

Washington Calling—

GOP Has 3 Weeks to Cut Taxes and Balance Budget

Job Normally Requires Months; Many Disavow 20 Per Cent Revenue Slash

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cause they're national guard heads. (G. O. P. hears that's being 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 aim 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 they'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 part of plan to present U. S. preparedness picture to world.

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

Murray Gives O. K.

Each side's giving in on labor legislation. Democratic senators talked recently with C. I. O.'s 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 he'd 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 baiting.

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 ball 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. Halleck knew anything about all this until questioned by newsmen. Embarrassed, they had measure take regular route through house rules committee.

Senator Homer E. Capehart (R, Ind.) blocked confirmation of Dillon S. Myer as U. S. housing administrator at request of American Legion housing committee. Same group did "backwork" for enemies of Wynton W. York.

Mr. Capehart also ask that committee hearings on Mr. Myer 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 committee and subcommittee hearings shall be open to public except final bill-drafting, bill-voting and sessions deemed necessary executive by vote committee. Appropriations used this last provision to claim 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-Taft Republicans in state are pushing move to have legislature change Georgia's law giving its secretary of state power to decide which delegates to a national party convention is

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Al Capone Reported Dying

Pneumonia Sets in After Stroke

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 25 (U. P.).—Al Capone, former Chicago gangster who made a fortune from racketeering prohibition, appeared to be losing his fight for life today.

For the second time this week physicians held out little hope that the former underworld czar would survive a serious illness.

Dr. Arthur J. Logie, a chest specialist, said that Capone had developed pneumonia while recovering from a paralytic stroke. He said he doubted "seriously" that there is any chance for him.

"His heart has begun to fail," Dr. Logie said. "Both lungs are badly congested."

Rushed to Bedside
Dr. Logie was rushed to Capone's bedside in his Palm Island estate last night by Dr. Kenneth Phillips who previously had said Capone was out of danger barring complications.

Capone had rallied 14 hours after the stroke and it appeared then that he had a good chance to recover. He was so near death that a priest administered last rites of the Catholic church.

Dr. Phillips was summoned last night when Capone found it difficult to breathe. Capone's mother, his wife and their son, Alphonse Jr., were at the bedside.

Study Special Tax For Teacher Pay

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istration 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 backing, even if the teachers' pay bill received it, wouldn't necessarily insure passage.

Primary Compromise Tailed
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 Mizer (R, Garrett), chairman of the elections committee, said he probably would set a hearing on the bills 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.

In the senate the anti-klux bill sponsored by the administration advanced to the passage stage and will come up for a vote Monday.

Another bill introduced in the senate would extend jurisdiction of the Indianapolis board of works to make public improvements outside the city limits.

Howard sentenced one man to jail and fined 11 others.

At 3 a. m. Sgt. Joseph Klein and his squad heard a racket coming from the rear of 1307 Yandes st. They decided it was loud enough to be called disturbance of the peace and investigated.

Inside a barn they found a dozen men shooting dice and arrested them.

In court this morning Judge Howard fined Otis Adams, 1404 Yandes st., \$10 and costs and gave him 10 days in jail for operating a gaming house. He leveled a \$10 and costs fine against the others but suspended the fine. Disorderly conduct charges were dismissed.

Municipal Court Judge Joseph

'Blond Amazon' Is Quizzed In 'Black Dahlia' Slaying

'I Know Who Killer Is,' She Says

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (U. P.).—A 6-foot-1-inch blond admitted today, police said, that she knew who killed Elizabeth Short, the "black dahlia."

The girl, Carol Marshall, 21, Tulare, Cal., was arrested at Barstow, Cal., about 150 miles from Los Angeles.

"I know who killed Beth Short and if the reward is big enough I'll talk," police said the blond amazon told them.

"The girl and a male companion were arrested on suspicion of auto theft after they tried to sell a 1934 model car for \$700." Subsequent investigation disclosed that four persons in a bar had heard her admit she knew who murdered the "black dahlia" but was "afraid to tell."

Seek Fingerprint Identity
Meanwhile, police attempted to identify a dozen clear fingerprints on a crude patchwork letter found in the mails and containing personal effects of the slain girl.

Disclosure of the letter prompted an emergency conference behind closed doors of every officer of the homicide squad.

"This is the big push," Capt. Jack Donahoe announced after the meeting. "Our men are fanning out now to bring in the killer."

The letter, discovered by postal inspectors, contained the slain girl's birth certificate, a personal address book with several pages torn out and a half dozen snapshots of pretty girls and one of a man.

"This contains the effects of the 'black dahlia,'" said a note in the letter. It was contrived of whole words and single letters clipped

from newspaper accounts of the savage torture-murder.

Police believe the letter came from the real killer. They said his "egomaniacal" move in literally sending them his fingerprints gave them the hottest clue of the 10-day-old murder—Los Angeles' ghastliest sex crime.

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Still Wearing Harness
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Most of the others we visited were equally bad. Horses stood ankle deep in straw and manure. In one place horses had been tied up for three days without exercise, because of a light demand for work horses during the cold spell.

Some of the operators have long records with the humane office. One stableman was hauled into court for renting a crippled horse for hauling. He was freed by a judge who felt the responsibility for driving a crippled horse laid with the hauler, rather than the owner who had rented out the afflicted animal.

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Occupation Forces Doing Sober Task

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of sexual promiscuity. Venereal disease rates, if nothing else, demonstrate the American soldier in occupied Germany is not essentially different from other groups of homeless men.

Nevertheless, many of the disease victims are repeaters. The rates among the low-I. G. troops are much higher than the others. The average soldier or civilian employee over here is far more self-controlled than is supposed.

Indeed, on the basis of casual observation there is less evidence of sexual promiscuity among Americans here than in the United States.

One related menace, however, requires continued attention. That is the case of American officers or civilian officials living with their German secretaries.

This practice is not widespread. It is punished when discovered, usually with dismissal.

The obvious potential dangers of espionage, sabotage and subversive influence by such office mistresses necessitate vigilance by the authorities.

Families Best Solution
Of course the best solution of the sex problem, as well as the loneliness and instability of the occupation personnel, is to bring over the wives and children. That is being done whenever possible, but it has created other problems.

The acute housing situation here is magnified by the influx of American dependents. This victimizes not only some non-Nazi Germans but also unwarranted American personnel. They must give up their joint billets to families and take inadequate quarters.

Criticism 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 shakedown, reduction in the size of the army and the number of officers, and the competition of American civilians for scarce quarters.

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

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



JAILED—George R. Johnson admitted he fired fatal shot in union hall brawl because dead man "walled me in my chair."

Schwitzer Urges Natural Gas Here

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water gas equipment is being installed to cope with cold weather emergencies, when consumption skyrockets.

Three sets with a capacity of 5,500,000 cubic feet a day have been completed and are operating. Two more water gas sets, with 7,500,000 cubic feet capacity each, are being rushed.

One of these was nearly completed earlier this week when the cold wave hit. It will be ready to operate Monday, he said, and should be able to maintain supply during the next cold spell.

Missing Alabaman Found in State

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Bishop, 19, said Mr. Patman was gone from his 1946 Chrysler, parked near a bridge at Hamleton, when Mr. Bishop awoke from a nap.

In Anniston, Mr. Patman's daughter, Mrs. Herschel Bolling, said she had a telephone call from her father at the Vincennes Sheriff's office. He said he had become separated from his chauffeur.

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.

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Byrd Ships Escape Iceberg in Bay

Vessels Win Way Into Open Water

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ing loose some of the pack ice, dashing it in small bergs against the ships at the edge of the landing shelf.

At 10 p. m. the big berg had cleared the bay entrance and both manning down upon us, even as the screws of the Mt. Olympus began to turn and the funnel edged away from the mooring.

Around the Mt. Olympus the pack ice was relatively loose. Around the Yancey, in the center of the line of three ships, it was moderately heavy. It pressed tightly against the Merrick.

No Choice for Captain
Under normal circumstances no skipper would think of turning his propellers but for veteran Capt. John J. Hourihan of Miami, Fla., it had to be done or his ship would be smashed under tons of ice.

The Mt. Olympus fought free in 45 minutes and then it was the Yancey's turn. For her it was tougher, but assisted by her own small boats—improved tugs—she got into open water at midnight.

Then began the Merrick's fight for freedom, with the iceberg drawing ever nearer. The Yancey and the Mt. Olympus circled the berg warily on opposite sides. At 3 a. m. the Mt. Olympus with Adm. Craven on the bridge, stood by.

Fight Painfully Slow
The fight for the Merrick was a painfully slow process. The does which trapped her were as deep as her hull.

She began moving inch by inch, but her propellers churning in the ice were bent and twisted. Her small boats strained at her side. Finally at 2:45 a. m. the Merrick broke into open water.

There are more than 100 men temporarily stranded ashore but they are safe. They have shelter, food and clothing in ample quantities and eventually we will return.

Korean Mess May Go To United Nations

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (U. P.).—U. S. army and state department officials both in Korea and Japan are "beginning to consider" putting the Korean problem up to the United Nations, a reliable source reported today.

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

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