

ACCIDENTS MAR SAFE DRIVE DAY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ike announces that he will ask Congress to POSTPONE excise and corporation tax cuts scheduled to take effect the first of next April. He tells his news conference this morning that the BUDGET DEFICIT makes the request necessary.

Well, if you're going to SPEND, you've GOT TO TAX. Especially when you're already in debt up to your ears.

(Under present law, corporation tax rates will drop five per cent on April 1, 1955. Excise taxes — that is to say, sales taxes under another name — on liquor, tobacco and some other items are due to be returned to pre-Korean war levels on the same date.)

At mid-morning, there have been nine traffic deaths on National Safe Driving Day.

A quick-on-the-trigger cynic would remark that it's hard to keep the American people from killing themselves in automobiles.

More careful thinkers will point out that during the first ten months of this year traffic fatalities in the United States averaged 87 per day.

So there's still room for hope.

World of the future note:

A General Electric scientist says in New York today that SOLAR batteries of silicon probably will furnish enough power someday for household uses in sunny areas.

Two questions:

1. When is someday?
2. What if you're in the middle of the week's wash and the sun goes under a cloud?

Turning to less frivolous subjects, today is the 163rd anniversary of the Bill of Rights of the American constitution.

Another question:

Just what IS the Bill of Rights?

In this nation that spends approximately two-thirds of all the money raised by local taxation for schools, I wonder how many of us can name offhand — without looking it up — the eight fundamental rights of the individual guaranteed by our constitution in the so-called Bill of Rights, which included the first ten amendments to the constitution as originally ratified?

Here they are:

1. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of the press and of the right to petition.

2. The right to keep and bear arms.

3. The right to be free from the quartering of soldiers in your home without your consent.

4. The right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

5. Guarantee against being held to answer for a capital crime without indictment by a grand jury, or being put twice in jeopardy of life and limb for the same offense, or being compelled to testify against yourself, or to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

6. The right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury.

7. The right to a jury trial in cases of minor as well as major crimes.

8. Guarantee against excessive bail, excessive fines or cruel and unusual punishments.

The other two of the ten original amendments to our constitution have to do with construction of the constitution and with the rights of the states.

It is worth remembering that the battle for these fundamental rights of the individual began back in the eleventh century in England in the reign of Henry I. It is worth mentioning, I think, that the first Henry, who was a son of William the Conqueror, was PREVAILED UPON BY HIS WIFE to grant to the people the first draft of such individual rights.

In English-speaking countries, you see, women have been taking part in politics for quite a span of time.

Farmers Vote Crop Controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's cotton farmers Wednesday had joined wheat producers in accepting the tightest production controls permitted under federal farm law.

Proposed by the Agriculture Department, these controls are designed to hold down production next year so that surplus supplies may be reduced. The government itself has about \$2,000,000,000 invested in wheat stocks and \$1,230,000,000 in surplus cotton it has acquired under price support operations.

Voting in a 20-state referendum Tuesday, cotton producers were recorded as 218,661 to 27,135 in favor of marketing quotas for their 1955 crop.

This was a favorable margin of 87 per cent, far in excess of the 66.7 per cent necessary to make controls effective. Quotas on this year's cotton crop had been approved by 94 per cent of the farmers voting in 1953.

In other referenda, growers approved marketing quotas for next year's crop of long staple cotton — a small specialty type — and dark-colored and baco-less types — three years.

Ike Expecting Cooperation From New Demo Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday he expects very real cooperation from the Democratic-controlled new Congress on foreign policy, national defense and foreign aid matters.

The President told a news conference that meetings with congressional leaders of both parties convinced him he will get maximum support from Republicans for his legislative program, and that the Democrats will give very real cooperation in the foreign policy, defense and mutual security fields.

He is very hopeful on this score, the President said, and has every reason to believe he will get bipartisan assistance.

Eisenhower said there were some obvious fields in which there was Republican disagreement over pol-

icies. He mentioned in this connection a proposal for tariff-cutting authority under the reciprocal trade agreements act.

Despite these differences, Eisenhower said, he would expect maximum cooperation from his own party on the major portions of his program.

Asked if he planned periodic conferences with Democratic as well as Republican leaders, the President said he does not know whether any such meetings will conform to a set pattern.

Instead, he said he had invited the Democratic leaders to see him at any time they felt the need to consult with him about legislative and policy matters.

In addition the President said he was asking each Cabinet officer to consult with members of both parties in the proper congressional committees on any new plan that was to be laid before Congress. He said these conferences would be held before final decisions are crystallized.

In response to a question, the President said a proposed constitutional amendment by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit treaty-making powers had not been discussed at all in his conferences with congressional leaders the last two days.

The President opposed this proposal and it was shelved by the Senate earlier this year. Bricker has talked of making a new effort in the new Congress.

Eisenhower's expressed confidence in Democratic support in some fields was in line with an appraisal by Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.) who told reporters he thought the new Congress would approve the "essential parts" of the President's legislative program.

US Changes Prisoner Trade Stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — A State Department spokesman indicated Wednesday the United States might consider an offer—Red China makes one—for an exchange of the Americans held by the Chinese Communists and the Chinese students now denied permission to leave the United States.

Press Officer Lincoln White modified the line he had taken Tuesday in discussing a possible exchange. He said at that time that a swap was ruled out, and that "no deal is involved."

Wednesday he told newsmen that "our concern is to get our people safely home."

STUDENTS' STATUS

White also said that he was trying Tuesday to make a distinction between the status of Chinese students in this country and the cases of the 11 American airmen who have been imprisoned by the Reds for two years "in violation of the Korean armistice agreement."

White's contention was that the airmen had been held illegally by the Communists whereas the students in a perfectly proper manner.

Throughout the news conference, in response to questions, White repeatedly stated that there had been no offer of an exchange either officially or unofficially from the Chinese Communists. He said he could not anticipate what type of offer they might make and could not therefore say what might be done about it.

The government has been giving study to the cases of the 35 Chinese students.

CASES SCREENED

A check showed screening of the cases has been completed and all that remains to be done is for the departments of state and justice to make a joint analysis and decision on an impartial jury.

Allies who are actively trying to help the United States win freedom for the filers—countries like Britain and Canada—are reported to have urged a decision to let the students go.

The 35 students are all that are left of 430 Chinese who indicated some years ago they wanted to go home. More than 4,000 of their compatriots elected to stay in the United States after China fell to the Communists.

The students got to the United States in the first place to pursue their higher education. Most of them acquired technical skills which could be useful to the Red regime—such as radar operation and technique—but none is known to be a specialist in the atomic field.

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Ike To Ask Tax Cut Delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday he will ask the new Congress to postpone the scheduled April 1 cuts—estimated at three billion dollars—on corporation and excise taxes.

The President told his news conference the budget deficit makes it necessary for him to make such a request.

He said that when you have the government going into the red, federal income must be kept up.

Under present law corporation tax rates are scheduled to go down from 52 per cent to 47 per cent on April 1.

That would mean an estimated loss of about two billion dollars in revenue.

Excise taxes on liquor, tobacco, automobiles and some other items are slated to return to pre-Korean war levels on April 1. That would cause an estimated loss of one billion dollars in revenue.

SHOOTING HOURS



Oregon
December 16
OPEN 7:00 CLOSE 4:18

California
December 16
OPEN 6:37 CLOSE 4:35

Sheppard Case Prosecutor Asks Conviction From Jury

By REILMAN MORIN

CLEVELAND (AP) — State attorneys in a closing appeal to a jury to convict Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in his wife's cruel bludgeoning, Wednesday ridiculed his account of the murder night as "this fantastic story."

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doctor's estimate that Marilyn had been dead for possibly two hours when he saw her body shortly after 6 o'clock.

Parrino ridiculed Dr. Sheppard's account of a struggle with his wife's slayer in Marilyn's bedroom.

STRUGGLE

"Was there a struggle in that room?" the assistant prosecutor demanded. "Other than the condition of Marilyn's bed, was there a struggle? There were no signs of it on the floor, of course. The chair in the corner did not seem to be disturbed."

Parrino said that if such a struggle took place with "this unknown phantom" it certainly must have been a life-or-death battle.

"I want to know where Sam was while approximately 35 blows were being struck against that woman," Parrino continued. "Where was he? What was he doing? How long does it take to strike 35 blows—certainly at least 30 seconds, maybe more, maybe less. Where was this man while his wife was being killed?"

STATE'S CASE

The state's case against Sheppard is based almost entirely on circumstantial evidence. The lawyer emphasized that it is necessary to consider what is "reasonable and what is likely."

He then stated four points and asked, after each one: "Does that

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IN A MIGHTY EFFORT TO ESCAPE traffic accidents for 24 hours of safer driving and safer walking, today, December 15, has been designated Safe-Driver Day by President Eisenhower. Assisting in the drive to prevent traffic accidents is Patrolman Ray Howard, on hand each school morning to assist children in crossing to Sacred Heart Academy and Fremont School.

NATO Council Meet Slated

PARIS (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Dulles arrived in Paris Wednesday for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council and said he was sure it would be a further step toward "an effective deterrent" to war.

Dulles is here for talks on speeding German rearmament and a NATO council debate on a controversial plan to use atomic weapons in European defense.

Dulles told reporters that he had always found his visits to Paris profitable and serviceable to the cause of peace.

"This time I have come for a regular meeting of the North Atlantic Council," he said. "But it is no less important for being a regular meeting. I have no doubt that it will take a further step for a joint objective of making an effective deterrent to war by increasing our strength."

The American party was met at the airport by the French minister for associated states, Guy La Chambre, acting for Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

La Chambre's presence was taken by some persons as an indication of the importance of talks the French expect to hold with the Americans on aid for the maintenance of their forces in Indochina.

Dulles, after his official reception, went into Paris where he had a meeting scheduled with other members of the American delegation later in the afternoon.

Line To Santa

Phone connections will be installed by this weekend for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce — sponsored "Hello Santa" project. Numbers to call are 8128 and 5528 from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, December 19.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing Wednesday night and fair Thursday except for morning fog. High Thursday 34; low Wednesday night 18.

High yesterday 37
Low last night 17
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 1.84
Same period last year 5.29
Normal for period 3.63

December 14 weather — Fair morning for cloud in about daylight rising to a higher overcast during the day, clearing at night, becoming cold.

Fatal Plunge Kills Women

CHELAN, Wash. (AP) — Two women were killed Wednesday when an automobile plunged into Lake Cheelan in the first fatal accident reported in Washington State on Safe Driving Day.

The victims were Mrs. Alberta Everett, mother of four children, and Mrs. Myrtle Keehr, a widow whose husband was killed in a traffic accident in Oregon a year ago. Both lived at Manson, Cheelan County.

State Patrolman Erwin Irvin said the mishap apparently occurred about 9:30 a.m.

He said the two women were on their way to work at the Valley Evaporating Co., an apple drying plant in Cheelan.

The spot where the car left the road, on Lake Cheelan's north shore three miles east of Manson, was extremely icy.

Authorities were notified at 7 a.m. that car lights had been seen in the water. The car, with the bodies inside, was recovered from 14 feet of water, 25 feet offshore.

The scene is directly across Lake Cheelan from the south shore road where a school bus went into the lake in 1945 with loss of 14 lives.

Ruling Backs Religious Law

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's public schools must excuse children to attend outside religious instruction classes, provided that such instruction doesn't interfere with school activities and that it doesn't take longer than two hours a week, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Wednesday.

Thornton said that a 1925 law, providing for this "released time" religious instruction, still is valid. Courts have ruled similar laws to be constitutional, he held.

Before a child can be released to attend religious classes, his parents must request it.

"A school board cannot arbitrarily refuse permission for a released time religious education program, assuming the parents of such child, or the guardian, have made application therefor in the manner prescribed by statute," Thornton wrote.

"On the other hand," he continued, "discretion is vested in the board to approve or disapprove such application in so far as the same may interfere with the regular work of the school."

"The courts will not interfere with the exercise of discretion by school directors in matters controlled by law to their judgment, unless there is a clear abuse of discretion or violation of law."

Dist. Atty. Winston Bradshaw of Oregon City asked for the opinion.

Rain, Snow Covers North

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain or snow fell along northern states from central New England over most of the Great Lakes region Wednesday but generally fair weather prevailed in most other parts of the country.

Rain fell along the East Coast and was mixed with snow in the Eastern Great Lakes region. Snow fell westward to the Mississippi Valley, with heaviest falls of around one inch in Northwest Illinois and Eastern Iowa.

Heaviest rain in the East was in New England with about one inch in Boston.

Only other precipitation area was the far Northwest Falls measured about one half inch in some sections.

Central Colorado was the cold spot early Wednesday. It was 18 degrees below zero in Fraser, high in the Rockies. Temperatures were in the 20s over the Northern and Central Plains, the Western Pacific and parts of the Northern Great Lakes region.

On the West Coast, temperatures were in the 40s from Seattle southward to Central California.

CHARGES

ELITE, Pa. (AP) — Mayor Thomas W. Flattery, who faces a possible prison term after pleading guilty to conspiracy charges stemming from a gambling probe here, has formally submitted his resignation.

DeMolay Leads Blood Drive

DeMolay members are leading the Masonic organizations in the drive for donor pledges for the visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile Thursday and Friday, December 16-17. They have turned in 91 confirmed cards. Manzanita Chapter has secured 40 donors, Amarant 33, Job's Daughters 14 and White Shrine of Jerusalem 2.

Job's Daughters will man the nursery and the hat check room both days. Transportation will be furnished if calls are made to Red Cross headquarters, 4125.

Hours on Thursday are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Quota this visit is 450 pints.

Accidents Mar Portland SD Day

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland got through 7 hours and 17 minutes of Safe Driving Day without an accident. Then at 7:17 a. m. Wednesday a car hit a pedestrian.

A half hour later police reported the second traffic accident of the day and the sheriff's office reported the first county accident, outside the city, at about the same time.

Hopes Dashed For Perfect Record; Few Deaths Occur

Klamath County had a perfect record for no traffic accidents by noon today, according to reports from city and state police.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scores of traffic accidents were reported Wednesday—Safe Driving Day—but there were comparatively few deaths on the nation's streets and highways.

At 9:15 a.m. PST 10 deaths had been recorded.

As the halfway mark approached deaths were being reported at a rate of less than one per hour. During a Dec. 1 survey made by The Associated Press, deaths occurred at the rate of two or three an hour and totaled 64.

The purpose of the special 24-hour period known as Safe Driving Day was to reduce traffic mishaps sharply and, if possible, to eliminate them entirely.

But hopes for a perfect day were dashed shortly after S-D Day began.

FATALITY

The first traffic fatality of S-D Day apparently occurred in Milwaukee County, Wis., shortly after midnight.

The victim, Adelbert Jacobs Jr., 37, of Waterford, lost control of his car near Hales Corners. The accident was reported at 12:23 a. m. by a motorist who saw the car in a field.

There were no known witnesses. But, after hours of official indecision, Joseph La Monte, deputy county medical examiner, said "we are assuming the accident occurred after midnight."

La Monte said he based his assumption on the condition of the body. He said Jacobs died of "crushing chest injuries."

Many non-fatal accidents were reported. New York City had 32 during the first nine hours. The Chicago area had 68 in ten hours.

President Eisenhower who proclaimed S-D Day and has taken the leadership in the campaign, pleaded for an unblemished record of safety. He expressed hope "every American will help make it a day without a single traffic accident throughout the country."

AVERAGE

The National Safety Council said that last year motor vehicle accidents averaged about 27,000 a day.

Coast Guard Plane Crashes

HAINEES, Alaska (AP) — One man died of injuries and three others were listed as missing and presumed dead Tuesday after a Coast Guard amphibious plane crashed in Haines Harbor during a take-off.

Three survived the crash. The missing included a strait-jacketed mental patient, Fred Harrington of Haines, who was being flown to a Juneau hospital. Two Coastguardsmen, Andrew P. Turner, 39, Lansdowne, Pa., and Doyle E. Jahn, 21, Roseland, Neb., also were unaccounted for and the Coast Guard said there was little hope they were still alive. Clifford E. Habecker, 34, Pittsford, N.Y., a Coastguardsman, died of injuries received in the crash.

Fishermen pulled the three survivors from the water. They were the pilot, Lt. Comdr. Frederick J. Hancock, 34, of Reading, Pa., in fair condition in a hospital; the co-pilot, Lt. William P. Butler, 35, Hyattsville, Md., whose condition was listed as critical, and U.S. Deputy Marshal Darrell Miller of Juneau. Miller, who was escorting Harrington to Juneau, escaped with only slight injuries.

Cause of the crash was not determined. The Coast Guard said the plane may have struck a submerged object as it took off from the harbor.

Jury Reversed By High Court

SALEM (AP) — Richard E. Thomson, Newport, who was sentenced to 20 years for trying to kill his business partner, won a new trial Wednesday.

The Oregon Supreme Court unanimously reversed his conviction because Circuit Judge Fred McHenry allowed the jury to find out that Thomson originally had pleaded guilty to the charge. Thomson changed his plea to innocent.

Thomson was charged with having attempted to kill James Meuler by beating him with an iron pipe and then running the car, with Meuler in it, over a high cliff on the Coast Highway.

The Supreme Court in its decision by Justice Hall S. Lusk, said it was prejudicial to Thomson's case to permit Thomson's guilty plea as evidence.

The high court said that when evidence is conflicting, the question of guilt must be determined by the jury without any incompetent evidence being submitted.

Other decisions included:

Herman R. Bires and R. J. Martens, appellants, vs. Grand Lodge Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America. Appeal from Lane County. Suit by two lodge members to get reinstatement. Opinion by Justice William Perry. Judge G. F. Skippworth, affirmed, holding that the courts have no jurisdiction in lodge membership disputes.

DEATH

PARIS (AP) — The death last week of Abbé Ernest Dinnel, whose book "The Art of Thinking" was a U.S. best seller in 1936, was revealed Wednesday.



GETTING READY for the day's shoppers is B. M. Harrison, 5543 Summers Lane, the parking attendant at Safeway Store on Eighth and High.

