

Old Timers in Congress Cautioning on Stampede Toward Cut in Income Taxes

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 Washington — (U.P.) — Some old-timers in Congress are cautioning against a stampede toward tax reduction on the basis of "paper cuts" in the budget.

These warnings are coming from men like Sens. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) and Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) and Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.), all charter members of the economy bloc.

They are not talking against tax reduction. They are just being more cautious than the House Democratic leadership, which sees a good chance for passage of a tax reduction bill effective next Jan. 1 if two conditions are met. The conditions are that there must be no sign of a downturn in federal revenue, and that Congress must take a substantial slice off President Eisenhower's 72 billion dollar budget.

Will Cuts Stand Up?
 Any difference on how to approach tax reduction is largely a difference in degree. But there is a fear on the part of the more cautious members of Congress

that a politically-attractive tax cut may be based on cuts in appropriations bills that will not stand up.

Thus Reed, House GOP spokesman on tax legislation, said it was premature to talk about tax cuts on the basis of "paper cuts" in appropriations which may be offset later by supplemental appropriations.

Byrd and Bridges said Congress must know how cuts in appropriations will affect federal spending in the coming fiscal year, starting July 1, before acting on tax reduction. In the maze of government bookkeeping, Congress is never sure when a cut in an appropriation will show up as a cut in spending.

But Bridges thinks Congress can take action this year to trim \$2,500,000,000 from the 72 billion dollar spending total for fiscal 1958, the government year that starts July 1. Then, he said, some of the saving could be applied to the federal debt and some to tax relief.

Byrd is saying he favors tax reduction "if it can be done on a budget deficit. As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, he would be in a strategic position to influence the course of any tax bill passed by the House.

Earlier Estimate Seen
 The administration normally does not come up with new

revenue and spending estimates until Congress has passed all appropriations bills and adjourned for the year. Since it probably would oppose any tax reduction bill this year, it can be expected to provide some earlier estimates this year if a tax cut bill gets up any steam in the House.

In January, the administration estimated federal revenue for fiscal 1958 at \$73,600,000,000, leaving an indicated surplus of \$1,800,000,000.

Staff experts for Congress will provide a more up-to-date estimate next month. There have been hints this May estimate may be somewhat below the administration's January forecast. If so Congress will have less leeway to work on a tax cut.

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Rogers suggested close study by individual growers of local conditions affecting variations in orchard temperatures. He suggested adjusting heating practices accordingly to help cut orchard heating costs.

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Rogers recommended burning heaters at lower levels and placing sufficient heaters in the orchard to handle the need for maximum use.

On nights when only light firing is indicated, it is possible to light a portion of the heaters for adequate protection and conservation of fuel.

Rogers may be contacted through the county extension office in the Jackson county courthouse.

West Advised To Plan College Expansion To Handle Growing Need

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Dr. G. Homer Durham, vice president of the University of Utah, believes the West had better start planning right now to expand its colleges and universities.

Durham expressed this belief Thursday night at a banquet during the two-day Western Regional Conference on Post High School Education.

He said the West's school population is growing fast because of the advance of "war babies" into higher grades and because of the shift in population from east to west.

'Avalanche' Expected
 He and nearly every other speaker warned that colleges and universities will be snowed under by an avalanche of student applications in the next 10 years.

"There must be improved planning in the West," Durham said. "It is something of a dependent area, educationally speaking because it enrolls 20 per cent of the nations college students, but turns out less than 14 per cent of the doctoral degrees."

"It is from the ranks of Ph.D.'s that college teachers come." Summarizing the sentiments of most of the speakers, Durham said that governors, at least six of whom attended the meeting, should convene state conferences immediately to plan for educational needs.

Will Find Answers
 Tracy L. Strevay, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at University of Southern California, predicted the west will somehow handle the floods of students expected in the next 20 years.

He said Western colleges can expect enrollments to double or triple by 1975. At the same time, he recalled that enrollments increased five times between 1900 and 1925, doubled between 1925 and 1940 and doubled again between 1940 and 1955.

"We found answers then," Strevay said.

Talent Students Compete in Contest

Talent—National commercial competition was completed at Talent High school early this week.

Local preliminary results showed Maudalene Searcy, a senior, scoring top honors in the first year shorthand division, with seven errors out of a possible 760. Scoring second in this division was Gloria Quackenbush; Nylia Cooper and Charmin Tipsword tied for third.

Second year shorthand winners were Thelma Cole and Peggy Walls, tied for first, and Joann Schulz, second. Eight other girls qualified for awards in shorthand.

Five first year typing students qualified, with Patricia Neifert first in that division. Neifert first year typing was led by Priscilla Welch. The unlimited section was headed by Peggy Walls, also a shorthand winner. Contest typing material was a 15-minute timed writing on unfamiliar copy.

Bookkeeping tests were taken by seniors Marlys Whillock and Lianis Burnette. They will be scored at contest headquarters.

Official results of the national competition will be released from contest headquarters, Teaching Aids Exchange, in mid-May. More than 6,000 students from all 48 states had registered for the annual event. Talent High has won several individual and school awards during the past 10 years.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Eagle Point Sheep Club
 The Eagle Point Sheep club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Huffman April 6. Lloyd Adamson, our leader, called the meeting to order. Four of the six members attended and there were four adults.

We elected officers. Those elected were Everett Adamson, president; Phyllis Perry, vice president; James McCary, secretary; Frances Huffman, reporter.

Mr. Adamson passed out record books and some sheep books. The meetings will be held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

After the meeting Mrs. Huffman served some refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Perry.

Busy Bees Sewing Club
 The meeting was called to order by Linda Walker, president. After roll call we discussed the Mothers tea we are giving next Friday. Final plans were made and Mrs. Jones told each girl what she was supposed to do. We decided to invite both fourth grade teachers as well as the other 4-H leaders. Also we invited Miss Hatton, the county 4-H leader. The meeting was adjourned with final instructions from Mrs. Jones about our jobs.

Peggy Dye, Reporter.

Griffin Creek Dairy Club
 The Griffin Creek Dairy club held a reorganizational meeting Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Lewis Clark. The club has been inactive for several months.

Officers elected were Robert Allen, president; Bonnie Brantley, vice president; Judy Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Elizabeth Clark, song leader; and Carol Lee Brantley, junior leader. Mrs. Clark is the leader of the club. It was voted that each member should take his turn during the reporting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Robert Allen on May 8th.

Robert Allen, Reporter.

Westside Pig Wranglers
 The Westside 4-H Pig Wranglers decided at their last meeting, at the home of their leader, Gale Perdue, to meet at the homes of members. This will give them a chance to see the members' pigs and to work with them more as Fair time gets nearer.

The next meeting will be on April 13 at the home of Clint Gibson on Sunnydale Road in Central Point.

Anyone interested in joining the club will be welcomed at the meeting. The Westside 4-H Pig Wranglers club wants members who live between Jacksonville and Central Point and are not members of another pig club.

Clint Gibson, Reporter.

Japan Ferry Sinks; 24 Known Dead

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A ferry boat carrying three times its normal capacity of 77 persons ran aground and capsized Friday in Japan's scenic inland sea. First reports said 24 persons were dead and 80 others missing.

Cause of the accident was not immediately known but an unconfirmed report said a 17-year-old boy playfully took the rudder and grounded the vessel. It turned over almost at once.

It was the second major disaster in the Inland Sea in two years. On May 11, 1955, 158 persons were drowned and another ten persons were listed as missing when a government-owned ferry sank after a collision.

Press reports reaching Tokyo said the 35-ton No. 5 Kitagawa Maru ran aground some three miles off the coast near Hihara, a town 40 miles northeast of Hiroshima. It was reported carrying 218 persons and an unknown number of crewmen.

Survivors were picked up by fishing boats and other small craft which rushed to the scene. Clouds hovered over the Inland Sea Friday but the seas were reported not especially rough. The Inland Sea, designated a "national park," is famous for the beauty of the hundreds of tiny islands which dot its normally placid and mirror-like surface.

House Votes To Hire Extra Clerk for Mail

Washington — (U.P.) — The House of Representatives has a strong believer in that old Pony Express slogan: "The mail must go through."

Particularly, its mail. So Thursday as Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield prepared to slash postal services across the nation because of a dearth of ready cash, the House voted to hire an extra mail clerk. Not that the House was worried about getting its mail on time.

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Summerfield had warned that unless Congress gave him \$47 million by midnight Friday the drastic cuts would go into effect.

But that wouldn't affect the congressmen. At least, not their congressional mail deliveries. Washington Postmaster Roy M. North assured everyone that despite Summerfield's cuts Congress' mail would go through: 14 deliveries a day week days, 10 Saturdays and five Sundays and holidays.

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