

Treasury Eyes Six Billions in Taxes Each Month for Next Three Months

Administration May Give Reward Of Cut Next Year

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Washington—(U.P.)—The Treasury hopes to tap the weary American taxpayer for nearly \$6,000,000,000 every 30 days during the final months of the current fiscal year.

If the taxpayer can come up with it, he may and probably will be rewarded with a tax reduction in 1956. What President Eisenhower is shooting at is a modest, general tax cut next year giving a break to rich and poor, alike.

Staggering Deficit

The Treasury reported this week on the first nine months of the fiscal year to March 31. As of that date the deficit was a staggering \$5,100,000,000. But better times seem to be coming.

The Treasury is standing pat on its estimate of last January that the budget will be no more than \$4,500,000,000 in the red when the fiscal year ends next June 30. To reduce the deficit to that figure the Treasury must take in about \$5,630,000,000 in taxes in each of the three final months, April, May and June.

That compares with an average tax take of about \$4,680,000,000 during each of the preceding nine months. There is not much doubt that American taxpayers will come up with the larger figure. It is quite likely they will make it more.

Income Tax Postponement

The lesser figure is about what taxpayers poured into the Treasury in the final three months of the fiscal year in 1954. The 1955 April-May-June take could be more on the basis of:

1. Postponement of individual income tax payments this year from March 15 to April 15. That was the deadline date for payment of 1954 individual income taxes which had not been paid already by the withholding method.
2. Current withholding is from near-record individual earnings. During the 1954 April-May-June withholding period there was a slump in individual earnings.
3. Corporations will pay on June 15, 50 per cent of the tax due on 1954 income. On June 15 last year they paid only 45 per cent.

Modifying the foregoing is the fact that 1954 was a year of moderate business recession which must be reflected in the April 15 individual tax payments



CONTROL OF HUGE Montgomery Ward & Co. chain is at stake as forces of Sewell Avery, board chairman and Louis E. Wolfson (bottom, with Mrs. Wolfson) assemble in Chicago for annual stockholders' meeting. Famous picture at top is of Avery being ejected bodily by two soldiers from plant office in 1944 when he refused to turn over company books to government. (Avery photo copyright by Chicago Times, supplied by International News Photos)

Avery Expected To Retain Management Of Montgomery Ward

Chicago—(U.P.)—Financier Louis E. Wolfson conceded today that Chairman Sewell Avery probably will retain control of Montgomery Ward & Co.

Wolfson, 43, made the concession to newsmen at the annual stockholders' meeting, a show-down phase of the world's biggest proxy fight.

"It looks like the present management will retain control," Wolfson said.

Fight 'Already Won'

Asked whether this meant he was giving up his fight to wrest control of the \$721,000,000 retail chain from Avery, Wolfson replied:

"We already have won the fight. We won the defeat of the stagger system."

He referred to an Illinois Supreme court decision forcing Montgomery Ward to put up all nine of its directors for election instead of only three in any single year.

and the June 15 collections from corporations.

The Eisenhower administration is making steady progress toward the spending and revenue figures at which the President believes Treasury books might level off in the black—for a change. That would be at about \$60,000,000,000 of spending and revenue annually.

The meeting was called to order by Avery, 81, ruler of Montgomery Ward since 1931.

Avery was greeted by a standing ovation as he walked onto the stage of the Medinah Temple. But the crowd did not fill the auditorium and was much smaller than anticipated.

Many Seats Empty

Wolfson, who said he was attending only as a "spectator and stockholder" and would have nothing to say unless called upon, posed reluctantly at his seat, his hands clasped in a victory pose.

Clarence Mohr, a Ward employee in charge of ushering, estimated the crowd at between 1200 to 1400. The auditorium holds 4300 and can accommodate 3000 more in the basement.

Some observers regarded the smaller than expected turnout as a blow to Wolfson's chances. Wolfson had hoped that a total of 500,000 votes might be cast at the meeting today.

Wolfson, handsome, "golden boy" of modern finance, and Avery, 81-year-old lord of Wards since 1931, both put up a slate of nine directors for election.

Five-Member Control

Election of five members to the board would mean control. Avery forces said they were sure of at least seven seats. Wolfson claimed he had four directorships in the bag and the fifth would come today, either by a defection in the Avery ranks or a sudden switch-over at the meeting.

Upwards of 4,500 stockholders were expected to choose between the slates at the tense, heated meeting. But their final decision will probably not be known for about three weeks, when the millions of votes have been counted and validated.

Talent High Sets Graduation Rites Wednesday, May 15

Talent—Talent high school graduation exercises will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. Susan Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes, with a GPA of 3.85, will be valedictorian. Irene Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson, will be salutatorian, with a GPA of 3.62.

The graduation address will be given by Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, of Southern Oregon College. His topic: "Oregon of Today."

Baccalaureate May 22

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 22, in the high school gym. The Rev. Leroy F. Neffert, Friends Church, Talent, will give the invocation and benediction. The Rev. Alice May Woolley, Talent Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate.

Members of the graduating class are: Susan Barnes, Sally Ann Boyd, Doreen Burnette, Valerie Jean Carmen, Fern Dixon, Bernice Lodge, Irene Johnson, Bonnie Leeper, Katherine Long, Beverly Murray, Marie Ross, Joanne Seaver, Shirley Smith, Myra Phelps.

Donald Coghill, Leo Hoser, Jim McAbee, Don Reynolds, Don Sweet, Dale Walter, Stuart Webber, J. Loyd Wood, George Zickefoose, Jim Wallace, Lyio Tycksen, William Dailey George Williams.



HITS ADMINISTRATION—Edward J. Corsi (left), ousted State Department refugee adviser, tells a Senate judiciary subcommittee that the Eisenhower Administration faces a "terrific political liability" unless it improves its handling of the refugee relief program. In center is Louis Marhoefer of the State Department. At right is Senator William Langer (R., N. D.), subcommittee chairman. Between Marhoefer and Langer is State Department Security Chief R. W. Scott McLeod, with whom Corsi has been trading verbal punches.

Six-Months-Old Twins Separated In Chicago Surgery

Chicago—(U.P.)—Doctors today gave the 6-month-old Andrews Siamese twins an excellent chance to recover from a dramatic, unplanned separation of their joined bodies.

The operation on the twins, joined at the head, at Mercy Hospital Thursday night was the third Siamese separation here in 28 months.

Exploration Continued

Msgr. John W. Barrett, director of hospitals for the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, said "we started out with the idea of an exploratory operation, but things went so well we continued until it was over."

The operation was termed "100 per cent successful."

Fourteen surgeons and specialists participated in the four hour and 40 minute operation.

If the girls—Deborah Marie and Christine Mary—survive, they will be the first head-joined twins to do so.

The famed Brodie twins—Roger Lee and Rodney Dee—were also joined at the top of the skull. But Roger Lee died 34 days after an operation on Dec. 17, 1952. Rodney Dee, now 3½ years old, is thriving.

Three weeks ago, a set of 22-

month-old girls from Thailand (formerly Siam) were successfully separated. They were joined at the chest.

The blonde, blue-eyed girls were believed to have a better chance for survival than the Brodie twins because of separate circulatory systems and brain coverings.

The girls cried when they were put in separate cribs after the operation, Barrett said.

"Barring complications, the outlook for the children is very favorable," he said.

The sisters are the children of Wilfred Andrews, 38, a salesman, and his 33-year-old wife Norene, a registered nurse. The Andrews

have another daughter, Patricia, 5.

Escape Bears Out Jail Deterioration

Savannah, Ga.—(U.P.)—Sheriff Bill Harris today backed up his claim that the Chatham county jail has reached a state of "physical deterioration."

He said four prisoners used a fish-skinner, potato peeler, meat saw and assorted aprons and bags from the jail kitchen to cut through a heavy screen and steel bars and lower themselves 25 feet to freedom.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday

Guidance Film Viewed by Groups

The film "Children's Emotions," brought to the community by the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association for use in the second week of the Medford membership drive, received much discussion following three showings here this week.

Miss Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker for the Guidance Clinic, showed the film to the Lone Pine school study group of mothers, and a study group of parents of re-warded children. The nurses at the Jackson County Health Department also saw the film with Miss Dorothy Collard, nursing supervisor, as their discussion leader.

One enthusiastic parent said that they could have done so much more toward helping their children emotionally if they had seen the film when the children were babies. The film showed curiosity, fear, anger, jealousy and happiness, and how the child can be helped toward healthy growth of emotions toward maturity. The groups discussed how other emotions can be channeled or guided for the child's healthy personality growth.

Veterans' Official Visits Jackson County

Raymond E. Pettet, Salem, an educational officer of the department of veteran affairs, left yesterday after being in Medford to confer with Charles D. Holbrook, county veterans service officer. He reviewed state educational benefits for veterans.

Earlier this week R. Howe, Portland, service officer of the American Legion, was here to confer with Holbrook.

Northwest Senators Propose Price System

Washington—(U.P.)—Four Democratic senators from the Northwest yesterday introduced legislation that would provide for a two-price system for wheat.

Farmers would get parity prices for wheat going into the domestic market for human consumption. The balance would be sold at competitive prices for export or feed and industrial use domestically.

Sponsors of the bill were Sens. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.)

FOREST SERVICE LAUDED

Salem—(U.P.)—Seventy-two members of the Oregon Legislature today put their name on a resolution introduced to congratulate the federal forest service on its 50th anniversary.

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