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U. S. Warships Prepare To Evacuate Tachens

Taxation Problem Facing Legislature Outlined by Lowry

By PHILIP B. LOWRY State Senator

Salem—Right now it is difficult to say whether the House and Senate Tax Committees or the taxpayers are more concerned about the tax program which must eventually emerge from this session. It is plain, however, that few, either citizens or legislators, will be satisfied when the job is done.



Governor Patterson has expressed his views and the Democratic party has published its program. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House have expressed somewhat different views from those of the Governor on specific tax measures. The Legislature probably has as many suggested solutions as it has members.

In reporting to you, I would like you to "stand in my shoes" as a member of the Senate Tax Committee, watch the developments and bear in mind the matters which must be considered by a member of this Tax Committee consisting of five Republicans and two Democrats. Your search is for not less than \$45,000,000 of new tax money.

No Place for Person With a Closed Mind

There is, first of all, no place for the person with a closed mind, who wants taxes to hurt anybody except himself, or the person who will not act realistically to meet the needs of state taxation.

Seven Propositions

Next, you must be willing to accept certain basic propositions whether you agree with them or not:

1. Only the House Tax Committee may introduce the tax-raising bills. Views of the Senate members will be reflected to the extent that Senate members can convince the House members of their views.

2. No tax measure may, under the Constitution, carry the emergency clause, carry the emergency clause puts legislation into effect immediately, and, because it is not available on tax legislation, the people can refer tax legislation for final decision of the voters.

3. The budget will not be substantially reduced below its present figures, unless the voters reject tax legislation to such an extent that the legislature must reconsider by making devastating slashes in the usual expenditures. There is no strongly expressed opinion in either the legislature, or on the part of the public, that we are prepared to slash educational and welfare appropriations to the point where substantial additional revenues will not be required.

4. Any new tax source suggested will meet very strong opposition from a substantial part of the public affected adversely. Somebody, possibly everybody, is going to have to pay more.

5. A special election to seek voter approval of any tax program adopted by the legislature could not be called in less than 60 days from the date of passage of the tax bills.

6. State revenue demands should not monopolize tax sources to the exclusion of the needs of local government.

7. Federal taxes are gobbling up an astonishing amount from the Oregon economy and thereby reduce Oregon's sources of taxation.

8. Law requires that the budget be balanced.

Expenses Were Voted

With this background, you sit on the committee, knowing that the large appropriations for which you are trying to raise money (including basic school support, old age assistance, and veterans' bonuses) were overwhelmingly voted by your fellow citizens.

You know, also, that some local taxing jurisdictions already have a dangerously high ad valorem tax on real property—that farm prices are sagging. Too, you must recognize that the additional forms of taxation which have popular appeal (such as imposing the corporate excise tax on public utilities, a tobacco tax, increasing liquor and pari-mutuel betting taxes, and repealing the skyscraper clause) would raise some extra money but would fall far short of what is needed. The fact must even be faced that an attempted cigarette tax was previously voted down by the people in a well-organized campaign to defeat it.

Before you is correspondence which demands or requests: 1. No state real property tax. 2. A sales tax. 3. No sales tax. 4. No

County Employment In January Above Normal for Month

Number Getting Jobs Tops December Record

The employment picture in Jackson county during January was the best for that month in recent years, according to the monthly report of the local State Employment Service office, issued Saturday.

Weather generally was favorable for outside work, with very little snow to slow down logging operations, and there were no major shutdowns in the industry, the report said.

Layoffs in trade and service establishments were well below a year ago, confirming "better than usual" business reports, it added.

For the first time in several years, the number of persons placed on jobs exceeded the total for December. They were more than double the number in January a year ago.

The fir market was good throughout the winter, and this also had a favorable effect on employment, the report stated.

The usual seasonal pattern of unemployment claims in January exceeding those in December was followed. A total of 5,801 weeks of unemployment were claimed, compared to 4,300 in December. But the report said that the January, 1955, total was well below the 6,932 weeks claimed in January, 1954.

In addition, the average duration of the claims filed was less than six weeks, indicating rapid return to work by most of those out of jobs.

"This year's reduced unemployment is particularly noteworthy," the report said, "in view of the constantly increasing labor force in this county. Population has steadily increased, and the total labor force has increased right along with it. The migration into this area is well indicated by the fact that in a period when total unemployment claims were decreasing, that portion of the total filed against other states increased slightly. These interstate claims are based on recent earnings outside of Oregon."

Below 1954 Mark

The number of those without work at the end of January was estimated at 2,150, of which 375 were women. This is 9 per cent above December, but 31 per cent below January last year, the report said.

It pointed out that February is usually the slowest month of the year for new hiring, and that this month will probably be no exception. However, it should be better than in recent years, with weather the deciding factor, the report said.

March and April usually mark the start of the seasonal upturn in employment.

JOHN ADAMS RESIGNS

Washington (U.P.)—The abrupt resignation of Army Counselor John G. Adams, a key figure in the Army's fight with Sen. Joseph McCarthy, revived speculation Saturday on Army Secretary Robert T. Steven's political future.

Washington (U.P.)—An open clash has developed within the Oregon congressional delegation, matching Republicans against Democrats in a way that is almost as much a novelty to them as to Oregon voters for whose benefit it is being staged.

This is in part a result of the election last fall in which two Democrats—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green—were elected to seats formerly held by Republicans. This left three GOP members, Rept. Harris Ellsworth, Walter Norblad and Sam Coon, and Sen. Wayne Morse, ex-Republican, now an Independent, and widely regarded as a Democrat—to-be.

During most of the past decade when all these solons came to Congress, Oregon has been represented by a solid bloc of Republicans among whom there were no open disagreements. Even before Morse bolted the GOP in 1952, he and some of his colleagues rubbed one another the wrong way politically and

Ellsworth May Run Against Morse in '56

went off in opposite directions but never clashed publicly. But times have changed. Now one Democrat and one Republican have emerged as protagonists in a manner that marks them as spokesmen for their parties within the state in Congress. They are Neuberger, the freshman Democratic senator, and Ellsworth, the veteran Republican congressman.

For Neuberger, this is not a new role. It is essentially an extension of his slashing attack against incumbent Republicans in the last election campaign and in the recent years of his career as state legislator and journalist.

But for Ellsworth, it is a new role, and one he is assuming both reluctantly and deliberately. Although he is now dean of the Oregon delegation in point of service (12 years), the 55-year-old solon is not anxious to project himself forward as a spokesman for anyone but himself. Nevertheless he has set himself to the task of challenging or answering the expressions and alle-

gations of Neuberger and other Democrats.

This has become evident in the first month of this new session of Congress on three questions—power policy, Formosa resolution and Talent irrigation project.

In praising President Eisenhower's state-of-the-Union message, the congressman lashed out at Democrats who insist on what he termed the "hidebound" attitude of all-federal construction of dams, while Neuberger said it was a "shotgun offer" for the administration to promise funds for "partnership" dams only.

In commending Eisenhower for his resolution of Formosa defense policy, Ellsworth contrasted it with what he called the "high-handed" way President Truman sent U.S. forces to the defense of South Korea when it was invaded in 1950.

Neuberger has charged the Talent project was mostly a come-on for votes for Ellsworth and ex-Sen. Guy Cordon last fall, like the fellow who author-

Sabrejets Down Red MIGs

SUBS SHADOW SEVENTH FLEET

With the Seventh Fleet, Sunday (U.P.)—Unidentified undersea "objects," presumed to be Russian submarines, have been shadowing the United States Seventh Fleet in Formosan waters, American Naval officers revealed Saturday.

Because submarines have a right to go anywhere they please on the high seas, there is nothing the U.S. Navy can do about the "objects" except keep a cautious eye on them, the officers said.

The objects have appeared frequently on detection equipment aboard Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride's Seventh Fleet, which is standing by for the possible evacuation of Nationalist Chinese troops from invasion-threatened Tachen island, 200 miles north of Formosa.

An officer said the Seventh Fleet keeps constant tabs on American submarines in Formosan waters and submarines of friendly powers usually surface and identify themselves when they move near U.S. surface warships.

For that reason, the officer said, any unidentified submarines lurking in the area would be considered "other than friendly."

Red China is not believed to be operating submarines at the present time. Nationalist Chinese intelligence reports have told often of unidentified submarines passing through Formosan waters. It has been fairly well established that the Soviet Union has based a considerable number of submarines with its Far Eastern fleet.



FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE—If the war waged here against disease by Nationalist Chinese medics at Keelung, Formosa is indicative of what's in store for any Red invader, then the Chinese Reds should think twice about any move toward Formosa. These specter-like medics seemingly descend with a vengeance upon this latest group of evacuees from Red-threatened islands of Tachen in move combating pestilence.

Assembly Ousts Mendes-France

Overwhelming Win For Formosa Pact Seen by Knowland

Washington (U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland predicted Saturday the Formosa mutual defense treaty will be given Senate approval by an overwhelming vote.

He also told reporters President Eisenhower wants the treaty ratified as soon as possible, even while efforts are being made toward cease fire negotiations in the Chinese crisis.

The treaty was negotiated last year with the Chinese Nationalist government, based on Formosa. It commits the United States to help defend Formosa and the neighboring Pescadores from Communist attack.

Knowland said the Formosa pact may come to a vote before next weekend. If not, it will be delayed 10 days or more.

Sports Bulletins

Cool Bay—Medford's torrid Black Tornado continued its winning streak to 14 straight games last night with a victory over stubborn Marshfield, 79 to 68. The Tornado had to come from behind to do it, however, as the Golden Pirates held a 35 to 31 halftime edge. Medford had a 58 to 54 margin at the third quarter's end and lead at the first quarter's end, 18 to 17.

Phoenix and Crater highs posted lopsided basketball victories last night to remain tied for the lead in the Rogue League. Crater walloped Eagle Point 70 to 43 and Phoenix clubbed Illinois Valley 69 to 32. Both victors established substantial bulges early in their games and kept them.

Oregon State 69, Idaho 63

Oregon 64, Washington 63

Coty Starts Search For Premier to End Government Crisis

Paris (U.P.)—French President Rene Coty Saturday began the long, arduous task of finding a new premier to end the government crisis caused by the National assembly's ouster of Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

The 48-year-old Radical Socialist premier resigned early Saturday after he was defeated 319 to 273 in a National assembly vote on which he had staked the life of his government.

Mendes-France's fall came over his policies in North Africa, and also threatened to delay French parliamentary ratification of the Paris German rearmament pact—a condition which could strain United States-French relations.

The United States policy on Europe for several years has been based on the plan to rearm Western Germany in the defense of Western Europe against the threat of Communist aggression. The assembly has taken the first step toward ratification of the Paris rearmament treaties, but they now are ready for consideration by the French upper house, and face delays because of Mendes-France's fall.

Coty called in the heads of the legislative houses and then the leaders of the political parties who combined in the assembly to defeat the premier on a confidence vote.

Inskip Appointment Confirmed by Senate

Salem (U.P.)—The Senate has confirmed the re-appointment by Gov. Paul Patterson of four members of the State Board of Health to new four-year terms.

The confirmations were approved over the objections of two senators who said the board needed new blood.

Confirmed were the reappointments of Dr. L. D. Inskip, Medford; Dr. D. C. Burks, Portland; Dr. N. E. Irvine, Lebanon, and Dr. O. T. Wherry, Portland.

Two Russian Built Planes Shot Down; Six Others Chased

Tokyo (U.P.)—American RB-68 Sabrejets in the biggest air battle since the Korean war Saturday shot down two Russian-built MIG 15s that attacked a U. S. Air Force reconnaissance patrol over the Yellow sea west of Korea.

The Air Force announced that eight Communist jet fighters jumped an American RB-45 reconnaissance bomber and Sabrejets flying cover over the international waters.

Nationality Undisclosed

It was not immediately disclosed whether the MIGs were from the Soviet or Red Chinese Air Force.

In Washington the State Department announced the United States was attempting to find out whether the MIGs came from Red China or elsewhere.

Radio Peiping, the official voice of Communist China, made no mention of the air battle.

Far Eastern Air Force specialists checked radar plots and logs of all U. S. planes in the area to try to pinpoint the exact location of the clash.

The Sabrejets returned the Communist fire and in the dog fight that followed two of the Communist planes were shot down. The other six turned tail and fled toward the Communist mainland, the Air Force said.

Four of the MIGs attacked the twin-jet 550-mile-per-hour bomber, the Air Force said, and the other four attacked the Sabrejets, from the 4th Fighter Interceptor wing, flying cover.

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Chinese ships will be used primarily in the operation although the United States does have some vessels to assist in the operation. Many of the Chinese ships are now at Tsaying, in southern Formosa, and probably will take 24 hours to reach the Tachens some 200 miles to the north.

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The Pentagon explained that the Nationalist Chinese government conveyed its request for U. S. support to U. S. Ambassador Karl L. Rankin in Taipei, and he sent it to the State department.

A spokesman indicated that about 45,000 U. S. Navy personnel will be engaged in the operation, plus 3,000 men in the Air Force's Sabre jet wing.

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Shoot-If-Necessary Orders Flashed to Fleet by President

32,000 Civilians, Troops on Islands

Taipei, Sunday (U.P.)—The mightiest concentration of United States warships since World War II began moving into position today for the imminent evacuation of Nationalist forces from the invasion-threatened Tachen islands off the coast of Red China.

Chinese and American naval units moved out shortly after President Eisenhower flashed orders to the U. S. 7th fleet to protect the evacuation of the Nationalist-held Tachens 200 miles north of Formosa.

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower Saturday sent shoot-if-necessary orders to the U. S. 7th fleet to protect the Chinese Nationalist evacuation of the Communist-threatened Tachen islands.

His orders, issued at 1 p.m. EST, signalled the start of the evacuation in about 24 hours, but U. S. air cover over the dangerous area were expected to begin almost immediately.

Some 14,000 Chinese Nationalist troops and 18,000 civilians are on the Tachens.

The orders went out to the 7th fleet and its 45,000 Navy personnel after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek abruptly ended his week-long stand against the evacuation without more specific U. S. guarantees for the protection of other islands he held.

A State department announcement disclosed that Chiang received only general assurances that "related positions" in the Formosa area—which are deemed necessary to the security of Formosa and the Pescadores—would be defended. That was no more assurance than Mr. Eisenhower had given him previously.

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Monday Final Day for Blood Appointments

Monday is the last full day during which appointments can be made to give blood when the bloodmobile visits here Tuesday.

The telephone number to call for an appointment is 3-3813. Only 89 appointments had been made up to Saturday afternoon, out of a total of more than 300 donors needed.

The bloodmobile visit will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, instead of on Wednesday as in the past. Drop-in donors will be welcome during the donation hours.

Ike Studies Northwest Flights From Portland

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Edward J. Thye (R-Minn.) said Saturday President Eisenhower has promised to modify his order refusing to renew the certificate of Northwest Airlines to fly from Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., to Hawaii.

Thye, in a joint announcement with Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.), said announcement of the modification is expected Monday.