



CENTENNIAL VISITORS recently were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swanson of 1951 Erie Street. The Swansons are shown here inspecting the New York Life Insurance booth with B. M. Downie, left, general manager from Eugene. The electronic computer in the center of the picture is a feature of the exhibit used in determining proper amounts of insurance for the average person after certain facts have been ascertained from visitors and fed through the device. Swanson reported on his return to Klamath Falls that considerable interest had been shown in the electronic exhibit at the booth.

### Political Purge Extended; Governor To Divorce Wife

WINNFIELD, La. (AP) — Gov. Earl Long, refreshed after a week-end at his beloved "Pea Patch Farm," heads across state to Covington today to place himself under a term of psychiatrists. Long is also extending his political purge, divorcing his wife, planning a special session of the Legislature, and starting his campaign for re-election. "I'm going to get a divorce just as fast as I can," he said of his wife, who twice committed him for psychiatric treatment. Mrs. Long has left the state. Long plans to remain at Covington until Friday night. Then he will go to Baton Rouge for the first time since his commitment to Southeast Louisiana State (mental) Hospital at Mandeville on June 13.

The 63-year-old governor discussed his plans Sunday in a 15-minute news conference on the back porch of the frame farm house his estranged wife, Blanche, calls "Earl's shack."

The governor, clad in pajamas and a bathrobe, did most of the talking. Only about two or three questions were asked before the governor's advisors and psychiatrist, Dr. Paul Pratt, decided the conference had lasted long enough.

The governor told newsmen he had been considering a divorce from his wife for some time.

"I would have got a divorce a long time ago if I hadn't been in politics," the governor said. "Without causing any scandal and no trouble I'm going to get a divorce just as fast as I can."

He plans a cleanup in the state Welfare Department.

"If what I heard about Mrs.

Dickerson (Mary Evelyn Dickerson Parker) director of welfare is true, she's a bum director."

If he can, he is going to get rid of Theo Cangelosi, chairman of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors and long-time friend and legal adviser of the governor.

"He doublecrossed me," Long said. "Representing both me and my wife."

He did not go into detail on the special legislative session, but definitely said there would be one.

Long predicted he would be elected governor for the fourth time in the Democratic primary next December. He said he would get 60 per cent of the vote as against 51 per cent he got last time.

"If any man in Louisiana is qualified to talk about politics, it's me," Long emphasized.

### CITY BRIEFS

Rainbow Girls—will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Stone Signal Service, Ninth and Pine Street.

Grandparents — Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas, Klamath Falls, have received announcement of a grandson, 9 lb 1 oz. Richard David, born at Marin General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Narcisso Jr., San Rafael, California. Richard joins an older brother, Thomas Joseph, 4.

Midland Grange—will hold its regular meeting July 1 at 8 p.m. in the Midland Grange Hall. Refreshments will be served.

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### Beat Charge Jails Man

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have arrested Harry Gross, 44, a New Yorker accused of beating his wife's elderly grandfather. Gross was identified by officers as chief of a 20-million-dollar bookmaking ring in New York 10 years ago.

Police said Harry Black, 81, is in critical condition at General Hospital with head and neck wounds.

Gross, booked Saturday on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder, denied the charge. He said, "The old man and I are good friends."

Black told officers Gross attacked him after an argument over \$2,000 which he said he loaned the ex-bookmaker and his wife.

Gross was sent to prison in 1951 after pleading guilty to 66 counts of bookmaking and conspiracy.

### Solons To Act On Tax Bill; May Avert Revenue Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress acts today on a compromise corporation-excite tax extension bill to avert a three-billion-dollar drop in tax revenues for the next year. The House acts first and the Senate must follow quickly if present tax rates are to be continued beyond Tuesday midnight.

It was the sixth time that Congress has been called on to continue increased tax rates voted initially in 1951 to finance the Korean fighting.

The bill extends for another year the Korean wartime 32 per cent income tax rate on corporation profits. It postpones a scheduled drop to 47 per cent.

It also continues for a year Korean excise, or sales, tax rates on automobiles, auto parts and accessories, cigarettes, liquor, wine and beer.

A compromise of Senate-House differences, the bill was not popular with senators who voted last week to add other tax features. These were either killed entirely or watered down to taken size by a Senate-House conference committee.

Knocked out were Senate-passed provisions for repeal of the 4 per cent stock dividend credit allowed stockholders on dividend income over \$50, and authority for payment of 142 million dollars of additional welfare grants to the states.

Retained in sharply modified form were Senate provisions affecting the 10 per cent taxes on communications and passenger tickets.

But working against a deadline little more than 24 hours off, Congress had almost no time in which to haggle over revising the bill.

Failure to extend the rates would mean a tax loss to the government of an estimated \$3,136,000,000 a year. Even the loss entailed by a short delay could have serious effect on the administration's 1960 budget. The corporation tax rates could be made retro-

active, but the excise taxes could not because they are imposed on purchases. The compromise provides for repeal of the 10 per cent tax on local phone calls effective June 30, 1960, unless Congress later decides otherwise. The bill also provides for reducing the tax on rail, bus and airplane tickets from 10 per cent to 5 per cent—also not effective until June 30, 1960, and again provided Congress does not vote to postpone it further.

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