

# Truman Hints He Will Veto Any Bill To Increase Rents

**Washington Ceiling—  
Cut in Income Taxes  
For 1947 Doubted;  
G.O.P. Backing Down**

**Talk of 20% Reduction Starts to Fade;  
Budget-Balancing, Debt Get Priority**

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ahead of tax cuts. There'll be little or no room to reduce taxes if payment of \$4 to \$5 billion is made on the national debt, as many Republicans now agree.

There's politics in it, too. Many Republicans say businessmen back home urge no tax reduction this year. They want party to capture White House in 1948, want campaign ammunition hoarded.

Their program: Small tax reduction for next year, promise much larger cut if the party wins in 1948.

Straw in wind: Republican leaders in both senate and house shied away from debate on tax cut. Senator Sparkman spoke for Democrats. Only Republican procurable was Rep. Buffett (Neb.), who is on neither appropriations nor ways and means committee.

Admission by Administrator Fleming of office of temporary controls that he ordered 10 per cent rent boost—and still favors it—will make vote in congress to grant increase by legislation.

Chief reason President disapproved Fleming order was fear that rent increase would produce new demands for wage boosts at time when labor-management strife is diminishing.

Congressional advocates of rent hike are trading on expiration of all price controls next June 30. They would settle for 10 per cent proposed by Mr. Fleming instead of 15 per cent proposed in pending bill and then would vote for extension. If they don't get it, they would vote to let controls lapse, leaving matter up to the states.

Mr. Fleming says uncertainty over \$6 million appropriation needed to run office of temporary controls until July 1 was factor in his decision for 10 per cent increase.

He explains general boost would be easier to administer than handing hardship cases on individual basis. General increase, however, would add about \$500 million annually to rent bill of 18 million tenants if all landlords added it.

House will vote next week on granting subpoena power to standing committees. Watch for debate on whether this authority could—or would—be used to get back at Ex-Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's 900-volume diary. Some members have that object in mind.

## Packers Complain

Look for export quotas to be announced soon on hides.

Government officials were called to congress this week to hear complaints of western packers that hide prices are too low, and that surplus exists which can't be sold here. They want access to world market, where prices are highest ever.

Department of commerce men said their industry had been crippled recently by lack of hides. They said that if there are too many now they must be coming from hoarded stocks, threatened with spoilage. They warned that taking off controls would mean immediate rise in both hide and shoe prices, and continued shoe shortages.

Pressure was strong, however, from western senators and representatives. Government officials promised action.

Extension of sugar controls in some form is likely.

Impressive segment of industry—sugar producers and refiners, canners, wholesale and retail grocers, and soft-drink makers—now ask for controls. Early enthusiasm of congressmen—prompted by housewives tired of coupons—for abandoning controls seems to be fading.

## President Sees No Cause Now To Lift Ceiling

### GOP Senator Believes Fleming Took Rap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (U.P.)—President Truman today made it clear once and for all that if there is any general rent increase, congress will have to order it—and perhaps over his veto.

Mr. Truman told a news conference there is no justification at this time for such an increase; the rent line must be held. A Senate committee is considering rent plans, including one for a 15 per cent general boost.

Taking Rap for Truman?

Gen. Fleming told the Senate yesterday he was the "higher up" who ordered a 10 per cent rent boost that was blocked at the last minute by the White House. But some senators believed Gen. Fleming was taking the rap for the White House.

Gen. Fleming said he favored the increase and authorized the order before he "found out it was contrary to the President's policies."

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) told a reporter, however, that he doubts Mr. Fleming would have taken it on himself to go so far without a White House okay in the first place.

Several of Mr. McCarthy's colleagues privately shared his thought, but they declined to be quoted.

### Study Payroll Saving

In other congressional developments:

ONE: House Republicans were pushing a campaign to lop 1 million employees from the federal payroll. They estimated this would save the government \$3,500,000,000.

TWO: Chairman John Taber (R. N.Y.) of the house appropriations committee, accused the OPA of maintaining a high-salaried "racketeering" committee to find jobs for ousted OPA employees. He said the committee had 64 members who received an average salary of \$7500 a year.

THREE: Congress was giving a cold shoulder to Winston Churchill's suggestion that the United States share Britain's responsibility for Palestine. Many congressmen favored Mr. Churchill's alternative proposal—turning the Palestine problem over to the United Nations.

Hope for Tenants

Meanwhile OPA said that a "substantial number" of tenants could expect rent boosts under the new "hardship" provisions for landlords.

Rent Director Ivan D. Carson declined to give a more specific estimate of the increases now in store. He said however, that most landlords would not qualify for rent boosts under the new provisions.

In other developments, a house food investigating subcommittee told Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson that household sugar rations should be boosted at least 10 to 15 pounds a year per person.

The group said industrial sugar users should be increased to 80 per cent of their 1941 consumption. The allowance now is 60 per cent.

Gerard D. Reilly, former member of the national labor relations board, said basic changes in the Wagner act are necessary to promote industrial peace.

### Pedestrian Injured, Driver Arrested

A 43-year-old pedestrian is in critical condition in City hospital after being struck by a car at Alabama and Washington sts. early today.

The man, Walter Hardy, 43, of 3602 E. Washington st., suffered a head injury and broken right leg. Driver of the car, John Williamson, 32, of 3732 E. 25th st., was charged with being drunk, having no operators license, reckless driving and failure to give pedestrian right of way.

Ralph Decker, 31, of 4412 E. 24th st., owner and passenger in the car, was charged with being drunk and permitting an unlicensed person to drive his car.

Witnesses said the two men were arguing over \$3 room rent claimed by Mr. Avery when the shooting occurred.

Mr. Avery, who was shot in the back, stumbled out the front door and fell on the porch of a neighbor.

He was taken to City hospital, where he died late yesterday.

Police Hunt Suspect  
In Fatal Shooting

Police today sought a 34-year-old man who witnesses said fired the foreign-made gun that fatally wounded Jesse Avery, 29, of 332 Agnes st., Sunday night.

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Clearings \$7,666,000

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For the Week

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