

Status of Congressional Bills

Washington—UPI— Status of major legislation:
Income Taxes— President Kennedy has proposed tax reduction and revision program that would provide net cut of \$10.4 billion in individual and corporate taxes over three years. House—Ways and Means committee has partly completed draft of compromise program. Senate—Awaiting House action.

Stock and Bond Taxes— To retard flow of American capital abroad, Kennedy has proposed that purchase taxes be levied on Americans who buy foreign stocks and bonds from foreigners; securities of certain underdeveloped countries would be exempted. House—Ways and Means committee will hold hearing after completing action on tax reduction program. Senate—Awaiting House action.

Military Pay— Administration asked \$1.2 billion annual pay and benefit boost for all servicemen, reservists and retirees. House—Passed modified version to cost \$15 million less and providing no increase for 32,000 draftees and enlistees in their first two years of service. House included controversial \$30.5 million "recomputation" feature for those retired before 1958. Senate—Hearings completed, subcommittee action expected this week.

Fallout Shelters— President Kennedy wants authority to make Federal contributions toward construction of civil defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House—Armed Services subcommittee approved limited program in principle only, bill still to be drafted. Senate—Nothing scheduled.

Foreign Aid—Administration asking \$4.5 billion. House—Foreign Affairs committee nearing approval of authorization bill setting ceiling on appropriations below \$4.5 billion. Senate—Foreign Relations committee voting on amendments. (Actual appropriations to come later.)

Treaty—U. S., Russia and Britain have initiated proposed treaty banning nuclear tests in air, space and underwater; ratification requires two-thirds vote of Senate. Senate—Treaty not yet formally received; Foreign Relations committee will hold public hearings. House—No action required.

Mental Health— Administration wants long-range program for community mental health

centers; research on and treatment of mental retardation. House—Commerce subcommittee approved \$407 million program. Senate—Approved 10-year \$848 million program.

Medical Schools— Administration asked long range construction aid for medical schools, loans to students. House—Passed three-year program that would cost \$236 million. Senate—No hearings yet.

College Construction— Kennedy originally asked for Federal funds to build classrooms and laboratories as part of larger \$5.3 billion school bill; agreed later to separate bills. House—Education committee approved \$1.6 billion in grants and loans for colleges, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Hearings completed on omnibus school bill.

Schools and Libraries— President wants aid continued for "impacted areas" and libraries. House—Education committee approved in separate bills, with amendments forbidding use of funds for segregated facilities. Senate—Hearings completed on omnibus school bill.

Voting— President Kennedy asked for controls on use of literacy tests, speedier voting rights suits and extension of the civil rights commission's life for four years in his original request last winter. House—Judiciary subcommittee finished hearings on this request. Senate—Judiciary subcommittee approved four-year extension of civil rights commission.

Public Accommodations— Kennedy's main request in his second rights message was for legislation outlawing segregation in use of hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters and other public accommodations in interstate commerce. He also asked for new authority to initiate school desegregation suits and optional authority to withhold federal aid to states that practice racial discrimination. House—Judiciary subcommittee hearings under way on public accommodations feature; Judiciary committee hearings under way on full civil rights package.

Employment— Kennedy endorsed Fair Employment Practices commission legislation to bar job discrimination by private businesses and labor unions. House—Labor committee has approved FEPC.

Senate—Labor subcommittee hearings under way.

Cotton— Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U. S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House—Bill approved by Agriculture committee, cleared Rules committee, but not scheduled for floor action. Senate—Hearings completed.

Mexican Farm Hands— 12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31; administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. House—Bill to extend program two years without change defeated on House floor. Senate—Proposed one-year extension without change scheduled for floor debate Wednesday.

Mass Transit— Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House—Banking committee approved bill, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Approved \$375 million program.

Wilderness— President wants to establish a national program to preserve public lands in their natural state. Senate—Passed, with provision covering 8 million acres immediately and possibly up to 35 million acres eventually. House—No committee hearings set.

Outdoor Recreation— Kennedy wants a special land and water conservation fund to finance purchase of additional Federal and state park lands and forests for outdoor recreation. House—Interior subcommittee action under way. Senate—Hearings completed.

Depressed Areas— Kennedy asked Congress to expand sharply program of Federal redevelopment aid to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Senate—Approved. House—Rejected, but Banking committee is expected to approve a "second-try" bill this week.

Youth Employment— Kennedy asked \$100 million youth conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; home town youth corps for local civic projects. House—Education committee has approved, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Passed.

Domestic Peace Corps— President asking for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled

volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to Peace Corps projects abroad \$5 million first year cost. House—Education and Labor subcommittee hearings under way. Senate—Labor subcommittee approved.

Labor Dispute— Administration requested Congress to assign to Interstate Commerce commission task of resolving dispute over "work rules" which has threatened a nationwide railroad strike. Senate—Commerce committee held hearings on administration bill. House—Commerce committee hearings under way.

Price Cutting— Administration-opposed bill backed by druggists and other retail groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House—Commerce committee approved, pending in Rules committee. Senate—No date set for hearings to resume.

Laws Enacted:
Draft—Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

Feed Grains— Congress extended for two years temporary program of paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

National Debt— To permit government to borrow money it needs to keep paying its bills Congress raised legal limit on national debt to \$307 billion through June 30 and to \$309 billion during July and August. Previous temporary limit was \$305 billion; further legislation will be needed to prevent ceiling from dropping to \$285 billion Sept. 1.

Silver—To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority to request to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills.

Women Workers— Starting next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as men; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

Taxes—Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rates on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels July 1. (Corporation tax rates would be permanently revised downward, if Kennedy's tax-reduction program is enacted.)



PLANE BLOWS TIRE— All 68 passengers aboard a San Francisco-bound American Airlines Convair-990 jet escaped injury when the plane was forced by two blowouts to return to Chicago's O'Hare field a few minutes after takeoff. Ramp agent Paul Casebolt inspects the blown tires as new ones are installed on the jet in the background. (UPI).

Salem Man's Trial Scheduled Sept. 9
 Klamath Falls—UPI— Circuit Judge David Vandenberg Monday rescheduled the first degree murder trial of Archie Foster, 26, Salem, to open here Sept. 9.
 It originally was set to begin Monday.
 Foster's attorney, Charles Burt of Salem, asked for the change because he was involved in a traffic accident recently.

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New Draftsmen Are Employed by City

Two new draftsmen have been employed by the Medford public works department, according to Director Vernon Thorpe.

The new employees are John Sethre, 35, of 2708 Ruth ave., and Bob Mitchelltree, 24, of 502 Palm st. Sethre was previously with the engineering division of the Washington state highway department, and Mitchelltree was an office engineer for a Eugene construction firm.

The men replaced L. N. Dow and Francis Hibbard, who resigned their positions on June 30.
 John Bodenstab, a seven-year city employee, has been promoted to the position of office engineer, Thorpe also announced.

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FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

By this time any newly grafted trees which began growing this spring should be inspected for excess sucker growth from either the trunk or root stock.

Where sucker or water sprouts from the grafted stock are crowding the new grafts, they should be removed. Some grafts or new buds may be growing too tall and may break out. In this case they should be topped by removing approximately one third of their total length.

This is an excellent time of year to do budding of fruit trees. Where young stock plants have been properly irrigated and generally are well grown, the budding operation should present no problem. The bark should slip easily at this time. Ripe or mature buds of most fruit species can be easily obtained at this time.

Ant Control
 There are usually many home owners that have a problem with ants of various sorts about this time of year. Experience has shown that their nests may often be found in the eaves of buildings or even in the moss covered areas of shade trees around the home. Once the nest is located an application of chlordane will effectively control the ants. Consult your seed dealer for materials and advice.

Take care to control the worms that damage cabbage. Your seed or spray chemical dealer can assist in solving this problem.

Fruit growers should make sure that all harvest equipment is in good shape. We can expect the pickers to be very critical of everything this year. It behooves each grower to erase as many picker complaints as is possible. The most effective way to do this is to have good equipment in good condition.

The courthouse is gradually divesting itself of many branches of county government by building housing and offices for them at the fairgrounds and elsewhere. Perhaps the destiny of our Jackson county courthouse is to become a museum as did the old one at Jacksonville.



Take a "phone break" too

Tomorrow, write down all the calls you need to make. Then take a phone-and-coffee break and make them on your bedside phone, stretched out in comfort and privacy. You'll save time, and going back to housework is almost bearable. For all its convenience and security, a bedroom extension costs very little. If you're not enjoying your phone break, call your local telephone business office and ask for Beverly, our Extension Girl.

