

## Sentiment for \$10 million tax cut jells in committee

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sentiment seemed to be jelling in the House Ways & Means Committee today in favor of a \$10 billion tax cut, with one half to go into effect next Jan. 1 and the other half a year later.

Chairman Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., gave his first hint of this possible timetable for tax reduction in a question he put Monday to Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon at a hearing on the national debt limit.

Mills asked what the effect would be on government revenues in the current fiscal year if

Congress approved a tax bill that contained provisions for reducing taxes by \$5 billion, effective Jan. 1.

Dillon replied that it would cut revenues only about \$1.5 billion. Mills, who appeared satisfied with the response, did not pursue the matter. But several other committee members said later sentiment was swinging toward that tax-cut plan.

President Kennedy has proposed a three-stage \$10.4 billion net tax cut, with reductions becoming effective July 1, 1963, Jan. 1, 1964 and July 1, 1965.

As he did repeatedly recently, with civil rights and the railroad legislation occupying the attention of Congress, the President today again stressed the urgency for action this year on taxes.

Kennedy told Democratic congressional leaders at their weekly White House conference that "the need for this (tax) legislation is as urgent today as it was when he sent the tax message to the hill." Speaker John W. McCormack, Mass., said.

McCormack said the House leaders assured the President that they were hopeful a tax measure would emerge from Mills' committee "in the reasonably near future."

The speaker said the leadership agreed with Kennedy, during the conference, that "even though the economy is on the upswing, the long-term economic health of the country demands prompt, strong action against the twin cancers of unemployment and underdevelopment resources."

Before starting its final round of voting Wednesday to draft a compromise version of Kennedy's tax proposal, the Ways & Means Committee was called into closed session today to consider the administration request that the temporary \$309 billion national debt limit be extended through Nov. 30.

Congress is expected to go along with the request. In the absence of legislation, the debt limit would plunge on Sept. 1 to \$285 billion, the level provided by permanent law. The debt, which stands now at about \$306 billion, is expected to total \$307 billion on Sept. 1.

A three-month extension of the existing limit would merely postpone until mid-August an administration fight to boost the debt ceiling to a new record high for the second time this year.

Non-aggression pact futile, Goldwater says

NEW YORK (UPI)—Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., Monday warned of the futility of a non-aggression pact with Russia and said such an agreement would be "sheer stupidity."

Goldwater, regarded as a top contender for the GOP presidential nomination next year, made the comment during an address here at the annual convention of the Beauty and Barber Supply Institute.

Goldwater referred to speculation that such an agreement would be sought if the test ban treaty signed in Moscow were ratified by the United States Senate.

On the subject of the test ban pact itself, Sen. Goldwater insisted he was maintaining an "open mind" before deciding whether to vote for ratification. Previously, he was reported opposed to the treaty.

He stressed the treaty would not prevent a nuclear war and called the pact "valueless" in view of the announced intentions of France and Communist China to continue nuclear tests.

Goldwater said he probably would make up his mind on ratification when the Joint Chiefs of Staff take a position on the matter, adding that "the attitude of the military is most important."

He was critical of the new treaty because of its failure to ban underground testing, and he said this would give the Soviets an opportunity to continue secret testing.

COOL HEAT WAVE

LONDON (UPI) — The Daily Telegraph reported today that Britain was in the fifth day of a "heat wave." The high temperature in London Monday was 77 degrees.

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## At least 2 die as storm rips E. Coast

By United Press International

Gentle showers today soaked the Atlantic Coast states where violent thunderstorms and lightning left at least two persons dead, several injured and sparked scores of fires.

Strong winds pushed heavy rainstorms across the Great Plains. Nearly 1½ inches of rain fell at Sioux Falls, S.D., in six hours.

Elsewhere skies were clear and temperatures normal.

A 12-year-old girl was struck and killed by lightning at Coney Island Monday when a sudden storm lashed New York beaches.

Two other persons were critically injured by lightning at Coney Island and at least 13 persons were hurt by lightning or flying debris whipped up by high winds.

More than 3 inches of rain flooded basements and streets at Buffalo, N.Y., in West Seneca, N. Y., a woman died when she touched a live wire in her flooded cellar. A basement wall caved in on a 17-year-old youth at Lakeview, N.Y., and he was hospitalized with possible fractures of both legs.

Several electrical storms ripped sections of New England, sparking several fires in the Newburyport, Mass., area and knocking radio stations off the air at Manchester, N.H.

Firemen raced to the Anna Jaques Hospital in Boston twice when lightning set off false fire alarms.

An apparent tornado ripped roofs from several Oklahoma City, Okla., homes but caused no injuries. Storms that swept the city touched off flash flooding and tied up traffic. Seven feet of water covered an interstate route in the southeastern part of the city and snarled traffic for miles.

Heavy storms across Texas triggered flooding in the southern plains and closed highways. Basements were flooded at Idalou, Tex., and a 14-year-old cotton chopper was temporarily blinded by lightning.

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MARCHERS SATURDAY—This little lady got mixed in with the Al Kader Shrine Band from Portland in the Pet Parade held Saturday in connection with the Water Pageant. Hundreds of individuals took part in the event.

## U.S. has three 'floating armories' set for quick action at Asian crisis points

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States now has three "floating armories" stationed in the Far East, loaded with all kinds of equipment from tanks to battle rations and ready to move quickly to Asian crisis points.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara revealed to Congress Monday that the "floating depot" plan had gone into operation with "several ships converted for this purpose on station in the Far East."

The "pre-positioning" of combat stocks overseas is a tactic of the McNamara regime for insuring that Army forces can react swiftly wherever Red threats develop.

With the bulk of their equipment already deployed, troops can be rushed by jet airlift from the United States in a matter of hours.

Subic Bay Anchorage

United Press International reported Feb. 18 that the U.S. Navy big Subic Bay base in the Philippines had been chosen as anchorage for three modified victory ships that would serve as floating Army depots. The ships then named were the U.S. Navy ship Phoenix, USNS Provo and USNS Cheyenne.

Referring to "several" ships in testimony to a House armed services subcommittee studying military airlifts, McNamara said:

"These ships are temperature and humidity controlled and will be able to move quickly to any part of the Far East in a matter of just a few days. The troops can be airlifted to join them well within the time the ships require to get to their destinations."

It was learned that the Pentagon is discussing plans for trans-Pacific training exercises in which large numbers of troops would be flown in jet transports to join up with the "pre-positioned" combat stocks in a test of the floating depot scheme.

A force as large as a division—about 15,000 men—might be moved, but no decision has been made. Any such exercise likely would come later than the division-sized jet airlift now being planned to Europe, possibly this year.

In the European case, a division flown from the United States over a three or four-day period would link up with heavy equipment that has been "pre-positioned" on the continent since the Berlin crisis build-up in late 1961.

There is a 150,000-ton stockpile in Europe, enough for two divisions rushed in to reinforce units already there.

The floating depots in the Far East carry material for several battalions, a much smaller sup-

ply adjusted to Asian combat conditions.

McNamara regards the technique as a compromise between keeping large forces deployed at potential trouble spots and holding those forces in a central reserve at home.

GAWKED AT BATHER

HOUSTON (UPI) — As James C. Brown, 26, a gasoline station attendant, was putting a dollar's worth of gas in a car Monday, he looked up to see the driver, nude, showering with the station's water hose.

"He dried himself, paid for the gas, and drove away," Brown said. "I gawked."

IRANIAN QUAKE TAKES 5 LIVES

TEHRAN (UPI)—An earthquake destroyed 350 mud huts in the remote southwestern village of Gatum Monday, killing five persons and injuring eight, it was announced today.

Director Hossein Khatibi of the Iranian Red Lion and Sun Society said aid had been sent to the village but reports of a disaster there were not true.

"It was not serious," he said. "Reports were evidently exaggerated."

Gatum, a mud hut village, is near Bandar Abbas, a city off the Persian Gulf that was Iran's major trading port with the West during the reign of Shah Abbas I in the 17th century.

Aid was immediately dispatched to the area by the government and the Red Lion and Sun Society, the Persian equivalent of the Red Cross.

The Gatum tremor came after a series of earth disturbances swept across the Mediterranean area eastward.

The first earthquakes were reported two weeks ago along the French and Italian Riviera. Last Friday a severe shock hit Skopje, Yugoslavia, where the death toll was expected to reach at least 1,500.

Iran has been plagued through the centuries with earthquakes.

PORTLAND MAN FACING CHARGE

DEMING, N.M. (UPI)—Marion Kenneth Wilson, 58, of Portland, Ore., was held in lieu of \$1,000 bond today on federal charges of enticing aliens to enter the United States illegally.

An official of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Wilson and another man being sought in Oregon attempted to recruit Mexican workers and fly them to Oregon to pick cherries.

B. Warren O'Neal, assistant district director of the federal agency, said immigration agents reported that about 50 Mexican workers were recruited in the area of Palomas, Mexico, last week. They were taken to Deming to "await a DC6 which would fly them to Oregon for the cherry picking jobs."

U.S. Attorney John Quinn said the Mexicans came over the border on their own and met Wilson in Deming. He paid their hotel bills for the two days they waited for the plane to Oregon.

TEMPERATURES

High and low temperatures and precipitation in the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low	Precip.
Bend	78	40	
Astoria	82	55	T
Baker	83	42	
Brookings	69	47	
Klamath Falls	83	47	
Medford	87	45	
Newport	63		
North Bend	65	47	
Pendleton	82	50	
Portland	69	57	
Redmond	81	36	
Salem	73	52	
The Dalles	77	60	
Chicago	75	68	
Los Angeles	81	63	
New York	90	70	.35
Phoenix	103	78	

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