

Tax Relief, Easy Credit Talk Democrat Subcommittee Ends

Washington — A Democratic controlled congressional subcommittee today pulled the rug out from under Democrats demanding early tax relief and easier credit policies.

The Joint Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy also gave an assist in Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey who has been tilting the past week with Democrats over the administration's "tight money" policies.

The subcommittee warned that to cut taxes or relax credit controls would only spark inflation, thereby increasing the cost of living and threaten to bring on government wage-price controls. The group's report issued Wednesday night was a setback for House Democratic leaders who hope to shove a tax cut through early next year which would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1958.

No Relief

The reports said there must be no major tax relief or easing of credit curbs during the new fiscal year starting Monday unless there is a downturn in the economy or unless the President's spending budget is cut by \$3 to \$5 million.

The five-man subcommittee made clear it does not expect either of these conditions to develop. It said inflationary "upward pressures on prices" are continuing. Moreover, it said congressional cuts in money bills hold "little promise" of any actual reduction in spending in the coming fiscal year.

The report, signed by the three Democrats and two Republicans on the subcommittee, was based on a two-week public inquiry into budget and fiscal prospects.

The group is headed by Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.) a key member of the House Ways and Means Committee and a close adviser to Speaker Sam Rayburn. (D-Tex.) on tax policy. Mills is credited with helping to persuade Rayburn to abandon

earlier plans to launch a drive this year for a tax cut. Other members are Sens. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Thomas D. Curtis (R-Mo.).

The subcommittee vigorously supported the Federal Reserve Board's "tight money" policy. This put it on the side of Treasury Secretary Humphrey who went before the Senate Finance committee earlier this week to defend that policy against sharp Democratic attacks.

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Duke Involved in Crash Shortly After Addressing Group on Traffic Safety

London — The Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the Automobile Association, was involved in a crash shortly after he had made an appeal for careful driving in a London speech.

The Duke was driving Queen Elizabeth to a dinner at Windsor Castle in honor of the Commonwealth prime ministers when his fast Lagonda hit the other car. No one was injured.

The Duke was fresh from a luncheon meeting of the British

Automobile association, of which he is president. There he said motorists should take their share of the blame for the 800 casualties each day on British roads.

"We've got to help drivers be better and safer drivers," said the duke who has been in a series of minor accidents himself.

The man whose car was struck by the duke's drove quickly off into the twilight without giving his name. He, too, apparently escaped injury.

The duke's dark green Lagonda hit the automobile when it turned suddenly onto the main London-Windsor highway near Staines, 20 miles southwest of London.

Reg Parker, who keeps a small grocery store across from the crash scene, said the driver of the Morris climbed out briskly to survey the damage—a damaged fender on the duke's car and a broken headlight.

Duke's Fault
The duke, in dark glasses and wearing suede gloves, leaned out his window and shouted, "It's all right. No damage. Don't worry. It's all my fault," Parker quoted him.

"The other man didn't seem to realize who it was at first," Parker said. "Then he saw the Queen sitting in the car, smiled, hesitated, then got in his own car again and drove off."

The duke followed him. Neither the Queen nor he got out of the car. It was not known whether either driver reported the accident, as required by British law, but Staines police said they had heard nothing of any crash.

Corvallis Paper Has Centennial Edition

Corvallis — Commemorating the Centennial of Corvallis as a chartered city, the Corvallis Gazette-Times Wednesday published a 116-page edition of the newspaper. It was the largest edition ever issued by the paper whose history extends back to 1862.

The special centennial edition carried more than 150,000 words describing events in the city's history since 1857. Dozens of photographs dating back to 1873 were used to develop the story. More than 10 tons of newsprint, costing \$1300, were used in publishing the 10,000 copies. The work of gathering the material for the edition took more than six months.

Protestant Churches Merge Into New Group

Cleveland, Ohio — More than two million Protestants of two denominations merged into a single group, the United Church of Christ, in ceremonies here Tuesday night.

The new denomination was solemnized in a procession into public hall when delegates representing 8,300 congregations around the nation climaxed efforts of 17 years with a clasp of hands.

The "uniting synod" brought more than 900 delegates from the Congregational, Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches here for the ceremony.

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Four Persons Jailed In Call Girl Racket

Portland — Four persons have been arrested here for the second time in connection with a call girl racket uncovered by city police. New indictments were returned against the four after first charges against them were dismissed.

Taken into custody were Florence Miller, 52; John Penny, 29; Emil J. McFeron, 30; and Lawrence Leo, 34. All are accused of receiving the earnings of a prostitute.

Original charges against them were dropped when the only witness in the case vanished. The witness, Stella Green, later was located and the case was re-submitted to the grand jury.

Miners Entombed 14 Hours Rescued By Digging Machine

Bloomington, Ohio — Five coal miners entombed for 14 hours by a cave-in were rescued Wednesday night through a shaft bored by a tremendous mining machine.

It was believed the first time the machine, a giant auger developed to make coal mining more economical, ever was used in a rescue attempt.

The bit of the auger, 3½ feet thick, and capable of boring 120

feet an hour, pierced 240 feet in to the side of a Powhattan Coal Co. strip mine near here and hit "dead center" in a low chamber where the miners were trapped.

Crawl To Safety

The men crawled to safety through the hole, the third bored by the auger in the rescue effort, at 10:50 p.m. (e.d.t.). They had been trapped since 9 a.m. (e.d.t.) in a space 40 feet long, 4½ feet high and 9 to 16 feet in width.

About 200 persons, including wives and children of the trapped miners, rescue workers and two priests, shouted joyously at sight of the rescued men.

"We never gave up hope, we knew that machine would get to us," said Kenneth Hamilton, 38, the first man out of the mine.

COMMISSIONER IMPROVED

Portland — City Commissioner William Bowes, hospitalized Tuesday with a digestive upset, probably will remain in the hospital until the rest of the week, his office said today. Bowes was reported in improved condition.

None had suffered any injuries.



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