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**Congress—**  
**Senator Fears**  
**Excise Repeal**  
**With Tax Hike**

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

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (UPI)—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 \$5 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. Alben W. Barkley (R. Ky.).

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 this country is doing for them. He protested 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 that burglars stole \$1450 from the House jewelry and \$500 cash after take a 10-day Easter recess next tering her home through a second-floor bathroom window.

**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 Communist dictatorship, the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame told 700 members of the Knights of Columbus yesterday.

Dr. O'Brien, professor of religion at 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 SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral.

"The conviction of Cardinal

Mindzenty, Archbishop Stepinac, and the 15 Protestant ministers

on trumped up charges throws

into clear relief what is happen-

ing to millions of people who have

fallen under the heel of the Com-

unist 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**

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**Presbyterian Society Sets Spring Meeting Thursday**

The Indianapolis Presbyterian 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 Presbyterian 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.

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

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