

# VINSON FAVORS TAX REDUCTION OF \$5 BILLION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP)—Secretary Vinson today advocated a \$5,000,000,000 tax reduction for 1946 but opposed house provisions which he said would cut off another \$2,000,000,000 in 1947.

The treasury secretary testified before the senate finance committee, renewing the recommendations he made originally to the house ways and means committee for a 1946 tax cut of \$5,175,000,000.

"The house bill," he said, "grants reductions that are reasonably close to that amount for 1947."

**Grant Reductions**  
"But without further congressional action, the provisions of the house bill would operate to grant reductions of more than \$7,000,000,000 for the calendar year 1947. It would write into law about \$2,000,000,000 of tax reduction over and above the \$5,000,000,000 reduction applicable in 1947."

"I believe that we should not today prejudice to this extent the tax needs of 1947."

Vinson laid down the guiding principles in considering tax cuts. The first was that reductions must be limited because of continuing large expenditures which he said will continue "high for many months to come."

**Full Employment**  
Vinson's second point: "The basic objective of tax adjustments at this time is to put us on the high road of peacetime employment and maximum production. From the taxpayers' angle, a large tax is easier to pay with a high income than is a small tax with a low income."

Vinson warned that inflation may get away from everybody during the transition from war to peace. This should be kept in mind, he said, in preparing any tax-reduction plan.

"We cannot afford to abandon our safeguards against inflation," he said. "We have held this enemy at bay throughout the war and it would be folly to drop our guard before the final round is won."

## ANNAMITES HALTED BY BRITISH TROOPS

SAIGON, Indo-China, Oct. 14 (Delayed) (AP)—Rebellious Annamites failed in their boldest thrust at the capital today when British troops drove them back from the outskirts of Saigon airport and repulsed an attempt to cross the Saigon river.

(Singapore radio reported British forces had seized the Saigon headquarters of the Viet Minh party, a part of the nationalist popular front in Indo-China.)

French troops broke up an Annamite effort to infiltrate into the market area of downtown Saigon after an exchange of mortar and machine gun fire.

British forces continued efforts to force a line of communication beyond Saigon so that between 70,000 and 80,000 Japanese who are openly aiding the insurgents can be disarmed.

**EARTH SHOCKS FELT**  
JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 15 (AP)—Two one-minute earth shocks, which rattled dishes and windows and rocked beds, were felt hereabouts last midnight and at 3 a. m. They caused heavy rollers along the waterfront. No property damage was reported.

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## SPUD EXHIBITS AT FESTIVAL TOP QUALITY

MERRILL—While potato exhibits were few and far between at this first festival since 1941, quality of the tubers was excellent.

Pressure of the harvest season prevented many of the growers from getting exhibits here in time for judging by E. R. Jackson, of the division of plant industry, Oregon State college.

Prizes were paid as follows: Commercial Nettle Gems, 30 pounds, 1st, Hill Bros., Merrill; 2nd, Robert Petrik, Merrill; 3rd, George Elliott, Merrill.

Netted Gems, bakers: 1st, Robert Petrik, Merrill; 2nd, Hill Bros., Merrill.

Freestart potato: 1st, Howard Noel; 2nd, Hill Brothers, and 3rd, R. W. Steele, all of Merrill.

Certified seed potatoes, 100 pounds: 1st, Harvey Clugston, Merrill; 2nd, John Giacomini, Merrill.

Commercial U. S. No. 1: Tulelake chapter FFA, 1st, Dick Heiney.

Commercial U. S. No. 1, 25 pounds, Malin chapter, FFA: 1st, Ernest Arnold; 2nd, Wesley Hamilton; 3rd, Teddy Gordon; 4th, Jack Lindsay; 5th, Clifford McKoen.

Apples: 1st, M. A. Bowman, Merrill.

Squash: Teddy Gordon, Malin. Rye: Con McAuliffe, Malin. Alfalfa: Teddy Gordon, 1st, Malin; Con McAuliffe, Malin, 2nd.

Alskie clover seed: Malin FFA, 1st, Virgil Ratliff.

The largest collection of marine prints in the United States—5500 of them—is located in the Mariners' museum at Newport News, Va.

## STUDY PROGRAM OFFERED FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 15 (Special)—Correspondence courses to provide a richer study program for students in smaller Oregon high schools are being offered through the general extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education, according to Mozelle Hair, head of correspondence study with offices on the University of Oregon campus.

The program will aid students in completing work required for graduation, Miss Hair said, and will help to alleviate teacher shortages throughout the state. High school credit will be given for the courses by superintendents of local schools upon issuance of a certificate of accomplishment by the correspondence office.

Courses offered include pre-flight aeronautics, accounting, commercial English, mechanical drawing, four years of English including composition and literature, two years of Latin, three years of mathematics, biology, physics, principles of radio, civics, American history, world history, elementary economics, social problems, and first year Spanish.

Clothes are back in style again, much to the disgust of the bathing beach queens.

## Oregon Government Faces Gloomy Financial Future

SALEM, Oct. 15 (AP)—A dark financial picture of the future of Oregon's state government was given to the state tax study commission today by Budget Director George Aiken.

Aiken reported that departments dependent upon the general fund for support will request about \$12,400,000 more than estimated revenues probably will be pruned some, the obvious conclusion was that the legislature will have to find new sources of revenue.

**Expenditures High**  
Aiken said that the estimated revenues during the current 1945-47 biennium are \$30,780,953, compared with expenditures of \$30,349,318.

During the 1947-50 biennium, the general fund revenues are expected to drop to \$26,266,251, while the requested expenditures from this source will soar to \$38,602,916. In the 1949-51 biennium, the general fund revenues are expected to rise to \$27,736,272, while expenditures will increase to \$40,084,199.

Aiken reported that during the current biennium, the total cost of state government is \$207,154,169. This includes all state functions, the general fund departments as well as those which finance themselves, such as the highway commission, unemployment compensation commission, and others.

This figure will jump to \$219,989,950 in 1947-49, and to \$226,468,695 in 1949-51.

**New Revenue Sources**  
The problem of the tax study commission will be to recommend to the legislature new

sources of revenue to finance these increases.

The state public welfare commission told the tax study commission that this year it is spending \$32,683,659, and that it will need about \$4,000,000 more a biennium by 1949. The commission is afraid liquor revenues will not remain high and thus require money from the general fund for its activities. This would distort the financial picture even more.

The board of higher education, which is spending \$15,500,000 in the current two-year period, will also want \$4,000,000 a biennium more by 1949.

Welfare and higher education are the only two agencies which want big increases, but virtually all other state activities want some increases.

## GAY 90'S DANCE SET FOR TONIGHT

All service men and women are invited to attend the gay '90's dance at the USO tonight, Monday.

The hall will be decorated in keeping with the times of horse and buggy days, and dancing will be to music of the same era.

Junior hostesses will be dressed in costumes of the "bicycle - built-for-two" fashions, and bow-ties and handle-bar moustaches will be provided for service men.

## GRAND JURY WILL PROBE NEGRO DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP)—A grand jury investigation of a detective's killing of a negro which a coroner's jury declared "justified in performance of duty" was promised today by District Attorney T. B. Handley.

Handley announced the case of Ervin Jones, shot by City Detective Bard Purcell while officers raided a home in which they believed a murder suspect was hiding, would be submitted to the grand jury, probably Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Chief of Detectives James Fleming said he had a signed statement to the effect that Scott Thomas, the negro police sought on a homicide warrant, was in the Jones home at the time police arrived, but escaped.

The coroner's inquest attracted a large crowd of white and black spectators. A church council had demanded the inquest after a police report that the killing was "justified in self defense."

Officers testified two shots were fired from within the house before Purcell shot the negro.

Three hundred thousand pairs of canvas-top jungle boots, no longer a standard issue item, have been converted into athletic shoes for use by patients in general and convalescent army hospitals.

## 5-Year-Old Girl Burned To Death

PORTLAND, Oct. 15 (AP)—A five-year-old girl lost her life, and her mother and another child were severely burned last night when flames gutted their four-room suburban dwelling.

Four other children, two of them neighborhood youngsters, were saved by Mrs. Lloyd Comstock, but flames prevented her reentering the house to rescue her daughter Rose Marie. The child's body was in her bed when firemen finally extinguished the blaze.

## COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF FIVE-DAY WEEK

SALEM, Oct. 15 (AP)—The Oregon State Building and Construction Council, composed of AFL construction unions, went on record here yesterday for a five-day week and six-hour working day.

The council said the 30-hour week would provide employment. It also asked general wage increases.

The council also asked that prisoners of war held in this country be sent back home as soon as possible, and thanked the army and U. S. employment service for taking prisoners of war off construction jobs.

The council's officers were re-elected. They are Volney Martin, Portland, president; John O'Neil, Portland, secretary; and Charles Crary, Medford, vice president.

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