

# Tax Recommendations Expected To Be Delayed

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (UP) — The administration may delay from January until mid-spring any recommendation that Congress reduce taxes, an informed source said today.

The source said Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey and Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes would urge the delay at a conference this morning with President Eisenhower.

Humphrey tipped his hand in a St. Louis press conference and speech Wednesday night in stating that he opposed a tax cut "at the present time" because of the nation's defense needs. But he said he still thinks the budget can be balanced by the end of the current fiscal year on the basis of present estimates of incoming revenue.

Mr. Eisenhower planned to drive from his Gettysburg farm to the presidential retreat at Thurmont, Md., 22 miles away, for talks with Humphrey and Hughes prior to a later meeting of the National Security Council.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson were invited to sit in on the discussion about taxes presumably because defense and foreign aid budgets are two prime items in the fiscal outlook.

The source said Humphrey and Hughes think the administration

would be in a better position to talk about tax cuts after it has determined definitely that the budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30 can be balanced.

After the discussion on taxes, the President was ready to turn to consideration of cold war problems at the National Security Council meeting. A priority topic for discussion at the secret session was likely to be the new war of nerves in Berlin.

Any delay in administration requests for a tax cut could be expected to set off a sharp political debate. Both parties want quick action on a tax cut as a politically strategic move with the voters for the 1956 presidential campaign.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) already has said that "tax revision to benefit the low income groups" would be part of the legislative program which the Democrats hope to put over in Congress.

Administration leaders were thought to have cleared the way for their tax reduction proposal earlier this week when it was agreed to hold defense spending for the new fiscal year at \$34,500,000 — about the same level as this year.

There has been speculation that the administration would propose giving lower income groups higher tax exemptions, coupled with tax relief for those in higher brackets.

The President will drive back to his Gettysburg farm tonight after the Security Council session. He will return to the presidential retreat Friday for a cabinet meeting and drive to Washington on Saturday.

# Chessman Sets Legal Battle

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Author-convict Caryl Chessman opened a new legal battle today in his seven-year fight to escape death in the San Quentin Prison gas chamber.

Chessman, the so-called "Red Light" Bancroft of Los Angeles, was to appear before Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, who will set a date for a hearing on his petition for a new trial.

Prison officials said the 34-year-old convict would be dressed in a civilian business suit, shirt and tie for his first day outside San Quentin Prison in 3½ years.

They planned to take "every precaution" to assure against a possible escape attempt.

Irving Ritter, acting warden of San Quentin, said Chessman would be handcuffed and shackled with leg irons for the 40-minute ride from San Quentin to San Francisco.

Ritter said he would "pack a lunch" in case the court has no facilities for feeding Chessman.

After the hearing, Chessman was to be returned directly to the prison "unless the court so orders otherwise."

Chessman's attorney, George T. Davis, said he would ask the court to order Chessman held in San Francisco County jail where he would be "easily accessible."

Chessman, the author of the best-selling autobiography, "Cell 2455, Death Row," was convicted in 1948 on 17 counts of kidnaping, robbery and rape. He has won eight stays of execution since then.

Last month, Chessman succeeded in persuading the U.S. Supreme Court to grant him a hearing on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

COLLISION  
VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP) — When Mrs. Phyllis A. Loughlin's auto collided with another, she was thrown to the street. Her car spun around and ran over her. Police said she was killed by her own car. Joseph Dorfman, driver of the other car, was hospitalized with head injuries.

PEARL HARBOR DAY  
TOKYO (AP) — Pearl Harbor Day — Dec. 8 on this side of the International Date Line — passed almost unnoticed in Japan, which launched the attack 14 years ago.

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