

Politicos Express Doubt Over Possible Tax Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top House leaders—and some senators—poised a big question mark today over prospects for cutting taxes next year.

In separate talks with newsmen, Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) and Representatives Martin (R-Mass.) and Cannon (D-Mo.) voiced doubts that any substantial tax relief would be forthcoming. Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) and Bridges (R-N.H.) said a balanced budget is more important than a tax cut.

Chairman Cooper (D-Tenn.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, where tax legislation normally is originated, declined to

comment on the tax outlook for next year. Rayburn is boss Democrat in the House; Martin is the top Republican; and Cannon heads the Appropriations Committee. In the Senate, Byrd is chairman of the Finance Committee, and Bridges is senior Republican on the Appropriations Committee.

Their pessimism over the tax outlook differed from the attitude of Sen. George (D-Ga.), an influential member of the Senate Finance Committee. He predicted yesterday that pressure for a tax cut "will be too great for Congress to resist."

George said earlier this week he believed taxes could be cut from 3 to 3½ billion dollars next year. He cited no figure yesterday, but said he expects cut some time during the year. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate Democratic leader, also has called for tax cuts.

Rayburn said he was far from convinced that taxes can be cut in the light of present world conditions. On the contrary, he said, "we may need more."

He said he thinks some present "inequities" in the tax structure should be corrected, with "the little fellow getting some relief."

Rayburn, Martin and Cannon are joined at the possibility of in-

crease in defense spending next year, which would make both a tax cut and a balanced budget difficult. They were interviewed after a White House conference at which President Eisenhower reportedly talked of a billion-dollar boost in defense spending next year.

Despite his belief that "we are further away from war today than we were a year ago," Martin said, "Defense spending may increase, and that will prevent any tax cut."

Summing up the outlook, Martin said: "It's quite doubtful whether we can have any substantial tax re-

duction next year," though a balanced budget may "permit tax reduction for the little fellow."

Cannon cautioned against cutting taxes until the federal budget is balanced and a systematic reduction of the national debt is undertaken.

Byrd agreed, saying he is opposed to reducing any taxes. If there is a surplus, he said it ought to be applied on payments on the national debt.

Bridges said he will "certainly support" any tax cut if the budget is balanced.

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Abstracts of bids, showing tentative awards, will be posted in the hallway of the project headquarters building shortly after each bid opening is completed.

Carlson Appointed To United Nations

PORTLAND (AP) — Victor D. Carlson, who served with the Oregon Public Welfare Commission for eight years prior to 1941, has been appointed by the United Nations as a social welfare adviser in Pakistan. It was learned here Monday.

Carlson, a graduate of the Willamette University, taught at the University of Denver after leaving Oregon.

Red Chinese Double Farms

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping Radio said Tuesday Red China has almost doubled the number of cooperative farms since August, in possibly the most sweeping agricultural overhaul of a nation in history.

The Red radio, quoting the official government newspaper, the Peiping Peoples Daily, said that from Aug. 1 to Nov. 10 more than 500,000 new agricultural cooperatives of a semi-socialist nature were set up.

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