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## Administration Again Urges No Tax Slash Now

Averell Harriman Says Inflationary Pressure Strong

Washington, March 9 — (UP) — The administration stated its tax-cut-now views again today.

Secretary of commerce W. Averell Harriman told the senate finance committee that taxes should not be reduced while inflation still is with us.

And, he asserted inflationary pressures continue strong.

But a majority of congressmen — probably a veto-overriding majority — agreed with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce that a tax cut is due.

The chamber told the senate committee that a tax cut would be the best insurance available against a recession.

The committee is studying the \$6.5 billion tax cut passed by the house. GOP senators plan to trim the cut to \$4.5 billion. They hope by doing that to get enough votes to override the tax-cut veto which everybody expects from President Truman.

While the senate continued debate on foreign recovery and the house discussed pay and training of organized reserves, the congressional news budget included

Later than they thought — U. S. military authorities in Germany no longer believe the world is safe from war for at least 10 years. That was the gist of a report from defense secretary James Forrestal to the senate armed services committee. These authorities aren't predicting war soon; they just don't feel that the 10-year guess is much good in view of recent happenings.

Single package — House GOP leaders rejected, at least for the time being, the plea of secretary of state George C. Marshall that other aid programs be kept out of the European recovery bill. Marshall personally asked speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., to consider the E.R.P. bill apart from others in the interests of speed.

"Loafing" — The house appropriations committee accused the internal revenue bureau of "loafing on the job," the job of being to collect taxes. It also charged the bureau with "glaring inefficiencies." The charges accompanied approval of a \$1.9 billion bill to run the treasury and post office in fiscal 1949.

Return — Rep. A. L. Miller, R. Neb., said he believes Gen. Douglas MacArthur would come home within two weeks if invited to testify before a congressional committee on Japanese problems.

Cleanup — H. J. Anslinger, head of the narcotics bureau, told the house appropriations committee that Gen. MacArthur had "cleaned up" Japanese narcotics smuggling.

Atomic — Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the atomic energy commission said the country cannot tolerate work stoppages at atomic plants or plants which supply them. He testified before the joint congressional atomic committee which is studying labor policy for the atomic energy program.

Chairman Of Local Cancer Society At Meeting In Capital

Roy Kalver of this city, chairman of the Adams county cancer society, attended a state meeting of cancer society officials at the Columbia club in Indianapolis Monday. The meeting was to prepare for the annual drive for funds in Indiana and also to outline the year's program.

Indiana's goal is set at \$325,000 for 1948 and Adams county is expected to contribute \$1,500 of this amount. Decatur's share of the \$1,500 already has been raised in the amount of \$1,000 which is part of the Community fund and the balance of \$500 will be raised in other parts of the county.

William H. Ball, Muncie manufacturer and president of the state society, presided at Monday's session, which was opened by an address by Gov. Ralph Gates. Many prominent physicians and other Hoosier citizens interested in the control of cancer addressed the gathering. More than 200 members of county societies were present.

## Religious Teaching In Schools Illegal

U. S. Supreme Court In Ruling Monday

Washington, March 9 — (UP) — Some 2,000,000 children in 2,200 communities attend religious classes during school hours with the cooperation of public schools. The legality of such religious training is now wide open to attack.

The supreme court ruled yesterday that religious education in public schools is unconstitutional. The court's lone dissenter, Justice Stanley F. Reed, said the majority opinion was so sweeping that it could forbid schools from excusing children during school hours to attend religious classes at their own churches.

A concurring justice, Robert H. Jackson, said the decision could include a ban on classical arts, such as literature or architecture, that touch on religion.

Justice Hugo L. Black, who wrote the majority opinion, didn't say how far it went. He merely stated that no tax-supported public school system can aid any religious sect any way.

The wall between the church and state erected by the first amendment to the constitution "must be kept high and impregnable," Black said.

The court's decision specifically struck down an eight-year old instruction program in Champaign, Ill. The program allowed students to attend, with the written permission of their parents, half-hour weekly classes conducted in public schools.

In writing the majority opinion, Black rejected an interpretation of the first amendment advanced by Illinois in the Champaign case, and by representatives of the Catholic church in public statements in recent months. According to their view, the amendment was intended "to forbid only government preference of one religion over another, not an impartial governmental assistance of all religions."

"After giving full consideration to the arguments," Black declared, "we are unable to accept . . . contentions."

In its busiest day of the present term, the court handed down another decision which is expected to affect seriously Michigan's efforts to root out crime by a "one-man-grand jury" system. The system has resulted in the wholesale jailing of officials in high office found guilty of corruption.

The court ruled that the power

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## Court Orders Estate Properties Be Sold

Estate Bequeathed To Local Churches

Real estate bequeathed the 13 churches of the city by the late Kathryn Jackson has been ordered sold by Judge Earl B. Adams in Adams circuit court and the proceeds divided between the churches.

In a partition action pending in court here, the court found that each of the churches is entitled to one-thirteenth of the estate and that all of the interested parties, excepting Curtis Zimmerman, should share in the estate.

Mr. Zimmerman was tenant on an involved farm and had been named as a defendant only because of any interest that he might have.

Samuel D. Henschel and Fred J. Adler, named as appraisers by the court, reported the following values on involved property; land near Curryville, \$12,500; lots in Curryville, \$175; a lot in Decatur, \$900.

Each of the appraisers was allowed \$5, and the attorney in the suit, Fred L. Litterer, \$50.

Sharing in the estate are: First Methodist, Bethany and Trinity Evangelical United Brethren, First Presbyterian, First Christian, First Baptist, Church of God, Nuttman Avenue United Brethren, St. Mary's Catholic, Church of the Nazarene, Missionary, Zion Lutheran and Zion Evangelical and Reformed churches.

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## Arabs Attack Jewish Colony Near Ramallah

Several Hundred Arabs Driven Off By Sharpshooters

Jerusalem, March 9 — (UP) — Several hundred Arab troops attacked a Jewish colony near Ramallah under cover of a heavy fog early today, but were driven back by Haganah sharpshooters after an eight-hour battle.

Alert Haganah scouts were credited with saving many lives in the colony — Atarot, on the main Jerusalem-Ramallah highway.

Haganah sources said the scouts spotted the Arabs creeping toward the settlement. The Jews, settled in reinforced stone houses, stood by openings until the Arabs approached within rifle range.

Then they fired a heavy barrage, forcing the Arabs to retreat.

The Arabs regrouped outside the village and poured machine gun and mortar shells into it, but caused no casualties, according to Haganah.

Arab casualties were not known.

Jewish political parties, meanwhile, agreed today on a 32-man council to govern a Jewish state, as the British prepared large-scale evacuations from the Holy Land.

Approximately 2,000 British troops and several hundred civilians are scheduled to leave Palestine aboard the S. S. Samaritan, due today at Haifa, government sources announced.

British officials were told yesterday their families must be out of Palestine by the end of March.

The proposed council, which must be ratified by the United Nations, has been formed on the "broadest possible" basis, Hirsch said. Of its 32 members, 12 presently are members of the Jewish agency, 14 of the Vaad Leumi (Palestine National Council) and the remaining six of small political parties, settlers' and women's organizations.

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## Grain Prices Fall Again In Chicago

Soybeans Fall Full Eight-Cents Limit

Chicago, March 9 — (UP) — Grain prices fell again today on the Chicago board of trade.

Wheat, corn and oats dropped sharply for the second straight day, at the opening. Soybeans fell the full eight-cent limit.

Hog prices at Chicago appeared steady with yesterday's lower levels, but other markets throughout the midwest reported prices 75 cents to \$1 a hundred pounds lower.

At New York, top grades of beef in the wholesale meat market sold 50 cents to \$1 lower. Poorer grades of beef, however, were strong to higher. Veal was steady to \$1 higher and pork was steady to \$1 lower.

Meanwhile, at Washington, government labor experts predicted that President Truman would take action to postpone a strike of CIO packinghouse workers scheduled for next Monday. Under the Taft-Hartley law, the president could declare that a meat industry shutdown was a "national emergency."

At the opening of the Chicago grain market wheat was 4¢ to 4½ cents a bushel lower. Corn lost 2½ cents to 7½ cents. Oats dropped 4¢ to 3 cents.

All of the major commodities except crude rubber took a sharp drop yesterday with grains leading the descent. The trend was transmitted to the stock exchange which closed fractions lower. Hog prices dropped 25 cents to \$1.50 lower at the big cornbelt stockyards.

It was the biggest general drop since Feb. 13 when the big break that started Feb. 4 finally was checked and a gradual upswing began.

The commodity markets set the pattern for the level of the nation's cost of living.

The national association of pur-

## U. S. Women Slain In Indo-China



U. S. consular officials at Saigon, Indo-China are investigating the killing and burning of two American women employees, Lydia Ruth James (left), of Hillsdale, Ind., and Mrs. Jeanne Skewes (right) of San Francisco. Their bodies, each with a bullet hole in the head, were found under their burned-out jeep on a little-used road about three miles from Saigon airport.

## Additional Workers In Red Cross Drive

Workers Aid Annual Drive In Decatur

Additional workers to assist chairmen in the 17 residential zones of the 1948 Red Cross campaign in Decatur were listed today by Kenneth Runyon, city drive chairman.

Following is a list of the additional workers:

Zone 1 — The Mesdames Nellie Morrison, Weldon Baumgartner, Norman Kruse, Fred Hahnert, Ralph Smith, Amos Ketchum, Clarence Smith, Donald Jefferies, Vernon Custer, R. C. Hersch and Ora McElhaney and Miss Clarice Anspaugh.

Zone 2 — Mrs. Harry Essex and Mrs. Joe Hunter.

Zone 8 — Mrs. Wesley Lehman.

Zone 9 — The Mesdames Sephus Jackson, Carl Smith, Frank Bolinke and L. E. Archbold.

Zone 10 — The Mesdames Phil L. Macklin, Dean Byerly, G. R. Bierly, Jack Brunton, Chet Kleinknight, Lowell Smith, William Kelner, Maynard Hetrick, and Hubert Zerkel Sr.

Zone 11 — The Mesdames Robert Freeby, Herman H. Krueckeberg, Harmon Gillig, Harry Dailey, G. D. MacLean, Kenneth Runyon and W. P. Harper.

Zone 13 — The Mesdames Alva Buffenbarger, Earl Butler and John Bayles.

Zone 14 — The Mesdames Charles Kent, Harold Baughn, John Beery.

Zone 16 — Mrs. Clyde E. Drake. The above named persons are assistants to previously named chairmen. In some of the smaller zones, chairmen have elected to conduct the respective solicitations without aid.

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## District Dentists To Meet Wednesday

Dinner Meeting To Be Held in Decatur

Members of the Isaac Knapp dental district society will meet in this city at the Masonic home Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Dr. Joe Morris, local dentist, in charge of the event, said that it will be held in the form of a dinner and social meeting.

Dick Mills, well known Indianapolis lecturer and humorist, will speak during the program, to be attended by dentists of the association, their wives and dental assistants.

Some 75 persons are expected to be in attendance at the affair, the only social event of the society during the year and one which has become an annual meeting in this city.

Members of the Order of Eastern Star will prepare and serve the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Dr. Fred Patterson, also a local dentist, will act as toastmaster during the dinner program.

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Weather  
Fair north and partly cloudy south portion tonight; colder; Wednesday partly cloudy, little change in temperature.

The national association of pur-

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## Agrees To Accept G. O. P. Nomination If Offered; Truman Also Candidate

### Discusses Plans For New Catholic Church

Razing Old Church Begins This Summer

Washington, March 9 — (UP) — Republican regulars and rebellious southern Democrats maneuvered today to put the freeze on the presidential candidates of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and President Truman.

MacArthur and Mr. Truman announced they were willing only a few hours apart yesterday. Many congressional Democrats put an immediate chill on Mr. Truman with reactions most remarkable for grim silence or predictions that he would be licked in November.

A few MacArthurites uttered half-phrases that MacArthur would turn out to be a Democrat and maybe run for them if they could block Mr. Truman. But the general is a Republican.

GOP party leaders shied away from challenging MacArthur. But most of them are convinced now they have the November election in the bag. Many are not as eager as some months ago to top their presidential ticket with a lot of military glamor.

There is some rank and file MacArthur support and he has a nation following as a military man but the greatest political asset he and general Ike possessed is fast disappearing. That was the fear among many Republicans that they could have a hard time defeating Mr. Truman this year. But MacArthur has some powerful newspaper support, including Col. Robert R. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune and William Randolph Hearst.

MacArthur's big political test will

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## Indianapolis Woman Is Traffic Victim

Indianapolis, March 9 — (UP) — Mrs. Jessie Crouch, 67, of Indianapolis, injured 10 days ago in an automobile collision, died in St. Vincent's hospital here last night.

## Walter Helmke In Race For Governor

Fort Wayne Lawyer Tosses Hat In Ring

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 9 — (UP) — Allen county Republican chairman Walter E. Helmke last night said "I would like to be a Democrat."

He announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of Indiana after fourth district committeemen overwhelmingly endorsed him at a meeting.

This morning he left for Indianapolis to establish campaign headquarters.

The Fort Wayne lawyer had been mentioned for the nomination, but the withdrawal of Lt. Gov. Richard James probably quickened his decision to join the race.

Helmke, who is 49, is the second northern Indiana Republican to enter the gubernatorial race. Robert Creighton, Warsaw poultry raiser and speaker of the house of representatives, is the only other formal aspirant to the nomination.

"I suppose the simplest explanation of my move is to say frankly that I would like to be governor," Helmke said.

Political sources here said that Helmke could get the support of Gov. Ralph F. Gates, who has not taken any public stand in the race. The governor, however, has conferred with Helmke within the last few weeks.

Helmke said he wasn't being besieged by a statewide draft movement, but that he had "many friends" who would like him to run.

He was city attorney for 13 years in the administration of mayor Harry W. Baals until the Democrats took over with Henry E. Branning Jr. a few months ago.

Jenner Replies

Indianapolis, March 9 — (UP) — The Indiana Republican editorial association, which first demanded that Sen. William E. Jenner renounce any gubernatorial aspirations he may have, then demanded that he resign from the senate, had a reply from Jenner today.