

Knowland Wants Huge Debt Payment Before Government Installs Tax Cut

Californian Doubts Administration Would Lower Taxes

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said today he would like to see the government able to pay about \$1,000,000,000 on the national debt before taxes are cut.

He also indicated that he doubts the Eisenhower administration will recommend a tax reduction in the 1956 election year.

Knowland told newsmen he was not suggesting the \$1,000,000,000 annual payment on the national debt as a "rigid" figure or as one backed by the administration. But he did make clear that he believes the administration is prepared to give priority to at least some debt reduction ahead of a tax cut.

Wants Balanced Budget
"I don't believe there should be any tax reduction contemplated until the budget is balanced and there is some reduction of the national debt," he said.

He also said he thinks there can be no appraisal of tax cutting prospects until after the heavy tax collections due next April 15.

Knowland said the administration "wants to see what the fiscal facts are" before tax legislation is considered. If government revenues should increase substantially above expected levels, he said, there could be enough for both a payment on the federal debt and a tax cut.

But he added that "based on present treasury figures, that does not seem likely."

Near Legal Limit
He noted that the treasury now is pressing against the legal limit of \$281,000,000,000 on the national debt, a ceiling which reverts under present law to \$275,000,000,000 next July 1.

"I can't conceive of Congress and the country approving an increase in the debt limit to allow for a tax cut," he said.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said he hopes small businesses will get a tax cut next year.

He told witnesses appearing before a joint congressional economic subcommittee Wednesday that small business are more entitled to a tax cut than big corporations or persons with high incomes.

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Church Leaders Elated Over Plan For Sharing of Surplus Foods

Washington—(U.P.)—Elated church leaders said today America's new "share our surplus" program will provide free food for more than 10,000,000 hungry families all over the world.

They said relief food packages, drawn from the vast U.S. store of surplus farm commodities, will start moving abroad by Jan. 1. Altogether, some 800,000,000 pounds of wheat, flour, corn, meal, syrup, dried beans, rice, dairy products and

cottonseed oil will be distributed to the needy in 67 countries.

The government's decision to release the surplus foods to church agencies and other charitable organizations won prompt and widespread public support. The decision was announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson Wednesday.

Church Leaders Jubilant
Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders, who had long been urging Benson to take

the step, were jubilant at what one of them called "a magnificent victory for human brotherhood."

Republicans and Democrats in Congress, farm organizations and diplomatic officials also expressed warm approval of the action as an appropriate Christmas-time expression of America's good will toward less fortunate people of other lands.

Herschel D. Nelson, master of the National Grange, said the program will "serve two good purposes at the same time: It will help American farmers by disposing of some of the surpluses that are depressing the market, and it will help the hungry abroad."

Government Surplus

By UNITED PRESS
Background on Government Surplus—The big buildup of U. S. farm surplus products began in 1952 when Commodity Credit Corp. owned outright farm products worth \$1,000,000,000 . . . rose to \$2,700,000,000 in 1955, not including farm products used as collateral for price support loans . . .

Total investment in surplus as of Oct. 31 was \$7,746,000,000 of which \$1,800,000,000 held under loans . . . Big items in inventory: Wheat, 920,000,000 bushels; corn, 697,000,000 bushels; cotton, 6,340,000 bales; rice, 15,500,000 hundredweight; dairy

products, 796,000,000 pounds. Government not only pays out billions to buy up surpluses, but storage costs for all products amount to about \$1,000,000 every day . . . wheat storage alone ranges upward from \$150,000,000 annually . . .

All-out farm production needed for World War II and Korean war led to much of surplus accumulation . . . After the Korean war farmers didn't halt production . . . U.S. export trade dropped and U. S. couldn't eat all it produced . . . Additional donation of wheat and corn to foreign relief will take only about 8,000,000 bushels from the U.S. wheat board . . .

Officials held off previously from foreign relief donations because it was feared it might hurt regular market, thus hurting export situation more . . . Also some hesitancy about sending free wheat and corn abroad on ground legislative intent of Congress did not permit it . . . Idea changed because everyone wants to reduce surplus . . .

NOT TOO LONG
San Francisco—(U.P.)—Autos are getting longer, but not as long as you might think. The average 1955 car is only 2.7 inches longer than the cars in 1941, a California State Automobile Association study has revealed.

Tax Levy Needed for Malheur Courthouse

Ontario—(U.P.)—County Judge G. Y. Chester said yesterday that it would take a special tax levy and about five years to raise enough money for a new Malheur county courthouse.

The judge said a new courthouse of adequate size would cost about \$500,000.

He suggested at a regular meeting of county commissioners that the county vote next spring on a special five-year tax levy of two mills. That, with \$140,000 now available for building, should raise the sum needed, he said.

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Renewal of Copco Contract Discussed At Yreka Hearing

Yreka—Public hearings concerning renewal of a contract between California Oregon Power company and the bureau of reclamation began here Monday.

The hearings, which grew out of public controversy over the contract concerning the use of Klamath river waters for generation of hydroelectric power, were conducted by the California state assembly interim committee.

Discussion at the hearings centered around the proposed Copco construction of a fluctuation control dam at Iron Gate, and a prior use contract signed in October between Copco and the Oregon and California Klamath basin commissions.

A representative of the Siskiyou county board of supervisors said the board felt the disputed contract should not be signed until provisions have been made for a regulatory dam. A representative of the Wildlife and Public Land Use committee also opposed signing the contract until the dam has been built.

The prior use agreement between Copco and the Klamath basin commissions provides that no Klamath waters shall be used by Copco when needed or required for use for domestic, municipal, or irrigation purposes on land other than "project land," within the upper Klamath basin.

Clarification of the agreement and the question of whether or not the agreement will be included in Copco's proposed contract with the bureau of reclamation were discussed.

Kiwanian Dames' Doll Project Nets More Than \$500

Medford Kiwanian Dames' annual doll project netted more than \$500 for Low Echo, Girl Scout camp, it was announced yesterday following the joint luncheon of Kiwanians and Dames at Rogue Valley Country club.

The doll went to Patricia Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Cox, 1407 Dakota ave. Patricia is a six-year-old student at Washington grade school. Her parents said they will "try" to keep the doll and its elaborate wardrobe a secret from her until Christmas.

Mrs. Ward Samuelson, president of the Kiwanian Dames, presided at the women's portion of the meeting yesterday. Mrs. Everett Faber completed the fund portion of the project. Mrs. E. W. Sickels sang three Christmas songs and Mrs. John Pletsch and Mrs. Lou Cranston, doll project co-chairmen, and Girl Scouts Sandra and Susan Filatreau, participated in the program.

Pre-luncheon music was provided by a Kiwanian band. Introduced as new officers of the Medford Kiwanian Dames were Mrs. Boyd Budge, president; Mrs. Dick Field, vice president; Mrs. Norma Foland, secretary, and Mrs. Vernon Thorpe, treasurer.

Kiwanians will hold their annual party for people at the county farm home on Tuesday evening. They will bring money or toys to their noon luncheon next Wednesday at the Country club. The toys contributed and purchased will go to handicapped youngsters of the Medford schools at their annual Christmas party.

January 6 was announced as date of the installation party for new officers of the club. It will be at the Country club.

When man reaches an altitude of 120 miles, or 630,000 feet, he will encounter all the medical problems characteristic of space, among them cosmic and ultraviolet radiation, meteors, weightlessness, and the darkness of the void, says the National Geographic Society.

Spurned Youth Goes on Shooting Spree; Three Killed, Girl Hurt

Vandergrift, Pa.—(U.P.)—John Fallone, 17, who killed the parents and uncle of a girl who spurned him, was captured today after a gun battle in a woodland hollow where both he and a police chief were wounded. He was surrounded near where he staged the wild shooting spree last night.

Vandergrift, Pa.—(U.P.)—State police intensified a three-county search today for a 17-year-old rejected suitor who killed three members of a family and seriously wounded the teen-age girl who spurned him.

The killer was identified as John Fallone, of Ford City, Pa., believed to be a "mental case." He was the object of a wide-spread manhunt in the rugged countryside surrounding the small rural community of Mateer, Pa., four miles north of Vandergrift where the triple slaying occurred Wednesday night.

After the three killings, Fallone returned to his suburban home about a mile from Mateer, ate and calmly watched television accounts of the murders, police said. Then he went to sleep.

Fled Through Window
When officers arrived at the Fallone home, they were told he was in bed. But the boy evidently had heard police approach and escaped through a window.

One of the victims, William Smail, 47, received only a leg wound in the first outburst of shooting. He crawled for help and returned only to be killed in another fusillade.

The other dead were identified as Jay Warren Smail, 44, brother of William Smail, and Jay Smail's wife, Irene, 36. A daughter of the Jay Smails, Gladys Alene, 15, was reported in poor condition in Armstrong Memorial hospital at nearby Kittanning, Pa., with a chest wound.

Justice of the Peace Homer King said William Smail burst into his home Wednesday night,

bleeding from the leg, and shouting: "There's a criminal on the loose."

Met By Rifle Fire
King notified state police and then drove Smail back to the Smail home where the shooting took place. They got out of the car and approached the house, only to be driven back by rifle fire by Fallone.

A bullet struck Smail in the stomach, and he fell to the ground. Officers said he then was killed by a bullet in the head.

As police arrived at the home, Gladys staggered onto the porch and collapsed. She had been shot in the right breast.

Inside the house officers found Mr. and Mrs. Jay Warren Smail, both shot to death.

Six other children of the dead couple, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years, were unharmed. Officers planned to question them later today.

"I don't know how many times the boy shot at us," King told police. "I heard somebody say she (Gladys) had given him up."

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