

Congress Offers Business Promise Of Excise Tax Cut By 1950; Cushion For Loss

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The promise of excise tax cuts in 1950—along with new cushions against losses—was held out to business today by congress.

This was one of the first tangible reactions as lawmakers survived President Truman's 11-point beat-the-depression program.

There was evident agreement that only part of it could be put into effect before a pre-Labor Day adjournment this year. However, a leading republican, Rep. Joe Martin of Massachusetts said that he agrees with Mr. Truman that within a few years the country can achieve a national output of \$300,000,000,000 a year. This is a fifth more than the present annual rate.

Chairman Doughton (D-N. C.) of the house ways and means committee joined with Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee in promising relief next year from some of the heavy wartime taxes. These have applied to a long range of items from furs to face

powder, and including transportation fares and communications.

President Truman asked for repeal of the excises on freight as one of the measures to keep the economy rolling in high gear and head off a threatened business recession. But George told a reporter any such move now would cost the government \$400,000,000 revenue in a period when Mr. Truman seems to have resigned himself to in-the-red financing by dropping his demand for any major tax increases.

George said—and Doughton agreed in a separate interview—that if congress lifts the lid on excises now there might be no stopping reel of most of such levies.

The finance committee already has cleared a proposal by Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) to knock out a long list of these taxes at a revenue loss running up to \$725,000,000. Administration leaders are sitting on this move, despite its support by Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, the democratic national chairman.

George said the tax on freight, which adds to the retail cost of about everything, "should be one of the first to come off."

He found himself unable to agree with the president's proposal that estate and gift taxes be raised, but said that something is almost certain to be done about softening business loss carrybacks and carryovers next year. These permit averaging out a firm's taxable income over good years and bad.

Doughton made it clear that it will take time for congress to level the excise tax barriers. He said if consumers are holding their buying for a tax cut, they will have to "wait quite awhile" before they get one.

Bend Dump Area Goes Up In Smoke

BEND, July 12 (AP)—A caretaker's cottage at the municipal dump here and 250 acres of cut-over timberland were burned last night before flames were brought under control. Lumber mill employees of the Shevlin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon companies joined foresters, city firemen and volunteers in combating the blaze that spread from the dump.

Traffic on the Cascade Lakes



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highway was closed for several hours during the worst of the fire, but was reopened by nightfall. One forest service bulldozer, which stalled in rocks and was abandoned when flames surrounded it, was damaged. Firemen said a favorable wind prevented the flames from spreading into the city after jumping the highway.

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According to Scout Executive Bob Lamott, press club plans have worked out successfully in other areas, and are primarily to stimulate Scout publicity. In the Klamath area, however, there have been no such plans, and, according to Lamott, it shows the lack of public knowledge of actual scouting activities in the region.

The commissioner's meeting was presided over by Paul Tanner, district commissioner. Also in attendance were Neighborhood Commissioners Dick Sinclair of Tulelake, Gomer Jones, Barney Simon, Al Betsch, Clifford Strum, Loy Barker, Perry Carl and Scout Executive Lamott.

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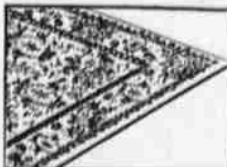
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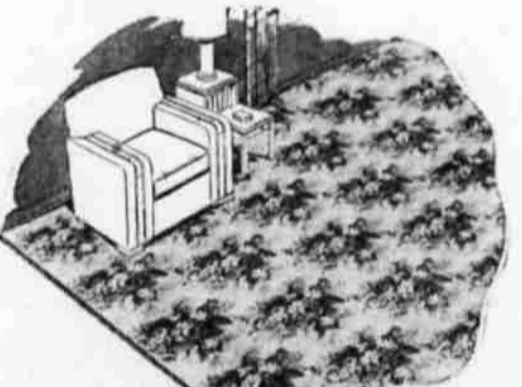
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