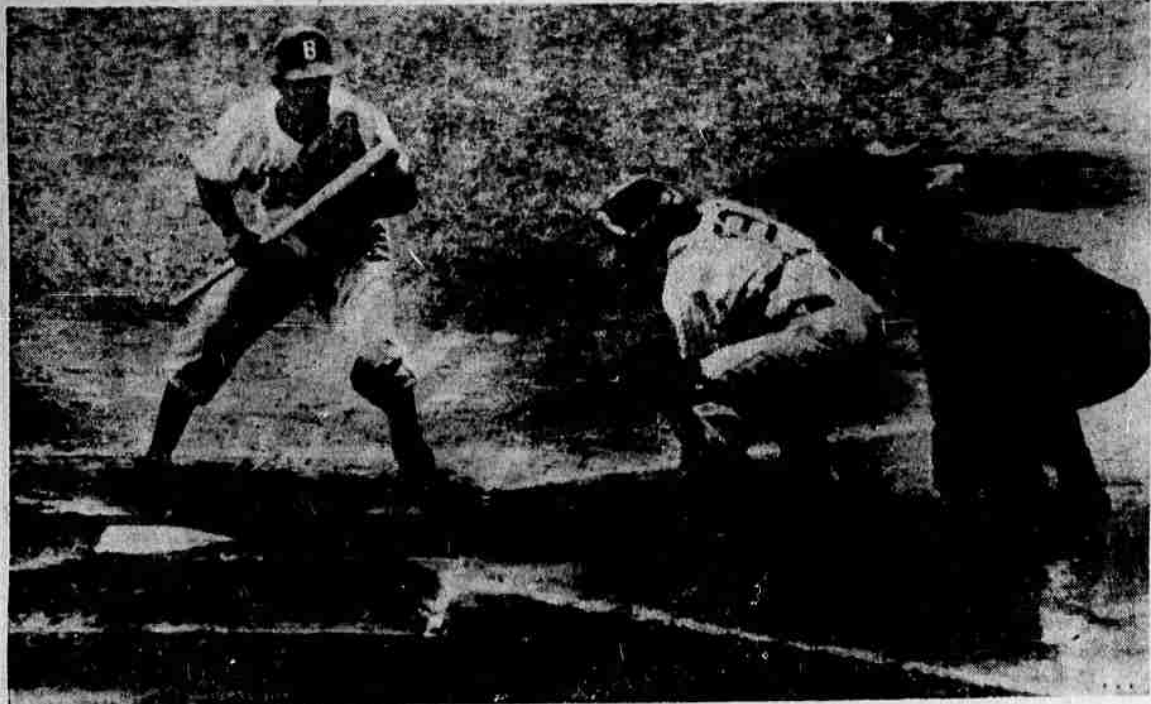




FIRST PITCH IS A BALL—Junior Gilliam, first man at bat for the Dodgers in the first game of the 1953 series, lets the first pitch from Allie Reynolds go by for a ball. Catching for Yanks is Yogi Berra. Ump is National League's Bill Grieve. Gilliam worked the count to 3-2 and then singled on the ground through the middle into centerfield to gain first.



FIRST SCORE—Joe Collins (hatless) crosses the plate in Yankee Stadium to score first run for the Yankees in the first inning of the 1953 World Series. Collins, on base on balls, scored on Hank Bauer's triple to right-center. Yogi Berra (with bats) is next up. Ump is Bill Grieve, standing behind catcher Roy Campanella. The Yankees got off to a good start, scoring four runs in the first inning.

New German Treaty Afoot

BERLIN (AP)—West Germany and the United States started negotiating a new treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation today.

It will replace the 1923 German-American treaty declared void in World War II. The 1923 pact was reinstated last June 3 pending completion of a new treaty.

Japs To Stay Out Of Alliance

MANILA (AP)—Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki of Japan said yesterday his country could not join a proposed Pacific regional defense alliance now because Japan's security forces are so small.

He told Filipino newsmen in a broadcast interview that Japan is planning to build up its air, sea and land forces "because we do not wish to depend on the United States forever." But he assured neighboring Asian countries they need not fear a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

Reds Said to Have Double Our Planes

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. O. P. Weyland, commander of the U. S. Far East Air Forces, said today the Russian, Chinese and North Korean air forces in the Far East have about twice as many tactical planes available as the United Nations.

In an interview with John Rich of the National Broadcasting Co., Weyland said he could not give precise figures for either the Communists or the Allies.

Weyland said recent strengthening of the Russian air force in Russian-held islands and in Siberia, "when taken in conjunction with USSR atomic and hydrogen weapon capabilities, is considered highly significant."

E. Zoners Again Streak To West

BERLIN (AP)—East Germans again are seeking Western asylum in increasing numbers. West Berlin officials say an average of 600 refugees poured in daily during the past week.

The flow reached a climax in March of 1,000 a day but dropped to only 300 to 400 a week after the Communist regime in June promised a better life and more freedom for the E. Germans. The Reds also tightened police controls after the June 17 rebellion.

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Moses Lake's Blazes Minor

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—The trail of fires that has alarmed this town since an unknown fire-bug started two costly blazes Saturday night, grew longer Wednesday night—and so did the list of persons arrested and questioned about the mysterious incidents.

The latest blazes were minor, causing only a few dollars damage on the farm of Allie A. Abbs just outside the city limits. But they heightened the tension that has gripped Moses Lake continuously since firemen said a pyromaniac was on the prowl.

Abbs' son, Dale, gave the alarm Wednesday night for the first fire in a feed shed. Before it was extinguished, Abbs called for help to put out another burning in the mattress of his bed in the family home across the street.

Another of the fires, in a haystack, occurred Monday night. Dale Abbs said he saw someone drive up to and away from the

hay just before it burst into flames.

The loss on the Abbs property can be measured in the hundreds of dollars, but estimates place damage in the other four fires at from \$300,000 to more than \$600,000.

Three more persons were arrested Wednesday night, bringing to 25 the number who have been rounded up as police seek the person responsible for the terror by fire ordeal the community has gone through.

Civil defense units continued an all-night patrol of the city's streets—which were lighted bright as day as virtually every outdoor light in the city was kept burning by fire-fearing residents.

Police did not name the three persons picked up Wednesday night.

Halloween Party Planning Meet Set

An organization meeting for the annual city-wide Halloween Party sponsored by local service clubs is scheduled Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Fremont School auditorium.

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney urged all service clubs and other interested organizations to have representatives at the meeting. All residents of Klamath Falls who wish to participate also are invited.

Democrats Hit Excise Tax As Less Obvious Sales Tax

By CHARLES F. BARRETT
WASHINGTON (AP)—Several congressional Democrats opened fire today against any Eisenhower administration proposal for a national sales or excise tax at the manufacturers' level.

In the wake of President Eisenhower's news conference yesterday, they decried such a tax, using adjectives like "dangerous" and "burdensome" and "discriminatory."

They said the man in the street probably would find himself harder hit by a manufacturer-level tax than by a retail-level tax. A tax on sales at the factory, they argued, would pyramid prices on consumer goods.

The President, obviously aiming a squelch at speculation about a retail sales tax, took the unusual step of authorizing some of his news conference remarks for direct quotation.

"For years," the President said, "I think I personally have put my adverse conclusions on such a tax so far as the federal government is concerned."

The Treasury Department has made a study, however, and they find that all of the logic in the situation is that this is a field that belongs to local municipalities and not to the federal government, and certainly, therefore, they have no intention of trying to do otherwise."

That part of Eisenhower's statement drew a round of general applause from members of Congress. But Democratic objections arose to his news conference replies, not authorized for direct quotation, in which he declined to rule out a sales tax at the manufacturers' level.

Eisenhower's reply that he did not eliminate anything, and that the Treasury is considering how to reassert excise taxes, seemed certain to stir even more speculation about a possible administration bid for a manufacturers' tax.

Indications were that next year—when all 435 House seats and one third of the 96 Senate seats are at stake in the congressional election—would not be the most favorable political climate for such a bid.

There is little if any difference between an excise tax—sometimes called a "luxury tax," as on jewelry or perfume—and a sales tax. While a retail tax would be applied on the goods when bought by the consumer, a manufacturers'

tax would be collected on finished products as they come out of the factory. Critics contend the latter would be swelled by the time it reached the consumer, with mark-ups all along the line, but supporters deny this.

Treasury and congressional staff specialists estimate a retail tax would raise about \$1,140,000,000 annually for each 1 per cent of tax imposed. At the manufacturers' level, where prices start off lower, that tax would produce an estimated \$33 million dollars for each 1 per cent.

Thus a 5 per cent retail tax would raise about \$5,700,000,000 and a 5 per cent manufacturers' tax about \$3,760,000,000. Any increased sellers' markups, of course, would come out of consumers' pockets but would not go into the U. S. Treasury.

Two key members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee—Republican Chairman Daniel A. Reed (N.Y.) and senior Democrat Jere Cooper (Tenn.)—

have declared opposition to any additional taxes, barring a new national emergency.

Rep. Eberhardt (D-Pa.), a committee member, said the President's statement is "ominous" for the ordinary taxpayer. He said the Treasury appears to be considering a national manufacturers' tax "which in many respects is more burdensome and more discriminatory than a retail sales tax."

Eberhardt contended a 5 per cent manufacturers' tax would mean an increase of up to 10 per cent in retail prices.

Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.), another member, said of a manufacturers' tax: "I'll fight it to the last ditch." He said last night on a Du Mont television show:

"I know... that the lowest, that the basest, the most reprehensible kind of sales tax is on the manufacturers' level. If we're going to have a sales tax, let's have it on the retail basis and out in the open."

Rep. Noah Mason (R-Ill.), another committee member, said he was "very glad" to hear the administration was giving up the idea of a retail sales tax.

He said he would support a uniform manufacturers' tax only if it were offered in lieu of the present system of sharply varying excise taxes.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) applauded abandonment of any idea of a federal retail sales tax, but said he would oppose a manufacturers' tax.

Sen. Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.) said a manufacturers' levy would be "just another form of sales tax, except it's less obvious."

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