

Truman Hints He Will Veto Any Bill To Increase Rents

Washington Ceiling—

Cut in Income Taxes For 1947 Doubtful; 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 urge.

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 radio 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 votes 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 handling 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 peek at Ex-Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's 300-volume diary. Some members have that object in mind.

Packers Complain

Look for export quotas to be announced soon or 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 shoe 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, wholesalers and retail grocers, and soft-drink makers—now ask for controls. Early enthusiasm of congressmen—produced by housewives tired of coupons—for abandoning controls seems to be fading.



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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.

The President also said that no penalty or punishment would be imposed on Mr. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, director of the office of temporary controls, in connection with the big rent mixup earlier this week.

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 "rocketing" 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 3733 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.

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.

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.

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CLUES GALORE—Indianapolis Detective Forest E. McKeighan and State Police Detective Robert Shields, two of the men who helped break the Hammond case, inspect a briefcase full of material which piled up during the investigation.

How Police Solved Slaying Of 2 Hammond Patrolmen

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purchased here in October. A cleaning mark led them to a S. Illinois st. dry cleaners who had it five days before the killing. It had been claimed not more than two days before the shooting, placing at least one of the gunmen in Indianapolis immediately before the crime.

Garments bore marks of Indianapolis laundries.

In five days detectives visited every cleaning spot and laundry in Indianapolis. Cleaners were shown pictures of approximately 500 paroled convicts. Detectives suspected a parolee because fear of parole revocation was the only reason they could ascribe for the gunmen fearing police sufficiently to commit murder.

Brown's Picture "Eliminated"

Brown's picture was in this group but was discarded after a couple of days when another suspect looked like "a sure thing."

A gun was the clue which finally broke the case. Through an error in transmission an incorrect serial number reached here from Hammond and no record of registration was found. When the error was discovered the gun was found to be registered... the trail of ownership then led directly to one of the suspects.

While clues like these led to Brown and Badgely, others implicated men now known to be innocent.

A license plate found in the car was traced through several purchasers of the car to which it was issued. The third owner said he had taken the plate off and thrown it in his back yard.

Garments Identified

Shown some of the gunmen's clothing the car owner broke down and identified the garments as his brother's. Under questioning he also admitted his brother had taken from him a 38-caliber gun, similar to the one found at the scene of the killings.

That case fell through when detectives searched the home and found the 38 still there. The brother was exonerated but family relations remain somewhat strained.

Another time detectives were sure their man was one who had broken out of Crawfordsville jail Dec. 12 and remained at liberty until Jan. 17.

The fugitive, who did not know why he was being questioned, readily admitted being in Hammond the day of the slaying. He also admitted stealing a cap like one left by the Hammond slayers the day he broke jail.

Admits Stealing Cap

The fellow inmate from whom the cap was stolen identified a cap found in the gunmen's car as the one stolen. So did the fugitive, who when given the cap and asked if it was the same one which he had stolen, carelessly replied "Sure."

"He jumped about six feet when I told him where it was found," Detective Shields laughed. It developed the fugitive was innocent. He had made up the story of being in Hammond to protect relatives who had sheltered him.

Several other times suspects were almost arrested when an apparently unbreakable chain of circumstantial evidence led to them. One day before Badgely's capture a local cleaner identified a coat left at the scene as one he had repaired. He "positively" identified one of the pictures as the man for whom the repair was made. Only Badgely's capture kept this "suspect" out of jail.

Puzzle Falls Into Place

The gun registration, delayed by the error, was the final piece in the jigsaw puzzle which led police to Badgely. Brown was found to be a friend of Badgely and from there on every piece of the evidence against the two was fit into place.

The final chapter in the story of

Atomic Rockets Held Possible

Army Men Speculate On New Weapons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—The atomic energy commission might be developing such "improved atomic weapons" as guided missiles with atomic warheads, military leaders speculated today.

Other possibilities, they said, were artillery shells with atomic warheads and more powerful atomic bombs.

The commission's chairman-designate, David E. Lilienthal, told congress yesterday that for the time being the government was concentrating on the military aspects of atomic energy. The commission was trying to perfect new and improved atomic weapons, he said.

Rocket Might Carry Bomb

The former Hoosier refused to elaborate, but military experts speculated at length about the possibilities in the field of atomic ordnance. They said, for example, there was a possibility that the German V-2 rocket, now being tested at White Sands, N. M., could be developed to carry an atomic charge.

They also believed an atomic warhead could be attached to artillery shells and to guided missiles. And, they added, there is no doubt that the atom bomb dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima has been surpassed already. Newer, more powerful bombs are in the process of development, they said.

Speed An Advantage

The advantage of a guided missile with an atomic warhead, some military men said, is that its tremendous speed—200 miles an hour—would make it virtually impossible to intercept.

A weakness of the atom bomb, they said, is that it possibly could be destroyed by anti-aircraft or interceptor plane fire while en route to the target.

Dagger Fails to Fold, Actor Is Stabbed

LONDON, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—Actor Harold Norman, who as "MacBeth" engaged in an overly realistic duel with Anthony Oakley as "Macduff," was reported to be in a serious condition today.

Mr. Norman underwent a major operation last night for repair of a five-inch stab wound in the stomach. He was stabbed at the Repertory theater when the "dagger" of his "adversary" failed to fold up as it should have.

Forum Speaker

Dr. M. O. Ross, president of Butler university, will speak at a meeting of the Unitarian Forum at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow. Dr. E. Burdette Backus will be moderator for a discussion after the speech.

Juvenile Spending Spree Winds Up in Woodshed

Pass Out \$5 Bills to School Boys, Pay \$1600 for 1936 Automobile

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—The case of the juvenile spending spree ended today in a trip to the woodshed for three small boys. They took \$4000, bought an automobile and three hunting rifles—and they stood on a street corner passing out \$5 bills to grammar school pupils.

Police at nearby Waukegan placed the three, aged 11, 12 and 13, in the custody of their parents. Then they set out to find three older boys who sold the grade school entrepreneurs the automobile for \$1600.

Police said the three younger boys spent \$3700 in less than four hours.

They got the money Wednesday when one of them learned that a linoleum shop proprietor had hidden "a lot of money" in a black box in his home. The information came from the proprietor's young son.

He told police he took the box and hid it in a garage. Here it stayed all day while the boys debated how to spend it.

They began shedding money yesterday when they decided to impress students at the Bonnie Brook

grade school. They passed out \$330 to children at the school, then set out on a shopping tour.

Buy Three Rifles

They bought three rifles at \$200 each and encountered Robert De Vore, 18, driving a 1936 Plymouth. He asked \$800 for the car, they told police, so they gave him about \$1600, just for good measure.

With their new car the boys set out "on a trip to Alaska." But it bogged down in a series of snow drifts and they "spent money every which way" getting towed out.

When police caught up with them they still had about \$1340 in their pockets.

High School Bands to Play Before Times Ice-O-Rama

All Local Groups Are Invited

By ART WRIGHT

High school bands will play a pre-show concert in the Fairgrounds Coliseum the night of Feb. 20 for The Times Ice-O-Rama audience.

All local high school bands have been invited to participate in the concert which opens at 7:30 p. m. The first gala number in the two-hour Ice-O-Rama show will get under way at 8 o'clock.

Others Expected

Howe and Cathedral high schools were the first volunteers among the local bands taking part. Others are expected to participate. The bands will play individually.

While youth will predominate in the ice extravaganza, adults also will have a prominent part. The cast includes amateur skaters of all ages from the tiny tots to those past middle age.

Teen-age candidates for king and queen of the Ice-O-Rama will meet in The Times office, 214 W. Maryland st., at 7:30 p. m. Monday to select the boy and girl to reign over the show. All candidates will be members of the royal court during the extravaganza.

The advance ticket sales indicate a record crowd. The proceeds will go to the Infantile Paralysis fund. Only two admission prices will be charged—\$1 for parquet and box seats and 50 cents for all other seats. Tickets are on sale at: Coliseum box office in L. Strauss & Co.

Indiana National Bank, Washington and Pennsylvania sts. Indianapolis Water Co., on the Circle. The Times offices.

Suspect in Pro 'Fix' Free on \$35,000 Bail

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (U. P.).—David (Pete) Kraukauer, said to have been the one-time chauffeur for Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, the executed underworld chief, was freed on bail of \$35,000 today.

He awaited trial for his alleged connection with the attempt to "fix" the New York Giants-Chicago Bears professional championship football game.

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Plaza May Be Items

Expenditure Revenue

By LOUIS

Legislative body acknowledging to requests for expenditure the major portion of the plaza plan, will shelf.

With the admission Governor Gates would be "somehow" it was realized taxes could not be requested.

As the legislature went into the session with the estimate still exceeded \$20 million. At the many "extraneous" legislative session.

Surplus

A surplus on the legislative policy day as one means problems of the

The policy approving the plan the matter for

The plan would the state gross surplus would a

per cent of the Levy, a Hoosier the state \$500,000 come would pay

which would go The state would along with the

to the City treasury

Governor Gates was not again reason, some of It was reported, \$20 million of ready been through fund figures but to close the gap.

The exact amount surplus is not known say it is as high as others hold the view that it is

million. They would differ on the balance is

The general approximately teachers, and million to the

ment in the state general fund making expenses and institution

It was indicated the budget would yield \$9 million in balancing the

Governor Gates yesterday's proposal the budget applied be introduced his financial

delivered just before

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