

Ike Asks Congress For Laws To Curb Labor Racketeering

Augusta, Ga. —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower, after a conference here with Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, called on Congress today for new legislation to eliminate labor racketeering.

The President called racketeering in the labor movement "an abomination which must be eliminated."

"We don't want to do anything that will hamper the American labor movement in its legitimate objective," Mitchell said after talking with the President.

"But we do want to help labor clean up its own house," Mitchell added.

The secretary's conference with the President on new anti-racketeering legislation stemmed from recent Senate investigating committee disclosures involving Dave Beck and his International Teamsters Union.

Special Statement

Eisenhower in a special statement following his meeting with Mitchell, said, "labor racketeering like corruption anywhere, is an abomination which must be eliminated if and whenever it occurs."

"Any officer and employee of labor—and it appears there have been a few—who abuse the power and trust imposed on them, are not fit to hold union offices," he President said. "The American working man and woman deserves from labor lead-

ership high standards of trust and fidelity."

The President said that corruption "on the part of a few should not obscure the fact that the vast majority of those connected with organized labor are decent and honest Americans and that responsible labor leadership is moving speedily toward protecting their members from any such abuses, as far as their means permit."

Mitchell, in a press conference after his talk with the President, said he thought the Taft-Hartley labor-management law was deficient in the protection of the worker or union member. He said he was commissioned by the chief executive to draft a new administration approach to laws requiring public record of salaries paid to union officials, the condition of their treasuries and the administration of these funds.

Would Publicize Funds

Mitchell told reporters that the administration shortly will ask Congress to pass a law giving the executive branch of government the authority to look over union funds and make them public. The secretary said the President approved this recommendation.

Mitchell said the administration, and Congress, too, should not be pushed "headlong" and "impelled by the hysteria of the moment" to pass punitive labor legislation.

Protests Registered Against Plan To Hike Corporation Taxes

Salem — (U.P.)— First hearings on the Democratic tax program and especially the bill raising corporation excise tax rates to seven per cent drew some sparks in the House Tax committee here late Wednesday.

About 100 businessmen heard Robert A. Hudson of Hudson House, Inc., Portland, tell the committee his company was considering leaving Oregon because of high corporation excise taxes.

Wrong Approach Charged

Hudson claimed the committee was taking the wrong approach to the whole tax problem and that it should try to bring more industry into the state.

Chairman Clarence Barton told Hudson the committee was wholeheartedly in support of more industry for Oregon, but that it also faced the job of raising enough money to support a minimum budget for the next two years.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham

Democrat, said the increased excise tax would raise some \$10 million which would otherwise have to be raised by further income tax.

Hudson said he personally would not mind paying more personal income tax if it would encourage business.

The Democratic excise bill places the tax rate at seven per cent instead of eight per cent. But it also eliminates a 50 per cent personal property tax offset now enjoyed by corporations. Utilities also would be taxed at the full rate and banks at nine per cent.

Lawyer Abe Rosenberg, Portland, representing Meier and Frank and other retail stores, said the present excise tax was already keeping industry out of Oregon.

Tom Scanlon, of the State Labor Council, gave qualified approval to the excise tax bill, but said he thought the rate should be reduced from seven to six per cent.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Rackets Committee, after two women testified they had been forced to sign false affidavits: "I'm getting a little bit tired of this committee being imposed on by lying."

Augusta, Ga.—White House press secretary James Hagerty, after a telephone conversation between President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Middle East situation:

"Both the President and the secretary of state regard the independence and integrity of Jordan as vital."

Los Angeles—Unemployed warehouseman Edward Aubele, 41, why he submitted the 38th false confession to the 10-year-old "Black Dahlia" murder of Elizabeth Short:

"I didn't have a job or any place to stay—I thought I could get a free meal."

Hollywood—"Sun Goddess" singer Yma Sumac, showing reporters a black eye sustained in a battle with her estranged husband, Moises Vivanco:

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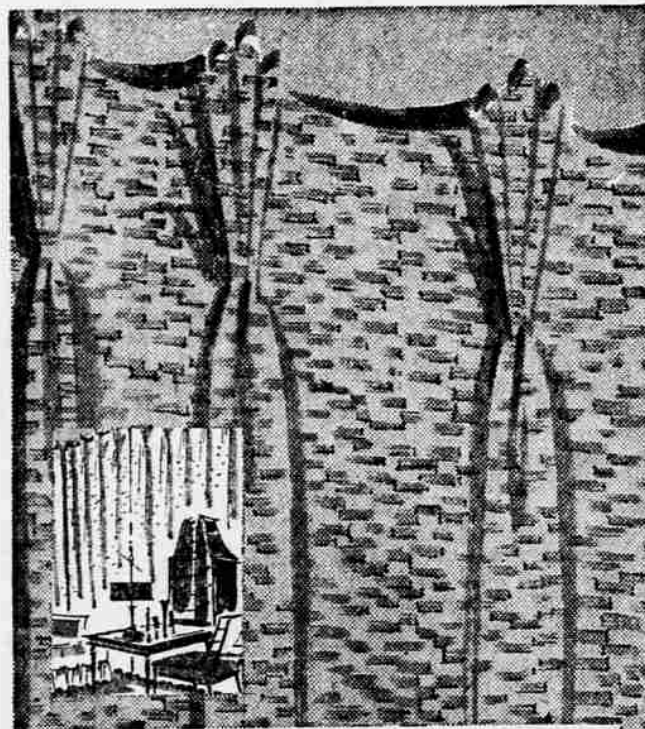
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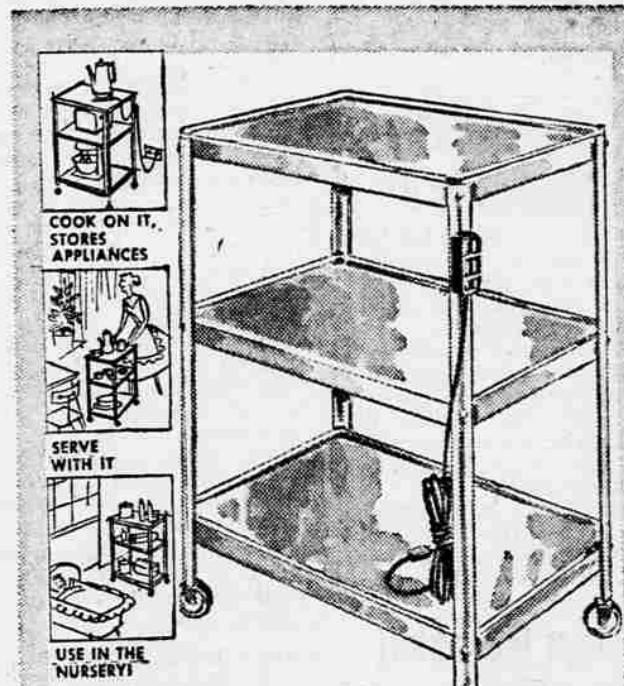


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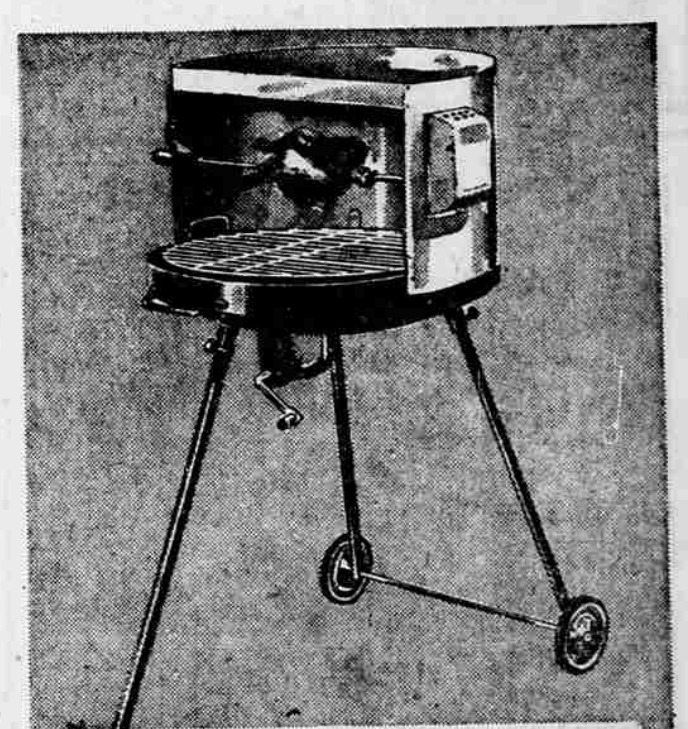
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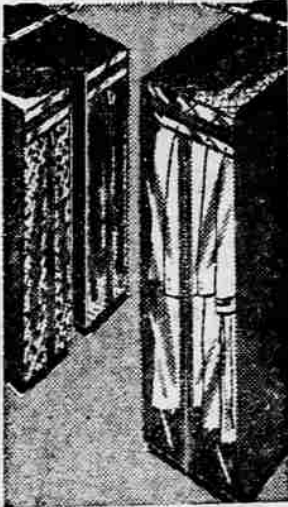
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