Eisenhower No Piker In Spending

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Dwight D. Eisenhower must have winced when he heard President Kennedy summarize the condition in which he believes the Eisenhower administration left the nation. It was this:

"We take office in the wake of seven months of recession, three and one half years of slack, seven years of diminished economic growth and nine years of falling farm income. Business bankruptcies have reached their highest level since the great depression."

Ike's Spending Record

Perhaps Eisenhower can find comfort against Kennedy's summary of the nation's domestic ills by knowledge that these troubles cannot be charged to any reluctance of the Eisenhower administration to spend the people's tax money. Ike set some spending records himself. If the new president expects to change conditions in the United States at the taxpayers' expense, the Kennedy administration will set some spending records far exceeding Ike's. That will be tough, either on the present generation of taxpayers or on their grandchildren.

Whether we or our grandchildren are slugged depends on how the Kennedy administration finances government spending beyond existing Treasury revenue. If taxes are hiked to pay the bills we, the present generation of taxpayers, will be hit. If Kennedy borrows the money, as did Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and, sometimes, Eisenhower, the bite will be on our grandchildren.

The bite also would be on the U.S. dollar. It is a fact that deficit spending by government—borrowing instead of taxing to support the welfare state and other projects—contributes directly to currency inflation, the rotting of the dollar. The dollar already has rotted since 1939 to a value of less than 50 cents.

Higher Spending Foreseen

From Roger A. Freeman of the Washington, D.C. Institute of Social Science Research recently came some figures on Eisenhower Administration spending. If you think the big increase in spending has been for national defense in recent years, you are mistaken. Freeman calculated that in seven years, 1952-59, government spending for war-connected purposes increased a mere 3 per cent. Spending for other purposes, he calculated, increased more than 103 per cent.

"Federal payments to the public outside the U.S. budget," said Freeman, "jumped 452 per cent... during the seven years expenditures for the major public services such as education, welfare and pensions, highways, natural resources, parks etc., doubled or more than doubled. If public services were simply to maintain, in the next 11 years, the annual rate of growth they showed 1952-59, they would in 1970 cost considerably more than $200 billion.

"Adding defense, foreign aid, veterans, debt interest, government spending would be close to $300 billion a year."

We are living now in what may become the good old days.

Wanted Man Is Arrested For Oregon

PORTLAND (AP)—Police said today that Los Angeles authorities have arrested Chester Raymond Hedrick, who staged a sensational escape from the Oregon State Hospital after admitting that he was the "Fat Man" rapist responsible for a series of sex crimes here.

Hedrick was arrested by Los Angeles policemen on a charge of wife beating, authorities here said.

Hedrick and Vernon W. Street broke out of the hospital late in December by wrapping themselves in blankets and hurtling through a ward window from which they had removed a wire screen.

Hospital authorities said the two men had been picked up by a car, driven by a woman, that sped across the hospital lawn.

Street was arrested here earlier this week, and he told police he had last seen Hedrick in Eugene. Hedrick, Street said, was accompanied by Mrs. Hedrick.

Install Half Of Huge Tank

NEW PINE CREEK — Kelton Vincent last week installed half of an 11,000-gallon molasses storage tank in his Vincent Milling Service warehouse here.

The tank, purchased from Lake County Cooperative, was cut in half by Darvin Robnett, who will use the other half for storing molasses at his stationary feed mill at the Robnett ranch.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"

"IT'S A SNOWBALL. I HAD ONE LEFT OVER."

Hitchcock Suspense Part Of Rules Committee Vote

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The great rules committee fight in the House of Representatives began with a round of applause for Speaker Sam Rayburn and ended the same way.

The gentleman from Texas had predicted victory by a close vote, and that's how it turned out. You might say, then, that he had control of the situation from start to finish.

But this would be a little like saying that someone using chopsticks for the first time has control of a plate of chop suey.

On this occasion, the House resembled a can of worms, and I doubt that even Mr. Sam could be certain which way some members were going to squirm.

Rayburn Vs. Smith

If, before it was over, the speaker's bald pate wasn't festooned with beads of perspiration, then his sweat glands must have gone out of the costume jewelry business.

At stake when the House met at noon Tuesday was a move by Rayburn to expand the membership of the rules committee. Behind the proposal was a long-standing squabble over wether Republican and Southern Democrats on the committee were teaming up to block certain liberal legislation.

Essentially, it was a contest between Rayburn and Rep. Howard W. Smith, the Virginia Democrat and husbandman who is chairman of the committee.

Smith has frequently been accused of going home to tend to his cattle at times when the committee was confronted with bills he disliked. I don't know whether this is true or pot, but the cows undoubtedly have caused consternation in the liberal ranks.

Prestige On Line

One urban-type lawmaker went so far as to propose last year that Smith be permitted to pasture his herd on some government land near the Capitol.

At any rate, Rayburn put a lot of his prestige on the line in the drive to supply the committee with more members than Smith wanted. There was, consequently, intense interest in the showdown.

The galleries were packed and on the floor a person could have gotten rich selling asbestos shoes to congressmen who had their feet in the fire.

Ordinarily, a legislative session is about as dramatic as the second volume of the "Bobsey Twins," but this one did not disappoint. The suspense that built up during the roll call vote would have done credit to Alfred Hitchcock.

Rayburn finally emerged with a five-vote victory, took his bows and calmly went off to lunch. He can now be certain of having the edge over Smith, at least until milking time.

"It's a family heirloom. We go 'way back to before they had plumbing!"

Controversy rages between private research groups and Federal agencies about highway design!

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SUNDAY Herald and News

Prohibition Drinkers May Have Bearing On Pirates

By WARD CANNEL

NEW YORK (NEA)—Because a few Americans found a way to drink whisky legally in spite of prohibition laws 35 years ago, the Portuguese "passengers" who took over the cruise ship Santa Maria may have a legal loophole to escape the grim penalties of piracy.

According to international maritime law, piracy is the forceful seizure of a vessel on the high seas by persons with no legal rights to the controls of the ship.

The punishment can be life imprisonment or death.

"But," according to one of New York's—and the world's—best respected admiralty attorneys, "it wouldn't surprise me if they managed to get out of a piracy charge by dredging up the ghost of U.S. prohibition and calling it revolution."

The precedent he and other maritime law specialists cite is the case of the U.S. luxury liner Leviathan, which was famous for its New York to Cherbourg run.

With laws in the U.S. forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages except for medical necessity, the Leviathan would wait until she had cleared the three-mile territorial limit before serving drinks to passengers.

Presently the matter was brought to court. The argument: the ship was in violation of the Volstead Act because the U.S. Constitution follows the U.S. flag.

In other words, a vessel, even on the high seas, is an extra-territorial extension of the nation under whose papers she sails.

Well, you know how things are in law courts. Whether the constitution follows the flag was still being argued when the case was settled by issuing the Leviathan a medical certificate allowing her to carry several hundred cases of alcoholic liquor—for medicinal uses, of course.

This decision left a loophole in the historical definition of piracy by raising—but not settling — the curious question of whether a ship is always a ship or sometimes a piece of land. The difference between the two could be the difference between piracy and rebellion against a government.

The problem came up again in the late 1930s, according to Capt. William Arnt, chief investigating officer of the U.S. Coast Guard in New York.

It was a violation of neutrality laws, he explaired, for the U.S. to ship certain vital materials across the Atlantic to what later became the Allies. Consequently, American-owned tankers were registered in Panama and sailed under the Panamanian flag.

"Not a U.S. ship," Capt. Arzt said. "It became a Panama vessel carrying a Panama cargo. No violation of the U.S. neutrality act."

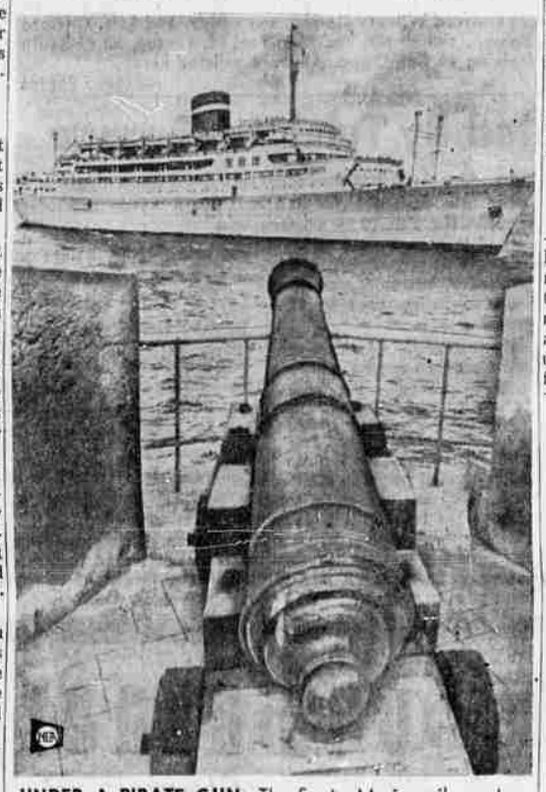
The constitution of Panama was following her flag. And another precedent was set for considering a ship a piece of the land whose papers she carried.

Added support for this change in maritime thinking comes from one of the biggest marine insurance companies in the port of New York.

"Many ships carry piracy insurance," one executive said. "It's part of a standard war policy we write. But if the vessel is forcefully seized and then turned in with no damage to the ship or the cargo, we do not pay for piracy."

It might be successfully argued, he—like the others—said, that the Santa Maria had not been pirated but rather was a piece of occupied Portugal held by revolutionaries.

And how much more glorious it is to be imprisoned for life or put to death for rebellion than for piracy.



UNDER A PIRATE GUN: The Santa Maria sails past a cannon that once protected Curacao harbor in the Netherlands West Indies from brigands.

"Herbie's seen every dress I have! Guess I'd better start looking for another boy friend!"

On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS

BIRTHS

BOYS

SEATER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Seater Jan. 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 10½ ozs.

GIRLS

WHITE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert G. White Jan. 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 11½ ozs.

WISE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Derrald Lee Wise Jan. 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

1961 SUMMARY

Boys—39 Girls—46

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS

MUNICIPAL COURT

Phillip John Gardner, drunk, released to Air Police.

Stanley John, drunk, $10 or 10 days.

Godfrey Rambo, drunk, $25 or five days.

Jerry Floyd Sully, drunk, $25 or five days.

HAZEL SCOTT MARRIES

NEW YORK (UPI) — Pianist Hazel Scott, 40, who recently divorced Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., was married Tuesday to a 25-year-old entertainer from Switzerland.

Miss Scott's wedding with Ezio Bendin, whom she met in Rome in 1959, was celebrated at St. Francis Xavier church here.

STEADY CUSTOMER

NOTTINGHAM, England (UPI) —After a motorist paid his regular monthly parking lot bill, he received the following note from the attendant: "The car has never been moved and weeds are growing through the concrete underneath." The car was parked four years ago.

1960 Gold Drain Total Hit Whopping $3 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. balance of payments deficit, which has led to a heavy gold drain, totaled $3.8 billion in 1960, a top Commerce Department official said Wednesday.

While the final figure for the year hasn't been announced officially, Undersecretary Edward Gudeman revealed it in a talk at the mid-winter conference of the Advertising Federation of America.

The 1960 deficit of $3.8 billion was $100 million less than the total for 1959.

The deficit represents the difference between the amount which Americans spend, invest and give away abroad and the amount received from foreign sources.

As foreigners collect more dollars than they spend, they have the choice of investing them in the United States or exchanging them for American gold. Their gold purchases last year totaled $2 billion and the remaining U.S. gold supply now stands at $17.4 billion—the lowest level since 1939.

Gudeman also gave the Commerce Department's latest estimates that 1960 exports amounted to $19.5 billion while imports totaled $16 billion.

Three Attend PO Conference

NEW PINE CREEK — Mrs. Buna Faris, Mrs. Hope Brader, Chemult, and Mrs. Esther Goodat, Gilchrist, traveled together to Albany last week to attend the mid-winter conference of the state chapter, National Association of Postmasters.

Mrs. Faris was joined Saturday by her husband and they drove to Portland for business and to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faris, and Geoffery Faris. They returned Monday evening.

WEATHER HEADLINE

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI)—The cold weather prompted a headline writer for the Albany Times Union to top his story with:

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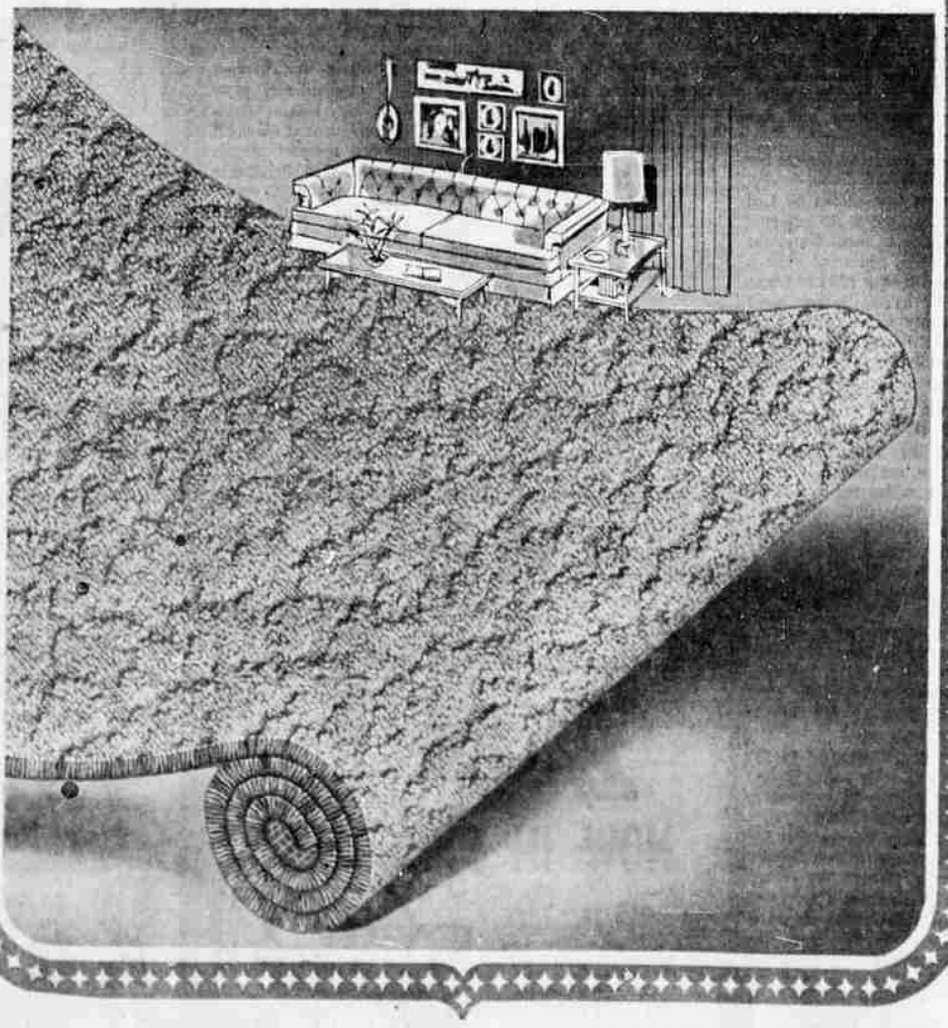

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