

Tax Commission, Harvey Aluminum Dispute Ended

Salem—UPI—A lengthy hearing by the Oregon Tax Commission on a dispute over the 1958 tax of Harvey Aluminum Company of The Dalles ended late Wednesday.

The controversy centers around conflicting true cash valuations of the uncompleted Harvey plant in 1958.

Paid Larger Figure
The company contends the valuation was \$6,700,000 at the time while the state estimated the plant's worth at about \$23 million.

Harvey paid tax on the larger figure but maintains the lesser one is correct.

Dean Ellis, chairman of the Commission, said the firm has computed a refund due of more than \$100,000.

Ruling Some Time Away
Ellis said it probably will be at least three months before the Commission can reach a final ruling. Harvey may appeal the decision to Circuit Court.

The Commission and Harvey also are in conflict concerning the company's tax for 1959.

Injunction Filed
That case involves a valuation of \$19,748,675 by the company on its finished plant versus a state estimate of more than \$40 million. The company paid its tax for that year based on the lesser fig-

Jack Paar Back To Do TV Show

New York—UPI—Jack Paar returned to town Wednesday night and NBC put him back on his \$100,000 job.

He was greeted at the airport on his arrival here from a three-week self-imposed exile from his late night show by NBC officials and fans wearing "welcome back Jack" buttons.

"I'm glad to be back, but I'm not dancing in the street," Paar said of his reception. He had huffed off his show Feb. 11 because the network cut out a joke it thought was objectionable.

"I'm sorry about the whole thing," Paar said as the final word. He will take over his show Monday night.

TO DUMP GAS
Hamburg, Germany—UPI—West Germany intends to dump in the ocean 28,000 World War II howitzer shells containing a deadly nerve gas.

A Federal Transport Ministry spokesman Wednesday announced the shells, cemented in steel barrels, would be dumped "far from any coast at depths more than 1,000 fathoms."

Location of the operation was undisclosed for fear of protests from other nations.

ure and filed an injunction in Wasco County Circuit Court seeking to prohibit the Commission from applying the larger figure to the tax rolls.

The Circuit Court action on the 1959 tax is still pending.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop



THE CENTRAL VOID
Washington—At a press conference in Indonesia, Nikita S. Khrushchev has broadly hinted that he will grab what he wants at Berlin after the summit conference, if he is not freely given what he wants at the summit.

This raises JOSEPH ALSOP some pretty grim and urgent questions. How is the President going to react, for instance, to these hints that make a mockery of the one concession Eisenhower extracted from Khrushchev at Camp David?

The President broke off the Camp David talks and retired to Gettysburg to force this concession. But Khrushchev then grudgingly promised to set no term to the negotiations about Berlin, and to indulge in no ultimatums. Despite the argument about the details of Khrushchev's language in Jakarta, it is clear that his intent there was to set a term, and to give his Berlin demands the character of an ultimatum. To all intents, Camp David's sole practical result has been nullified.

AGAIN, there is a question about the summit conference itself. At Camp David, the President swore to Khrushchev that he would never go to the summit "under any threat." After the Jakarta press conference, it is

clear that the President will go under threat, if he goes at all. Will Eisenhower therefore cancel his plans to go to the summit, unless Khrushchev swallows his words?

Yet these words of maneuver, grim as they are, hardly compare in grimness to the real central question. What is the President's real policy in the Berlin crisis? Or, putting it another way, has the President really got a settled policy in this crisis that may ultimately involve a choice between a grave risk of war and the certainty of a Western surrender rather worse than the surrender at Munich?

With Khrushchev talking as he has been talking, the problem of the President's intentions assumes the greatest urgency. Yet it is evident that those who should know best still regard the President's intentions as uncertain.

OTHERWISE Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer would not be making a long stop in Washington, en route to Japan, for the known and almost announced purpose of pleading for a firm American policy on Berlin.

Otherwise Berlin's courageous Mayor Willi Brandt would not be planning an American barnstorming trip just before the summit, to warn against any American betrayal of his city and his people.

The source of Adenauer's open disquiet about American purposes has been mysterious, hitherto; but it can now be revealed. The source was the President's own discussion of the Berlin problem at the Paris meeting of the leaders of Britain, France, Germany, and the U.S. in December. In effect, Eisenhower then said Berlin had to be defended; but added that Berlin could not be defended without risk of an H-bomb war, and an H-bomb war was unthinkable.

To this mysterious formulation, Gen. Charles de Gaulle responded with vigor and some indignation. Even Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan gave the troubled Chancellor Adenauer more comfort than the President had done. To be sure, the subsequent communique reaffirmed the Dulles-era, 1958 pledges to protect the freedom of West Berlin at all cost. But even this communique and a final talk with the President did not convince Adenauer that he truly knew Eisenhower's mind on the basic issue.

FURTHERMORE, what the President said in Paris was no more confusing than what he has said at his public press conferences, and to certain intimates in private. The style and tone of these Presidential utterances in fact suggest that Dwight D. Eisenhower has not looked long, squarely, and prayerfully at his Berlin choice. They suggest he has not finally decided which will not let him off making a choice. If this appearance is correct, there is a kind of central void in the Western policy on Berlin.

It is clear that very great efforts are being made to fill this void, if it exists. It is also pretty clear what policy Secretary of State Christian A. Herter wishes the Western allies to follow. Otherwise Herter would not have pressed so successfully for the serious preliminary decision to resume high altitude flights to Berlin. But despite this sign and other similar signs, Adenauer is known to remain doubtful about the President's ultimate firmness.

If Adenauer remains doubtful, it is reasonable to conclude that Khrushchev also doubts whether the President will be firm. And that, in itself, is a highly dangerous aspect of the situation.

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Seven More File For Legislature

Salem—UPI—Seven more persons have filed for the Legislature, one of them for reelection. Filing for reelection in the 8th district was State Rep. Tom Monaghan (D-Milwaukie).

Those who filed for state representative include Carrol Howe, Klamath Falls; E. H. Mann, Medford; James Gordon, Gresham; Mrs. E. G. Chulinar, Portland; Mrs. Evelyn J. Nokes, Portland, and Marshall C. Hjelte of St. Helens. All are Republicans.

Howe filed via the petition method, the first person to file for state office with that method this year.

Jobless Insurance Claims Drop by 1,100
Salem—Unemployment insurance claims dropped to 28,441 last week, shaving 1,100 claims from the previous week.

REVERSES OLD DIVORCE
New York—UPI—Supreme Court Justice Irving Levey Wednesday ruled the Mexican divorce 26 years ago of the

late Walter Johannsen was "totally invalid" and ordered his pension paid his first wife, Mrs. Alice Johannsen, as his legal widow.

COAL OUTPUT
Lexington—Kentucky's mines produce about 15 per cent of the U.S. bituminous supply.



STUDENTS PRAY—A group of Negro students from Howard University at Washington, D.C., pray near the Capitol grounds for passage of civil rights legislation now pending before the Senate. The students transferred their marching to a site below the Capitol on the mall leading to the Washington monument after Capitol police drove them from the grounds. (UPI Telephoto)

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DUTY, OF COURSE
Hendersonville, N.C.—UPI—A winter storm that dumped 11 inches of snow here yesterday had little effect on voters who slogged to the polls in record numbers to legalize the sale of wine and beer.

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American Record Banned in Britain

London—UPI—The musical trade journal Melody Maker reported today that the American hit record "Teen Angel" has been banned in Britain for being in bad taste.

The newspaper said radio and television producers and disc jockeys have been "warned off" the record which was released here three weeks ago.

Disc jockeys polled by Melody Maker said "Teen Angel" was "in very bad taste." It deals with a high school girl's death in a railroad crash.

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