

# Senate Eyes Truman Proposal to Increase Federal Heads' Pay

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—The senate, having agreed to raise in military pay, turned more critically today to President Truman's idea of boosting salaries for top federal executives.

A house-passed bill increasing the pay of cabinet members and other upper-bracket officials is the next major legislation on the senate schedule. It was listed for action late in the day after some other matters are disposed of.

It follows in the wake of senate passage by voice vote late yesterday of a bill giving pay raises to members of the armed forces in almost every grade at a cost of about \$300,000,000 annually.

A similar military pay bill passed the house earlier. House and senate conferees now will attempt to iron out the differences, which are minor. Raises in the senate bill range from about \$5 a month for recruits with five months service to \$300 and up for generals with over 30 years service.

Much more controversy has developed over the executive pay bill, for which Truman made another plea yesterday in a letter to Vice President Barkley.

After a middle of senators in the office of Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois, Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.) said that 34 senators—20 democrats and 14 republicans—have offered a compromise which "is being accepted." McFarland is leader of a group which wants to scale down the pay raises Truman asked.

**Few Increases**

McFarland said that under the compromise no government officials except cabinet members and a few White House aides would have their pay raised above \$18,000 and none would receive more than a 50 per cent increase.

For cabinet members, that would mean a boost in pay from \$15,000 to \$22,500 instead of the \$25,000 provided in the pending presidentially backed bill.

McFarland said the compromise also would cut the \$18,000 salary provided in the bill for seven White House assistants to \$15,000. But the president would be allowed to employ two at \$20,000 and three at \$18,000.

At present the White House salary scale for presidential assistants ranges from \$10,000 to a top, for one position, of \$15,000.

Clark M. Clifford, special counsel to the president, presumably would be one one of those moved up to the \$20,000-a-year level if the bill should pass.

**U. S.-Alaska Trips For B-36s**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 27 (AP)—Giant B-36 bombers soon will start making weekly trips between the United States and Alaska, the air force Alaska headquarters disclosed here last night.

One of the big six-engined planes arrived here Sunday from Fort Worth, Texas, and two others are due later this week.

The air force announcement described the jaunt as the first of three training missions. Later trips will be for navigational problems and to give ground crews practice in servicing the ships with special equipment.

## Idaho's Dander Up over Spuds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—A visitor to Idaho can cast our highways and our climate, perhaps, but to say anything which would discredit our famous Idaho potato is to invite trouble.

That's Idaho talking back to Rep. Kirwan (D-Ohio).

Kirwan, on a recent Idaho visit, cracked that you can find baked Idaho potatoes on the menus of every state of the Union except Idaho. The story got into the newspapers.

But it all wound up happily today. Senator Taylor (D-Ida.) presented a box of 1st Idaho bakery to Kirwan today, the gift of Idaho farmers. The senator also wrote the congressman a letter containing the remarks quoted above.

**Others Saw More Than He Did**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27 (AP)—"Everybody in the country saw more of her than I did," Actor Paul Valentine testified in obtaining a divorce from Strip-teaser Lili St. Cyr.

Charging mental cruelty, Valentine said yesterday the only time he saw his silver-blonde wife was when he got her a billing in Hollywood. He will continue to create and stage her routines as her manager.

Miss St. Cyr is in Montreal filling an engagement. She did not contest the divorce.

## Five Subcommittees For Tax Study

SALEM, Sept. 27 (AP)—The board of control's tax study committee named five subcommittees today.

The subcommittees will study inheritance and gift taxes, property taxes, financial administration, state budget, and income taxes.

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