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CONGRESS BACK ON JOB

Talks Indicate No Great Clamor For Tax Reduction

Few Cuts Seen On Excise Taxes

Washington — Congress returned from its pulse-taking Easter recess today with battle lines hardening for coming warfare over anti-recession and national defense measures.

First reports on the lawmakers' talks with voters at home indicated there still was no great public clamor for tax reduction—one of the major issues to be faced during the balance of the 1958 session.

Both administration and congressional leaders have held back from tax reduction as an anti-recession weapon. They want a later diagnosis of the outlook for business and the federal budget.

Some Reduction Likely

Even so the betting now is on some kind of tax reduction this year—at least a few excise (sales) tax cuts on automobiles, freight and other items. If business does not stage a recovery soon, a general reduction in income and excise taxes is likely.

The 85th Congress was ready to tackle other anti-recession bills. After passage of housing, highway and other public works bills with heavy bipartisan support before Easter, party lines have been stiffening on economic measures.

In the Senate the first order of business was a bill to provide a billion dollars in loans to communities for public works projects. Senate Republicans forced a delay on this measure before the recess.

The House Ways and Means Committee goes to work Tuesday on differing administration and Democratic proposals to provide extra unemployment payments to persons who have exhausted their benefits. President Eisenhower prodded Congress on Sunday to "act as swiftly as possible" on the issue.

Contests cutting across party lines are coming up on other issues, particularly the President's plan to overhaul the organization of the armed forces. Despite opposition from powerful figures in Congress, Eisenhower has promised to keep slugging for his plan.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — 30 industrials 443.76; up 2.52; 20 rails 105.56, up 0.61; 15 utilities 75.52, up 0.39; 65 stocks 152.64, up 0.86. Sales today were about 2,180,000 compared with about 2,060,000 Friday.

Women's Editor Named Winner of Three Prizes

Mrs. Olive Starcher, woman's editor of the Mail Tribune, has been awarded three prizes in competition among women of the press in Oregon. It was announced today.

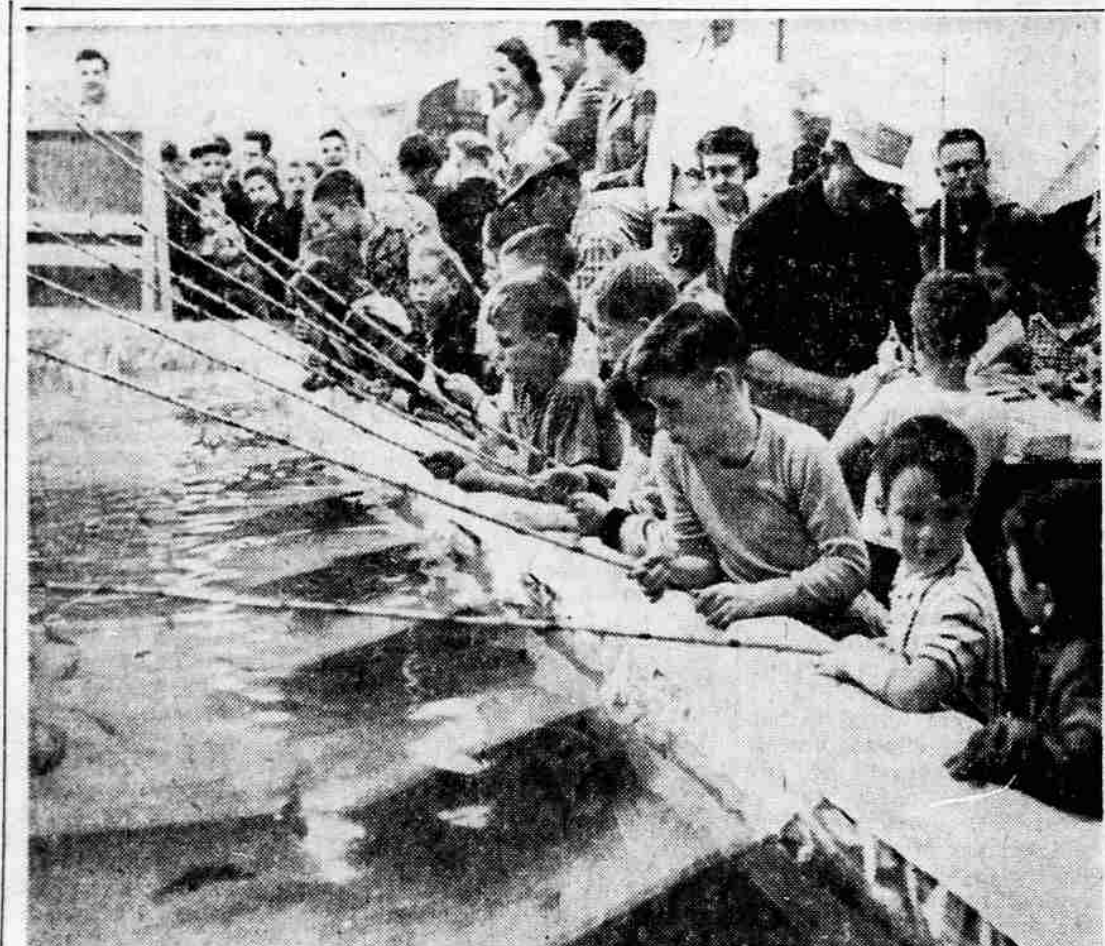
Her column, "Potpourri," received a first prize in state-wide competition, tying for first with the column written for the Eugene Register-Guard by Mrs. Ann Connell.

The award was given by the Oregon Press Women, and was announced at its convention last week.

Mrs. Starcher also was awarded a second prize for her Sunday society section. First place was won by Mrs. Kay Lundeen, also of the Register Guard.

Mrs. Starcher was awarded a third place award for a feature, running in a daily newspaper.

Others whose first place winning entries have been sent to the national contest include Miss Ianthie Smith, Albany; Mrs. Margie Thomas,



YOUNG ANGLERS—One of the most popular activities at the Crater Lions Sportsfair at the Medford armory Saturday and Sunday was the trout pond where hundreds of young sportsmen, as well as a few adults, tried their luck. Out of about 500 eight to ten inch trout in the pond 270 were caught.

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Among attractions which drew attention were the fly-tying and taxidermists booths, the helicopter, Burelson's store style shows, the bow and rifle shooting ranges and the fly-casting pool.

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Rosemary Slaten To Leave Hospital

Mrs. Rosemary Slaten, 33, Gold Hill, is scheduled to be released from Sacred Heart hospital today, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Slaten, who has been confined to the hospital since April 2, is under indictment for embezzling \$12,000 from the Rogue Valley Physicians Service.

Mrs. Slaten will be questioned by sheriff's deputies and arraigned in district court as soon as she is released from the hospital, officials said. District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder reported that the arraignment should take place later this afternoon.

Sheriff's deputies found Mrs. Slaten collapsed on the floor of the living room at her home when they attempted to serve a warrant for her arrest. She was taken to Sacred Heart hospital and samples from the coffee cup and the contents of her stomach were sent to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

Reports showed that the coffee contained traces of barbitol and aspirin. Mrs. Slaten was unconscious for five days, it was reported.

Reservations number more than 50 for the annual Western States Crime conference which will be held in Medford during mid-May, according to Lyle Perkins, Medford police lieutenant in charge of the event.

He said about 225 law enforcement officers from the 11 western states will take part. Main topic of the conference will be on crime detection of safe burglaries.

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Moonrise Tuesday 3:48 a.m.
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24 Auto Plants Close To Reduce Stocks of Cars

Chevrolet, Ford Among Chief Firms

Detroit — Twenty-four auto plants employing about 60,000 workers were closed this week and one was working an overtime, six-day schedule, auto companies reported today.

Chevrolet, Ford, Mercury, Chrysler and De Soto were the chief firms reporting shut-downs to trim car stocks to meet market demands.

Others on Part-Time
Chevrolet manufacturing plants at Bay City, Mich., Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Flint, Mich., and Tonawanda, N.Y. were also shut down this week.

Most of the Chevrolet plants shut down or working fewer than five days this week are manufacturing plants. Chevrolet will decide by Wednesday how many assembly plants may shut down next week.

Nine More To Close
At this time, Chevrolet and Fisher Body divisions of General Motors, which have ten adjacent body and assembly plants, expect to close nine of these next week, all but the Norwood, Ohio plant.

Ford had six assembly plants closed today and expected to remain closed the rest of the week — Chicago, Dearborn, Mich., Kansas City, Long Beach, Calif., Memphis and Norfolk, Va. It's Mahwah, N.J. passenger car line will also shut down.

The encouraging report came from the Lincoln-Ford Thunderbird plant at Wixom, Mich., which continued its six-day overtime operations and from American Motors Corp.

AMC will add 400 men at its Kenosha-Milwaukee Rambler plants next week and boost current production 10 per cent.

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Portland — Official opening of the new Morrison street bridge spanning the Willamette river here will be at 10 a.m. on May 24.

Voters Sign-Up To End Tuesday
Voter registration deadline for Jackson county residents desiring to vote in the May 9 primary election is 8 p.m. Tuesday, according to Mrs. Bereth P. Hopkins, county clerk.

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Disastrous Soviet Accident Believed Cause of Decision

Kefauver Urges Matching Proposal

Washington — Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said today that further U.S. tests are "very decidedly" necessary to improve the American nuclear arsenal.

He added his voice to the broiling argument amid these developments:

Russian Accident Seen
—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) reported that there is a "great deal of evidence" to back up reports that Russia called off its own tests after a "disastrous accident" spewed large quantities of deadly radioactivity into the atmosphere.

—Humphrey also reported that Russia set off a nine-kiloton bomb equal to 9,000 tons of t.n.t. in an underground explosion in Red China.

—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) urged President Eisenhower to match Russia's offer to suspend tests by "offering to end our own testing of bombs following conclusion of the next series . . . in the Pacific."

—The crew of Quakers aboard the yacht Golden Rule told supporters by ship-to-shore telephone that they intend to defy the Atomic Energy Commission and sail into the Pacific test area to protest the new series of U.S. nuclear experiments, scheduled to begin soon.

—Protesting peace groups also planned to picket three diplomatic missions in New York and the Cape Canaveral, Fla., missile launching site.

Twining said in an interview with U.S. News & World Report that further U.S. tests are essential both to make progress toward developing a "clean" nuclear bomb and to increase the "versatility" of the U.S. atomic arsenal of weapons.

Kefauver, speaking at an Israel bond rally in Chicago, said he was not prepared to debate the "differences in morality between a clean bomb and a dirty bomb."

But he said he could see no "military advantage" to the United States if, in a war, Russians used "dirty bombs" and the United States used "clean ones." For this reason, he said, the President should match Russia's test suspension bid by "offering to end our own testing of bombs" once the Pacific operations are concluded.

Eisenhower Opens Baseball Season
Washington — President Eisenhower gave the two for the money today, throwing out a pair of ceremonial first balls to open the 1958 Major League baseball season.

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GREETING VFW COMMANDER—Mayor John Snider greets Richard L. Roubush, commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars about yesterday noon at the Medford airport. Roubush was here to attend day-long ceremonies for Southern Oregon which included an installation and banquet at Hendrick junior high school. Commander in Chief Roubush also visited Camp White yesterday afternoon to inspect the facilities there. An estimated 250 attended the banquet here yesterday evening.

Over 250 Present At VFW Ceremonies For National Head

Smothering of the "Economic Misers" and the killing of their philosophy before it takes root constitutes the Veterans of Foreign Wars' immediate objective, Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Roubush told a meeting of over 250 at a banquet in the Hendrick junior high school here Sunday evening.

"It may be our number one objective for some time to come, it would appear from the weight of the forces entrenched against the veterans and those dependent upon him," Commander-in-Chief Roubush told his audience.

"For the veteran — particularly the disabled, the sick, and the distressed, this is a time of real emergency," he emphasized.

Asked To Join Ranks
To help beat down this challenge every eligible veteran is asked to join the ranks of VFW to provide the "not-to-be-denied strength" which is more vital now than ever before in the organization's 59-year history," the national commander-in-chief said.

"We will preserve all we have gained over the years, or we will lose these things bit by bit, until ultimately, all is lost," Roubush insisted.

Routing Communism from America is among some of the other important tasks of the VFW, he added.

"Never in our national history has it been more important that we remain constantly alert — that we take with the proverbial grain of salt all the gestures and utterances of Stalin's successors," he declared.

"We of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will do all we can to alert this country to the dangers of complacency and the threat of Communist aggression," the commander-in-chief said.

Since no Democracy can become greater than the heights attained by its individual members, the VFW members believe there is much to do in the vital areas of Americanism and community service, he pointed out.

"Any VFW post that cannot say this is a better community because of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot justify its very existence," the commander-in-chief concluded.

Welcomed by Mayor
The commander-in-chief of the VFW was welcomed at the airport by Mayor John Snider, plus a delegation of local VFW officials. Following a

Sputnik Apparently Down, Moscow Says
Moscow — A Moscow Planetarium spokesman said tonight that "evidently Sputnik has already fallen."

But the spokesman added that "the Planetarium had not yet received confirmation" of the baby moon's death.

The Planetarium has received no further information on the earth satellite since it was sighted over Potsdam in East Germany last night, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that for the first time since Sputnik II was launched Nov. 3, the Planetarium did not receive the usual daily time table of the satellite's movements today.

short rest, he made a tour of Camp White domiciliary and made a short speech there.

Later in the afternoon in the Hendrick junior high school gymnasium the commander-in-chief installed the post officers of District 5 and 7 with department auxiliary president Harriet Shoemaker, Portland, installing the auxiliary officers. Department Commander Harry T. Birch presided.

Preceding the banquet at Hendrick junior high school, Commander-in-Chief Roubush was inducted into the Order of the Covenants of Grants Pass during a colorful ceremony which included the feast of the dinosaur steak and drinking of the sabertooth tiger blood.

70 Will Attend Foresters' Meet
About 70 to 80 members of the Medford area Society of American Foresters are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Columbia River section of the group on April 19 and 20 in Bend.

About 300 to 400 Oregon members of the group are expected to attend. A full two days of events are planned with most taking place in the Capitol Theater in Bend.

Bob Hostetter, Medford district Bureau of Land Management, is a vice chairman of the group. S. T. "Tenny" Moore, Medford office of the Rogue River National Forest, is in charge of local arrangements; and Calvin L. Smith, district forester with the Industrial Forestry association in Medford is in charge of publicity.

Topics to be discussed include a sectional report, "Economics of Interest Forestry," "Soil, Basic Resource," "Profession of Forestry and Future" and "Forest Management."

Other events include a trip through a Bend sawmill, a production of the play "Oklahoma" by Central Oregon college students, a hobby and handicraft show and a Saturday evening banquet.

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 2 5 3
Washington 5 8 2
F. Sullivan, Wall (7) and Daley, White (7); Ramos and Courtney.

The League, a non-partisan group, has invited those seeking county, judicial and state legislative offices and each will have an opportunity to present his stand on an issue or political policy, she added.

An informal coffee hour will follow the introductions.

Portland Ball Players Hurt in Fatal Collision
Klamath Falls, Ore. — A California man was killed and five persons — including two Pacific Coast League baseball players — were injured Sunday in an auto accident 16 miles north of here.

Dead Identified
The dead man was identified as Edward Boyals, about 85, of San Bernardino. The injured ball players were catcher Nini Tornay, 28, and outfielder Luis Marquez, both of the Portland Beavers. Their injuries were not believed serious.

Also injured were Thomas M. Bean, his wife, and one child, about 8. Two other

Bean children escaped without injuries. They were all from San Bernardino. Police said the accident occurred on rain-slick Highway 97 when the baseball players' auto skidded and was hit broadside by the car carrying Boyals and the Bean family. Lacerations, Bruises
Attendants at Klamath Valley hospital said Marquez suffered lacerations near an eye and Tornay had lacerations on his chin and a bruised leg. They were expected to be released from the hospital today but it was not known if they would start in Tuesday's day-night PCL openers with Sacramento in Portland.

Middle, Lower Income Families Would Benefit

Social Security Increase Requested

Washington — Former President Harry Truman urged Congress today to fight the recession by giving middle and low income families a \$5 billion tax cut and approving multi-billion dollar increases in defense, foreign aid and public works spending.

He also called for increased social security benefits as "one of the most desirable methods of expanding purchasing power."

Truman, testifying before the House Banking Committee, jibed at administration "go slow" anti-recession policies and in turn was challenged by Republican committee members on some points of his economic philosophy. "I don't think we ought to stand still and let the country go to hell," he said at one point.

The former President denied that his sweeping anti-recession program would lead to renewed inflation or run the government into a huge deficit. Tax cuts, he said, would stimulate the economy and in the long run mean more revenue for the treasury.

Truman testified before a standing room only audience. About 500 persons crowded into the hearing room that normally holds about 300.

"I see no need for periodic (economic) downturns when people are put through the wringer," he said. "I see no reason why our plans and policies ought not to be directed toward a constantly expanding economy and toward prevention of recessions altogether."

When Republicans challenged the Democratic "elder statesman," Truman, obviously enjoyed himself to the fullest, countered with fast answers and then sat back in his chair smiling happily.

He bluntly denied, under questioning by Rep. Henry O. Talle (R-Iowa), that he said in 1950 that unemployment of 3 to 5 million persons would not be too bad a thing.

He was asked by Rep. Clarence E. Kilburn (R-N.Y.), if the fact that unemployment continued in 1939 despite a huge government public works program didn't prove such programs were futile as an anti-recession measure. He countered:

"There probably would have been a revolution if we hadn't had that program of public works."

Meet Candidates Slated For May 1
A "Meet Your Candidate" night presenting all county candidates whose names will appear on the primary election ballot has been planned for Thursday, May 1, by the Medford League of Women Voters.

The public is invited to the event, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hendrick junior high school, according to Mrs. Thomas Rutter, chairman of the League's voters service committee.

"Meet Your Candidates" is planned as an opportunity for voters to become acquainted with candidates and to discuss particular issues with them, Mrs. Rutter said.

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