

L.T. - P&G Washington, D.C. Thursday, March 13, 1952.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: The Senate okays the Truman tax reorganization plan. The vote -- fifty-three to thirty-seven. There were angry Republican charges that the White House had brought undue pressure to bear on Congress, had "insulted" the Congressional critics. But, in the end, the Senate voted its approval -- of the program incited by scandals of income tax.

So now the offices of sixty-four collectors of internal revenue will be abolished -- political plums, hitherto regarded as the spoils of party politics. Instead, there will be twenty-five district commissioners appointed under civil service. The entire tax collection service goes under civil service, with the exception of the top official -- the commissioner in Washington

~~(end tax reorganization)~~

# TAX

New York produces new additions to the list of those investigated in scandals of income tax. Not big names, but what the Congressional investigators call -- "small fry." Minor cases -- connected with prosecutions of top ranking former officials, like ousted Commissioner of Internal Revenue Joseph Nunan. Small fry, in preparation for -- large fry.

One had a safe deposit box he forgot to mention -- when questioned about his finances. Another one -- refused to answer, because it might incriminate him. Still another spent more money than he listed as income on his tax return. Twenty-six thousand dollars more. Also - he neglected to mention <sup>twelve</sup> thousand dollars he had in a bank.

He was questioned about these discrepancies, and gave an interesting explanation. He said his answers were incorrect, because he was -- "highly nervous." And added: "I've been accustomed to questioning people about their income, and not to being asked to give answers myself." Just an income tax

collector -- good at handling out the punishment,  
but not so good at taking it.

For a finishing touch -- a mink coat. He  
forgot to mention to the investigators that, among  
articles in his possession, was a mink coat ---  
that fur that Washington has made famous.



## RAILROADS

The trains were on schedule again today -- rolling on the New York Central. This, following a collapse of rebellion against a federal court injunction.

Railroad workers on strike, and a federal court granted a temporary injunction. Whereupon, strikers in Toledo led a rebellion. The railroad union abiding by the law, the Toledo insurrectos voted -- secession from the union. But, then, they thought it over -- and discretion became the better part of valor. They took another vote -- deciding not to secede from the union, but to go back to work.

At the key railroad point of Elkhart, Ind., there was a similar vote -- back to the job. In Chicago -- a remarkable improvement in health. There, the striking workers had reported -- sick. Must have been those winter gales in the windy city, causing a sudden epidemic of railroad illness. But the boys must have had a mighty good doctor, because they were all well today -- running the trains.



## PRIMARY

In New Jersey , midnight was the deadline-- for entering names in the New Jersey Primary, and for taking them out. At the last minute, Senator Kefauver decided to stay in --encouraged by his victory in New Hampshire. President Truman is not in the New Jersey Primary, nor is any other Democrat -- to give Kefauver any opposition. It's a "Presidential preference" race-- another popularity contest. Delegates - not pledged.

Midnight passed--with no word from General Eisenhower, Senator Taft or Harold Stassen. Their names had already been entered, on the Republican side--and the time for possible withdrawal went by. So they're in--which makes it another version of the Battle of New Hampshire. Just leave the "New" and change "Hampshire" to "Jersey" . Eisenhower, Taft, and Stassen--at it again.

Some comment comes from a New England Senator, who stays neutral in the scramble for the Republican Nomination -- Aiken of Vermont. He gives us the opinion that in the National picture Senator Taft still has a "substantial lead" over

Primary - 2.

General Ike, in spite of the Taft defeat in New Hampshire. Senator Aiken, with a manner of cold blooded analysis, estimates that the Eisenhower strength may deadlock the Republican Convention. And thinks--the New Hampshire result should encourage any dark horse who might hope to stampede the Grand rally of the G O P. Could the Senator be thinking of -- MacArthur ?

In Washington, political philosophers are expressing admiration for two words. Which were uttered by General Eisenhower, in his comment on the New Hampshire result. Saying he was happy about it, General Ike used the expletive -- "By golly". Well, you may not find the word "Golly" in the dictionary, but those political philosophers say it was -- pure genius. Down to earth, folksy, grass roots, and all that.

They note that "by Golly" was employed with great effect, years ago--by Teddy Roosevelt. And he was quite a genius at appealing to the voters in a homespun way. He sure was -- by golly. end it.

## FOREIGN AID

The battle of the foreign aid program began in Washington -- hearings opened before a joint session of committees of the Senate and the House.

The opening guns were fired by Secretary of State Acheson, Mutual Security Administrator Harriman, and General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Appearing for the Truman administration, each one spoke a lot of different words, but said the same thing. That the seven billion, nine hundred million dollars is needed for the defense of the West and any cut would jeopardize the security of the free world, and our own security.

Among those not present was -- General Eisenhower. But the committee was given a written statement from the Commander of the Army of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. General Ike stated that, as a result of the recent Lisbon conference of NATO, his international army is developing -- from the paper stage to the stage of soldier and gun. He



~~xxxxxxx~~gave the opinion that the fifty divisions, agreed on at Lisbon, could, in the general's words, "slow the momentum of an attack from the East." If the Soviets were to launch a drive, that international army could check it long enough to give the free countries a chance for all-out mobilization. This -- in the opinion of General Eisenhower.

There's talk in Congress of summoning the NATO commander to Washington -- for testimony on the foreign aid program. Which of course, could have political implications -- the NATO commander being also a contender for a presidential nomination.

But today the word is that Eisenhower has indicated -- that he prefers to remain in Europe. If testimony is wanted in Washington -- let Greunther do it. That is, all necessary information could be given by Lieutenant General Alfred Greunther of the United States Army, now deputy commander to General Ike.

## **AUSTRIA**

The Western Big Three have submitted a draft of a peace treaty with Austria -- handing this in at Moscow. The United States, Great Britain and France propose to the Soviets -- a pact that would leave Austria independent and united. They emphasize -- that this is not a Western Power move to make a separate treaty with Austria. They want the Soviets to come in, and ask Moscow to give the proposal what the diplomatic note calls -- "The most careful and serious consideration."

## INDIA

The government of India is holding a Conference of Provincial Governors. Independent India has abolished the sovereign power of the traditional potentates - the Princes of India. Many of these have gone into the new Parliamentary government -- and you'll find more than one a provincial governor of his former realm. Hyderabad, for example, famous during the centuries for the Nizam, richest of all the Princes of India.

So, today, the Nizam of Hyderabad arrived at New Delhi for the conference of governors. Which might suggest the notion that he appears in the dull, prose style of a public official in a democracy. But, not at all.

The Nizam of Hyderabad, though now merely a governor, still remains the richest man in the world -- and comes with a princely retinue of seventy-three, rolling through New Delhi in forty limousines. He has seventy wives. But, of these, he has brought along only an even dozen. He'll do with a dozen until he gets home. Technically, he may only be a



governor, but the scene today at New Delhi had all the  
oriental wonder and glamour of His Exalted Highness, General  
Sir Mir Osman Ali Khan, Nizam of Hyderabad.

## **KOREA**

In Korea, no progress in the truce talks today. But that doesn't mean -- no change. It was progress -- backwards. For about a week the deadlock had remained unaltered -- but, in the proceedings today, the Reds introduced an old demand, which they had abandoned previously. Days ago, they insisted on a clause that would guarantee Communist China against any naval blockade. Our side refused, and the Reds backed down. Today -- they backed up, and made the demand all over again. Progress -- in reverse.

On the war front, indications that the Reds are massing military power in the front lines -- during this twilight period that is neither war nor armistice. American armor sallied forth on the central front, and found evidence of a build-up of Red artillery. "They threw more shells at us than I've ever seen," says a tank officer. With massive gun fire the tanks destroyed nine enemy bunkers and discovered -- the Red build-up

## SUTTON

In New York, attention in the Arnold Schuster case is focused on the mother of Willie-the-actor-Sutton -- the fugitive whose capture Arnold Schuster caused. The aged woman, Mrs. Sutton lived in a Brooklyn home with a sister of Willie-the-actor. But she disappeared on Monday - and the police are checking on reports that she is now living with relatives in Westchester County they've not been able to find her.

The detectives want to question Sutton's mother - on the subject of letters she might have received. These if any, might match up with handwriting in threats that were sent to Arnold Schuster, before he was murdered - and to other persons involved in the case. Sutton's mother might have received letters - so many others have.

All of which reflects one of the strangest angles in this vicious affair of crime.

The family of Arnold Schuster, whose identification brought about the arrest, have received a dozen threatening letters - one arriving on the day of



the funeral of the murdered clothing salesman.

Yesterday, a menacing note was received by a doctor who, examining the body on a Brooklyn sidewalk pronounced Schuster dead. Dr. S.M. Fialka - and today he was being guarded by police.

A Brooklyn democratic district leader, Louis Warsoff, who is also a college professor, announced a plan to circulate through the Schuster neighborhood with a sound truck - pleading with local people to give information, if they have any. So he received a threat of death - but is going ahead with his project.

All of which is a fantastic twister - the prevalence of threatening letters in the highly publicized arrest of a fugitive wanted for bank robbery, which was followed by the murder of the one who pointed him out to the police.

## ROMEO

New Orleans tells a sad story of a luckless Romeo -- a local artist who got that way while listening to music. He was in a cafe of the Old French Quarter, and the music was the opera - Romeo and Juliet. Shakespeare -- plus the sweetness of melody.

So the artist, emulating Romeo went to the home of a girl friend -- who lived on the second floor. New Orleans house architecture provides balconies -- as in Shakespeare, and, where the girl friend lived, there was a vine. So Romeo went climbing up to Juliet's balcony. But, halfway up, the vine broke -- and Romeo took a fall. Hard enough -- to break both legs.

Taken to a hospital; and there, Nelson, he learned -- the girl friend wasn't even home. The story of Romeo and the balcony -- but no Juliet.