

# 'Hot' Congressional Bouts Loom; Here's Roundup of Major Fronts On Which Tough Fights Expected

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Republican cries of "socialism" in Washington, while President Truman flexes his program at Key West, are heralding what may be the most interesting struggle in the new session of congress.

The reconvening of congress two weeks hence will signal the marshaling of forces for the conflict. The house and senate face decisions on what Truman calls the "Fair Deal" and the opposition assails as the blueprint for a "Welfare State" or "Pool House State."

In congress the issue is bound to be cut clear for the congressional elections next year and for the presidential campaign in 1952.

**Five Fronts**

The struggle—with the public a sideline spectator until balloting time rolls around—may be fought on at least five points. These sectors are Truman's proposals for:

1. A vast expansion of the federal social security program.
2. A federal plan of health insurance that the opposition dubs "socialized medicine."
3. An expansion of the government's housing program.
4. A new farm program.
5. Federal aid to education.

Perhaps the biggest fight of all will settle on taxes, when congress goes to considering how the government is going to pay for the things it is being called upon to do.

**Economy**

The administration opposition already is booming for slashes in spending, to thwart any tax boosts. There may be actual cuts in excises. It is expected that Truman will start a new drive for his controversial domestic program in the state of the union message to congress January 4 or 5. The program attained only limited objectives in the first session of the democratic-controlled 81st congress. Truman, ending his Florida vacation, returns to Washington today.

Defeat in congress again faces the president on some major segments of his "Fair Deal." Aware of this, some of his closest followers already are talking of lifting the issues of Capitol Hill and putting them squarely before the voters next November when all the 435 house seats and one-third of the 96 senate seats are to be voted on.

Republicans are arriving early for the session and are issuing almost daily blasts at the "Fair Deal"—as leading to socialism. Meanwhile, Vice President Barkley and others, are challenging the GOP to come up with something better than the "Fair Deal."

**Roundup**

No one can say for sure what will happen in the crucial second session of the 81st congress that convenes January 3. But this is about the picture as it looks now.

**Social Security**

Right here is where the president can hope for a solid victory. Claims of credits may be divided; many republicans joined with democrats in supporting the 1949 expansion of this government program, when it passed the house.

The house bill will come to a showdown in the senate early in the session, and many schooled observers believe it will pass there.

This legislation would blanket 11,000,000 more working persons under old age insurance, for a total of 46,000,000; boost benefits 70 to 80 per cent; create a new insurance benefit for persons who become totally and permanently disabled; and increase payroll taxes more than 300 per cent in the next 20 years.

**Health Insurance**

This program appears doomed in the 81st congress. Some lawmakers who follow Truman on other aspects of his program have balked at the idea of the government levying new payroll taxes to pay the doctor, hos-

pital and drug bills of the citizens. However, legislation might emerge, designed to provide large government help for the schooling of more doctors and the building of more medical facilities.

**Housing**

The first session of the 81st congress earlier this year overrode opposition shouts of "socialism" and approved a multi-billion dollar bill for the construction of publicly-owned housing for low income people throughout the nation.

Truman, in the state of the union message, may ask for another housing program—this time to aid middle income families.

The president also is expected to ask for a continuation of rent control beyond the June 30 expiration. It is just about a toss-up now whether congress will renew this law.

**Farm**

Many republicans feel that their greatest hope for the future lies with the farm vote. Truman got a huge number of ballots in the rural areas in 1948, in old republican strongholds.

Since that time the administration has proposed the "Brannan plan" for agriculture. If adopted, it would let farm products sell for what the market would pay. Then the government would pay a subsidy to the farmers, to give them what it considered a fair income. Price supports now are maintained through government loans and purchases that keep price-depressing surpluses out of the markets.

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**Education**

The states now finance education. The senate has passed Truman's bill proposing a \$300,000,000 federal appropriation to help the states. This is tied up tight in the house, in a religious controversy.

## Fall Victim Asks City For \$2500

A. J. Hughes, 2 Pershing way, submitted a claim to the city council last night for \$2500 damages to cover injuries sustained in a fall on an icy sidewalk.

Hughes stated in a letter from his attorney, U. S. Balentine, that he received a broken right hip when he fell at the corner of Market and Main on February 2, 1949.

The matter was referred to the city attorney, Henry Perkins, with power to act.

## Building Permits Total \$8634

Building permits amounting to \$8634 were approved at city council last night.

Topping the list was a new residence for \$6000 at 2350 Darrow street.

Others approved included a new business building at 1031 Main for \$2000, porch repair at 204 Nevada, \$284 and a \$50 gallon gas tank at 1313 Owens for \$150.

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## Altamont Yule Party Scheduled

The annual Christmas program presented by Altamont Junior high school will be given by the students tonight and Wednesday night.

"Toyland" is a feature of the program with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade choruses singing "March of the Toys," "Dance of the Christmas Toys," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Toyland." The Altamont band will also play a special greeting.

The sixth grade will present "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and completing the evening, the eighth grade will sing several Christmas hymns.

The music and scenes will begin at 8 p. m. both nights.

## ANNEXATION VOTING

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Voters here and in three adjoining areas are voting today on annexation of six different tracts involving 500 acres and 1000 residents. Three of the sectors are uninhabited, two of these are small tracts wanted for grade school sites. Of the three others, two adjoin the west edge of the city and one is to the south.



PRAYERS ACROSS THE SEA—French school children pray for Betty Lou Marbury, the 8-year-old Brownsville, Tenn., girl whose faith in prayer has stirred the nation. Threatened with loss of her hand from a malignant growth, Betty said she is sure prayer will save it. Thousands of people throughout the U. S. responded to her appeal.

## Greyhound Asks Rate Increase

PORTLAND, Dec. 20 (AP)—A boost in charges for express shipments on Greyhound bus lines in Oregon was asked yesterday by the company.

The bus line proposed a new minimum for packages of less than 10 pounds going not more than 50 miles. It would be 75 cents compared with the present 45 cents. Other rates would go up about 10 per cent.

Approval by the state public utilities commission is likely. There was no public opposition at the hearing.

## NO RETIREMENT

SALEM, Dec. 20 (AP)—City Manager J. L. Franzen of Salem won't have to quit his job because of reaching the retirement age of 65. The state public employees retirement board granted the Salem city council's request for permission to keep Franzen in his job.

## GOOD SHAPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—China's acting president, Li Tsung Jen, was reported resting comfortably today, following an operation for stomach ulcers. Columbia Presbyterian medical center announced after the operation yesterday that Li's condition was excellent.

## Things Are Tough For Gaekwar

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 20 (AP)—The lavish spending Gaekwar of Baroda is having labor trouble in his palace. His 250 servants have organized a union and are striking for higher pay.

The Gaekwar, whose state legislature once accused him of squandering \$10,000,000 in a six-week spree, returned from Europe last week to find his servants out on strike. About 100 have been arrested.

Saturday, 4000 municipal workers in Baroda, a city of more than 100,000 people, also went on strike in support of the Gaekwar's servants. The city was in darkness for an hour.

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According to the report \$45,800 worth of property was at risk due to fire, and \$469.43 damage was done.

Of the total amount at risk \$27,300 was covered by insurance and the amount of damage done was recovered by insurance.

## Don't Forget TB Christmas Seals

Do you have a long white envelope with unacknowledged Christmas seals lying in a pigeon-hole in your desk, or forgotten in your letter file somewhere? If so, you may be giving unintentionally a "pocket veto" to one of the worthiest causes in the country.

Mrs. W. E. Shannon, chairman of the seal sale, wishes to remind Klamath residents that the sale is still in progress and prompt returns are greatly appreciated. She hopes that people will appreciate a gentle reminder in the midst of the busy Christmas season.

The program for 1950 for the

Klamath TB office will be greatly expanded, with many more free chest X-rays planned than last year, and every additional dollar means just that much more tuberculosis case-finding, health education and life-saving in our country," she stated. "With a successful seal sale we'll have a far healthier city and county."

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