

Both Parties Seek Support In Coming Tax Cut Showdown

By CHARLES F. BARRETT
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's head-on opposition to a Democratic tax cut plan sent Republican and Democratic House leaders scrambling today for the few votes that may decide the issue.

The President carried his opposition to the country last night in a radio and television address in which he denounced the Democratic proposal to boost individual income tax exemptions as unsound and politically inspired.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said he is "quite sure the President's address will have the effect of rallying many Republicans and Democrats to his stand."

But Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.), the Democratic House leader, indicated by his comment that his party

plans to press the tax cut campaign in the House. He said the Eisenhower tax program gives "favored treatment to a few taxpayers but not to the many."

Rayburn was picked to state the Democrats' case in a radio and TV broadcast tonight on the eve of the House battle opening tomorrow. Aiding him will be Sen. George of Georgia, senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Cooper of Tennessee, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

House Democrats are pushing a proposal to boost individual tax exemptions to \$700 from the present \$500. George has proposed an increase to \$800 this year and \$1,000 in 1955.

Eisenhower asserted last night that this would lead to "bigger and bigger deficits . . . further inflation."

An \$100 increase in the personal tax exemption would save taxpayers about \$2,400,000,000 and add that much to the budget deficit that the administration is struggling to keep down.

Under the Democratic plan, more than four million persons with low income or heading large families would be relieved of all income tax payment. The per capita savings for most families in the middle income brackets or below would come to about \$20. It would be more in higher brackets.

Eisenhower urged Congress now to go no farther in tax reduction than the huge GOP-sponsored bill to overhaul most of the nation's existing tax laws. He said this bill, liberalizing many deductions, would benefit millions of individuals and encourage "the growth and expansion of industry, the creation of jobs." It would cost the Treasury nearly \$1,400,000,000 a year.

It is to this bill that House Democrats hope to tack the boost in personal exemptions.

Party lines looked tightly drawn as the lead near. Republicans have only a four-vote edge over the Democrats in the House.

Leaders of both parties privately expressed uncertainty over the outcome of the key vote Thursday. Some Democrats conceded they may lose as many as 10 or 15 members to the other side. Earlier, they had estimated all but five or six Democrats would stay in line. Some Republicans, on the other hand, said 10 or 12

Court Martial Ends In Germ Warfare Case, Chief Of Marines Ponders Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The four-week inquiry into the case of Col. Frank H. Schwable ended Monday with a dramatic call from his counsel for a decoration—the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross—rather than any punishment for the Marine flier.

The special court was appointed to study Schwable's 14-months of captivity by the Red Chinese, the "brain washing" to which he was subjected, and the "confession" to germ warfare which he later repudiated.

The court, composed of one admiral and three generals, will recommend whether the 45-year-old flier should be court-martialed or otherwise disciplined for making the confession.

Maj. Gen. Henry D. Linscott, president of the court, said it would hold no more sessions open to the public. He said the court will consider the mass of evidence and submit its recommendation to Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., Marine Corps commandant. The court's recommendations will be secret.

Schwable's military counsel, Col. Paul Sherman, wound up his summation for the defense by declaring that Schwable violated no rule of military conduct except one re-

Navy Unveils New Planes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy made available Monday pictures of two freakish-looking new fighter planes designed to take off or land vertically.

They are the Convair FVXL, built by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., San Diego, and the Corp., Burbank, Calif.

The craft are called "VTO" fighters, for the vertical takeoff characteristic. Photographs showed both:

1. Resting on their tails, in the position in which they would take off or land.
2. Resting horizontally, in the position they would assume in level flight.

Little information detail was given out about the strange craft. There was no indication either has yet flown.

Both are powered by turboprop engines—jet engines driving counter-rotating propellers.

Sherman said Schwable, after being shot down, jeopardized "his life, his safety and his career" by going to the help of his co-pilot, Maj. Roy Bley.

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Eisenhower pointed out that some Democrats have proposed increasing exemptions all the way to \$1,000 and said this would relieve one taxpayer in every three from all federal income taxes. "I think this is wrong," he said. "I am for everybody paying his fair share."

He then stressed that "the loss of revenue involved in this proposal would be a serious blow to your government. . . ."

"In your interest, I must and will oppose such an unsound proposal," he stated. "I most earnestly hope that it will be rejected by the Congress. . . ."

The President departed from his tax discussion to answer critics, chiefly Democrats, who have been claiming the country is in a recession. He called these "professionally fair-weathered."

He recalled that over a month

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