

TAXES

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The vote on the tax bill was interesting today. How well did party lines hold, in the passing of the measure to cut income taxes thirty percent in the lowest brackets, and twenty percent on up to the highest? The vote was - two-hundred-and-seventy-three to one-hundred-and-thirty seven, which majority is obviously a lot bigger than the margin the Republicans have in the House. ^RThe answer is that (forty Democrats joined the G O P in passing the bill to cut income taxes) - this in spite of the official democratic view that income taxes should not be cut at all.

With forty Democrats breaking out of the party fold and joining the Republicans, only three G O P congressmen did the same thing the other way round - ~~and~~ ~~xxx~~ ~~joined~~ the Democrats in voting against the tax bill.

The measure now goes to the Senate where ~~ixix~~ the going is expected to be harder. -- the

The Washington word is that the Senate is likely to revise the tax measure before it goes to President Truman.

FOREIGN POLICY

In the foreign policy debate, the strategic aspects of the Truman plan to stop Communism in the Near East were emphasized today by Secretary of War Patterson. He told Congress that the area of the eastern Mediterranean and the Dardanelles ~~area~~ was of "strategic importance and great value". ^{Those were} ~~in~~ the words of the Secretary of War. ~~And he gave the assurance that the four hundred million dollar program of aid to Greece and Turkey would not be mis-directed.~~

This emphasis on the strategic aspects of the Near East, faced with aggressions of communism, coincides with a series of attacks on the Truman policy. Opponents of the plan to halt communism are having their say, with witnesses appearing ~~here~~ before ~~the~~ ^{the} Senate Foreign Relations Committee, ~~one being~~ ^{one being} former Mayor LaGuardia of New York, who was also the head of UNRRA. ^{TR} LaGuardia spoke in strong opposition to those aspects of the Truman policy which are immediately pointed against communism -- the military aspects, American aid in equipping the Greek and

Turkish armies for defense against the Red armies. LaGuardia advocated food relief to Greece, but nothing of a military sort. He opposed any aid whatever to Turkey. And other witnesses appearing before the committee, expressed the same views, objecting to measures that might be considered as directed against Soviet Russia.

The number one leader of this opposition appears in the news as Henry Wallace, former Vice President. He's dead against the Truman policy of trying to check the advance of communism in the Near East -- as might be expected of that same Henry Wallace who was ~~not~~ ousted from the Truman cabinet after he raised an uproar with that famous Madison Square Garden address advocating a policy of - - go easy with the Soviets, ~~not~~ appeasement. Now editor of the magazine, The New Republic, Wallace came out today with a blast against any kind of Near Eastern aid with an anti-Soviet slant. To this,

Wallace adds the hint of -- a third party. In an address, he states that ^{neither} ~~the~~ the Democrats nor the Republicans have anything to attract the liberals who now are wondering whether or not to form a third party.

Well, that's a perennial in American politics, the idea of a third party. But it might seem odd to form one now on the basis of opposition ~~to~~ American attempts to check the ~~spread~~ spread of Red totalitarianism.

CONFERENCE

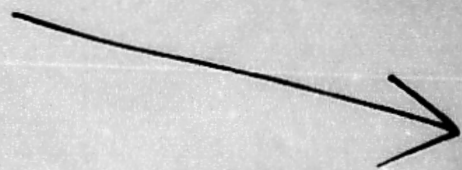
At the Moscow conference the question was today -- what's a German asset? That problem provides the dispute that is now snarling the business of drawing up a peace treaty with Austria. The big job, ~~is~~ the German treaty, is in abeyance at the moment, left waiting, while the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four take up the matter of Austria -- which is supposed to be much easier. But that, also, has run into difficulties, all tangled up with the question: What's a German asset?

The ~~xx~~ agreement among the victorious allies was that Soviet Russia should be entitled to take over German assets in countries occupied by Soviet troops, and apply these to reparations. Under this provision, the Russians in Austria ^{went} ~~xxxx~~ ahead and seized just about everything ~~xxxxxx~~ they could lay their hands on -- in the way of industry, factories, equipment, production. Their view is that they are entitled to everything the Nazis grabbed when they ~~xxxx~~ ^{Nazis}

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Austria. The Hitler brigands were a gang of pirates who robbed the Austrians in ruthless fashion. With liberation, the Austrians might have expected to get some of their belongings back, and recover property the Nazis had taken over. But now the Soviets insist that the Nazi loot comes under the heading of -- German assets. The American contention is that the agreement among the Allies concerned things that the Germans had actually and honestly ~~had~~ owned -- real German assets. So now the argument is on -- at Moscow.

~~American Secretary of State Marshall has asked about Soviet seizures of properties which the Nazis took from the Austrians. And today the Soviet Foreign Minister replied -- in effect that it is none of our American business.~~



ADD CONFERENCE

~~The latest from Moscow shows~~ ^{Today} Molotov
agree^{ed}ing to a definition of the term -- German assets.
Hitherto, the Soviet Foreign Minister has opposed
all suggestions that the peace conference should
agree on a meaning, write an official definition.
Now, however, Molotov concedes that point and the
peace conference, on that ~~one point~~ ^{will} would do the
work the dictionary usually does -- give definitions.



FOLLOW CONFERENCE

Tonight's news brings a denial from Moscow, a denial that Secretary of ~~the~~ State Marshall intends to ~~xxxx~~ leave the conference and go home -- in ten days. This report was announced repeatedly today by the British Broadcasting Corporation and draws the strongest kind of denial from American headquarters in Moscow.

BULGARIA

Communist Bulgaria hands a turn-down to the Balkan Commission of the U.N. That commission was sent by the U N to investigate Greek charges of Red aggression from across the borders of Jugoslavia and Bulgaria -- Soviet puppets both. One Greek contention is that Bulgaria has larcenous designs on the northern Greek province of Macedonia. Also -- that the Bulgarian Reds are holding Greek anti-communists as hostages.

Ⓜ So the investigating commission of the U N addressed an inquiry to the Bulgarian government, calling for the facts. To this Bulgaria gives ^{the} reply: -- "it's none of your business." Ⓜ In a letter to Mark Ethridge, American delegate on the U N Commission, the Bulgarians declare there is nothing to the Greek charges and the whole matter is no concern of the U N, and its commission of inquiry.

U N HEADQUARTERS

The architects who are designing the new headquarters for the United Nations reveal an up-to-date feature for the new home of the U.N. ~~They~~ ^{to be built} ~~have agreed to build~~ Three sky scrapers, as key structures, ~~and they will~~ ^{to} be linked by a complicated net of television. ^{TP} This was stated today by Chief U N architect, Wallace K. Harrison, who has long been associated with the Rockefellers - they having provided the New York East Side property for ~~the~~ U N center, ~~development.~~ ~~Wallace Harrison explains that the~~ ^{R the} purpose of the television will be to permit U N officials to keep in touch with the proceedings in all the various council chambers, while international problems are under debate. In other words, a U N official, while staying in his office, will have a television screen that will enable him to see and hear the proceedings -- virtually attend the many deliberations. Wonderful indeed -- if you happen to like U N deliberations.

In Washington there was a defense of Hollywood today -- a defense against the charge ~~■~~ that Communist writers in the film companies contrived to get Red propoganda in motion pictures. That accusation ~~was made by~~ ^{from} J. Edgar Hoover ^{Chief} of the F.B.I -- who made strong statements about Communist infiltrations in Hollywood.

The ^(denial) ~~(article)~~ is by Eric Johnson, President of the Motion Picture Association. He today told the Congressional Committee on UnAmerican Activities that, in any effort to take over the ~~■~~ movie industry, the Reds have suffered what he called "an overwhelming defeat". He said that, far from being able to sneak their propoganda into the films, the Communists have come to fear American motion pictures -- because these circulating all over the world, tell the truth about American liberal democracy.

COMMUNIST

Eric Johnson admitted that there are communists in Hollywood, but, he said they have no influence in the making of pictures. ^{TR} Congressman Rankin of Mississippi suggested that the film companies should fire all actors and writers who are suspected of Red sympathies. To which Eric Johnson replied that this was impossible. **I**t wouldn't be the American way **if** to fire an actor or writer merely because he ^{was} believed to have sympathies with Communism.

TELEPHONE STRIKE

There's a move in ~~W~~ Washington to forestall a telephone strike. Congressman Hartley of New Jersey, Chairman of the House Labor Committee stated tonight that he will introduce legislation to give President Truman the power to ask the courts for an injunction -- to stop a nationwide telephone strike called for April Seventh.

DENNIS

A Seattle newspaper publishes the real name of the General Secretary of the American Communist party, who, going by the name Eugene Dennis refused to answer a congressional question as to what is his real name. Investigators of for the committee of UnAmerican Activities, stated yesterday that the Communist General Secretary had used seven different aliases, going under seven different names at various times -- and that he was originally from Seattle. So today, the Seattle Star gives a biographical sketch of Communist Leader Eugene Dennis.

His real name is Francis Xavier Waldron, Jr. He's the son of a Seattle real estate man, went to school in Seattle, and then attended the University of Washington for a couple of years; leaving college when his family ran into financial difficulties. According to the Seattle Star, he first became interested in communism, while in college, and joined the Red party along about nineteen twenty eight. Then it was that Francis Xavier Waldron changed his name for the first time -- until now he calls himself Eugene Dennis.

ADD DENNIS

The latest is a statement in Washington that ~~in~~ this Red General Secretary is wanted both as a draft dodger, and as a fugitive from the Los Angeles police, for seventeen years. The committee on UnAmerican ^{activities} states that Dennis, or Waldron, falsified his age and thereby avoided the draft in the recent war. Also, that the Los Angeles police have a seventeen year old ~~man~~ warrant out for him -- he having been convicted for attempted riot in Nineteen thirty and ~~for~~ having jumped bail.

PYRAMID

From Shanghai comes a report of a giant pyramid in a wild mountain valley of the Province of ~~Shan~~ Shensi. That's in the remote mountains of western China, one of the most inaccessible regions on earth. The towering structure is said to be far larger than the Great Pyramid in Egypt, ~~and is described as~~ ~~being at the end of a valley and towering~~ ~~summit.~~

We have this word from Colonel Maurice Sheahan, Far Eastern director for ~~the~~ Trans-World Airways, who says he spotted the Pyramid from the air, and estimates that its height is about a thousand feet, as tall as New York's Empire State Building. Which would indeed ~~be~~ dwarf the Great Pyramid in Egypt.

The Chinese point out that in Shensi Province was the first capital of the famous Han dynasty, one of China's greatest lines of emperors, which ~~it~~ flourished in the third century before Christ. They say that nowadays some of the more ^{(mountainous} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

parts of Shensi are so inaccessible without any kind of communication, even mountain trails, that it is quite possible for a monster pyramid to stand in a valley, as described, and have been forgotten for centuries.

CUBA

Cuba today had a curious aftermath in the case of Lucky Luciano, the one-time big shot of New York racketeering in vice and narcotics. ~~There~~ ^{They} ~~were~~ ^{there were headlines} ~~headlines~~ Several weeks ago, when Luciano who had taken refuge in Havana was expelled from Cuba -- in a ~~gale~~ gale of charges and counter-charges. So now what have we? Well, the big shots of American racketeering mobs have caused a lot of violence, shooting and bumping off. -- But never before, so far as I know, has a gangster-thriller included a formal duel, the old-fashioned ceremony of the field of honor. Yet that's what happened in Havana today, as an aftermath of the Lucky Luciano scandals.

Two Cuban Senators got into an argument. In a radio statement Senator Chibas made a charge against ~~Senator~~ Prio Socarras, ~~brother of the Cuban Prime Minister~~. He said that Prio had been closely linked with Luciano. In response to ~~that~~ ^{that}, Chibas gave Prio a slap in the face, -- ~~which~~ ^{which} led to the duel, ~~which~~ ^{was} fought today.

The way it ended was odd -- the issue decided by the amount of blood the two Senators lost -- in their furious encounter. They fought with swords -- and cut and scratched each other in such fashion that they were a sanguinary sight to behold, -- until the doctors and judges decided ~~that~~ that both Senators had lost so much blood they shouldn't be allowed to continue. ^{Whereupon} ~~to~~ the duel was called off, called a draw -- the ^{is} contest on the Cuban field of honor ^{= all} because of the notorious New York racketeer ^{Unlucky} Luciano.

VOLCANO

Japan reports a new volcanic eruption, explosions of flame and lava, from Mt. Kyunvunkaku. The name itself sounds like an eruption. After having been inactive until early this year, the fire mountain is now on a rampage, and the prospects are ominous.

Nearby is a sister volcano -- Maetotokachi -- another name that sounds like an eruption. That explosive peak, in Nineteen Twenty-six, blew up with sudden fury and covered a large area with lava and ashes, causing heavy loss of life. So the Japanese remembering Maetotokachi are now terrified by Kyunvunkaku.

And now Nelson, how about a gentle eruption- of words -- from you.

OVERELL

Taken from early Mar. 27th bc.

It is unpleasant to note that in this land of ours there are two sensational trials, of children, girls, accused of murdering parents. Not so congenial to talk about. But the news gives strange developments.

At Santa Ana, California, Beulah Louise Overell, seventeen year^s old, was today transferred to the jurisdiction of the juvenile authorities -- she being accused together with her college boy friend, George Gollum, ~~They are~~ both indicted for the murder of the girl's parents. ^R Testimony, as revealed today, shows a Los Angeles police chemist telling ~~xxxxx~~ how he ~~xxxxx~~ examined a leather coat worn by Gollum when arrested. The police chemist stated that the coat had been, at one time, in his words, "heavily contaminated with human blood". The coat was in evidence ~~xxx~~ as were other articles of Gollum's clothing -- stained with blood, according to the chemist.

The point of this evidence is that, while the girl's parents appeared to have been killed by an explosion of their motorboat the police declare that actually they had been beaten, clubbed, that the motor boat explosion had been deliberately set with a clock mechanism -- to ~~keep~~ cover the crime. Such is the implication.

KILLING

In St. Louis the Reardon murder trial has taken an astonishing turn -- the ~~trial~~ trial of fourteen year old Mary Catherine Reardon, charged with killing her father. The defense ~~attorney~~ attorney has sprung a startling surprise, by claiming that the girl has a bullet in her body, and by showing scars on her shoulder, scars made by the bullet, ~~as~~ it ~~was~~ claimed. The surprise contention by the defense is that the fourteen year old girl, ~~is~~ far from having killed her father, was shot while trying to protect him.

The crime occurred while wealthy Vincent Reardon was driving with his daughter and a thirteen year old boy, Michel Darcy, taking them away -- after having found them together. While driving, he was shot. The car went out of control, and crashed -- the boy killed. Afterward the Reardon girl is said to have confessed that she shot her father in a frenzy of fear. A whole string of witnesses have testified that she made the confession. ~~This happened~~ *All of which* appeared to be *decisive,* ~~an established thing~~ until now; ~~with~~ the defending

lawyer springing the surprise. ^R His claim is that the girl's father was shot by the boy and that she was hit by a bullet while trying to prevent this. The prosecution today asked the court to name a physician and an x-ray specialist to investigate scars on the girl's shoulder -- and the presence of the alleged bullet in her body.

To this ~~twist~~ twist of the unexpected, the defense alleges that the boy was -- a friend of ^{Scarface Al} ~~Al~~ Capone. ^{It is solemnly stated} ~~such is made of the charge~~ that although only thirteen, he consorted with gangsters and gamblers, ^{including} ~~and had been a friend of~~ the one-time big shot of the Chicago under world. Two of his school mates were put on the witness stand and ~~swore~~ swore that the boy had boasted ^{of being a friend of} ~~about~~ Capone, ~~and he said~~ ~~he was a good boy.~~ All of which sounds like ~~the~~ ^{the} telling ~~of~~ tall tales ~~of~~ a school boy steamed up by gangster motion pictures. But, it is ~~all~~ part of ~~the~~ ^{the} strange murder trial at St. Louis.