

Snyder Reaffirms Stand Against Any Cut In Taxes Now

Wants Any Surplus Put On U. S. Debt

Knutson Bill Aids Wealthy, He Says

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder today formally opened the administration's fight against Republican plans for income tax reductions at a heated session of the house ways and means committee.

Mr. Snyder reaffirmed in strong terms the administration's opposition to a 20 per cent income tax cut favored by many Republican fiscal leaders.

The administration's position was contained in a prepared statement by Mr. Snyder. He read it to the committee after 15 minutes of acrimonious debate among members over the way in which its affairs have been handled.

Democratic members charged Chairman Harold Knutson (R. Minn.) with "steam-roller tactics."

In the face of strong Republican demands for a 20 per cent reduction, Mr. Snyder said that for the time being any government surplus should be used to reduce the national debt. When a time comes when becomes feasible, he said, it should be mainly for the benefit of low income groups.

He objected particularly to a bill by Mr. Knutson for a flat 20 per cent cut on all incomes up to \$302,000. Mr. Snyder said this bill would give undue relief to high income groups.

Other congressional developments:

Communist Party

Chairman J. Parnell Thomas of the house un-American activities committee said he would bar Communist party officials from testifying on legislation to outlaw the party in this country. Hearings on the legislation are scheduled to start about March 25.

Labor

The house labor committee set out to learn whether Communists seek to infiltrate labor unions so they can tie up America's strategic industries in event of war. Louis Budens, a former Communist who renounced the party and now teaches at Fordham university, was called as a star witness.

Chairman Fred A. Hartley Jr. said his house labor committee would "bend every effort" to wipe out labor racketeering and violence, regardless of threats "made against our persons." His statement was prompted by the assertion of Rep. Carroll D. Kearns (R. Pa.), a com-



MIDNIGHT FIRE—Damage was estimated at more than \$100,000 from fire and water at the Marott Shoe Store at 18-20 E. Washington st. last night.

mittee member, that he had received an anonymous telephone call warning him to change his views on labor.

Rents

Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) chairman of the senate Republican policy committee, said he hoped

congress would enact a new rent control law by April 1. He and freshman Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) are drafting a plan that would continue federal rent control until March 1, 1948, but set a general increase in rent ceilings.

Mr. Snyder, in opposing Mr.

Knutson's bill for a flat 20 per cent tax cut, said:

"The bill would give too little reduction to lower incomes and relatively too much to higher incomes. It would leave taxes on other incomes much higher than before the war."

Sugar

Walter S. Mack Jr., president of the Pepsi-Cola Co., told a house committee the sugar shortage was a phony. He said congress could save housewives \$1 million a year if it ended rationing. He said sugar interests favored rationing because housewives were thereby forced to

buy more prepared jams, jellies and syrups.

Atomic

Rep. Gerald Landis (R. Ind.) revealed today he is introducing a bill to repeal the atomic energy control act and to restore control to the war department.

Lillenthal

Senate supporters of David E. Lilienthal today asked for an immediate showdown on his appointment to head the atomic energy commission. They conceded, however, that they faced a fight that may last

for weeks.

The defense asserted in retaliation to the state that the youths did not plan to shoot Trooper Smith.

Chief prosecution witnesses will be Price Cox, state police detective, who was in charge of the slaying investigation. At least 35 persons have been subpoenaed by the prosecution.

Presentation of state evidence, which largely might be circumstantial, will take about four days, attorneys said.

The defense plans a three-day stand. Arguments by both sides will be heard before the case goes to the jury.

The 12-man jury was impaneled late yesterday after six days were spent questioning 200 prospective

jurors.

Of the men who will decide the teen-ager's fate, eight are farmers, two are factory workers, one is an interior decorator and the 12th is a banker.

All but one juror is a father. One has 10 children.

The jury includes Horace G. Schaefer, farmer; Gerald D. Cook, farmer; John Poffenberger, interior decorator; Harry E. Burns, farmer; Lawrence Porter, factory worker; Parker Davis, farmer; Everett Muir, farmer; Millard Clouse, farmer; Lewis W. Mellenkamp, banker; James Talcington, farmer; Claude James, factory worker, and Chester L. Doty, farmer.

Police Chief Howard Sanders said today he has questioned three high-ranking officers alleged to have been involved in a recent drinking affair in Indianapolis.

All have denied that the incident occurred, the chief said.

They told Chief Sanders that they were together about that time, but for the purpose of raiding a "social" club suspected of gambling.

The report circulating among

Defense Charges Teens Beaten Up

State Opens Trial In Trooper Slaying

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taken to Indianapolis and state police headquarters to get them away from the crowd.

In a voice which broke frequently, Emanuel Baugh, defense attorney, delivered the defense statement.

"I am going to open with a Biblical quotation," he said.

"We object, your honor," cried Merl Wahl, state attorney general's office.

Mr. Baugh spun on his heel to face Mr. Wahl and said:

"Oh, you object to the Bible?"

The state attorney said he had no objection to the Bible but felt only that it was improper in an opening statement. The judge sustained the objection.

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