

Nixon Predicts Tax Check On Tank Ship Transactions

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard M. Nixon predicted Saturday that persons involved in surplus ship deals "will have to pay through the nose in taxes."

The California Republican made the statement as Chairman Clyde R. Hoey (D., N. C.) announced that the Senate's per-

manent investigating committee give all its evidence on "get-rich-quick" tanker transactions to the Internal Revenue Bureau and Justice Department.

Hoey said all facts produced during the committee's long hearings will be turned over to the departments next week to determine whether there was any "subterfuge" to avoid taxes and if various ship transfers were legal.

The committee concluded hearings Friday on involved surplus tanker transactions that netted former Rep. Joseph E. Casey (D., Mass.) and a group of associates \$3,250,000 on investments of \$101,000.

Some damaging admissions were made by those involved and they'll have to pay through the nose in taxes," he said.

Hoey said the hearing showed the "pattern resulting from sale of ships to American companies that formed foreign companies, channelled profits through them and escaped taxes."

He said it was up to the revenue bureau to determine if such steps were a "subterfuge" to avoid U. S. taxes.

Nixon also predicted that the committee's evidence would speed up an investigation started by the Justice Department to see if the government should seek recovery of 46 ships bought from its war surplus pool. The investigation covered tankers obtained by the Casey group.

Though Canada is a coal-producing nation, she took 16 million tons of U. S. Bituminous in 1949.

Election System Challenge Sent To Supreme Court

Washington—(U.P.)—A constitutional challenge of the presidential election system, which could form the basis for a southern revolt against President Truman, has been placed before the Supreme Court.

At issue is whether a presidential elector is required to vote for the party's nominee for President and vice-president.

The constitutional test was initiated by Edmund Blair, St. Clair county, Alabama, who was a Democratic presidential elector in 1948 and wants the job again. But in filing his declaration of candidacy for the state primary May 6, Blair refused to pledge support to the candidates nominated at the Democratic convention.

No Truman Vote
Blair emphasized he will not vote for "Harry S. Truman or for any one who advocates the Truman-Humphrey civil rights program."

Electors cast a state's vote for President after the people's preference is determined by a majority of votes in the general election.

The procedure has been purely routine for more than a century because electors have automatically voted for whomever is nominated at the party conventions.

Revolt Possible
There has been speculation, however, that if Mr. Truman were renominated on the Democratic ticket this year, it might cause a southern revolt with the electors voting for another man for President.

The result might be to throw the presidential election into the House of Representatives, where the southern states, with one vote each, would have more relative power than on the basis of electoral votes.

Cause of Man's Death Believed Heart Attack

City police reported that William D. Jones, 53, was found dead yesterday in the bathroom of an apartment house at 310 North Bartlett street. The man probably died from a heart attack, according to the police report.

The body reportedly was found by George B. Mead, resident of the apartment house, and Lyle B. Merrill, 312 North Bartlett street.

The coroner's office also investigated. The body is at Conger-Morris funeral home.

Monthly rental of trailer space in America's 7,500 trailer parks averages \$15 to \$30. The number of parks in which these mobile homes are sheltered is increasing at the rate of 1,000 a year.



SHOOTING HIGH—Mrs. Charles D. McAlwee of Dauphin, Pa., establishes a new national women's record in Swiss Match competition during the 16th Annual National Small-bore Rifle Tournament at St. Petersburg, Fla. Mrs. McAlwee hit 116 consecutive bullseyes at 200 yards to set the new record.

Second Break in One Week Attempted at Salem Jail

Salem—(U.P.)—It was a good try, but the attempt of some of the inmates of Marion county jail, in the antiquated courthouse smack dab in the center of downtown Salem, were thwarted in their attempt to saw their way to freedom.

Sheriff Denver Young said the inmates had sawed through two cell bars then were surprised late Friday before they had a chance to hide hacksaw blades. No one was caught sawing or holding any of the equipment, but pieces of five blades—two of them whole—and a foot-long pry bar were found in a shake-down of the jail, which is on the first floor of the old building.

Second Try
Young theorized that the blades and pry bar might have been handed in through the small hole in the outer wall of the jail, made last Monday. He said some of the same three to five prisoners were believed responsible for the attempt Friday and an earlier and equally abortive attempt last Monday.

Warning Posted
Incidentally, on the door leading into the jail on the ground floor just next to the aged elevator that lifts you slowly and painfully up to the third floor is a sign which reads: "Do not enter."

Rita Hayworth Denies Douglas Romance
Hollywood—(U.P.)—A new romance?

"Nothing to it," pooh-poohed actress Rita Hayworth Saturday at reports which followed her dinner and dancing date with actor Kirk Douglas.

"Romance?" she laughed. "No, Kirk is just an old friend." Miss Hayworth, who plans to divorce prince Aly Khan later this month, said she had been working late at the studio Thursday on her come-back picture and Douglas picked her up to take her home.

"We just stopped at Ciro's for a quick bite of dinner," the actress said. "I guess people noticed us there."

MURPHEYS PARENTS
Hollywood—(U.P.)—World War II Hero Audie Murphy and his wife, former Airline Hostess Pamela Archer, were the proud parents today of an eight-pound boy. The child was born in Santa Monica hospital Friday.

The couple were married shortly after Murphy's first wife, Actress Wanda Hendrix, received her final divorce decree last April.

WCLA Schedules Annual Meeting

Portland—(U.P.)—Lumbermen from coastal regions of Washington, Oregon and northern California will meet here March 27 for the 41st annual business and stockholders meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Hillman Luettemann, association president, Saturday called the meeting "one of the most important" since the war and said problems of "major concern to the economy of the Pacific west" would come up for consideration.

James K. Knudson, Interstate Commerce commissioner and Defense Transport administrator, will be a key speaker, discussing freight car shortages, intercoastal shipping and other problems of interest to the lumber industry.

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A total of 221,000 Eastern tourists visited here during February and spent \$47,244,000, the All-Year club reported today.

Moose Exits Plowed On Alaska Railroad

Juneau—(U.P.)—Regional Director Clarence Rhode of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service said Saturday a new style moose exit may help prevent destruction of the animals on the Alaska railroad.

Exits which have been plowed in the piled snowbanks at right

angles to the tracks have failed to attract the moose. The new plan calls for opening runways straight ahead at places where the railroad turns.

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