

Fri. June 21 - '68,

After eighteen ~~xxx~~ months of bruising battle - President Johnson's long-requested tax increase has passed at last. The Senate today granting final Congressional approval - following House action last night [^] Sending the measure on to ~~the~~ the White House - for the President's signature; with first payroll deductions under the new tax -- scheduled for fifteen days thereafter.

For individuals - the ten per cent ^{surcharge} ~~surcharge~~ is retroactive to April One; for corporations - January One. With the total take expected to come to some fifteen billion - before the tax's scheduled expiration date of July One, next year.

As you no doubt know - the measure also calling for a six billion reduction in federal spending. President Johnson agreeing ~~is this~~ to this "blackmail" - as he put it - in order to get any bill at all. However, the feeling grows in Washington - that the next occupant

of the White House - will have to decide which six billion to cut.

INDIANAPOLIS

The one candidate for President who wasn't there - the one who picked up most of the marbles today in Indiana. A state Democratic caucus at Indianapolis -- giving Hubert Humphrey the lion's share of Indiana's sixty-three delegate votes.

Robert Kennedy, of course - the winner of that recent Indiana primary. With Senator McCarthy finishing far back - and the Vice President not even entered. However, the Hoosier delegates now technically free agents - and Hubert ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey's their choice.

ST PAUL FOLLOW INDIANAPOLIS

As for the Vice President himself - he's in St. Paul tonight for a major policy speech. Hubert Humphrey saying he advocates "hard work - right now, with the Soviet Union - and, in the ~~for~~ future, with Communist China - on ~~is~~ reducing world tensions." The Vice President adding that the Vietnam war can be brought to an end - if we have the "courage" to persevere at Paris.

WASHINGTON-PARIS FOLLOW ST PAUL

Next question: Are we or are we not making any progress - at those Paris peace talks? Answer: It seems to depend - which side you are on.

On leaving Paris for a brief trip home - U S Chief negotiator Averell Harriman saying today; there are signs of hope # that the talks will produce results. Here on our own shores - Secretary of State Dean Rusk agreeing ~~that~~ there has been some slight progress. Though he qualified this by saying the Viet Cong must curb their terrorism - if additional steps are to be achieved.

In Paris - though -- North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy stating flatly - there has been "no progress" to date. This - ~~as~~ said he - because "the American side -- instead of halting unconditionally the air raids against North Vietnam - has escalated its savage air ~~to~~ attacks."

SUPREME COURT

Still no confirmation, as yet - to reports that Earl Warren has resigned from the U S Supreme Court. Friends and associates of the Chief Justice - insisting, though, it's true. Even going so far - as to explain the suddenness of it all.

X His main reason - we hear - the possibility that Richard Nixon will be our next President. The former Vice President - an outspoken critic of recent Supreme Court rulings. With ~~Warren~~ Warren said to feel that if he waited to retire - Nixon would perhaps appoint a conservative in his ~~lx~~ stead.

PARIS

With less than forty-eight hours to go in a crucial election campaign - violence flared again today across France. Including a pistol attack on Gaullist election workers - at Fesnes-sur-Escaut in the northeast corner of the country. Police later seizing as the alleged assailants - two known Communist party members.

Gaullist campaign headquarters in Paris - quick to take advantage of the incident, issuing a bulletin saying: "It is for the voters to decide - whether these brutal acts are in conformity with the rules of Democratic fair play."

There were few though - willing to predict the outcome of Sunday's election. And those few - while mostly predicting a DeGaulle victory - ~~expressing~~ fears ~~that~~ ~~the~~ his winning margin might be perilously slim.

GULF STREAM

So near - and yet so far. That's the story today - on Hugo Vihlen; a ~~daring~~^{bold} young adventurer who traveled some four thousand miles across the Atlantic - in a six foot sailboat, only to run afoul of the ~~Gulf~~^Gulfstream -- plus an offshore wind.

The bearded Vihlen - an airline pilot by trade - less than six miles from Miami Beach after eighty-three days at sea; when he was suddenly swept northward last night - along the Florida Coast. About twenty-five miles off Del Ray Beach - when he was spotted by a private yacht this morning. Even so - refusing to give up. Telling would-be rescuers: ~~"I've made it this far alone - and I'll make it the rest of the way."~~ "I've made it this far alone - and I'll make it the rest of the way."

Alas, it was not to be. Hugo Vihlen finally surrendering to the elements - boarding a Coast Guard cutter this afternoon; along with his boat - the April Fool.

A near-miss, to be sure - but still a tremendous achievement.

BRENDA FOLLOW GULFSTREAM

Tropical storm Brenda - which ~~sprang~~^{came} to
life today in the Atlantic - apparently one of the main
reasons that Hugo Vihlen decided to call it quits.
At the ~~at~~ time -- the storm about four hundred miles
northeast of Vihlen's position; or about six hundred
miles - southwest of Bermuda. Moving almost due East
-- and not expected to "affect the mainland." However,
Brenda's backlash - kicking up six foot waves tonight
along the North Florida coast.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

There's gold - in them thar seas! That's the report today from the U S Geological Survey. Telling of the discovery of gold flakes - on the Pacific floor off the coast of southern Oregon.

These flakes, in and of themselves - too tiny and too widely scattered to make recovery profitable - says ~~the~~ government geologist Parke Snavely Junior. Nevertheless, the discovery taken as a possible sign - of deeper, richer deposits; which - ~~is~~ according to Snavely - may prove "economically feasible to mine."

*Can't you just see him - Stew -
~~I can see it now~~ - 2 the Sourdough of the*

future - starting out with a pick, a shovel and a diving helmet?[?]

WALTER REED

From Walter Reed ~~Army~~ Hospital, Washington

- the best possible news today. Doctors reporting that former President Eisenhower - continues to make steady progress from the effects of his most recent heart attack; with earlier "irregularities" in his heartbeat - now further decreased, to the point where the hospital has decided - there will be no more daily medical bulletins. ~~Bully for the~~