

House Leaders Agree on No Immediate General Tax Cut

Balanced Budget Should Be First, Most Men Feel

Washington (U.P.)—Democratic and Republican leaders in the House agreed today there should be no immediate tax cut when Congress returns next month.

Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) said the administration won't know until April whether the budget outlook will be such that it can recommend a tax cut for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

"I think it's quite doubtful we can have any substantial tax cut," Martin told newsmen. "If there is a tax cut, it would have to be a modest one."

As for the Democrats, Speaker Sam Rayburn (Tex.) made clear Tuesday that he is "opposed at present" to general tax reduction. "As of now," he would favor granting tax relief to low-income groups in the next session of Congress only if other taxes could be hiked simultaneously to offset the revenue loss.

Wants President to Lead
This indicates that Rayburn wants to let President Eisenhower take the lead in deciding whether there should be a tax cut in 1956—a presidential election year.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) already has called for tax relief for "small income" groups.

Martin told newsmen the administration would announce its tax recommendations no later than April 15. In the meantime, Martin and Rayburn agreed that Congress probably will extend the 52 per cent tax on corporate income scheduled to drop to 47 per cent on April 1.

Rayburn's stand produced immediate opposition from Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.). George reiterated his belief that income taxes can be cut \$3,000,000,000 or more in the fiscal year starting July 1.

No Support From Byrd
But George got no support from Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) of the Senate Finance committee. Byrd, who favors scaling down the national debt before taxes are cut, predicted the administration will have to choose next year between balancing the budget or cutting taxes.

"They will gain greater political advantage" for the election campaign, he said, by choosing a balanced budget, he said.

A Republican leader, Sen. Styles Bridges (N.H.) agreed. He said that "it would be to the political advantage of the Republicans to go before the public with a balanced budget rather than a tax cut since we already have cut taxes by \$7,000,000,000."

6,700 Oregon Mental Patients Need Gifts
Portland—More than 6,700 Oregon mental patients will need Christmas gifts this year to help assure them they have not been forgotten, Mrs. Thomas Denison, Oswego, said. Mrs. Denison is chairman of the Oregon Mental Health association's Christmas gift committee.

She said funds are not available for "extras" which prove valuable in helping a patient's attitude and will to recover.

Mrs. Denison said the association will receive gifts at the association's office, 429 Park building, Portland, or at Oregon State hospital, Salem, Eastern Oregon state hospital, Pendleton, or Fairview home, Salem.

She said gifts should not include items which patients might harm themselves. Items of need include coats, dresses, nylon stockings, robes, sweaters, lingerie, toilet articles, jewelry, cigarettes, home permanent kits, toys, unbreakable children's records, books, playing cards, and light sports equipment, she said.

TOO LITERAL
Charleston, W. Va.—(U.P.)—A literal-minded thief stole a delivery truck valued at \$1,000 from a used car lot here. Red-faced officials of the firm told police they had placed a cardboard sign on the windshield reading: "Come in and steal this one."

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Two GOP Leaders Sound Note of Warning and Optimism About Relationship of Party With Organized Labor

Washington (U.P.)—Two Republican leaders have sounded notes of warning and optimism about their party's relationship with organized labor.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, in an interview with Newsweek magazine, scoffed at fears of some Republicans that the merged AFL-CIO is a threat to the GOP. And Republican Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California warned his party in a press conference yesterday that an all out war with leaders of organized labor could cost it the 1956 presidential election.

Some Republicans have attacked the AFL-CIO merger on grounds it will make organized labor too powerful. Among them is Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, who told Newsweek he had proof union funds used for politics came from compulsory dues.

Kefauver To Announce
Other political developments: Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) scheduled a press conference Friday to discuss "what his political intentions may be." He is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In a speech at San Diego last night, Kefauver continued his attacks on the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy. He said it reminded him of the pocket gopher, an animal which "can run as fast backwards as he can forwards."

2. A report circulated in Washington that President Eisenhower, during a conference Monday with Republican congressional leaders, described Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, a possible candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, as "a Park ave. Truman."

3. Rep. Timothy P. Sheehan (R-Ill.) said a poll of 6,890 registered Republican voters in Northwest Chicago shows a majority of them want President Eisenhower to seek reelection.

4. Democrat John D. Dingell Jr. was elected to succeed his father as representative of Michigan's 15th Congressional District in Detroit. Rep. John D. Dingell Sr. (D-Mich.) died last summer.

Young Dingell, 29, swamped his GOP opponent, Thomas E. Brennan.

Mitchell said that the AFL-CIO merger "if anything may benefit the Republican party politically" when working men view the Eisenhower administration's labor record.

He said he took AFL-CIO President George Meany and vice-president Walter P. Reuther "at their word when they say they plan no political pressure bloc" and don't intend to try and "control" labor votes.

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RETURNING TO U. S. ARMY in Berlin after being released by Russians, Pvt. Richard L. Cabert (left), Kansas City, Mo., and Pvt. Willie J. Holden, Poplarville, Mo., tell of being questioned after being arrested in East Berlin by Communist police.

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(International)

Pension Ordered For Portland Cop

Portland (U.P.)—The city of Portland must pay a disability pension to Portland police officer Arnold W. Blalock, the Oregon Supreme court ruled today.

The high court, in an opinion by Justice William C. Perry, said a Portland police officer suffering disability by reason of a heart condition is entitled to receive a disability pension as provided in the city charter as amended.

When Blalock was appointed to the police force, his physical examination disclosed a systolic heart murmur, but it was such as would not interfere with his duties and he was certified as physically fit.

Five years later he applied for disability retirement when it appeared that his heart condition had progressed to such an extent that he was disabled from carrying on his duties.

The pension was first granted but subsequently the board of trustees rescinded its order on the theory that Blalock's heart condition was not connected with his duties as a policeman.

Multnomah Official Defendant in Lawsuit
Portland (U.P.)—Multnomah County Commissioner Jack Bain has been named defendant in a suit for \$100,000 damages by a Portland youth who was involved in a collision with Bain's car the night of Oct. 29.

Lawyers of Ralph Buhr, a 19-year-old University of Portland student, allege that Bain was negligent in not having the lights of the car turned on. Buhr claims he suffered serious injuries in the accident.

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Suppliers said today that a 95-pound sack of cement would go up 4 or 5 cents retail from present prices of about \$1.25 at the supplier's warehouse. Premix concrete delivered will rise from 20 to 25 cents a cubic yard.

Nez Perce Tribe Sets Christmas Observance

Lewiston, Ida.—(U.P.)—The Nez Perce Indian tribe has invited 11 other Western tribes to join it in reviving a Christmas season Indian celebration discontinued some 40 years ago.

James McConville, Lapwai, chairman of the event, said tribes from Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Montana have been invited to join the observance at Lapwai Dec. 27-29.

The celebration, which honors warriors of past generations, will include tribal dances such as the war dance, dance of the cow, dance of the rabbit and dance of the unknown.

South Dakota beekeepers produced 3,450,000 pounds of honey in 1955.

Tax Bureau Charged With Dictation Try

Washington (U.P.)—The Klamath Medical Service Bureau of Klamath Falls has accused the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of trying to dictate the fees charged by physicians and surgeons.

The charge was contained in a petition released today and filed before the federal tax court in Washington. It seeks to throw out a federal claim of \$160,177 against the Oregon hospital organization.

The internal revenue bureau had disallowed a deduction of \$211,851 claimed by the medical service bureau. The income tax authorities said amounts claimed by the medical group were "in excess of reasonable compensation" for services performed by the Oregon doctors.

The Klamath Falls group said the medical fees charged were not excessive but were only about two thirds of the amount doctors in private practice would have charged.

Chinese Girl Gets Communist 'Education'

Singapore (U.P.)—An 18-year-old Chinese girl who ran away to seek her fortune in Communist China said today her stay there was "a nightmare."

The girl, Lin Jiak Noi, told reporters she had learned a "bitter lesson" by defying her family's wishes and yielding to Communist pleas to "return to your motherland for further studies."

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