

# Truman Due to Sign Rent Control Bill

## Measure Falls Far Short of His Requests

President Held Unlikely to Let Curbs Lapse

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UPI)—Administration leaders predicted today that President Truman would sign the compromise rent control bill, even though it falls far short of his original request.

They pointed out that with the present rent law expiring at midnight tomorrow, it is unlikely Mr. Truman would be willing to let controls lapse—even temporarily—on the chance that Congress might pass a stronger law.

**Gives 'Local Option'**

The new bill, approved yesterday by the House and Senate, would extend federal controls for 15 months.

But it would give states and municipalities a chance to get out from under rent ceilings, and would guarantee landlords a "fair net operating income."

The new measure was worked out by a joint conference committee as a compromise between earlier Senate and House rent bills.

**Labor Act**

Southern Democratic leaders forecast today that a majority of the House will support their drive to block outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

One influential Southerner said Taft-Hartley supporters will be able to defeat the administration on this issue "by about 20 votes all along the line."

The administration's labor bill, which would repeal the present law and re-enact a "modified" Wagner Act, is now before the House Rules Committee. Labor Committee Chairman John Lesinski (D. Mich.) has asked the committee to bar amendments to the measure on the House floor.

But there appeared little chance that the rules group would grant Mr. Lesinski's request.

**Foreign Aid**

SENATE leaders are fearful that the drive to trim Marshall Plan spending may mean trouble ahead for the North Atlantic Security Pact and its arms-for-Europe companion measure.

They foresaw plenty of difficulty in trying to hold a drive by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) to trim some 10 per cent from the \$5,580,000,000 requested by the administration for the European Recovery Program's operation in the next 15 months. A bill to grant the administration's request was before the Senate since last week.

**Taxes**

TRROUBLE between President Truman and Congress was developing in charges that his higher tax program might bring about a sizable 1949 business depression.

Republican and Democratic forces were forming to reject the administration tax program and force the government to exercise greater economy.

Chairman Walter F. George (D. Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee told the Senate yesterday that the administration's tax proposal would threaten the country with a "sizeable depression."

**Ike Rests Out of Reach Of Bright Florida Sun**

KEY WEST, Fla., Mar. 30 (UPI)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower reported indoors out of reach of a sound-wave projector and Key West's brilliant sun today speaker valued at \$540 from his after spending a "very comfortable" first night at the U. S. Naval Base here.

Major Robert T. Schulz, his aide, friend's home at 2042 N. New Jersey Gen. Ike still was tired from a six St. last night and found a four-hour plane ride from right front ventilator window Washington, but "he says he's broken and the projector missing this morning."



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