

CONGRESS OVERRIDES TAX VETO



WEATHER
Max. (April 1) 51 Min. 28
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream flow to date 1.34
Last 24 hours normal 0.54
Forecast: scattered showers.

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By FRANK JENKINS
PRESIDENT TRUMAN this morning vetoes the new tax reduction bill. The house promptly passes it over his veto. As these words are written, the senate is expected to do likewise before nightfall.

POLITICIANS on both sides, first making sure that reporters are present, speak for the record. Those committed to Truman say his veto message is a great state document, showing courage in time of stress. Republicans and anti-Truman Democrats brand it as a bull-headed opposition to progress.

Pay little attention to what they say. It's just political shadow-boxing.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MARTIN, upon whose neck **RESPONSIBILITY** rests, is milder. He says: "We believe we can meet defense needs, give this tax cut and still have some money left to pay on the national debt."

Put that way, the tax cut becomes at least a realistic attempt to DO SOMETHING. If you don't try it, how can you know whether or not it will work?

ALL business men have to make gambles like that. They figure it out from all angles, balance the risks against possible benefits, and if it looks reasonable they tackle it, do their best to make it work out and take the consequences.

Politicians have always maintained the myth that they are supermen, who know everything, never make any mistakes and can't possibly be wrong. "Leave it to us and you CAN'T lose" is their slogan.

Business men are more humble.

WITH that out of the way, we pass on to things of deeper portent.

The Russians reject our protests on the blockade of Berlin. One of their spokesmen, addressing a communist meeting in Berlin, orates: "What we have decided on border and traffic controls will remain in force." He then goes off into a tirade against "the evil influences of American and British plunders."

The "blockade" itself doesn't seem to be too hot. The British moved a freight train into Berlin today with supplies for their occupation troops there. They report that they got through the Russian check station without much trouble from the Soviet inspectors—who, they report, seemed to be rather vague about the regulations.

Our army promptly issued orders to move an American freight train into Berlin. Meanwhile, we've been sending in supplies by air. This morning's Berlin dispatches report that anti-communist Germans are pleading with us to STAY at all costs.

WHAT does it mean? Probably this:

The Russians are testing us out, to see how tough we are. We're testing the Russians out to see whether or not they mean business. You've seen a couple of dogs meet and sniff each other over. Much more often than not, they size up the information their noses have given them and go their ways in peace.

But if one dog comes to the conclusion that the other is easy meat, LOOK OUT!

HERE is a danger:

Some trigger-happy Russian too full of vodka might shoot down an American supply plane.

MINOR note on the news:

Senate and house conferees agree on a little over six billions as the first "package" of American aid for Europe and China.

DON'T dust off your hands and say: "Well, that's that." **DOLLARS WON'T DO THE TRICK** any more than giving a street bum a quarter will reform him.

The best thing we can do—for Europe and for us—is to get our mighty production machine back in to smooth, efficient operation.

US Planes Continue To Fly Food Into Berlin As Soviets Threaten To Tighten Clamp

BERLIN, April 2 (AP)—A score of American planes flew food and passenger into Berlin today and the British moved a freight train to the city despite the advertised Russian blockade of land traffic not submitted to Soviet inspection.

The British reported they had no special trouble in getting their train to the city. The U. S. army issued orders for movement of a similar train tomorrow.

Vague Order
While the Soviets had announced that all incoming passenger trains and outgoing passenger and freight trains had to be inspected, their regulations on incoming freight were more vague. The Soviet order merely stated that incoming freight trains will be cleared "on the basis of accompanying documents."

In the past, commanders of military freight trains operated by the western powers have presented waybills listing the train's contents for border patrol.

British authorities said this procedure was followed on their train today.

Earlier today the Russians, in rejecting western protests at traffic barriers, hinted at new moves to squeeze the American, British and French out of Berlin.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. commander, declared no evacuation is to be ordered for American women and children dependents of soldiers or military government workers.

"I have no intention of ordering any evacuation of dependents," Clay said in disposing of rumors.

The American sector of Berlin had a run on butter and canned powdered milk last night. There were adequate supplies of other foods on hand, however, supply officers said.

Travel Off
In Paris the French government ordered rail traffic to Berlin suspended from the French zone. France's commander and troops were told to remain in the capital.

Col. Sergei Tulpanov, the Soviet military administration's information chief, asserted that "what we have decided on border and traffic controls will remain in force."

These controls, instituted early yesterday with less than 24 hours' notice, claim for the Russians the right to inspect passengers and freight mov-

ing by rail and highway through the established corridors in the Soviet zone to and from the city of Berlin.

Tulpanov made his statement, the first official Soviet response to the western protests, in a speech to the communist-sponsored socialist unity party at Halle. His speech was published prominently in all Russian-controlled newspapers.

The bitterness of Tulpanov's remarks against what he called the evil influence of "American and British plunders and imperialists" was taken here as an indication the

Russians may be planning even more forceful measures to get the westerners out.

Prevent Export
The official Soviet newspaper Taegliche said the Russian measures are designed to prevent the export of Berlin's industrial assets to the West, and added:

"If the present restrictions prove insufficient, we will be forced to enact sharper measures."

Anti-communist German political leaders in Berlin, who handed the communists a beating in the city's only postwar election, urged the western allies not to leave the city, declared they would resist totalitarianism in Berlin and they begged

the Americans, British and French to show a firm front against Russian demands.

The U. S. military governor, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, has cancelled all military train service to the sector rather than submit to Russian inspection. The Americans' emergency air passenger service across the Soviet zone to Berlin was based in Frankfurt, the headquarters of the U. S. zone.

21 Passengers
The first passenger plane flying the 20-mile-wide air corridor, protected by international agreement, left Frankfurt with 21 passengers and reached Berlin after an uneventful 233-mile trip. More than 30 planes were to follow before the end of the day, some with passengers and some with supplies for the 875 Americans in Berlin.

A few hours after Clay's directive was issued, 15,000 pounds of food had been flown here, an American official said.

The air force in Washington said last night about 100 C-47 transports were available for the job of supplying Berlin, which is more than 100 miles inside the Soviet zone of Germany.

British and Russian troops faced each other for 12 hours yesterday and last night across a roadblock the Russians had set up in the British sector of Berlin. The small Soviet detachment finally abandoned the barrier early today. The British sent their men in after lodging a vain protest.

Americans, British and French here total about 25,000.

Pilots at the American Tempelhof airport here said there had been repeating buzzing of their planes by Russian fighter craft within the last few weeks.

The Russians are not halting any of the 32 daily trains carrying food, coal and other goods to Berlin's some 4,300,000 Germans.

Action Looms In Coal Case
WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The Truman administration was reported today about decided to seek a court order to stop the 19-day coal strike.

Giving weight to these reports from top government officials was the decision of Attorney General Tom Clark to pass up an out-of-town date and stay in the capital because of the strike situation.

Action was expected tomorrow when Mr. Truman returns to Washington from his trip to Williamsburg, Va. Clark evidently wants to be on hand to receive the possible presidential order to get out a court injunction under the Taft-Hartley law.

The White House said there would be no action today.

Mac Stays Out In California
SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 2 (AP)—General MacArthur has personally sent notice "I do not desire to have my name entered in California primary (for president) in opposition to Governor Warren."

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan said today he received the reply in response to one he had sent MacArthur in Tokyo.

The general had previously expressed opposition to a plan by Allen H. Wooster, Los Angeles, to enter his name in the June 1 primary. Jordan said he messaged MacArthur to determine if he would prefer his name to be entered by any other backer.

Backseat Driver Goes Too Far
PASADENA, April 2 (AP)—Backseat driving had its day in court in Edgar A. Pratt's case.

Pratt, 52, pleaded guilty yesterday to a minor traffic violation. Up rushed a woman saying, "I told you to plead not guilty."

"She's my wife," explained Pratt to Judge J. Russell Morton.

The plea was changed to innocent and trial set for April 13.

Second Child Dies Of Burn Hurts
KENNEWICK, Wash., April 2 (AP)—A second child died today of burns received Monday when the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Frank Henricks burned.

Passes



FLOYD B. PATTY
—Kennell-Ellis.

Floyd Patty Passes At 64

Floyd B. Patty, 64, well known Klamath Falls resident and active in Masonic circle here, died near Brookings about noon Thursday, members of his family learned late that afternoon.

Mr. Patty, accompanied by his son Tom, had gone to the coast Tuesday. Mr. Patty had been in ill health the past two years and was planning to spend several weeks at White Rock cabins, six miles south of Brookings. He apparently died in his sleep. Tom had returned here after spending a short time with his father.

Born in Sheridan, Ore., Mr. Patty lived his entire lifetime in Oregon. He brought his family to Klamath Falls in 1929 and accepted a position with the sales department of Balgiser Motor company. Mr. Patty was with Balgiser's at the time of his death. He was a member of Klamath Falls lodge No. 1247, BPOE; Scottish Rite and Shrine and a life-long member of Al Kader Shrine.

Mr. Patty died here July 13, 1942. In addition to his son Tom, an employee of The Herald and News, Mr. Patty is survived by another son, Stewart of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. F. W. Sitton, McMinnville; Mrs. William Reed, Cashmere, Wash.; Mrs. M. D. Warren of Portland and Mrs. R. H. Horbeck of Seattle. There is one grandchild.

Final rites will be announced by the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home. Members of the family said today that services would probably be held Monday at 2 p. m. with members of the Elks lodge in charge.

Four Injured In Accident

An intersection collision at the old Midland and Joe Wright roads at 3:45 p. m. Thursday caused injury to Mrs. Ralph R. Macartney Sr., 79, Washington, Mrs. Ralph R. Macartney Jr., 4, and her two young children, Susan, 4, and Richard, 2.

Mrs. Macartney Sr. was operating one vehicle and driver of the other car was Oscar Denault, 2410 Applegate. Members of the Macartney family were given emergency treatment at Hillside hospital and returned to their homes.

According to state police, the younger Mrs. Macartney and her children were thrown from the car onto the pavement. Susan was the most painfully injured and required stitches in her head. None was injured seriously.

Certification Vote Called Off

A scheduled certification election yesterday at Modoc Lumber company was postponed indefinitely yesterday afternoon when the mill closed down for repairs.

About 55 employees were to cast ballots whether to adopt union representation of the AFL, CIO or remain non-union.

A union spokesman today said that the balloting probably would be rescheduled.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 4 broken, 4 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Calif. 1, Ore. 1; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A 5.50.

LOS ANGELES, April 2 (AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes: 17 broken, 46 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—North Dak. 2, Minn. 1, Calif. 2, Maine 1, Idaho 5; 8 cars arrived by truck; market steady; Idaho Russets No. 1-A 5.45-50.

Latin American Hopes For Large Scale United States Aid Dimmed By Marshall

By EWALD L. ALMEN
BOGOTA, Colombia, April 2 (AP)—Latin American hopes for large scale United States aid dimmed today following Secretary Marshall's statement that European recovery is the prime U. S. objective.

Marshall's speech to the Pan American conference yesterday left little doubt in the minds of delegates that the United States will be unable to afford blank checks for the economic development of Latin America, although she is willing to do as much as her resources permit.

The American secretary of state told delegates Washington is pre-

\$4 Billion Cut Effective As Of January 1

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Congress today enacted into law over President Truman's veto a \$4,800,000,000 income tax cut for America's 52,000,000 taxpayers.

Passage of the bill making the tax slash effective as of last January 1 was clinched when the senate rolled up better than the two-thirds majority required to kill a veto.

Before the senate acted, the house had voted 311 to 88 to override the presidential dissent. That was 45 votes to spare.

In the house voting, 239 republicans and 82 democrats voted to override. Supporting the veto were 84 democrats, two republicans and two American labor party members. The republicans were Representative Carl Anderson of Minnesota and Morton of Kentucky.

With both chambers piling up more than the necessary two-thirds margin, the republican-sponsored bill thus became law at the moment the senate vote was announced.

In his veto message, Mr. Truman said the tax-cutting bill would "undermine the soundness of our government finances at a time when world peace depends on the strength of the United States."

His veto was no surprise. The president had made it clear in advance that he was opposed to any tax reduction for individuals which was not offset by higher corporation taxes. The GOP-backed measure does not increase any taxes.

The measure cuts taxes on 1948 income for all the \$2,000,000 income taxpayers and drops 7,400,000 with smaller incomes from the tax-paying rolls. Slashes range from 12.6 per cent in the lowest bracket to five per cent in the highest.

Quick Action
The house acted within the hour after it got a vigorously-worded veto message from Mr. Truman.

The president told the legislators that this was no time to cut taxes. He also said the bill sent him was not fair—it gave too much of the cut to those with larger incomes.

On the vote many influential democrats lined up with the republicans to brush aside his arguments.

Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana got out a statement noting that Mr. Truman vetoed two tax-cutting bills last year.

"This," he said, "is just an extension of his stubborn opposition to much-needed tax relief and equalization."

Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said congress can make the tax cut and still meet the government's spending needs for a stronger national defense.

There were similar comments from other republicans.

House Democratic Leader Rayburn of Texas issued a statement supporting the veto. He said he can see no way to reduce taxes by \$4,800,000,000 "and at the same time do the honest, straightforward thing and back our nation secure from attack and stop the aggression of desperadoes in the world."

Labor Leader Shot To Death

ROME, April 2 (AP)—A Sicilian labor leader was machine-gunned to death today and two persons wounded as violence broke out again in the midst of Italy's election campaign.

Dispatches from Palermo, Sicily, said Calogero Cangiullo, 36, secretary of the labor federation at Camporeale in Eastern Sicily, was shot and killed at midnight.

Two of his companions also were caught in the burst of machinegun fire. The unknown assailants escaped.

A nation-wide strike has been ordered for next Thursday in protest against the slaying of the labor leader, and observers feared the shooting might bring further communist reaction.

Politicians swung into Southern Italy today where votes are expected to weigh heavily in the April 18 parliamentary elections.

Sea Serpent Seen Off Whiskey Run

COOS BAY, April 2 (AP)—The first Oregon sea monster report of the season is in.

It came from Jacob and Ray Lind, commercial fishermen, who said a log-like animal at sea watched them on their boat with curiosity, then began smacking its lips.

This happened, they added, off the stretch of land known as Whiskey Run.

Medford Theatre Cashier Robbed

MEDFORD, April 2 (AP)—A stick-up man nabbed \$70 from the cashier of the Holly theatre here last night.

Sheriff Howard Gault said a young, masked man staged the hold-up at the cashier's cage of the theatre. All available officers were called out immediately but could find no trace of the culprit.

Food Moved Into Berlin

BERLIN, April 2 (AP)—The British moved a freight train into Berlin today with supplies for their occupation troops and the U. S. army issued orders for the movement of a similar train here with American supplies.

The British announced their freight had reached Berlin without undue trouble from the Soviet inspection regulations, imposed yesterday.

The American order for the freight train was the first to be issued by Gen. Lucius D. Clay's command since the Soviets imposed the inspection regulations.

While the Russians announced that all incoming passenger trains and outgoing passenger and freight trains had to be inspected, their new regulations on incoming freight were vague.

Dog Drags Girl To Safety

SPOKANE, April 2 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pockert had a special salute for their "Flag" today.

A five-month-old fuzzy pup, Flag, snatched the Pockerts' 17-month-old daughter, Patricia, yesterday from in front of a moving bus.

A neighbor said that when the child darted into the street in front of the approaching bus, Flag leaped through the air, grabbed her girl's coat in his teeth and jerked her backward out of the bus' path.

The pup's grandmother, the Pockerts said, accompanied Admiral Byrd to the Antarctic.

Berliners Not Worried, Now

BERLIN, April 2 (AP)—Bomb-battered Berliners have a great respect for the American air force.

An American wife, conscious of a possible food shortage in Soviet blockaded Berlin, shared her German maid today:

"You must be very careful about wasting food. It is heavy and difficult to fly in."

"But why?" replied the maid. "Your air force did not have any trouble during the war flying those heavy bombs to Berlin."

Shark Catch Said Good

ASTORIA, Ore., April 2 (AP)—The finest dogfish shark catches in several years were reported today.

The drag boat Trask unloaded 70,000 pounds of shark here after only two days at sea. Their livers—the part of the shark that is valuable—weighed 8000 pounds.

Fishermen are receiving 45 to 90 cents a pound for these shark livers, according to the vitamin content. Nearly all boats suitable for shark fishing were at sea today.

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Little Girl Snaps Lewis' Picture
Phyllis Benjamin (right), 13-year-old Washington girl, trains her tiny camera on John L. Lewis as the bulky chief of the United Mine Workers testifies before the president's coal strike board of inquiry. With Phyllis is her 11-year-old cousin, Paula Katz, of Newark, N. J., who was visiting during Easter vacation from school.