

TAXES L.T. Deleo. Thurs - Feb 24 - '55?

In Congress - a surprising development in the question of a tax cut. Last night, we heard - it was virtually a sure thing in the House. Today, however, the Republicans were claiming - they'd beat the bill for an income tax reduction. Democrats now admitting - it will be a close thing.

Today, the debate was bitter - over the measure which President Eisenhower has called "the height of fiscal irresponsibility." Republican Leader Congressman Halleck described the Democratic proposal as - "a kind of blackjacking operation to put the President over the barrel." Well, hitting the President with a blackjack would be, indeed, unseemly. Putting him over a barrel - even more so.

The Halleck blast was countered by Democratic Leader Mc Cormack, who shouted: "If it comes to blackjacking, you are an able master, and we're only copying a page out of your book."

Forceful words - followed by more angry jibes.

Later, Halleck said: "We will beat it. I am now positive of that."

That prognostication followed a break - in the ranks of the Democrats. Featured - by seven Virginians lining up with the Republicans against the plan for a cut of twenty dollars for each income tax payer, and each dependent.

Congressman Mc Cormack ^{predicts} ~~says~~ - that all the Democrats will stay in line, except "fourteen, fifteen or sixteen." Which is the basis for the Democratic admission - that it will be a "close thing."

Tomorrow - will tell the tale.

Substitute EISENHOWER - MESSAGES

There is a comic mystery in Washington - concerning one cause for quarrel between the White House and the Congressional Democrats. Tonight, Democratic Leader Congressman McCormack - denies, indignantly, that there was any snafu in his office. "The messages," he says "must have got lost."

P *Presidentially* Messages - sent by the White House to Congress. The Democrats complaining - ~~that~~ they were not getting advance copies. President Eisenhower replied - with an expression of surprise. Said - he thought copies ~~of~~ *to them. But -* ~~messages~~ had been sent. *Maybe there was a slip-up in* the White House routine.

So Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty made a check, and reported - the messages had been sent. Stacks of copies - forwarded to Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts.

Today, an explanation came out - most embarrassing. The clerk in Congressman McCormack's

own office declaring - yes, copies of messages had been arriving. Had been placed neatly on the table - where anybody, interested, could pick them up. But - nobody ever had. Including, Congressman McCormack. So, at the end of the day, the messages from the White House - were thrown in the wastebasket.

TURKEY.

Tonight, in Bagdhad, a treaty was signed, between Turkey and Iraq, the two Moslem countries, ~~in a Mutual Security Pact.~~ In signing, Iraq is defying the Arab League of which Iraq is a member. The other Arab states - objecting to the treaty.

Turkey is a member of the Western Defense Alliance - the Pact now signed puts Iraq in the Western line-up.

GERMANY

News from West Germany tells - of riots in a snowstorm. Street battles - in a blizzard. With powerful streams of water - to complete the chilly, violent picture.

At the city of Bonn, the West German Parliament went into session today - for a showdown debate on the Paris Accords for the rearmament of West Germany. The Parliament - called upon to ratify the treaty. ^PThe Communists, of course, are bitterly against it. The Red Radio in Eastern Germany - bombarding the Western Zone with propaganda broadcasts. ^{So,}
~~Assailing - the formation of a West German army, as part of the defense forces of the West, so,~~ today, there was a Communist rally - in Bonn. Reds - flocking into the city, from all over West Germany.

They were a marching mob - shouting slogans, and displaying Communist banners. Snow was falling - a veritable blizzard. Buildings - frosted with white. The Red parade - advancing ~~thru~~ through the snowstorm.

They tried to make their way to the Parliament building, where large forces of police were on guard - and, soon, the battle was on. Police versus Communists - in the blizzard.

~~snow storm.~~

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The Reds were beaten away from the Parliament building, but kept on rioting. The police - using clubs and "water cannon." The latter - hard driven streams of water, from fire hoses. That broke up the riot. With - a drenching of Communists, ~~in the heavy snowfall.~~ Altogether too cold - snow ^{storm} plus ice water, on a wintry day in Germany.

FRANCE

The new Premier of France, Edgar Faure, was installed in office today. With stately ceremony - which, however, had a sour note. According to custom, former Premier Mendes-France turned authority over to his successor. But there were graphic signs - of a split between the two, ~~statesmen~~.

They both belong to the same Party, the Radical Socialists. But, yesterday, a curious thing was noticed - when the National Assembly voted Edgar Faure into office. Mendes-France did not vote for him. - ~~He~~ abstained. When the National Assembly acclaimed the new Premier - Mendes-France did not join in the applause.

So the story got around - that the former Premier did not like the kind of ministry lined up by his own successor. The Edgar Faure Cabinet - having too much of the Right Wing in it. Mendes-France being -- a Left-of-center politician.

The ceremony, today, is described as - decidedly cool. Usually, when a new premier goes in, there are ~~plenty~~ of news ~~and~~ ~~photographs~~ pictures - showing him shaking hands with

the former Premier. Today, however, the news photographers were not let in, for ^{any} the hand-shaking scene - if there was ^{one} ~~one~~.

According to tradition, the former Premier should have accompanied the new Premier, upon departing from the ceremony. But, today, Mendes-France went out through a side door. Premier Faure making the formal exit - alone.

All of which promises a possible new political feud - in the always tangled affairs of government in France.

CUBA

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Batista ~~was~~ inaugurated as President of Cuba today. *again*

The third time - the Cuban Strong Man has become President. Twice before, through revolution. This time - after an election.

The ceremony in Havana - stately. Attended by one thousand local and foreign dignitaries. But the atmosphere was tense. The presidential palace guarded by forces of police - armed with submachine guns; Following - a violent affair in Havana; A gunbattle, the discovery of a secret arsenal, and the killing of - Cuba's public enemy number one.

Early this morning, an automobile driver, on a highway near Havana, found - two men, both injured. One - had three fingers blown off. The other - a hand so badly injured, it had to be amputated at a hospital. Both had also sustained - head wounds. The police immediately suspected - they had been assembling hand-grenades. Injured - by an accidental explosion. Which turned out to be the case.

Upon being questioned, the two men told of a hiding

place of weapons. Presided over - by "El Colorado."

Meaning - the redhead. "El Colorado" - a revolutionary,
a desperado for whom the Cuban police had been searching.

Listing him - as the Cuban public enemy number one. ^{HP} The

police raided the hiding place, ~~the house~~ a house in

Havana. Where they found hand-grenades, rifles, pistols,

seventy

submachine guns, and fifty bottles of nitro-glycerine - for

making bombs.

"El Colorado" was there, but managed to get out of
the house. Which was followed by a pursuit - and a running
gunbattle. "El Colorado" - finally killed.

That was the overture to the ceremony at the
presidential palace - the inauguration of Colonel Fulgencio
Batista as President of Cuba.

Here's a report with a strange sound - an atomic explosion over the Atlantic Ocean. Or - so it seemed.

Witnessed - by a pilot of Pan American Airways, and his navigator.

At Frankfurt, Germany, today, Pilot Melvin Fuller of Norwalk, Connecticut, and Navigator John Thomas of Huntington Bay, New York - gave their account. They said their airliner was flying at high altitude, at night, one-hundred-and-fifty miles off the west coast of Ireland. When, in the distance - they saw a tremendous light rise above the clouds. They describe it as a pale yellow glare - with an oval shape at the top. Soaring - to a height of about four miles. Then - sinking back below the clouds. They say it looked - atomic.

Pilot Melvin Fuller says: "The only thing, I have seen, that resembled the flash - was an atomic test I saw from the air two years ago, in California. ~~I've seen a lot of~~ *Could it have been a British atomic test? London lightning, "he goes on, "But this was much more extensive, says no! No British A-bombs have and definitely was not an electrical disturbance." been exploded off Ireland.*

ATOMIC

The Army makes public a study of the attitudes of soldiers toward the atomic bomb. Soldiers - who participated in atomic maneuvers. And ~~there~~ there's one surprising feature. ~~which seems to have surprised the Army chiefs.~~

The soldiers are paratroopers who were in the atomic exercise on the Nevada Desert, ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Nineteen Fifty-One, ~~in~~ ^{only} that I reported right ~~from the scene.~~ ^{from the scene.} They were in trenches - in a position seven miles from the blast, ~~then~~ - ^{from where they} advanced into the bombed out area of atomic devastation. The curious thing is - they were less afraid at the time, than they were later on. Apprehension increased - as time went by.

Immediately after the maneuver, eighty-one per cent of the paratroopers ~~declared~~ ^{said} - they were "not worried at all." Three weeks later, only fifty-six per cent were of that opinion. Still saying - they were undisturbed.

Right after the explosion, forty per cent thought the heat and the blast effect were "not dangerous", where they were stationed. Three weeks later - only twenty-five per cent were similarly confident.

The more they thought about the atomic experience they'd been through, the more it worried them. The Army report puts it in these words: "A fairly consistent trend toward decreased confidence."

So now the recommendation [^] ~~that soldiers be given~~ constant indoctrination to off-set the increase of "unwarranted fear" among troops ^{who} ~~that~~ have been on atomic maneuver. Something - to check this curious turn of psychology.

LIBERACE

In Milwaukee, the police are investigating the death of the man - who started Liberace on his million dollar career. Was he hit, [^]knocked down? Or did he sustain a fatal fall - accidentally?

Walter Ludwig - a tavern keeper of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, ~~who~~ gave Liberace the first piano-playing job he ever had. Remaining - a close friend of the television prodigy. His wife was returning from a visit with the Liberace family, on the West coast - at the time the fatal incident occurred.

Ludwig was in Milwaukee - spending an evening at a ~~supper club~~ supper club. The proprietor of which - is accused of having hit him. Jimmy Fazio - who says they were sitting at a table in the supper club. And - had an argument. About ~~what~~ what? Well, the argument was about - Liberace.

The supper club keeper says he told Ludwig that, having discovered Liberace, he could have got a share of the big money.

"I told him," Fazio relates, "that he missed the boat. He asked me - why? I told him ~~that he was the supper club keeper,~~ ^{was} ~~that~~ the difference ~~is~~ - that he was working, while Liberace was making millions."

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The argument seems to have grown warm, and ended - when Ludwig fell on the concrete floor, striking his head. Either - because of a blow, or accidentally.

Well, there have been plenty of arguments about Liberace, who tickles the ivories - while the candles flicker. This one - ending with a fatality.

STOCKINGS

In Chicago, a girl took off her stockings, and put on another pair. Nothing unusual about that - it happens every day. But this was a spectacular affair. A stop watch - held. A crowd - cheering. A stocking changing competition.

Two fashion models in the contest - Beverlee Wilson versus Mickey Mars. Beverlee - winning out. She changed her stockings - in twenty-eight-and-a-half seconds.

Girls, you might see how quickly you can do it.

Contest - nationwide. A national stocking changing champion - to be proclaimed.

Hugh -
What's behind all this? The National Association of
- who have a special interest in the subject.
Hosiery Manufacturers - *who* want to show the ladies, how
quickly they can change *them* ~~their~~ stockings.

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