

BOEHNE 'HOPES' TO SAVE BILLION

He'll Offer an Amendment Authorizing the President To Make Cuts.

Times Special

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Rep. John W. Boehne Jr. (D. Ind.), member of the House Ways and Means Committee which has just drafted the highest tax bill in history, still is hopeful that "that billion" in non-defense expenditures can be saved, he said today.

To make this something more than wishful thinking, the Evansville Congressman has introduced a "directive amendment" to the tax bill and will ask for Ways and Means Committee action within a fortnight.

The Boehne amendment directs President Roosevelt to cut \$1,250,000,000 from nondefense expenditures and empowers him to expend this saving on defense in whatever manner he sees fit.

Should the amendment be challenged on a point of order, it likely will have to be abandoned, Rep. Boehne admits.

Up to Administration

"I am convinced that nondefense expenditures could be cut a billion, but only the Administration can do the job without injury to necessary services," Rep. Boehne said.

President Roosevelt has taken a precisely opposite view of the matter. After Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau told the Ways and Means Committee that nondefense expenditures should be cut a billion, the President pointed out that it is up to Congress to say where.

So it is generally conceded here that "that billion" will not be cut.

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STATE FOREST PLAN SPURRED

Federal Commission Favors Co-operation to Set Up Harrison Memorial.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

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WASHINGTON, July 4.—First Federal recognition of the plan to create a Benjamin Harrison Memorial Forest in Indiana was outlined today in a report from the National Forest Reservation Commission.

In announcing the latest approval of acreage in the states, Secretary John E. Burch of the Commission reported on Indiana as follows:

"The Commission acted favorably upon a recommendation that the United States Government co-operate in the purchase of a tract of 213 acres within the Patoka National Forest Unit in Indiana.

"The tract contains a 90-acre virgin grove typical of the magnificent forest that once covered the region, and has a value of \$23,000.

Assistance Approved

"At the present time, it was reported, local efforts to preserve the grove have resulted in private contributions approximately \$10,000. The local conservation group, a non-profit, voluntary association of business men, desires that this tract be added to the proposed Benjamin Harrison Memorial Forest.

The Commission moved to assist the conservation group in its program." Bills to authorize \$5,000,000 for the entire Harrison Memorial project are pending in both the Senate and House. Both Senators Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) and Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.), who presented the measure in the Upper House, have agreed not to push for its passage until after defense expenditures have subsided.

But Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) declined to take a similar stand in the House where he introduced an identical bill. It is considered likely that no passage will be made during the present crisis, however.

Purchase Authorized

The National Forest Reservation Commission has authorized the purchase of 1335.41 acres at \$7726.46 in the Lafayette Forest in Indiana and 116.29 acres for \$5,000 at Pleasant Run, Mr. Burch reported.

This acreage is rated as being more valuable for timber production and watershed protection than for any other land use.

Members of the Commission are Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Interior Ickes, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, Senators Walter F. George (D. Ga.) and Styles Bridges (R. N. H.) and Reps. Wall Doxey (D. Miss.) and Roy O. Woodruff (R. Mich.).

ANTIOCH STUDENTS TO TALK ON MONDAY

Four undergraduate leaders from Antioch College, who are touring the West in an Antioch education campaign, will speak at a luncheon meeting of Indianapolis businessmen at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Monday.

He was one of the 16 members voting to release this report.

Blames Public, Too

"Congress, the Administration and the public" all are to blame for failure to rearm promptly in the face of the gathering international threat, the report states.

Rep. Harness' own record in the 76th Congress was one of constant opposition to Administration defense measures: a study of the record shows. He voted against the Guam naval base; the naval appropriation bill; the 11 per cent naval expansion bill; the Selective Service.

He voted for the arms embargo continuation and against revision of the Neutrality Act.

Threatens Economy

Commenting on the subcommittee report which assails the Defense Advisory Commission, OPM, the Maritime Commission, State Department and Interior Secretary Ickes, Rep. Harness concluded:

"The report is particularly timely, for it caps the growing evidence that the gigantic defense effort has been so short on long-range planning that it threatens completely to disrupt our entire peace-time economy."

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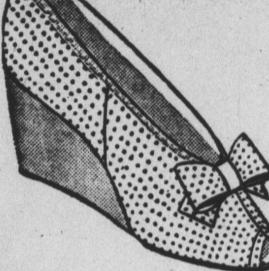
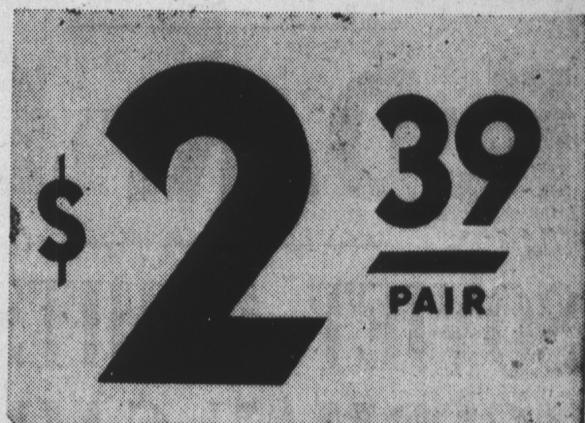
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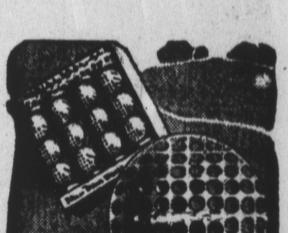


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