

# Rent Director Assures Tenants They Face No Blanket Boosts

Predicts Many Weeks Will Pass Before Landlords Receive Any Rises

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—Rent Director Tighe E. Woods assured tenants today that the new rent control law does not mean a "general rent increase for all tenants."

Mr. Woods said in a statement that the new law's provisions for a "fair net operating income" for landlords is a liberalization of present regulations which grant financial adjustments.

"This provision," he said, "will take care particularly of any small landlords who may not be obtaining an adequate net operating income. The law leaves it up to the housing expediter to determine what is a fair net operating income."

**Bill Signed**  
"It clearly does not involve any administratively unworkable plan of fair return on some valuation, nor does it mean a general rent increase for all tenants. It is merely a continuation of a trend in our adjustment provisions which has been taking place over the past two years."

President Truman signed the bill yesterday and called it a "crushing defeat for the real estate lobby." Present controls expire at midnight.

The new law goes into effect tomorrow. It extends rent controls for 15 months, but gives local communities the right to decontrol rents with the approval of the state governor.

Mr. Woods indicated it will be many weeks at least before landlords get any rent increases under the "fair net operating income" provision of the new law.

## Here's Gist of Rent Law As Extended 15 Months

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—Here's what the new rent control law does:

**FIRST.** Extends rent controls in modified form for 15 months through June 30, 1950.

**SECOND.** Permits cities, towns or villages, after 10 days' notice and public hearings, to remove controls entirely if the governor of the state gives his okay. "Meanwhile, present adjustment provisions will continue in effect and our area offices are being instructed to continue the processing of petitions already on hand."

**THIRD.** Assures landlords, "so far as practicable," a "fair net operating income."

**FOURTH.** Gives the Federal Housing Expediter authority to draw up any regulations he thinks necessary to control evictions. The expiring law only spelled out cases in which landlords could evict and required 60 days' notice.

**FIFTH.** Gives the housing expediter authority to sue overcharging landlords for triple damages on behalf of tenants. The expiring law left it up to the tenants to bring suit.

**SIXTH.** Permits the expediter to recontrol areas formerly under control. The expediter would need the local rent board's recommendation for recontrolling areas decontrolled before today, but not for those decontrolled from now on.

**SEVENTH.** Restores rent controls on trailer camps used as permanent homes.

**EIGHTH.** Permits the Expediter to lift controls on anything he considers "luxury" housing if it is to be converted to smaller units.

And here is the wording of the "fair return" for landlords provision.

"In making and recommending individual and general adjustments to remove hardships or to correct other inequities, the housing expediter and the local board shall observe the principle of maintaining maximum rents for controlled housing accommodations, so far as is practicable, at levels which will yield to landlords a fair net operating income from such housing accommodations."

"In determining whether the maximum rent for controlled housing accommodations yields a fair net operating income, from such housing accommodations, due consideration shall be given to the following:

(a) Increases in property taxes;

(b) Unavoidable increases in operating and maintenance expenses;

(c) Major capital improvements of the housing accommodations as distinguished from ordinary repairs, replacement and maintenance;

(d) Increases or decrease in living space, services, furniture, furnishings, or equipment; and

(e) Substantial deterioration of the housing accommodations, other than ordinary wear and tear, or failure to perform ordinary repair, replacement, or maintenance."

(Sen. John J. Sparkman (D. Ala.) told reporters that the above definition would exclude amortization of original investment and interest from the costs on which a fair return shall be based.)

## Senate Bloc Feels Certain Of Cut in ERP

Taft Espouses 10 Per Cent Slash In Marshall Aid

By United Press

Senate Democratic leaders were confident today they had the votes to kill the Taft-Russell amendment to trim some 10 per cent from funds requested for European recovery.

Floor Leader Scott W. Lucas, of Illinois, said flatly, "we'll defeat it."

Other sources indicated that the administration expected a fairly close vote but thought the proposal would be killed. It was understood that administration leaders expected to lose a maximum of 12 Democratic votes and to gain some counter-balancing GOP support.

Despite the administration claims, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) said the amendment had a "good chance" of being adopted.

The amendment, sponsored by Mr. Taft and Sen. Richard B. Russell (D. Ga.), would slice \$543 million from the \$5,550,000,000 requested by the administration for foreign aid spending during the next 15 months. Sen. Lucas hoped to force a vote on the issue by tonight. Present foreign spending authority expires at midnight Saturday.

Other developments:

**Health Insurance**  
Sen. Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) predicted that Congress will soon "hear something from the President" about Mr. Truman's proposed compulsory health insurance program.

A national health program is one of the President's chief legislative aims but no administration bill has been introduced yet to carry out the program.

Mr. Pepper said he thinks the administration measure will propose, besides compulsory insurance, federal grants to medical, dental and nursing schools, federal scholarships in them, and increased federal subsidies for hospital construction.

**Information**  
Congress was asked to forget President Truman's \$36 million budget request and step up the U. S. information program to counter Russian propaganda. The request was made by an advisory commission created by Congress to study the State Department's world-wide information program.

The commission said Russia is "spending enormous sums" for propaganda, and the U. S. must expand its information setup to meet the competition.

**Pensions**  
A Census Bureau report indicated that almost nine out of 10 World War I veterans who reach age 65 might be able to qualify for pensions under the "new" test in the new Rankin bill. The present bill would provide \$72-a-month pensions to single veterans with an annual income of less than \$2000.

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Eligibility Rule—The Times Spelling Bee is open to every pupil who has not passed beyond the eighth grade and who will not be 16 years old before June 1, 1949.

Fill in this entry blank and mail it to: Spelling Bee Director, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St. Pupils in county schools WILL NOT send in this form but will compete in contests within their own schools.

MONDAY, APR. 4 AND APR. 18  
Christian Community Center, 6500 E. 10th Ave.—Schools 21, 22, 23, Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Name of Beech Grove.

Northeast Community Center, 3300 E. 10th St.—Schools 1, 51, 69, 73, St. Francis Decade, St. Andrew.

Calumet Community Center, 2500 W. Michigan St.—Schools 58, 52, 67, 75, Holy Trinity, St. Anthony's, Grace Evangelical.

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, 34th & Central—Schools 60, 66, 76, 80, 91, St. John of Arc, Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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Park Dept. Headquarters, 101 E. 25th St.—Schools 27, 28, 32, 45, 70, Day Kindergarten, Lockefield Community Center, 700 Locke St.—Schools 4, 17, 24, 40, St. Bridget.

St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1601 E. 10th St.—Schools 41, 44, Holy Anselm.

THURSDAY, APR. 7 AND APR. 23  
Rhodius Community Center, Wilkins and Belmont Sts.—Schools 46, 49, Assumption.

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Pupils of Potter Fresh Air and James E. Roberts Schools will compete at the Center listed nearest to their homes.

## Run Out by Communists



Erhard Steindorff, former employee of a pharmaceutical company in China, examines an oriental rug he brought from the country when his employers closed their foreign offices in the face of the Communist army advances. Stranded in Indianapolis where he came to find a job, Mr. Steindorff plans to sell his oriental pieces to meet expenses. He now resides at Central YMCA.

## Record Number of Entries Indicate Tough Spelling Bee

2000 Grammar School Pupils Expected To Make Bid for Indianapolis Title

By ART WRIGHT

Competition is going to be keen in this year's Times Spelling Bee, according to the record number of entries being received.

Some 2000 grammar school pupils are expected to make a bid for the Indianapolis championship title starting next Monday at local community centers.

The city park and recreation department, which is co-operating with The Times in staging the spellingdowns, has increased its spelling bee committee to handle the record number of contestants.

**Assure Preferred Position**  
Entries sent by mail should be postmarked by midnight tomorrow to assure contestants a preferred position in the lineup.

The Indianapolis Champion will go to Washington, D. C. in May with all expenses paid by The Times to compete in the National Spelling Bee. The local champion will spend a week of sight-seeing and fun in the capital.

Here are the centers where the various schools will compete, starting Monday:

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## Truman Holds Fast to Hope For Tax Boost

Points to Danger Of Depression With U. S. in Red

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—President Truman today held fast to his demand for a tax increase and anti-inflation legislation, even though Congress seems in a mood to let both requests die.

He also opposed Senate efforts to cut foreign recovery funds.

Mr. Truman told a news conference that it would be much more dangerous for the government to operate in the red than to boost taxes. He said Chairman Walter F. George (D. Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee is all wrong in saying that a tax increase would plunge this country into a depression.

And the Chief Executive said his anti-inflation program, which includes standby wage-price control powers, is just as necessary now as when he asked for it last January. He said his January request for inflation curbs has been one reason for recent price drops.

**Denies Easier Credits**  
Although Mr. Truman rejected all suggestions that his anti-inflation program has been dropped, most members of Congress appear inclined to shelve it.

And only this week a key member of the Federal Reserve Board—Marriner S. Eccles—said the trend now is toward recession, not inflation.

Mr. Truman made it plain he still believed that his proposed \$4 billion increase in personal and corporate income taxes should go through. Sen. George said Tuesday that such an increase would bring on a "sizeable depression."

**Opposes ERP Cut**  
Mr. Truman also said that a 10 per cent cut in the Economic Recovery funds proposed by Sens. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) and Richard B. Russell (D. Ga.), was wrong and that the appropriation should not be cut at all.

The President declared that the \$5,430,000,000 request was worked out on the basis of the best information available. That amount, he said, is necessary to successful operation of the European Recovery Program.

Mr. Truman's third target of the day was the proposal by Rep. Carl Vinson (D. Ga.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, to add \$1.5 billion to the \$14.3 billion defense budget.

The President said that if this additional money had been needed, he would have asked for it when he sent his budget to Congress in January.

## Quiz Civilians On Overseas Work

A special Air Force team will interview civilians interested in employment with the Far East Air Force on Guam, Okinawa and Japan tomorrow, Saturday and possibly Monday in 419 Federal building, Tenth Air Force officials in Ft. Harrison said today.

The civilian personnel procurement representatives arrived today to interview non-service persons interested in occupations with the Air Force groups.

Starting salaries range from \$2498.28 to \$3727 per annum. Positions include property, payroll, supply and stock control clerks, clerk stenographers, engineer and statistical draftsmen, packing, crating, painting and water line foremen, heavy engi-

neer equipment operators, plumbers, electricians, engineers and diesel electric mechanical foremen.

**Urges Business Regain 'Managerial Control'**  
Belleair, Fla., Mar. 31 (UP)—Now is the time for business to regain "managerial control" and the authority to hire and fire, industrialists attending a National Association of Manufacturers conference were told here yesterday.

Wilson Wright, chief economist for the Armstrong Cork Co., told the Institute of Industrial Relations that this is the year to regain "authority lost in the last several years."

He advised the 150 manufacturers attending the meeting to get prices down "as far and as fast as possible" and to "get more for the money spent."

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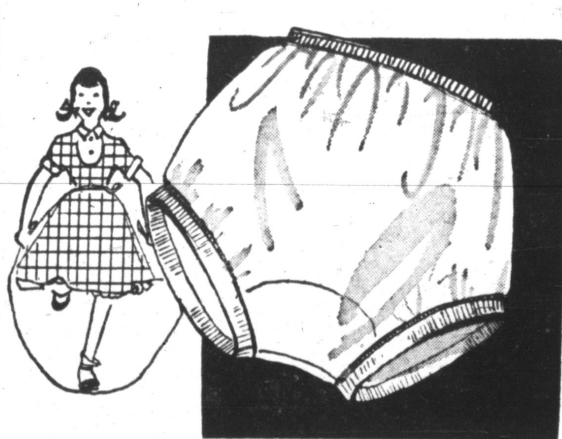
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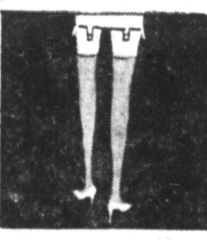
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3 pairs for 4.90

20 denier, No Seam, 1.50 3 pairs for 4.35



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