

Washington Calling—

**GOP Has 3 Weeks to Cut Taxes and Balance Budget**

Job Normally Requires Months;

Many Disavow 20 Per Cent Revenue Slash

(Continued From Page One) cause they're national guard heads. (G. O. P. here's been done.)

Republicans insist there'll be no cuts that'll endanger defense—that it's only waste they're after. Also in other government departments—which are being checked now.

Leaders put aims in this order: Balance budget, provide some debt retirement, reduce taxes. Many now disavow 20 per cent tax cut promised by Harold Knutson (R. Tenn.).

**'Imminent Danger'**

Meanwhile military is striking note of "imminent danger" to discourage any cuts in service appropriations. Also it's designed to let Russia know we're not going to repeat unpreparedness mistakes after world war I. While co-operating with United Nations, we'll disarm only when peace can be insured through United Nations strength.

White House plans for establishment of mobilization agencies (with John Small called back to Washington to whip them into shape), unification of services, and universal military training all are parts of plan to present to S. preparedness picture to world.

This week New Yorkers heard speeches stressing need for armed strength. Gen. Eisenhower told Bond club that occupation forces had been reduced to "danger point." And Gen. Baker, deputy commander army air forces—describing geography of attack via North Pole—warned of "imminent danger."

He said \$1 billion is needed to bring airforce into fighting trim. More such speeches are scheduled.

**Murray Gives O. K.**

Each side's giving in on labor legislation.

Democratic senators talked recently with G. I. O. Phil Murray. They came away with understanding he had no objection to bans on jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts (with reservations barring union raiding). That fed his favor requiring contract negotiation to open 60 to 90 days before contract expires. Last would be substitute for "cooling-off period" which Mr. Murray sees as strike inciting.

At same time G. O. P. senate and house leaders have reached an understanding that they'll not outlaw closed shop or restore injunctions. They'll probably drop compulsory arbitration.

Also house leaders have cooled off in their early determination to carry bill on new labor legislation. They're disposed to wait and see what comes out of senate.

Chairman Knutson has promised Republican leaders he'll pipe down, try not to get party into any more hot water. His various interviews about taxes have caused G. O. P. blushes.

Mr. Knutson first came out against luxury taxes, then switched and supported measure to extend them, introduced by Rep. Robert O. Grant (Ind.), committee freshman. Not content with that, he rushed that bill through committee without hearings.

Neither Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. nor Majority Leader Charles A. Haleck knew anything about all this until questioned by newsmen. Embarrassed, they had measure take regular route through house rules committee.

Senator Homer E. Capeshart (R. Ind.) blocked confirmation of Dillon S. Meyer as U. S. housing administrator at request of American Legion housing committee. Same group did slowdown for enemies of Wilson Wyatt. Mr. Capeshart said he asked that committee hearings on Mr. Meyer be reopened.

**See Storm Brewing**

Storm's brewing in house over decision of appropriations committee to keep hearings secret, in defiance of rules laid down in reorganization act.

Act provides that all committees be open to public except final bill-drafting, bill-voting and sessions deemed necessarily executive by vote committee. Appropriations used this last provision to slam doors on all its subcommittee hearings.

Members interested in controversial appropriations affecting their states want chance to hear and answer their opponents.

Georgia politics: Some pro-Taff Republicans in state are pushing move to have legislature change Georgia's law giving its secretary of state power to decide which delegation to a national party convention is

"legally elected." They want governor—they figure it'll be Herman Talmadge—to have this power, think he would rule in favor of "Taff" delegation. Pro-Arnall secretary of state would rule in favor of "Dewey" delegation, they believe.

Case of professional jealousy: Some lobbyists, particularly those for railroads, are saying that radio stations and networks must be forbidden to give free radio time to congressmen and senators. Point is, they have nothing comparable to offer, rail-road passes being banned.

Members of senate and house interstate commerce committees—which handle communications and transportation bills—are said to get more speaking invitations from networks than any other legislators. Rush to get on these committees was marked; no new committee made it.

**'Smear' Is Predicted**

Senator Kenneth McKellar (D. Tenn.) apparently intends to try to smear David E. Lilienthal as a "red" or "red sympathizer" when he begins his fight on Mr. Lilienthal's confirmation as chairman of the atomic energy commission. Hearings start Monday.

Mr. McKellar tipped his hand this week when he started his fight on Gordon Clapp, Mr. Lilienthal's successor as chairman of TVA. He accused Mr. Clapp of attending Chattanooga meeting of Southern conference for Human Welfare, a Communist-front organization.

He also accused Mr. Clapp of asking draft deferment for TVA men alleged to be Communists. Mr. Clapp denied this, said calling the Southern conference a Communist-front organization didn't make it so.

Mr. McKellar quoted former

stration policies" one spokesman said. "Lack of policy committee backing certainly doesn't mean they oppose a bill and worthy measures should not be held back for it."

The same spokesman indicated the policy committee's bill received, even if the teachers' pay bill received it, wouldn't necessarily insure passage.

**Primary Compromise Talked**

Meanwhile, the controversy over the primary election bill and the convention reform bill continued to occupy most of the legislators' attention. There were rumblings in the lower house that primary bill backers may seek a compromise in the house elections committee.

Rep. Charles Miser (R. Garrett), chairman of the elections committee, said he probably would set a hearing on the bill when the house reconvenes Monday afternoon.

The convention reform bill passed the senate yesterday but did not receive its first reading in the house and consequently was not assigned to a committee.

Klan Vote Due Monday

It will be Monday afternoon before the measure gets into committee.

This evidence is enough for conviction of an operator for keeping a gaming house but it is not sufficient for conviction on charges of actual gaming unless exchange of money is witnessed."

Chief Sanders said the police department will continue to do "routine police work" in checking suspected gambling places.

**Slot Machines Seized****In Raid on VFW Hall**

Sheriff's Investigator Virgil Quinn and Nicholas Rawlings, deputy, raided a V. F. W. hall at 1400 Worth st. last night and seized one 10-cent slot machine.

Nobody was arrested.

"They wouldn't tell us who owned it," complained the deputies.

**Seize 12 in Dice Game; One Jailed, Others Fined**

An early morning arrest for gambling made without a warrant "stuck" in court today.

Municipal Court Judge Joseph

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ash collector was arrested for beating his horse over the head with a shovel. The beating came because the ill-shod horse had fallen on a slippery street and couldn't rise.

By the next day, however, the incident was forgotten and the work horses were again the "Forgotten 50." Forgotten by everyone, that is, but the humane officers who intend to give "old Dobbins" a fair break or know the reason why.

**KILLED BY TRAIN****WINSLOW, Ind., Jan. 26 (U. P.)**

—Floyd Barrett, 29, Winslow, was

killed last night when he was struck

by a freight train while walking

along the tracks near here.

Besides the housing problem, some American wives are causing other difficulties.

A few of them flaunt around in limousines, wearing expensive fur coats and jewelry, conspicuously buying great quantities of food in army stores. Hungry, sullen German look on.

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Grindel of officers and officials for living in big houses with many servants was partly justified during the early days of the occupation. Then it was a natural carry-over from combat.

It is less common now because of the general shake-down, reduction in the size of the army and the number of officers, and the competition of American civilians for scarce quarters.

Mr. Bishop said his employer was in good spirits when the two stopped along the road to take a nap during the long drive from Anniston to Rochester.

He added, however, that Mr. Patman had been despondent since the death of his wife about two years ago.

The informant was careful to point out, however, that such consideration was "purely in the preliminary and formative stage."

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