

Congress Will Go Along With Ike's Request For No Tax Reduction

Some Hold Hope Of Possible Cut Later in Year

Washington (U.P.)—Congress will go along with President Eisenhower's request to keep federal sales and corporation taxes at their present levels for another year.

Key lawmakers in both parties and both houses today were agreed on this. They said there will be little or no difficulty in extending business taxes—thus saving the treasury \$3,000,000,000—as requested by Mr. Eisenhower in his state of the Union message Thursday.

Excise Taxes To Continue

This means excise tax rates on such items as liquor, gasoline, cigarettes, cosmetics and furs would continue at their present rate after April although they originally were scheduled to decline then. The tax rate on corporation income would continue at 52 per cent.

As for personal income tax, most lawmakers agreed with the President there can be no reduction immediately. But some held out hope that another look at the government budget in the spring can yet open the way to a reduction either on July 1 or next January.

Mr. Eisenhower, in his congressional message, ruled out, as far as he is concerned, any reduction now in income taxes. And he said he won't go along with a cut in the future until the budget can show a surplus even after some payment is made on the national debt.

Election Year Quandry

Not everybody in Congress was as wed to the idea of debt reduction as Mr. Eisenhower. Suppose he takes a look in May or June and still can't see a tax cut? Would Congress, in an election year, approve a reduction anyway?

The way most members in both parties were talking today the answer was no. But there was a feeling that the closer members get to election day, the warmer will wax their sympathies for the taxpayer.

Other key proposals made by Mr. Eisenhower and the congressional outlook on each:

School construction—Mr. Eisenhower did not say, but some congressional sources reported he will ask later for \$350,000,000 in federal grants yearly for five years to finance his program of help in building public schools.

Some such school bill has a good chance to pass. Early House action is expected on a committee-approved measure carrying larger grants—about \$400,000,000 yearly—for four years.

The big question mark is a proposed amendment to bar aid to states which continue to maintain school segregation. If approved in the House, this could kill the bill in the Senate.

Farm—The President said he would ask in a special farm message later for a "soil bank" plan for taking some farm acreage out of production and for stronger measures to dispose of surpluses. Congress probably will give him most of what he wants and a lot that he doesn't want, including a bill to provide for a return to at least a modified form of rigid high price supports.

Highway Battle Forseen

Highway construction—The President renewed his bid for a big new federal highway program. He did not say how he wants it financed—whether by new taxes, bonds, or from current revenue. Some highway program almost surely will be passed, but on financing, a long fight is ahead. The Senate already has passed its bill, with no new taxes or bonds authorized. The House will start work on its version soon.

Public housing—Mr. Eisenhower asked 35,000 new units

Democrats 'Greatly Disappointed' in Ike's Message; Republicans in Unanimous Applause

Washington (U.P.)—Middle-of-the-road Democratic leaders, who gave President Eisenhower a friendly hearing for three years, will throw political bricks at him in the campaign year of 1956.

If their attitude has changed toward Mr. Eisenhower, they said, he gave them ample cause in yesterday's State of the Union message to Congress.

"To those of us who have attempted to cooperate with this administration in matters affecting the nation's interest, the political overtones of this message are the subject of deep disappointment and great regret," Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson said.

To Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), the message was "a melody of New Deal platitudes with strong political overtones."

Damage by Flood In State Figured At Over \$4,000,000

Salem (U.P.)—Damage was estimated at more than \$4,000,000 in Western Oregon counties hit by the recent holiday floods, Gov. Paul Patterson said today.

Gov. Patterson said reports by civil defense agencies placed public property damage at \$2,062,245. Private property damage was \$2,180,000.

Jackson Hardest Hit

Damaged by the floods were bridges, roads, culverts, dikes, sewage systems, power and telephone lines, homes, farm buildings and equipment, soil, livestock, household goods, drainage systems, and railroad tracks.

Jackson county was the hardest hit, with damage amounting to \$500,000 in private property and \$264,000 in public property. Coos county suffered \$300,000 public damage and \$400,000 private damage.

Other losses, by county, with public property damage listed first, are:

Benton, \$37,750 and \$550; Clackamas \$100,000 and \$115,000; Clatsop \$50 to private property only; Columbia \$100,000 and \$50,000; Curry \$26,000 and \$8000; Douglas \$243,000 and \$300,000; Josephine \$175,000 and \$350,000; Lane \$250,000 and \$100,000; Linn \$50,000 and \$4000; Marion \$25,295 and \$15,000; Polk \$142,000 and \$278,000; and Washington \$250,000 and \$5000.

Bids For Pendleton Air Unit To Be Called

Pendleton (U.P.)—Bids for the base construction of the proposed air defense unit here probably will be called for before next fall, according to Capt. Henry Frieniere, liaison officer.

Capt. Frieniere said 18 months would elapse between letting of construction contracts and the arrival of military personnel for the filter installation.

this year and next. Democrats believe this will pass if the President puts pressure on reluctant Republican members. Key House Republicans will insist the program be restricted by the President, to communities with slum and blight clearance programs.

Flood insurance—Congress was still studying this complicated plan to help property owners shoulder the risk of flood damage. Members said something along this line will be passed.

Foreign aid—The administration wants a \$4,900,000,000 appropriation, an increase of \$2,200,000,000. This will be cut by the House Foreign Affairs Committee and may be cut again by the House Appropriation Committee.

Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) said the President made "a great number of general suggestions that sound good but do not mean much when you get down to specifics."

But in the face of critical reaction from Democrats, there was unanimous applause from Republicans on the overall Eisenhower program. There were a few GOP dissents on some of

the President's specific recommendations.

Private Comments

There were some private comments among Democrats and public ones from a few Republicans that Mr. Eisenhower's message sounded like that of a candidate for reelection.

Although this has been a subject of much speculation since the President's heart attack Sept. 24, Mr. Eisenhower did not mention his plans, his illness or that 1956 is a campaign year.

But Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo.) said the message confirmed his belief that the President will go for a second term because "it didn't come from a sick man." Rep. Hamer Budge (R-Ida.) said the message indicated rather clearly that Mr. Eisenhower will be a candidate.

Johnson's statement was approved by the entire nine-man Senate Democratic Policy Committee. It said most Americans know that the domestic situation is not as rosy as the President indicated and that the foreign situation causes deep concern.



THUMBING WAY TO NEW YORK, Mrs. Mary V. Cummings and her daughter, Mary Lee Cummings, Glendora Cal., demonstrate technique as they prepare to sail for Europe where they plan extensive hitch hike tour. (International Soundphoto)

A Nichol's Worth Of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington (U.P.)—Most everybody in the Air Force was glad that Henry R. Spicer was aboard to welcome 1956.

A dozen years ago, the odds Airman Spicer being around in 1956 seemed pretty long. Brig. Gen. Spicer is the new chief of staff of the Air Training Command with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, across the river from St. Louis.

In 1944, Spicer was an Air Force colonel stationed in England, and had been credited with shooting down several of Hitler's planes.

One day, on a combat mission, his own plane was badly damaged by enemy ground fire, and he was forced to bail out into the English Channel. After he had bounced about for two days in a rubber dinghy, both feet frozen, he hit a friendly wave and was brought ashore on the French coast—into unfriendly hands.

Sentenced To Death
The Germans clapped Spicer into a prisoner of war camp at Barth, Germany. After he'd been behind barbed wire for several months, Spicer felt called upon to make a little pep talk to his fellow prisoners to fire up their morale. It did, all right. In fact, it nigh caused a riot. And it

drew Spicer a death penalty. He was tossed into solitary confinement to await the firing squad. Luckily, the very day that Spicer was to face his death, advancing American troops came to the rescue. And there began a bright new day.

Since then he has been a pioneer in jets. He started out flying the P80 Shooting Stars, the first U.S. operational jet fighter. The new chief caught on fast and in 1948 he led the first jet combat wing of 84 F80s to Europe.

He Loves Jets

His first love is fighter aircraft, but he has flown about every operational type of jet the Air Force has on hand.

In all, the young general, he's only 46, has spent more than 7000 hours in the air, and some 1800 of those hours have been in jets.

As a matter of fact it is nothing for the general to chit-chat with some base commander in Arizona, California or Texas on the phone in the morning from his Southern Illinois base. And then he is sitting across the desk from the same fellow that same afternoon. Via jet.

But the general never forgets that he wouldn't be here to jockey jets if it weren't for those foot soldiers who burst into that POW camp at Barth in the nick of time.

So every New Year's he raises a toast, not to the Wild Blue Yonder, but to the infantrymen who liberated him.



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Ally Maple Reelected Head of Local Union

Ally Maple was reelected president of the Medford Musicians union local Jan. 2. He has been president of the organization for the past three years.

Kennedy Brew, vice-president, and Barney Garrett, sergeant-at-arms.

Appointed by the president to also serve on the 1956 executive board were Dale Newman, chairman, and Robert H. Padgett, subordinate member.

The local union was organized in 1942 with 15 members, and now has 151 active members. During the past year members have taken active part in drives

Portland Has Second Traffic Death of 1956

Portland (U.P.)—Portland recorded its second traffic death of 1956 today after And R. Chaffee, 52, was injured fatally in a two-car accident yesterday.

Chaffee was superintendent of drivers for the State Laundry and Dry Cleaners. He died last night about 3½ hours after the accident.

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In the majority of cases, late type refrigerators with sealed units can be renewed and put back into good operating condition. All refrigerators that have been submerged will require new insulation. In those instances, complete disassembly of cabinet and door will be necessary. While the control mechanism and starting relay may operate, we recommend new parts to avoid future trouble.

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