

Congress— Senator Fears Excise Repeal With Tax Hike

**George Opposes
\$4 Billion Boost
Urged by Truman**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (UP)—A Democratic tax spokesman said today that any attempt to boost income taxes this year would bring a clamor for reducing excise levies.

Chairman Walter F. George (D. Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee said this is one reason why Congress should put off action on President Truman's request for a \$4 billion hike in corporate and personal income taxes.

If Congress should take up a general tax bill at this session, he said, the legislators could not resist pressure to cut excise taxes on such items as furs, cosmetics, and railroad tickets.

That would mean, said Mr. George, that the income tax boost would have to be about \$3 billion, instead of the \$4 billion urged by Mr. Truman, to make up for the excise cut.

Mr. George suggested an overall five per cent reduction in administration appropriation requests as the best way of avoiding a deficit without a tax increase.

House Republicans already have lined up behind a bill by GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. to whittle excise taxes down from their wartime levels.

A similar measure has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Alexander Wiley (R. Wis.).

Mr. Martin's bill would cost the federal government about \$800 million a year in revenue. It would repeal the excise tax rate increases, voted in 1943, except those on whisky, wine and beer.

Other developments in Congress:

Foreign Aid

Sen. Styles Bridges (R. N. H.) charged that Marshall Plan officials have failed to let Europeans know how much the country is doing for them. He proposed that the European Recovery program be extended for only three months to allow time for a thorough study of its operations.

The administration is pressing for favorable action on a bill authorizing \$5,580,000,000 to continue the Marshall Plan for the next 15 months.

Pensions

Rep. John A. Carroll (D. Colo.) urged Congress to ditch the new Rankin pension bill and consider a plan to help aged and needy veterans by liberalizing the social security system.

He said his plan would be a lot cheaper than the Rankin proposal and would give World War I and II veterans far more protection.

Rep. John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) said he hopes to have his House Veterans Committee approve his new measure by the end of this week.

Communist

Rep. John S. Wood (D. Ga.) said he is preparing a tough Communist control bill.

The chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee said he will have it ready for introduction within the next few days.

Recess

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts said today after a conference with President Truman that he would seek to have the House take a 10-day Easter recess next month.

Today's Weather Fotocast



TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—A return of winter is expected in the Far West in the next 24 hours with snow predicted for Wyoming and Colorado. Precipitation in the Central Plains will take the form of rain. A cooler trend should be felt in the area between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic.

Holds War Won't Solve Red Problem

**Notre Dame Professor
Addresses K. of C.**

War does not offer the answer to the persecution of religion under the heel of Communism, declared the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame today to 700 members of the Knights of Columbus yesterday.

Dr. O'Brien, professor of religion in Notre Dame University, spoke at the annual communion breakfast of the K. of C. yesterday in the K. of C. Hall.

The knights attended mass and received a corporate communion in St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral preceding the breakfast.

"The conviction of Cardinal Mindzenty, Archbishop Stepinac and the 15 Protestant ministers on trumped up charges throws into clear relief what is happening to millions of people who have fallen under the heel of the Communist dictatorship beyond the Iron curtain," the speaker said.

"Because religion offers the most formidable opposition to the efforts of communism to enslave man, the Reds have leveled their heaviest guns at the church in every country in which they have gained the upper hand."

'Education Is Answer'

"The answer to the Communist challenge does not lie in war but in an educational campaign which will carry behind the Iron curtain the essential ideals of the dignity of the human conscience."

We can further that campaign by making our own country a model of democracy in which the rights of all citizens, regardless of race, color or creed are scrupulously respected."

Past Grand Knight Edward J. Fillenwarth served as toastmaster at the breakfast. The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, archbishop of Indianapolis, and the Rev. Fr. Richard Langen, K. of C. chaplain, were present.

JOAN CRAWFORD ROBBED

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 28 (UP)—Joan Crawford reported today that burglars stole \$1450 in jewelry and \$500 cash after entering her home through a second-floor bathroom window.

Presbyterial Society Sets Spring Meeting Thursday

The Indianapolis Presbyterial Society will hold its annual spring meeting from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Thursday in Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Scott Moore Ford, president of the society, is in charge of completing plans for the meeting, which will open with a worship period conducted by Mrs. Matthew F. Smith. The morning program will include a talk on "Christian Education Leadership" by Dr. B. V. Andrews, executive secretary for the Board of Christian Education of the Synod of Indiana.

Mrs. Dressel to Sing
The society also will hear reports of departmental secretaries, with secretarial reports to be given as testimony before the judge in a mock "trial" with witnesses striving for a verdict of "satisfactory service."

Soloist for the morning session will be Mrs. Paul Dressel, who will sing accompanied by Mrs. Ben H. Forbes, organist. Lunch will be served by the Women's Association of the host church.

A worship period, conducted by Mrs. Glen Benner, will open the afternoon session.

"A Sparkling of the Kingdom of God" will be the subject of an address by Mrs. John M. Irvine, president of the National Council of Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian Church, New York. Mrs. Irvine has just returned from a fact-finding visit to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Members of the Presbyterial who during the past year have been honored by election to associate memberships to the Boards of National Missions, Foreign Missions and Christian Education will receive recognition in a service conducted by Mrs. Edward H. Maye, Indiana Synodical president.

"Holy City" by Adams will be the solo selection of George Berger, tenor soloist of the host church.

The newly elected officers will be installed in a service directed by Mrs. David F. Smith. The Rev. Roy B. Connor, pastor of the Meridian Heights Church will give the benediction.

Five hundred representatives from the 40 churches belonging to the Indianapolis Presbyterial area are expected to attend the meeting.

Liquor Violations Lead to Arrests

A man and a woman were arrested for violation of the 1935 Beverage Act and two other men were charged with vagrancy for illegal possession and sale of beer, wine and whisky.

After selling a plainclothes policeman two pints of beer for 50 cents early yesterday, Erna Jones, 36, of 2206 Bellefontaine St., was charged with violation of the 1935 Beverage Act. Police confiscated 18 pints of beer and one pint of wine.

Fire Destroys Trailer Home

Fire destroyed the trailer home of Charles Smith at 3102 Bertha St. early today as a neighbor raced almost a half mile to summon firemen.

Mrs. Helen Brown, 3106 Bertha St., ran from her home to Firehouse 18, 3130 W. Washington St., to report the fire. But by the time firemen reached the scene the fire had destroyed the trailer, leaving only the metal skeleton.

Mr. Smith told firemen a kerosene lamp exploded, starting the fire. His car was saved when a neighbor pushed it away from the blazing trailer.

Heard Loud Noises

Roger Childs, 46, of 1421 Barrow Ave., was taken into custody on a similar charge after Patrolman James Ballard heard loud noises coming from the Barrow Ave. address. Eight others including one woman were charged with disorderly conduct.

In the 1200 block of N. Senate Ave., police squads arrested two men suspected of being "pocket bootleggers." From one man, police took seven half pints of whisky. A search of the second man revealed two fifths bottles of wine, one pint of wine and three pints of whisky.

10,000 Indiana Miners Return

**Million Tons of State
Production Lost**

Coal began to move again today from Indiana mines as Hoosier miners joined with others east of the Mississippi in a return to work.

Some 10,000 Indiana strip and shaft miners picked up their tools after the two-week memorial shutdown ordered by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' chief.

During the mine holiday, it was estimated that some 950,000 to 1,000,000 tons of coal production was lost in Indiana alone. There are some 120 mines in Indiana.

Men Jubilant
Meanwhile, miners in the memorial holiday area were jubilant as they began blasting out coal for the first time since Mr. Lewis ordered the mines closed Mar. 14.

But operators and miners alike feared a "war of nerves" for the next 90 days when the union opens its fight for new concessions from the industry.

The mine holiday was widely viewed as the opening salvo to the UMW's 1949 contract battle. The UMW's 200-man policy committee will meet in Washington next month to discuss union strategy in its chief aim—a six-hour day and an increase from 20 to 50 cents a ton on the retirement fund "royalty."

The operators already indicated they would resist any "improvements" because of falling coal prices.

GOP Veterans' Strife Renewed

**Durnil Demands Head
Of Rival Group Quit**

The fight between two groups of Republican veterans over party reorganization activities broke out anew today when James F. Durnil, head of one group, demanded the resignation of the president of a rival organization.

In an open letter, Mr. Durnil, head of the Republic of Veterans of Marion County asked Charles Brownson to step down as president of the rival Republican Veterans of World War II.

The Durnil letter charged that Mr. Brownson was "undermining the confidence of Republicanism" in his recent movement to oust James W. Ingles as county GOP chairman.

Mr. Durnil stated that if Mr. Brownson thinks he has the confidence of Republican veterans he should call a convention and "stand for a vote of confidence."

Mr. Brownson declined to comment on the letter other than to say he was elected head of the veterans' group for one year only.

Brace-and-Bit Burglars Caught Here in the Act

A TEAM of brace-and-bit burglars who drilled around locks in three East Side homes yesterday were being sought by police today.

Two homes on Pleasant Run Pkwy. were ransacked last night and an E. Washington St. householder surprised the two men in the act of drilling into her home.

MARY W. LIPTON, 5070 Pleasant Run Parkway, reported her home was ransacked and a watch taken. Fred Lahr, 3210 Pleasant Run Parkway, reported \$7 missing after burglars searched every room in the house. Both residents were visiting neighbors nearby when the burglars gained entry by using an expansion bit to drill around locks.

At 11 p. m. Ella Minan, 2902 E. Washington St., heard a noise at her door and investigated to find two men trying to break in. The two men ran and police found an expansion bit apparently dropped by the pair. Telephone wires to the home had been cut, police said.

Mrs. Paul Uptgraft Dies in Marion Home

MARION, Mar. 28—Services for Mrs. Martha E. Uptgraft, Indianapolis native who died here Saturday in her home, were to be held at 2 p. m. today in the Biggs Funeral Home. Burial was to follow in the IOOF Cemetery here.

Mrs. Uptgraft, who was 36, was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Surviving are her husband, Paul Uptgraft; her mother, Mrs. Grace Monroe, and several nieces and nephews.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

The Rev. Calvin H. Hazlett, Presbyterian missionary and executive secretary of the North India Synodical board, will speak at a regular Thursday night meeting at 7 p. m. in First Presbyterian Church.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU
—Mar. 28, 1949—

Sunrise 5:36 Sunset 6:05
Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a. m. .00
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 .12-69
Excess since Jan. 1 .33-69

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	71	54
Boston	68	42
Chicago	65	41
Cincinnati	68	43
Cleveland	71	42
Denver	59	32
Evansville	68	41
Fl. Worth	71	55
Indianapolis (city)	68	45
Kansas City	65	43
Los Angeles	70	57
Miami	77	72
Minneapolis-St. Paul	41	33
New Orleans	76	57
New York	66	42
Oklahoma City	67	46
Omaha	69	44
Pittsburgh	76	42
San Antonio	79	63
San Francisco	76	49
St. Louis	62	46
Washington, D. C.	63	61

Develops Drug



The first scientist to synthesize any of the antibiotic or germ-against-germ drugs so that they can be manufactured commercially is Dr. Mildred C. Rebstock of Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit. The 28-year-old chemist will describe her synthesis of chloromycetin, used in treating typhus and typhoid fevers, tomorrow before the American Chemical Society's annual meeting in San Francisco.

Leaves Dirty Dishes

A hungry burglar who broke into the home of Woodrow Kello, 2753 Tyndall St., sometime over the week-end, ransacked the icebox and cupboards and cooked himself a meal, Mr. Kello told police, leaving the dirty dishes behind him. Nothing else was missing.

Find Woman Shot In Country Home

**Housewife, 36, in
Critical Condition**

A 36-year-old woman was in critical condition in General Hospital today after she was found shot in the driveway of her country home on E. 96th St. A revolver lying beside her body.

A 32-caliber bullet pierced the chest of Mrs. Helen Jones, R. R. 14, and lodged in a concrete wall bordering the drive.

Her father-in-law, William Jones, 77, heard the shot and found Mrs. Jones in a state of collapse, her clothing afire from the bullet which had been fired close to her body.

Made Breakfast

The shooting occurred at about 8:30 a. m. after Mrs. Jones had prepared breakfast for her husband, Russell, employee of Allison, and her two children, Linda, 10 and Philip, 6.

Earlier this morning, the father-in-law told deputies, a shot was fired in Mrs. Jones' bedroom. The bullet struck the baseboard. Mr. Jones said Mrs. Jones told him at that time that the gun had discharged accidentally.

The father-in-law took the weapon and removed the shells. Later Mrs. Jones had the weapon again and asked her father-in-law how to reload the gun. He said he showed her but warned her not to put the shells back in the gun.

A few minutes later he heard the report and found her lying in the drive.

Boy Recovering From Wound Made By 'Toy' Gun

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Jerry Fisher, who shot himself yesterday with what he thought was a "toy" gun, was reported recovering today. The tot was playing with the gun which he told police he found in the home of Mrs. Hazel Willis, 1125 S. Illinois St., when he fiddled the trigger. The gun fired and a .32 caliber bullet tore through his right wrist. He was treated at General Hospital.

EARLIER the boy had been pointing the "toy" at his uncle, Edward Light, as the uncle worked on his automobile. Mr. Light told police he also thought it was a toy.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fisher and was being cared for by his aunt, Mrs. Sybil Light, 1121 S. Illinois St.

Charges Quashed Against Ziss

The Indiana Supreme Court today reversed the conviction of Harold A. Ziss who was found guilty last year of forging voters' registration renewal applications.

The high court held that Vanderburgh Circuit Court should have sustained the defendant's move to quash the indictment against him. The indictment failed to state the offense in such a way to show that it would have bound or deceived the county board of registration, the Supreme Court held.

The conviction was ordered reversed and the court ordered that the charges against Ziss be quashed.

STRAUSS SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW



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DECEMBER 31, 1948

Assets	\$1,499,817,023.90
Liabilities	1,385,595,013.68
Contingency Reserve	\$41,000,000.00
Capital	15,000,000.00
Surplus	58,222,010.22 114,222,010.22

Paid to or for policyowners since organization, \$2,461,368,632.98

Increase in life insurance in force during 1948, \$ 697,019,728.00

Life insurance in force December 31, 1948, \$7,682,601,807.00

This brief condensation of the 1948 Annual Statement is important testimony of another year during which the Aetna Life has been privileged to serve the American public. It further reflects sound management of funds entrusted to its care. This Agency is prepared to serve you in all matters pertaining to Life, Group, and Accident Insurance.

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