doney left Salem about a year ago for Camp Pendleton, and he later was transferred to San Diego where he is in charge of traffic control. The Doneys will spend their leave mainly in Salem and in Tacoma where relatives of Mrs. Doney live.

The soil of Travancore, southern Indian state, is highly fertile.



Cool Pool—Mrs. L. Magee, Dallas, Tex., demonstrates one way to keep the kids cool during the current Texas heat wave, as she pours ice cubes into the wading pool with her splashing children, Greg and Susan. Temperatures of 100 plus have claimed 13 lives in Dallas during current heat wave. (Acme Telephoto).

### Escape Injuries In Train Wreck

Four Oaks, N.C., Aug. 13 (AP)—Hundreds of passengers escaped death or serious injury near here yesterday in the wreck of the Atlantic coast line's stream-line passenger train, the East Coast Champion.

According to C. G. Sibley, ACL assistant vice president for operations, more than 500 persons were aboard the Miami-New York train which crashed two miles north of here at 1:20 a.m. (EST). The railroad announced no one was killed and no one was seriously injured when the nine middle cars of the 18-car train were derailed and three cars plunged down a 20-foot embankment.

The fact that none were killed in the wreck was termed "the most miraculous thing I've ever seen" by Dr. Watson Wharton of nearby Smithfield where nine persons were hospitalized following the wreck.

Six derailed cars held to the right of way, although one turned over. One of the three cars that toppled over the embankment landed on its side, one on its wheel and one on its top. The derailment left the diner crosswise of the double-track line, with one end in the air and the other buried in mud at the bottom of the fill.

A cloudburst hit the area Friday and Sibley said: "Indications are that the cause of the derailment was the fill sloughing off while the train was passing over due to recent heavy rains."

### California Democrats To Support Truman

Los Angeles, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Truman's 1952 election plans assumed new importance in California democratic party circles today as the state's national democratic convention delegates were committed to support him for re-election.

The state party's executive committee adopted a resolution at a week-end meeting instructing the state central committee to select and endorse candidates for delegate to the 1952 party convention "pledged to the nomination and re-election of Harry S. Truman."

The resolution was adopted unanimously despite Mr. Truman's reluctance to say whether he will be a candidate for re-election in 1952.

Many Iceland homes are heated with water from hot springs.

### Marsh to Head Interim Group

The tax study interim committee delegated by the 1951 legislature to put state income and excise tax revenues unrestrictedly in the general fund draft bills for new revenue sources, held an organization meeting at the state house today and named Sen. Eugene Marsh of McMinnville as its chairman.

The committee, under the senate joint resolution which created it is charged with removing the state "so far as feasible," from the property tax field. But it also is directed to provide a "simple process for computing, levying and collecting such state property taxes as may be necessary, subject to legislative control."

Sen. Marsh was authorized to name a subcommittee to discuss retaining legal counsel to the interim group. A name suggested was Jack Hay of the state tax commission, who helped draft tax legislation at the 1951 legislative session.

Chairman Marsh appointed Reps. Ohmart of Salem and Don Husband of Eugene and Sen. Walker to sit with him on the subcommittee to arrange legal counsel for the group.

The interim committee will meet again Sept. 10. On the interim committee are Sens. Eugene Marsh of McMinnville and Dean Walker of Independence; Reps. Giles French of Moro, Lee Ohmart of Salem and Don Husband of Eugene, and as advisory members appointed by the governor, Robert Hall and Mrs. Louise Humphreys of Portland and Lowell Steen of Milton.

### Circus Seeks to Keep Date

Portland, Aug. 13 (AP)—An agent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus was to appear at the Portland city council meeting today to ask that the circus be allowed to stage its show here August 21 and 22.

The circus was asked by Commissioner Ormond R. Bean to stage the circus after August 26, because of a conflict with the Multnomah county fair, August 20 to 26.

A spokesman for the circus said it was impossible to postpone the Portland appearance at this late date.

A city ordinance originally set the date of the circus show for the 21 and 22.

### Government Bond And Check Forgeries

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Government bond and check forgeries have been so numerous that on July 1 the secret service had a backlog of 15,000 awaiting investigation.

Reporting this yesterday, the service said drug addicts have been stealing and forging government checks to give them money for narcotics.

U. E. Baughman, secret service chief, said in a report to Secretary of the Treasury Snyder that at least four cases of that kind turned up in the year which ended June 30.

### Metal Box Mystery for Salem Police

A little metal box, believed secreted in a car belonging to a deceased Salem woman, was an object of mystery for the Salem police department Monday.

Police were advised by Lucille Greenan, Providence, R. I., by telephone that she had become the beneficiary of her aunt, Rena Greenan, who died in Salem August 2 at the age of 70.

She told police that a small metal box containing valuables had been secreted beneath her aunt's car.

A search by officers and the coroner failed to locate the cache.

### Opera About West Oregon

The libretto of an American opera in four parts, entitled "Nancy and Arthur," and dealing with pioneer life in Iowa and western Oregon, has been received by the Capital Journal from Buren Schryock, operatic composer of Los Angeles.

It is a three-hour drama in four acts, and plot, words and music are by Schryock.

Also received was "Mary and John," a short opera of two acts and three scenes about the Civil War.

"Nancy and Arthur" is the fifth in a series of seven operas he has planned. Among others completed are "Guatemozin," a drama of the first period of the conquest of Mexico by Cortez, and "Flavia," a drama of ancient Rome.

Relative to "Nancy and Arthur" Schryock says, "I hope the publishing of this libretto in advance of the actual completion of the opera may stimulate discussion of American opera vs. the foreign brand of opera, and also interest in this series of operas." The opera was completed last year.

### Week-end Accidents Reported by Police

Three week-end accidents were entered in Salem police statistics reports Monday.

A wall at 610 D street was extensively damaged when a car driven by Richard Howard, home on leave from the navy, struck it. Howard was able to drive his vehicle away.

In another accident, two Portland cars collided on Portland road. Donald Allen Morrison, one of the drivers, was cited for following too closely and posted \$10 bail. Jacob Becker was named as driver of the other car.

Another driver, Daryl Laubusch, Woodburn, Route 2, was cited for following too closely after an accident at North Liberty and Center streets. His vehicle collided with a car driven by Grover C. Farmer, 4345 Portland road. Both cars were traveling east on Center street.

### Help Short in Seasonal Work

For the first time this year a shortage in seasonal agricultural workers has developed, reports W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service.

A number of bean growers who appeared at the employment office located at Ferry and South Cottage, had to return to their farms without being able to secure a single harvest hand. Others did not get all of their requirements and between 200 and 250 additional pickers could have been placed had they been available.

Virtually all of the bean patches are currently in production which means that the peak of the harvest is at hand and the high point in production will likely extend for another week or 10 days.

Food processing plants report they have not suffered from a shortage of help and in some instances personnel heads have been advising those who are on the waiting list they would be better off to go out and pick beans. Pickers are reported making excellent wages in most of the patches.

Hop picking has started and a short crop is in prospect, especially in the non-irrigated yards.

### Excise Tax to Force Cars Up

If congress enacts into law the proposed increase in excise taxes on new automobiles, passed by the house last month, the price of automobiles will rise about \$50. Russell Bonesteel, local area chairman for the National Automobile Dealers association, said today.

"The present discrimination is made far greater by the house bill which would raise manufacturers' excise taxes on new automobiles from 7 to 10 per cent. The bill lowers non-automotive tax levies and raises automotive levies," he pointed out.

"In order to raise treasury revenues by \$412 million car and truck owners would be taxed an additional \$502 million more annually than under current rates. Automobile dealers do not object to the reduction in manufacturers' excises on non-automotive products but dealers do object to increasing the obviously discriminatory excises which will be paid by car buyers and owners," he added.

Mr. Bonesteel estimated that taxes take from 24 to 28 cents of every automobile dollar and, in the case of gasoline, amount to about one-third of the retail price. If this dangerous trend is carried to excess, he emphasized, the purpose of automotive taxation will be defeated, production crippled, and the automobile returned to its early status as a product only for the wealthy."

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### Probe Parties By Contractors

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Investigating senators said today they may turn a public spotlight on wild parties at which a contractor provided girls to entertain army procurement officers.

Members of the investigations committee, declining to be named, said they will decide within a week or two how many of the details to make public.

Investigation started a year ago, to determine whether the contractor gained any unlawful advantage in competing for defense contracts. Committee sources said there is no direct evidence that any law was violated. The firm did obtain contracts, and still is performing under them, these sources said.

Two procurement officers, identified only as civilian employees, resigned after being suspended by the army in the midst of the inquiry. The contractor's name also was kept secret.

A preliminary report by the committee last fall said the two had received "entertainment in the form of women and parties" but gave no details.

### Vandal Damage Marker

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—The state police were searching today for vandals who destroyed a historic concrete marker in Portland's West Hills. The concrete marker identified the junction of the Willamette meridian and the base line which became the basis a century ago of a master survey of the northwest. The marker was located in the Meridian State park. Police said the marker was broken by a heavy mallet recently—possibly over the week-end.

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Dealers association has urged the senate finance committee, hearings on the proposed law, to consider other types of taxation, to curtail needless Federal expenditures, and to close loopholes in the present tax structure rather than discriminate against the motorist who is already overburdened with heavy taxation.

### October 1 Set for Congress to Adjourn

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Senate Democratic Leader McFarland (Ar.) today set Oct. 1 as a target date for adjournment of congress.

But House Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) said he had "no idea" when congress could wind up its work. He does hope, Rayburn said, that the house will be able to take a recess of two weeks beginning about the latter part of next week.

Reporters talked with the two leaders at the White House after their regular Monday morning conference with President Truman. Vice President Barkley and House Democratic Leader McCormack (Mass.) sat in.

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