

Morse, Neuberger Back Demos' Proposal To Cut Income Taxes

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Washington — Oregon's two Democratic senators stuck together in the Senate tax battle this past week, voting for the unsuccessful Democratic plan to cut taxes for all taxpayers but to repeal the stock dividend and depreciation allowances of last year.

Sen. Wayne Morse argued that the national economy is tending to be deflationary, rather than inflationary, and that more purchasing power would be the best cure. He passed out to each senator reprints of a U.S. News and World Report story which indicated prices are falling because people aren't buying in proportion to the nation's productive capacity.

Morse said for this reason the Senate should adopt the Democratic plan by which: (1) each taxpayer would get a \$20 tax reduction plus \$10 for each dependent; (2) accelerated amortization of business investments allowed in the 1954 tax bill would be repealed; (3) the stock dividend and exclusion and credit adopted last year would be repealed.

Noting that President Eisenhower had called it "irresponsible" of the Democrats to propose this tax reduction in face of the unbalanced budget, Morse observed that last year the Republican 83rd Congress put through a tax cut bill backed by the administration and described as good for the economy. Morse said he thought the GOP tax plan had been too heavily weighted "as to encourage vast accumulations of capital on the theory that if the top is prosperous, some share of the prosperity will trickle down to others."

"If it is political motivation to attempt to get the great majority of our people a square deal taxwise, then I am politically motivated and proud of it," he said.

"I fail to understand," opened Neuberger, "how the tax reductions granted in 1954 (by the GOP), when there was a substantial deficit, were evidences of statesmanship, while a differ-

ent kind of tax reductions in 1955 (proposed by Democrats), when there is still a deficit, is called fiscal irresponsibility."

After listening to GOP Leader Knowland charge Democrats with inciting economic classes against one another on the tax issue, Neuberger responded: "No one wants to array class against class. Yet I wonder what it is that arrays class against class. Is it the word or the deed? Is it a tax law which grants disproportionate benefits to one class of people that arrays class against class? Or is it merely someone who points out that situation?"

Both Oregon senators voted on the losing Democratic side which lost 50-44 when five southern Democrats lined up with the Republicans.

At the request of Chairman Byrd of the Finance Committee, Neuberger refrained from pressing amendments to the tax bill designed to increase the U. S. tax on gasoline from two to three cents and to exempt from this tax fishermen who use the gas only in boats. Byrd promised committed action on them later.

Neuberger argued the increased gas tax is desirable to help pay for the upcoming \$25,000,000 highway aid program. He said as advanced by the administration the road program would be financed by gas taxes and revenue bonds. He said since the two cent gas tax would bring in only \$4,500,000,000, the balance of \$20,250,000,000 would have to come from revenue bonds on which a three per cent interest rate for 30 years would add \$11,500,000,000 in interest.

Paper Collection Scheduled Today

Members of the 40 and 8 will collect old papers in Medford this afternoon.

The organization's locomotive and several trucks will tour the streets, picking up bundled papers left on curbs or porches.

The paper is processed by Bliss Heine's equipment, and sold, with proceeds going to the 40 and 8 child welfare fund and to the Juniors, all of it for the benefit of the area's young people.

If any have any particularly large quantity of paper, they can arrange for a special pickup by telephoning 2-9729 this morning. A second pickup will be made Monday for those missed today, if they will call Weeks and Orr, 2-8351, Monday morning.

Radars Controls for Speed To Get Study

Salem—(U.P.)—A Senate-passed bill that would have legalized the use of radar speed detection devices in Oregon was sent back to the Highways Committee by the House Saturday after it encountered opposition from attorneys on the floor.

Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg), chairman of the judiciary committee, said doubts about the legality of radar were not based entirely on the issue of speed traps but on the fact that radar arrests were made by officers who had not actually witnessed speed law violations.

Layman said it was basic in Oregon law that an arresting officer should have witnessed the crime for which he made an arrest or should be armed with a warrant. Radar arrests are made on the authority of a radio ad-

charges to the total costs. Neuberger, who is on the Public Works Committee which is working on the road program, said such a financial plan would mean for every dollar spent on paving, 55 cents would go to banks and investment houses in interest.

His proposal for exempting fishermen is based on the argument that they do not use highways in consumption of the gas, so they shouldn't have to pay the federal gas tax which is used to help finance roads.

Senate President Asks End of Minor Public Hearings

Salem—(U.P.)—Senate President Elmo E. Smith (R-John Day) Saturday asked his committee chairmen to discontinue public hearings on minor bills and concentrate on major legislation.

"At this stage of the session," Smith said, "we cannot afford to be as generous with committee time as was the case earlier in the session."

Smith said he has asked the committee chairmen to review bills referred to them, determine what bills are of sufficient importance to justify public hearings, and dispose of the remainder.

The Senate president also requested committee chairmen to conclude work on major bills in committees as quickly as possible so that such bills can be considered by the Senate and if approved sent to the House for consideration.

"From now on," he said, "we must get as many important bills out as quickly as possible, in order that we will have the desks as clear as possible for consideration of tax and ways and means appropriation bills."

Indians Protest State Law Enforcement Moves

Portland—(U.P.)—Umatilla Indians want the state of Oregon to be kept from enforcing state hunting and trapping regulations on their reservation.

Federal Court was asked Friday to rule that a 1953 law doesn't take away rights given the Indians by an 1855 treaty.

The law extended criminal and civil laws of Oregon over the reservation except those rights granted by treaty, according to the petition which said Oregon authorities are threatening to arrest tribal members who do not comply with state law.

vice from a second officer operating the radar detection unit. Would Permit "Traps"

Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) said the original intent of radar was to use the speed graphs from the devices to supplement the arresting officers' own observations when he appeared in court. The bill before the House, he said, would permit speed trap type arrests. Layman said citations — not arrests — based on radar "blips" would presumably be a legal procedure.

Rep. Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem), chairman of the Highways Committee which had approved the bill, moved for its recall to revise it in conformity with the House criticisms.

The House breezed through three other bills, all minor, in a short Saturday calendar, its first of the session.

In and Around Table Rock

Table Rock — Smudge pots have been placed for some time in Table Rock's two pear orchards and are now filled with oil and all cocked and primed for any skirmish with Jack Frost. According to those who watch pear buds and thermometers, the temperature the past few mornings has been dangerously near the damaging point.

Kerby Tant, government trapper of Reese Creek, was here one day last week exhibiting a cougar that measured 8 ft. 6 in. from tip to tip. He and his dogs have slain six in the last ten days, four at the head of Trail Creek, and two in the Applegate district.

Mrs. R. E. Nealon, in charge of the Red Cross drive in the Table Rock community, reports an excellent response to the call for yearly membership and donations to carry on the many activities of the organization for the ensuing year; \$81.50 has been collected so far.

The Edd Olsen's are to continue as caretaker's on the Lowery place which has recently been donated to the Episcopal diocese.

Mrs. H. M. Harper, a fancier of song birds, is offering for sale many of her beautiful songsters.

Arthur L. Kelstrup, American S.S. Missionary, was a dinner guest of the Robert Sage's on Tuesday and an overnight guest at the R. E. Nealon home on the same day.

News of the passing of Fred Croft in Corvallis, March 10, was conveyed to his friends here by his sister Mrs. D. C. Nicewood of Medford. Mr. Croft, one time part owner of what is now the Ed Taylor farm, was a resident of the community for several years and was first master of the Sams Valley Grange when organized back in 1925.

Mrs. J. S. Richardson left early Tuesday by plane for Portland and will go directly to the home of her son whose wife is reported to be ill. While in Portland, Mrs. Richardson will attend a meeting of the OEA.

Friday evening, Cy Hamilton, and his son Moore with Bob Sage stretched a gill net across the Nealon pond to catch the so-called trash fish which were supposed to stick their noses through the meshes and get caught by the gills. Sunday the net was pulled in with a large number of spectators present. The haul netted one bass, two small trout and a sucker.

Mrs. Wm. Howsley and two friends, Mrs. Marie Michael and Mr. Howard Harris of Four Corners, left here by auto March 10 for points in the middle-west

where they will visit relatives in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. They expect to be gone three or four weeks.

Spring farm work on the Table Top ranch is running in high gear according to foreman Abe Halfhill, who expects to finish seeding in another week. About 50 acres will be planted to ensilage corn later.

R. V. Beall says his father R. V. Sr. with Tom Beall and Henry Klipple of Jacksonville discovered Crater Lake in 1853. The three were hunting the Lost Cabin mine, first going to Diamond lake where they were surprised to find much sand. Later becoming lost in the lodge pole pines they stumbled onto the brink of Crater lake and then realized what deposited the sand at Diamond lake. When we asked him about the man with the blind mule, who many claim discovered Crater lake, he said that was a fable.

O. T. Wilson, chief swan checker, reports that our visiting swans have been absent from their feeding grounds here for several days.

Recent visitors at the Arthur Doty home where Mrs. Doty's brother Paul Preston of Albany, Oregon, and her brother-in-law Charles Spring of Lebanon, Ore.

The Roland Shope family who have resided in a house on the Table Top ranch for several years have moved to Sams Valley and are living in the dwelling on the Schulz farm. Mr. Shope is still employed on the Table Top ranch.

Among recent birthday parties held here was one given by Mrs. R. E. Nealon last Saturday evening for Gail Bishop, who was seven years old on that day, and attended by nine of her little friends, and a surprise birthday party Saturday night given for Lucille Smith at her home by a number of friends and relatives.

Sam Glass, ex-Marine, hatless hired man, and would-be civil engineer, was seen coming out of a drug store the other day and his friends are wondering if he was buying some of the hair oil that puts the Goodwin bees on the warpath, or some come-hither perfume.

The recent editorial in the M.T. about the turtle business here, brings to mind that a man living in a small cabin about a quarter mile east of the Modoc buildings, which was then

Boy Improved; Hurt When Hit by Rock

Lance Jennings, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jennings, 117 Ashland st., was improved Saturday, his father reported, after being treated for a four-inch gash in his head caused when he was hit by a rock.

City police reported they were questioning three boys, aged 13, 11 and 8 years old, who reportedly were involved in the rock-throwing incident, which happened Friday. Lance was treated at Sacred Heart hospital, and it was reported he suffered from a slight concussion and a later infection.

The Bybee ranch, trapped turtles in the ponds in this vicinity, keeping and feeding them in a pen near his cabin until he had some 100 dozen which he shipped to S.F. for a price of \$3 a dozen.

One shipment, as far as we know, was all he made, and according to a friend of his, after getting the money he got into bad company in the big city and lost it all. At that time any enterprise that would bring in \$300 in a couple of months would have been considered a flourishing business. The trapper said the reptiles were used to make soup which was claimed to be a sure pepper-upper for dwindling or lost vigor and much in demand by the more prosperous of San Franciscans. As to women wearing them for decorations, we never say they will wear anything if it is the style. Along with the muddy color there was an aroma not what one would call alluring.

Mrs. W. W. Timm returned to her home here Sunday after spending several days at the Robert Smith home caring for the Smith family while Mrs. Smith was in the hospital.

Mrs. Joseph Spang of Portland left Thursday after spending a few days with her wartime acquaintance, Mrs. D. C. Inglis. Mrs. Spang and Mrs. Inglis lived together in Astoria while Mrs. Inglis was employed by the United States Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nealon were Saturday night guests at a dinner party at the Eva Ringo home in Medford.

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Test of Ontario Picketing Law Set By Union Official

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.)—Donald A. Jordan, secretary-treasurer of the retail clerks local at Boise, Idaho, says he plans to test the constitutionality of an Ontario city ordinance prohibiting picketing on city streets or alley.

City Attorney Anthony Yturri said Saturday he had received a letter from Jordan stating that since picketing "is authorized by the United States government . . . we have decided to test the constitutionality of your city ordinance."

Jordan's letter said he would place pickets in front of a local store, object of a labor dispute for several months, as "an act of exercising our freedom of speech" and in order to carry the matter to a court for a decision.

Related To Ruling

The matter is related to a recent National Labor Relations Board ruling which named the Boise local bargaining agents for the six retail clerks employed at the grocery outlet.

So far the store has declined to sign the "standard contract" presented by the union, which covers retail clerks in other nearby areas. Picketing was attempted once before, but halted by police.

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This is a step without precedent—to price-fix a consumer product at its source. It is a step that deeply disturbs many Americans, including the undersigned committee.

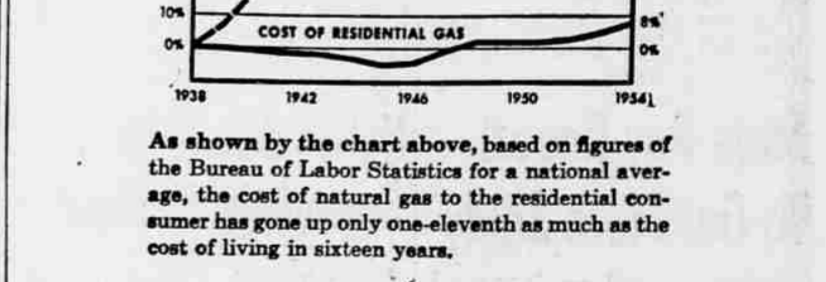
They believe the proposed controls are against the public interest and can benefit no one. They believe the issue goes far beyond gas. It goes to the roots of America's greatness. They believe the controls plan is unwise for many reasons.

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It is Unfair because it singles out one competitive industry for such controls.

It is Shortsighted because it stifles the bold and risky exploring that's needed to assure adequate supplies.



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