

Individual Income Tax Cut Tops GOP List Of "Musts" But Truman Still Has Veto

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Republican leaders will tell you that a tax reduction bill is the surest bet to win the support of the president. But don't spend the money yet—the president still has a potent veto if he wants to use it.

When congress sweeps back into Washington on January 6, a cut in the individual income tax will stand at the top of the GOP list of "must" legislation.

The republicans, with help from some democrats, are ready to press through another bill for a huge slash, probably between \$4,000,000,000 and \$5,300,000,000. Beyond doubt, it will pass.

And a plan is afoot for a "general revision" of tax laws later, including corporation levies and the excise taxes on jewelry, furs, tele-

graph and telephone, transportation and entertainment.

But down at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue sits a democratic president, Harry S. Truman. He used his veto power twice last year to kill republican-backed \$1,000,000,000 tax cutting bills.

He told congress then that it was the "wrong time" for tax cutting—providing more spending money to bid up the prices of scarce goods. He argued that it was the "wrong kind" that the bills would help those most who needed help least, and give smallest relief to persons with smallest incomes.

Moreover, Mr. Truman declared that debt payment should come ahead of tax reduction. Now he is silent on what he will do about the new tax bill.

But on Capitol Hill, republicans are arguing that tax reduction would help fight inflation, by increasing incentives to bring out larger production and by easing demands for wage increases.

Under the leadership of Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee, they have sought to make their try "veto proof"—in other words to produce a bill which will attract enough democratic support to override a veto.

They are expected to turn out a bill something like this:

1. A \$100 increase in individual exemptions, from \$300 to \$400. This would erase about 6,000,000 small income taxpayers from the rolls completely and give some reduction to the other 48,500,000. It would reduce revenues about \$2,000,000,000.
2. Nationwide adoption of the community property principle whereby husbands and wives may split the family income equally for tax reporting purposes, thus bringing the total income into lower rate brackets. This system now exists in 13 states by local law. Applied generally, it would cost the government about \$700,000,000.
3. Percentage tax reduction, in addition.
4. Correction of excise taxes

While Mr. Truman has kept his counsel on the tax prospects, Secretary of Treasury Snyder perhaps has disclosed the president's position in recent speeches. Snyder says emphatically that congress should make sure the government has enough tax income to cover foreign aid, leave something over for debt reduction, before tackling tax revision.

As for business tax revision he suggests:

1. More equal tax treatment of incomes of corporations and unincorporated business, and correction of the "double taxation of dividends."
2. Correction of excise taxes

Death Takes No Holiday During 1947

Sudden death took 102 persons in Klamath county during 1947, but only 56 of those deaths were classified as violent by the coroner's office. The figure goes last year's mark one better.

The toll included 19 automobile or pedestrian accident fatalities, and eighteen of the accidents occurred within the county limits.

One major airplane crash in February cost three lives. The Governor Snell crash of late October took place just over the line in Lake county.

Eight lives were lost in fires, two by accidental gunshot, two in logging accidents, one in a mill, five persons were drowned during the year and nine committed suicide.

The total of three-lumber industry fatalities is remarkably low, considering the millions of man-hours spent in the industry here during a year. Also remarkable was that only one gunshot death resulted from deer hunting and that one came from illegal hunting on the reservation before the season opened.

The single duck hunting fatality came last Saturday when a young man died of shock and exposure after going through the ice on the Upper lake.

Other deaths of the grand total were tabbed as sudden, but due to natural causes.

The coroner's annual report for 1947 shows:

Violent deaths:	9
Suicides:	9
By hanging:	1
By poison:	1
Shooting and hanging:	1
Shooting:	6
Accidental:	17
Automobiles:	13
Drowning:	5
Plane:	3
Fire:	8
Gunshot:	2
Train:	1
Lossing:	2
Mill:	1
Strangulation:	1
Asphyxiation:	1
Shock:	1
Others:	1
Homicide:	1

Late Cage Scores

By The Associated Press
 Tennessee 60, Wake Forest 47.
 Missouri 60, Wake Forest 47.
 Missouri 49, Northwestern 41.
 Bradley 91, Yale 56.
 Wisconsin 67, Marquette 60.
 Iowa 61, Harvard 41.
 Loyola (Los Angeles) 68, New Mexico 50.

Invitational Tournament at Fort Worth, Tex.
 Louisiana State 52, Texas Christian 46.
 Texas Tech 77, Hardin-Simmons 58.

All College Tournament at Oklahoma City
 Oklahoma A&M 32, Texas 31 (finals).
 Wyoming 36, Rice 41.
 Baylor 29, Alabama 24.
 Hamline 52, Georgia Tech 35.

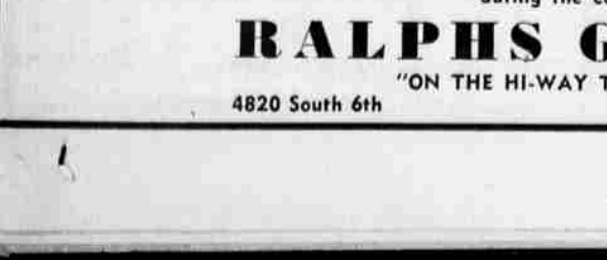
Vandenberg Stays Out

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Friends said today Senator Vandenberg is prepared to go beyond his request that Michigan republicans pass him by as a favorite son candidate for the presidency.

Vandenberg has told these friends that if a draft movement should develop in his behalf at the Philadelphia convention in June he will ask delegates publicly not to support him for the nomination.

This, plus his long expected formal announcement to Michigan GOP leaders in a New Year's letter, has convinced most Washington associates that the 63-year-old lawmaker does not want to run for president.

Vandenberg, presiding officer of the senate and chairman of its foreign relations committee, carried copies of his letter in person to the senate press gallery yesterday and smiled as he handed them to reporters.



British May Delay Moving

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—An authoritative government source said today, Great Britain may be "compelled" to delay her scheduled military withdrawal from Palestine in August if violence between Jews and Arabs continues.

He indicated also the continuing conflict might force the British government to surrender its Palestine mandate to the United Nations earlier than May 15 as originally planned.

"Communal strife means British troops have to bear heavier duties and results in disruption of transport, communications and other public services," the informant said. "It must be obvious to anyone that continued violence will make the job of withdrawing 70,000 troops and their equipment longer and more complicated."

Since the United Nations voted November 29 for partition some 300 persons have been killed in fighting in Palestine.

Truman, Wallace Awaitin' Niche

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—David Lynn, architect of the cabinet, brought Harry S. Truman and Henry A. Wallace together in his office today.

And there they'll stay until the senate committee on rules and administration assigns them a niche in the senate wing set aside for marble busts of the vice presidents.

Lynn bought the two new ones for \$2900 apiece under a law requiring that a statue of each vice president be placed in the capital.

These two complete the full set of 34.

Princess To Wed Mihai

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 1 (AP)—Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma said today "it was love at first sight" with her and former King Mihai of Romania and that "wherever he goes, I will follow him."

She said the young monarch's abdication Tuesday was a complete surprise to her and that she did not know his plans.

She was anxiously awaiting word from him at the residence of her uncle, Prince Axel in Gentofte, a Copenhagen suburb.

"I have had no word from King Michael (Mihai) and I do not know anything about his plans for the future," the pretty young princess said in an interview. "It seems, however, after what I have read in the papers, that he intends to go to Switzerland—but wherever he goes, I will follow him. But I will not leave Copenhagen until I have heard from him."

There have been persistent reports that Anne and Mihai soon would be married.

Aviation Board To Start Soon

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—Fifteen members of the city's new aviation commission were listed today by Mayor Earl Riley and are expected to start functioning within a few days.

The commission will serve as an advisory group to map the city's aviation industry development and is composed of representatives of commercial, private and military aviation plus five citizens serving as public members.

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