

# Butler's Reference To Mamie's Health Brings Vigorous Rebuke From GOP

## Byrd Concedes Tax Cutting Plan Getting Votes But Sees Defeat

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) conceded today that a Democratic income tax-cut compromise has picked up votes in the Senate but he still predicted its defeat.

At the same time, Chairman Styles Bridges (N.H.) of the Republican Policy Committee reported that a checkup of GOP senators showed them still solid in support of the administration.

The Senate started debate yesterday on the House-approved tax bill, which contains provisions to extend corporate and excise tax rates — which President Eisenhower wants — and an income tax cut which he opposes. A Senate vote is unlikely before next Tuesday or Wednesday.

**House Plan**  
The House plan, which was facing defeat in the Senate, would cut income taxes for all taxpayers and dependents by \$20 a year, starting next Jan. 1.

The Senate compromise would set the cuts at \$20 for each taxpayer and \$10 for each dependent, except his wife, and would limit the tax relief largely to those with incomes below \$5000.

**Milk Marketing Talk Scheduled at Meeting**  
Grants Pass — Aspects of the milk marketing situation will be discussed by Neal Miller, Woodburn, at the March meeting of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schutzwahl, on Allen rd. near Grants Pass, Sunday, March 13.

The speaker, who headed the Oregon Jersey club during 1953-54, will be presented by H. L. McColm, Grants Pass, program chairman for the day.

The meeting will be preceded by a no-host luncheon at noon. Those who attend are requested to bring food and their own table service. Both meeting and luncheon are open to anyone interested.

a year. There would be offsetting increases in taxes on business and stockholders.

As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Byrd is one leader of the fight for the Eisenhower administration against approval of any tax reduction at

## One-Cow, Three-Goat Dairies Legalized

Salem — The state department of agriculture has called attention to the fact that the 1955 legislature has legalized the sale of unlicensed milk from farmers who have not more than one cow or three goats.

The bill has been signed by the governor and will become law 60 days after the legislature adjourns.

Those affected by the law will be able to sell surplus milk, provided it is not advertised. The measure will legalize a prevailing practice.

The department said consumers who purchase milk from such unlicensed operators should understand the milk is not inspected and therefore is not subject to the sanitation controls which bigger dairies must observe.

## Farmers' Pocketbooks Declared Tightened

Washington — (U.P.) — The squeeze on the farmers' pocketbook "tightened appreciably" in the past year, the Agriculture department said today.

In a farm cost report, the department noted a four per cent decline in the farm parity ratio from the last quarter of 1953 to the last quarter of 1954. It said "almost all" of the decline was due to lower prices farmers received for their crops.

The cost of living and of production items the farmers had to buy, meanwhile, rose about one per cent during the period, the department said.

this time. However, he is one of only a handful of Democrats opposing the compromise plan.

**Change Sides**  
Before the compromise was unveiled, it appeared that there would be about a dozen Democratic votes against the House proposal. A number of these senators now are counted as supporters of the compromise.

"It has a little more strength than the House bill," Byrd told a reporter, "but I still feel confident that we are going to win."

An authoritative Democratic source said present indications are that only three or four Democrats will vote against the compromise.

If one Republican votes for the compromise, three Democratic votes will be needed to defeat it, assuming all Senators are voting or paired.

## Eagle Point Asks Survey on Sewage

Eagle Point — A sewage survey for the city of Eagle Point was ordered at a recent meeting, according to city officials.

Councilman Jake Olsen was authorized to contact the Portland engineering firm of John W. Cunningham and associates to determine the possibility of bringing a sewage survey made in 1941 up to date.

The action followed a discussion by T. M. Gerow, district engineer for the State Board of Health, and Robert Hart, county sanitarian, about the problem.

In other business, Ray Barrow, councilman, was authorized to contact the Jackson county court concerning improvement of the highway from the end of Main st. to the Crater Lake highway. There is a surface and drainage problem on the road.

Recorder Minnie G. Hinson reported building permits have been issued to Dean W. Collette, 118 South "B" st., \$150, to erect a shop building, and Lloyd Breeding, 33 East First st., \$3,500, add a bedroom, dining room, utility porch and garage.

## Fong Indictment Studied by Judge

Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah County Circuit Judge James W. Crawford today had under advisement a defense demurrer which contended that the first degree murder indictment against Wey Him and Sherry Fong was not valid.

The Fongs are charged with the murder of Diane Hank, 16-year-old Portland girl whose body was found on the Evergreen Highway near Washougal, Wash., last winter.

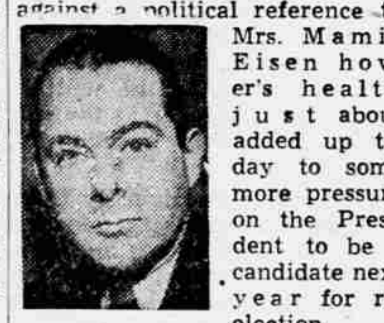
Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman scored the prosecution for failing to state the manner in which the girl was killed, and charged the indictment was the result of politics on the part of District Attorney William Langley.

Langley, Goodman said, had campaigned for office by publicizing the murder case.

## Explosion Seen As More Pressure On Ike To Run

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Washington — (U.P.) — The angry Republican explosion of protest against a political reference to



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He doesn't want to do it. But the heat is on. Not in years has the capital seen a political maneuver so quickly organized and effected as Thursday's on the subject of Mrs. Eisenhower's health.

Republicans individually and in groups mauled Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul M. Butler for a news conference suggested that her health was one reason Mr. Eisenhower would not run again.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.), former speaker and now Republican House leader, opened the attack which continued throughout Thursday. It became a bitter, personal assault on Butler, whose character and conduct were shredded in angry debate.

**Vigor Astonishing**  
"Loathsome; irresponsible; scoundrel; low animal in human form," were some of the Republican bouquets for Butler as members addressed the House and Senate in angry terms.

Astonishing to many in Washington was the scope and vigor of the Republican rebuke. It scarcely could have been less than inspired and organized by someone, although over a period of 20 years, members of Franklin D. Roosevelt's family were the subject of public and private comment considerably less flattering than Butler's comment on Mrs. Eisenhower's health.

The organized co-ordination of the Republican uproar was evidence enough of the party's recognition of Mr. Eisenhower as the best Republican bet in 1956 and its determination to put him up again. And Republican orators may have been fired to greater heat by suspicion that there was some substance in Butler's remarks. The capital grapevine reported that the President thought Butler was playing "kind of low" politics.

**Health Basically Good**  
The only qualified witness was the White House physician, Dr. Howard McC. Snyder. He said that aside from a heart condition of which the public long has been aware, Mrs. Eisenhower's health is basically good. The heart condition was described as a "murmur" which sometimes limits her activities. She sometimes has suffered from over-fatigue. She does not like to fly at high altitudes. She is bedded right now for a few

## Lebanon Woman Threatened For Letter on Welfare Funds

Lebanon, Ore. — (U.P.) — Police said yesterday an attempt has been made on the life of a Lebanon woman who had written a letter saying there were at least five cases in Linn county where welfare funds were being received illegally.

But instead of harming the woman, Mrs. E. A. Gall, the unknown male assailant beat her badly battered about the head and body. He was taken to Lebanon hospital where his condition was described as "pretty good."

Mrs. Gall told police she had received several anonymous telephone calls and one had threatened her life after she had printed

in the Lebanon Express on Feb. 25 a letter in which she claimed knowledge of five cases where welfare funds were being received illegally.

Mrs. Gall said she received a call from a woman who appeared hysterical. The woman told her that "This is the day and the hour. Prepare to meet your maker."

Mrs. Gall and her teen-age daughter left home and her husband stayed in the house. He said that about 7:30 p. m. a man came to the door and demanded the whereabouts of Mrs. Gall.

**Phone Ripped From Wall**  
When Gall refused to tell him, the man forced his way into the house, threatening Gall and rip-

ping the phone from the wall. Gall said the man attacked him and knocked him unconscious. When he came to he was lying on the davenport in the front room. He made his way to a neighbor's home and summoned police.

Police Chief Ned Crippen said

it was "a sincere attempt" on the life of Mrs. Gall. He said a thorough investigation was being made by city and state police and the sheriff's office. He said Mrs. Gall meantime was being given police protection.

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## Clues Still Scarce In Silverton Slaying

Salem — (U.P.) — Clues are still scarce in the three-week-old Erwin Kaser murder case.

Marion county Sheriff Denver Young said today that three of four rifles picked up for laboratory tests have been cleared of any connection with the crime and have been returned to their owners.

Kaser, a Silverton hop grower, was shot to death as he drove his car into the driveway of his farm home the night of Feb. 7.

Casper Oveross, a one-time neighbor of Kaser, was arrested and charged with the murder, but was released by a Marion county grand jury.

days with "flu. Otherwise, said Dr. Snyder: "There is no illness."

Butler took the abuse in stride, explaining that he merely had referred to published reports as to Mrs. Eisenhower's health in relation to 1956 politics. He recognized the outcry as symptomatic of Republican desire to renominate Mr. Eisenhower.

"If their (the Republican) purpose is to persuade Mr. Eisenhower to be a candidate in 1956, they would be better advised to spend their time in supporting Mr. Eisenhower's program instead of wasting time berating me," Butler added.

Republicans will recognize in Butler's conduct a Democratic hope that Mr. Eisenhower will not again be a candidate.

## Auto Chains Needed Over Santiam Pass

Salem — (U.P.) — Chains were required for motorists traveling over Santiam pass, where 6 inches of new snow fell overnight, the State Highway Department said today.

Chains were advised at Government Camp, with 6 inches of new snow; Timberline, with 10 inches; Warm Springs junction with 5 inches; Willamette pass, with 5 inches, and Austin, with 2 inches.

Spots of ice were reported at Bly, Ochoco summit, La Grande and Baker.

## Queen Mother Shops For Margaret's Gift

London — (U.P.) — The London Daily Herald said today Queen Mother Elizabeth was shopping around in Scotland for a castle as a possible wedding gift for Princess Margaret and Group Capt. Peter Townsend.

"The Queen Mother, who recently bought Castle Mey overlooking Pentland Firth, has been looking over Keiss Castle 12 miles away," Herald Reporter Alan Dick reported. "What would one want with two Scottish castles?"

"Could one be a wedding present for her daughter?"

The story recalled speculation that a marriage of the Princess and the 40-year-old divorced flyer would have to take place in Scotland since the Church of England does not recognize such a marriage.

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