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President Gives Congress Plans For Tax Revenue

Washington, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—President Truman today gave to congress a tax-cutting tax-revenue program which would give the treasury \$920,000,000 in new revenue.

He proposed cutting excise taxes by a net of \$655,000,000 but plugging tax loopholes and instituting a new excise tax on television sets to offset all but \$105,000,000 of that loss.

Corporations would bear most of the burden for raising the almost \$1,000,000,000 in net new income. Their taxes would be increased \$875,000,000. Increased estate and gift taxes would raise the rest.

Mr. Truman proposed eliminating entirely the 20 per cent excise tax on baby oils, lotions and powders and the three per cent transportation tax on freight.

Republicans are set to fight some of the proposals. They want excise tax reductions immediately without regard to other measures. Mr. Truman apparently intends to veto such an approach. The republicans lost one effort today to get immediate action on the excise tax cuts alone.

Proposed By Snyder
Mr. Truman's tax proposals were spelled out to the house ways and means committee by Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder.

The administration actually proposed excise tax cuts of \$655,000,000 but asked for a 10 per cent levy on the manufacturers' sale price of television sets to yield \$40,000,000 a year.

The excise tax reductions Mr. Truman proposed:
Freight—From three per cent to nothing.
Baby oil, baby lotions and baby powders—From 20 per cent to 10 per cent.
Long distance telephone and telegraph charges—25 per cent to 15 per cent.

Retail levies on furs, luggage, jewelry and toilet preparations—20 per cent to 10 per cent.
Snyder said these reductions would cost the government

\$695,000,000 in revenue. But he asked that this loss be made up by the new television tax and plugging loopholes in tax laws.

Mr. Truman, in his earlier tax message to congress said many persons were escaping their fair share of the tax burden—to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars—by these loopholes in the laws.

Most of the \$1,000,000,000 in new revenue the administration asked would come from corporation taxes, Snyder testified. These new corporation levies would bring \$675,000,000 into the treasury each year. Increased rates on estate and gift taxes would provide the remainder.

Snyder proposed that the present "notch" rate of 53 per cent tax on corporate profits between \$25,000 and \$50,000 be reduced to 42 per cent. But he also asked that the 38 per cent tax on corporations making more than \$50,000 a year be increased to 42 per cent.

Russians Tighten Berlin Blockade Despite Threats
Berlin, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—The Russians tightened their "baby blockade" of Berlin today despite an American threat to revive the airlift and take counter-measures against Soviet-controlled eastern Germany.

German police at the Helms checkpoint on the superhighway to Berlin said the backlog of Berlin-bound trucks increased from 80 during the night to 170 just before noon.

Traffic Stalled
Traffic from Berlin to western Germany also was slowed causing a backlog of 50 trucks by noon, police said.

The warning that the airlift would be re-installed was issued by a state department spokesman in Washington last night.

U. S. air force officials here said planes that could form a nucleus of a new airlift were prepared to fly "almost immediately."

Statements Ignored
Russian border guards ignored all American statements and continued to hamstring Berlin truck traffic by slowing down their check of papers, inspection of loads and similar operations.

The average rate of flow since the slowdown has been about 5 per hour, as compared with the pre-slowdown rate of about 20.

Ford Employees To Work Six-Day Week
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Ford Motor company, aiming for full production of 8,000 vehicles, will put 15,000 workers at its River Rouge plant on a six-day week tomorrow.

Ford, which reported a post-war production record of 148,393 cars and trucks during January, said the employees would work overtime "at least through May."

President Henry Ford II said the company would try to hit a nationwide production mark of nearly 1,000,000 vehicles before July 1. The daily goal of 8,000 includes 5,000 cars, he said.

Company spokesmen warned, however, that steel and coal shortages may hamper the program.

Forgery Guilty Plea Brings 7 Year Term
Roy Earl Hamilton, 46, was sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary yesterday by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. Hamilton had pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and his sentence will run concurrently with a previous sentence from Coos county.

Hamilton was accused of attempting to pass a worthless \$168 check at the Gates Furniture company store here on January 26.

dotli. who assisted at the birth, said Rossellini told him, "I am very happy that it is a boy."

Rossellini remained throughout the morning, cancelling plans to go back to work outside Rome where he is filming the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

Dr. Guidotti said that Miss Bergman was "in excellent health."

"She was very excited this morning when we took her son to her and was overjoyed to hold him," the doctor said. "He has blue eyes and dark hair which looks like it might be brown as soon as it takes on a definite color."

Rossellini paced the corridors of the clinic while the baby was being delivered at 7 p.m. yesterday. This morning he was the first visitor permitted to see the Swedish star.

Nurses and Dr. Pier Luigi Guidotti.

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British Atomic Scientist Arrested For Giving Data

Vital Information Claimed Delivered

London, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—A top British atomic scientist who was trusted with some of America's biggest A-bomb secrets was charged today with giving unidentified agents information "useful to an enemy."

Tip From U. S. Agents

The scientist, German-born Dr. Klaus Emil Julius Fuchs, 38, was arrested by Scotland Yard agents yesterday on a tip from American FBI agents investigating Russian espionage.

He was accused specifically of giving "information relating to atomic research to an unknown person in the United States in February, 1945, and to an unknown person at an unspecified place on a day in 1947."

Arrested in Bow street police court, Fuchs was ordered held until Friday for a hearing to determine whether he should be tried.

Senior Officer

Only last July he was appointed senior principal scientific officer to the British ministry of supply. He has been working at the great Harwell atomic research center, biggest atomic center in Europe. Its huge cyclotron recently put through its first tests.

Fuchs had access to America's biggest atomic secrets during the two periods he allegedly gave away information which, in the words of the official charge, "was calculated to be, or might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy."

Sent To America

Britain sent Fuchs to the United States in 1943 as its official representative for allied atomic research. He remained until 1946. During his visit, he worked on the "Manhattan project" development of the atomic bomb—and he was at Los Alamos, where the first bomb was put together.

Washington, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—The atomic energy commission said today that the British scientist accused of giving away A-bomb secrets possessed information that could have been of tremendous value to Russia.

The commission issued a statement on Dr. Karl Fuchs, arrested by Scotland Yard officers in London on a tip from the FBI, as the joint congressional atomic energy committee called an emergency closed hearing to quiz AEC members and security officers about him.

Disclosure of Fuchs' arrest was something of a sensation in atomic, congressional and administration circles. It was discussed at President Truman's regular Friday cabinet meeting. Cabinet members would not say more than that it was discussed.

Mercy Death Hearing Due For Jury Tuesday
Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—The "mercy killing" trial of Carl Paigot, 21, who killed his father to save him from a torturing death from cancer, will go to the jury of nine middle-aged mothers and three middle-aged fathers Tuesday.

"The evidence in the case is now completed," Superior Court Judge John A. Cornell told the jury at 12:20 p.m. "It is advisable to adjourn until Tuesday, when arguments will be delivered by counsel."

The end of testimony was announced suddenly, after a recess, an hour and 20 minutes after the beginning of the eighth day of the second-degree murder trial of the golden haired college senior.

The state called six rebuttal witnesses, one of whom, a psychiatrist, testified Carl was sane when he fired a bullet through the brain of Stamford Police Sgt. Carl W. Paigot with his own .38 caliber service revolver.

Mother And Daughter Overcome By Fumes
Portland, Ore., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Frances Huggins, 79, and her daughter, Marian, 41, who were overcome by gas fumes in their home Thursday, were reported in critical condition at St. Vincent's hospital today.

Hubbard E. Huggins, 81, husband of Frances, was in fair condition.

They were found in their beds Thursday morning by next door neighbors. Investigators believed they may have been the victims of carbon monoxide gas from a smoldering coal fire.

DOG POISONED
Mrs. F. D. Cordier, 704 South Oakdale avenue, reported yesterday that a black cocker spaniel dog, that was a pet of the Cordier boy for eight years, had been found dead from poisoning.

Mrs. Cordier said a veterinarian had found ground glass and a poison that may have been arsenic in the dog's stomach.

Ingrid Bergman 'Overjoyed' At Sight of Newly-Born Son; Catholic Priest Names Rossellini As Father

A Catholic priest, Father Felix A. Morlion, director of the Pro Deo university of Rome, said Rossellini was the father of the child. He made the statement shortly after the Italian film director visited Miss Bergman and her son this morning.

Father Morlion, who has been giving spiritual counsel to Rossellini for some time, told a reporter:

"As a Catholic priest I have stressed that the duties of parents to the immortal soul in the eyes of the church are no less if the child is born out of a legitimate union."



SURROUNDED—Entirely surrounded by ice, tug huffs and puffs to keep ice moving in the Columbia river and prevent it from crushing docks at Vancouver, Wash. The Columbia is a mass of ice from the mouth of the Willamette river eastward and is frozen solid above Bonneville dam. Ice floes accumulating behind the dam threaten to cut its power output.

Democrat Out Of Sheriff Election, Realtors May File

The 1950 election contest for the job of sheriff in Jackson county became a bit more complicated today, with the announcement of Bert Simmons, Central Point, that he will not run for the democratic nomination as he had announced, and with the candidate list inconclusive on the republican side of the ledger.

Simmons gave no explanation for his withdrawal, but County Clerk George B. Carter revealed today that Simmons had not voted in any general election since 1944, thus losing his registration. Law requires a candidate to be registered for at least 180 days before filing.

Only One Filing
Only candidate to file for the office so far is incumbent Howard Gaul, republican. Two Medford real estate men have been talking about seeking the position, with Ray Marks saying that he has tentative plans to seek the republican nomination.

C. Lyall "Flash" Fidler said today that what he does depends upon what develops within the next few weeks. He may seek the republican nomination, he said, depending upon who files for the office. Or he may wait until after the primary and file for election as an independent, or, if a strong candidate appears in opposition to Gaul, Fidler said he may not run at all.

With the withdrawal of Simmons, the democratic nomination has no one seeking it, and it was understood that party leaders were conferring this week with possible candidates.

Hillsboro Doctor Testifies Against Medical Groups
Portland, Ore., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Dr. Archie O. Pittman, Hillsboro, today testified for the defense in the government's anti-trust suit against state medical groups that he resumed control practice of medicine when commercial hospital associations "stopped interfering with methods of treating patients."

Dr. Pittman was one of a long parade of physicians appearing for the defense. The government has charged the Oregon Medical Society, the Oregon Physicians Service and eight individual physicians with attempts to monopolize and control pre-paid medical care in Oregon.

Dr. Pittman said that when he first started practice in Hillsboro, he joined the panel of the National Hospital Association as a "first aid man." He explained "first aid" meant to see the patient once and then funnel him to the Portland headquarters of the association, where other doctors would continue treating him.

On cross-examination, Dr. Pittman said he readily agreed to treat Oregon Physicians Service patients because "OPS didn't attempt to tell me how to treat a patient."

Minutes Read
Minutes of a meeting of the Washington county medical society were read in federal court. In them Dr. Pittman, then its president, said that when his county association refused to treat hospital association patients, they had to take treatment from osteopaths or go to Portland.

He said his practice was discontinued when the commercial hospital associations became merely insurers for their patients and permitted them to go to physicians of their own choosing.

Sauville, Wis., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—One man was killed and 64 persons injured when the Milwaukee railroad's "Chippewa Hiawatha" jumped the rails and plowed half-a-mile down the right-of-way near here.

Authorities said it was "miraculous" that the death toll was not higher.

Danger of Flood May Follow Warm Winds

The temperature at the Medford airport at 8 a. m. today was 14 degrees above zero. At 1:30 p. m. today it was 41 above zero.

A warm and gusty chinook wind blew up the valley from the south today, breaking the back of the month-long cold spell and bringing threat of flooding conditions in another 24 to 36 hours.

The wind, which got as far as Ashland yesterday, reached Medford shortly before noon and frozen snow immediately began to thaw. The warm air is the forerunner of what the weather bureau called "a big, well-developed storm" centering in the Pacific ocean to the southwest.

The present snowpack, if melted rapidly, can runoff water without difficulty, the bureau said, but if this run-off is combined with heavy rains, as seems possible, there is a definite flood possibility.

May 'Rain and Rain'
One weatherman at the bureau said if the incoming storm gets "hung up" on the Siskiyou, it might "rain, and rain, and rain."

Many Medford residents were discovering burst water pipes as the warmer weather thawed out ice which had clogged them. The water department here said it had received reports of 12 or 15 broken pipes.

The weather bureau, in addition to taking a lot of teasing comment in regard to the weather, has been kept busy supplying information to the public. In normal weather, phone calls average about 270 per week. During the cold week of January 8 to 14, a total of 849 calls were received at the bureau asking information, and an even greater number were received so far during the current week, forecasters said.

Fruit Not Hurt
The cold spell has not hurt fruit trees locally, County Agent C. B. Cordy said it is still too early to determine the exact effect of the freeze on fruit trees but he said fruitmen do not expect any commercial injury here.

Since temperatures this year have been about the same as last year, it is assumed that plants damaged last winter will also suffer similar injury this year, but Cordy said "that is strictly a surmise." Boysenberries were considerably damaged last year.

As far as ground crops are concerned, County Agent W. B. Tucker said there has been no damage so far but the danger is not over yet. If the moderating temperatures should melt the snow pack, and then freeze again, the ground would "heave." Tucker explained, breaking roots of ground crops already established.

He said the layer of snow on the valley floor could be thanked for keeping injury to a minimum. The ground has been kept unfrozen and frost-free under the protective blanket.

Leading Comedian In Britain Succumbs
London, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Sid Field, 45, Britain's leading comedian, died at his home here early today.

Field, who made his first appearance in London in 1916, played the leading role in the American stage hit "Harvey" as usual last night.

The comedian, who also appeared in motion pictures, was the star of the stage shows "Strike a New Note," "Prince of Wales" and "Strike it Again," among others.

He was the only son of Albert Edward Field and Bertha Workman Field. He was born on April 1, 1904.

Radio Highlights
Radio Station KYJC (1230 kc) will broadcast the Jake LaMotta-Dick Wagner fight from Detroit's Olympia stadium tonight, beginning at 7 o'clock.

KWIN (1400 kc) will carry the Oregon-Idaho basketball game from Moscow, Ida., tonight, starting at 7:30, and immediately after will air the Medford-Roseburg game from Roseburg by delayed broadcast. Saturday KWIN will broadcast the Oregon State-Lamonia game from Corvallis at 8 p.m. and will air the Medford-Roseburg game from Medford high school gymnasium immediately after, again by delayed broadcast.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Cloudy and windy with rain tonight and Saturday. Warmer.
Temp. _____
Highest Yesterday _____ 38
Lowest this Morning _____ 18

'Forgotten Man' Of Bridges Case On Witness Stand

Robertson Testifies At Communist Trial

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—The "forgotten man" in the Harry Bridges perjury-conspiracy trial took the witness stand today.

He is J. R. Robertson, first vice-president of the CIO international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union, and a co-defendant with Bridges and Henry Schmidt, another ILWU officer.

Robertson is accused of conspiring with Schmidt to back up Bridges' claim at his naturalization hearing in 1945 that he never had been a communist.

Questioned Twice
Through nine weeks of the government's case, Robertson's name was questioned only twice—once by Henry Schimpf, who said he "knew" Robertson and again by George Wilson, Los Angeles newspaperman, who said he once saw Robertson at a communist party meeting.

Early in the trial one government witness, Immigration Inspector Lloyd Garner, when asked to identify Robertson, put his hand on the shoulder of Defense Attorney Vincent Hallinan and said, "This is Robertson."

The defense claims Robertson cannot be held guilty of a conspiracy because he was only "pinch hitting" for Paul Schnur, another ILWU officer, at Bridges' naturalization. Robertson was drafted at the last minute when Schnur failed to appear, the defense said.

Coplon's Defense May Summon Hoover
New York, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Judith Coplon's defense will seek to call J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, as a witness, her attorney, Archibald Palmer, announced to Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan today.

Miss Coplon and Valentin Gubitchev, Russian engineer, are on trial in Ryan's court on a charge of conspiracy to steal government secrets.

Palmer said he wanted Hoover to testify about "deceit messages" which the government charges were found in Miss Coplon's purse the night she was arrested with Gubitchev.

"I'm making the announcement now, so the government cannot claim that it comes as a surprise or as a delaying tactic," Palmer said.

Ryan said he would rule when the messages were introduced in evidence.

Dial System Phones Seen At Central Point
Central Point, Feb. 3.—Stockholders of Central Point Mutual Telephone company at a recent meeting instructed directors to investigate the cost of converting the present magneto system to a dial system, according to Vice President W. B. Kincaid.

He spoke of the need of enlarged switchboard facilities to keep pace with the growth of the community. Kincaid expressed the opinion that converting to the dial arrangement rather than expanding the magneto system would be a step forward.

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—The coast guard cutter Mallows was scheduled to break ice on the Skipanon river at Warrenton today.

Fishing Trip Nearly Turns Into Disaster For 3 Men
Kaka, Alaska, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—A routine fishing trip nearly turned into disaster when two boats with three fishermen were trapped 10 days in heavy sheet ice in an Alaskan fjord.

Boats Frozen Tight
The men, Frank Gordon, Paul Thomas and Benjamin Kadale, set out for Rocky Pass in two boats to pick up their traps, January 15. When they returned to the boats after completing their mission, they found the vessels frozen tight to a sheet of solid ice which had formed in the narrow bay where they were moored in.

To make matters worse, the distillation system which turns salt water into fresh froze up on one of the craft.

For four days and nights the men tried to free themselves from the grip of the ice but to no avail. They ran out of food on the fifth day and decided to moor the boats together and sit it out.

At home, meanwhile, apprehension mounted over the men's absence and four vessels put out in search of the trio. The same day the men decided to quit fighting the ice, the search party arrived on the scene.

The rescue boats crashed the ice pack and managed to buck a passage for about half a mile. At that point, the 12-inch thick ice refused to give in to the battering of the small craft.

Rescuers Cut Ice
Undaunted, the rescuers swarmed onto the ice armed with bucksaes and hacked a passage wide enough to let their boats get through. Three of the men were temporarily put out of action when they lost their footing and slipped into the icy waters.

Reinforcements came from Kaka with fresh food and water for the stranded trio and finally, after three hours' sleep during the last day, the rescue crew smashed through to the trapped trio, 10 days after the ice originally froze them fast.

11 Persons Hurt As Blaze Sweeps Rooming House

Three Stores Suffer Damage By Flames

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—Four persons were killed and 11 others injured today when fire destroyed a two-story frame rooming house and damaged three other business establishments here.

Number of dead rose to four with the death of James Spears, 35, in a Klamath Falls hospital about noon today. Doctors said Spears suffered burns over 85 per cent of his body.

Three Die in Rooms
Burned to death in their rooms were Mike Shepherd and George Redmond, both believed in their 70's, and F. R. Reuter, a lumber mill employee.

Firemen said there were 17 roomers in the building when fire broke out about 1:30 a.m. Eleven other roomers suffered burns, broken bones and shock in escaping through smoke and fire filled hallways or in leaping from second story windows.

The fire broke out in the room of Dean Thomas about 1:30 a.m. Thomas roused the managers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nobles, who routed the other roomers. They escaped into sewers, degrees below zero weather clad only in their nightclothes.

All available fire-fighting equipment fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control. Also damaged by the fire were Arbuckle's Shoe store, Bertram's Jewelry store and the Eagles tavern.

Firemen estimated loss at \$250,000.

Break In Weather Aids Plane Search

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Feb. 3.—(U.P.)—A break in the weather 250 miles north of here sent 28 planes off the frozen runways today to continue the week-long search for a missing U. S. army transport with 44 persons aboard.

The planes roared north to a mountainous area slightly north of the point where the big C-54 last reported its position before it disappeared in the vast, barren wastes of the sub-Arctic January 28.

Air Commodore Martin Costello, search coordinator, ordered every available plane into the area to take advantage of the unexpected break in the weather. He had kept planes on a 30-minute alert for takeoff despite low clouds and snow during the past two days.

Ground maintenance paid off today. The planes, tuned up and their tanks full of gas, were all back in the search within an hour.

Camp White Roadways Closed To Public Use
Roads leading eastward from Crater Lake highway in the Camp White area have been closed to public use with exception of two which are marked with county signs, it was announced Friday.

Closing of the roads was done to avoid accidents in the same have been using the pavement for speedways, and possible collision with cross fences which are being installed, it was stated.

Road Conditions
Highway 99 was icy between Canyon Creek pass and Roseburg, according to state police at noon today.

There was some packed snow on Sexton pass but it was passable without chains, police said. Redwood highway was icy.

Police reported snow and wind on the Siskiyou and Greenings roads and recommended chains. There was packed snow on the Crater Lake highway at Union Creek and more snow was anticipated.