

HOUSE

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for
Last major obstacle to President Johnson's long-awaited tax increase - was finally overcome today.

The House Ways and Means Committee voting seventeen to six - to approve a ten percent income tax surcharge; coupled with a federal spending cut ~~4~~ totaling four billion.

Today's action - ~~following~~ ^{after a} nine months ~~of~~ delay —

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Coming just three days - after the President accused Congress of trying to "blackmail" him on the tax issue ~~and~~ after he told the legislators to "bite the bullet" -- and do what had to be done. Committee Chairman Wilbur Mills - whom the President singled out for special criticism -- one of those now voting to approve.

Still a long way to go - before the bill actually becomes law. However House Democratic Whip Hale Boggs - ^{ed} ~~summing~~ ~~px~~ up the outlook; saying -- "we're over the hump."

PARIS

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In Paris - final choice of a peace talk site -
tonight appears close at hand. ^{That is} The United States and
North Vietnam ^{are} said to ~~have~~ agreed tentatively - to meet
in Paris's international conference center. This the
former Hotel Majestic - near the arc de Triomphe; during
the Nazi occupation, a Paris headquarters of the Gestapo.

Why there? Because the building is convenient
- to both the U S and the North Vietnamese Embassies. ^{also}
~~Because~~ it's also equipped for international conferences;
^{that is} ~~except~~ ² complete with modern communications, translation
equipment and so on.

SAIGON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~For the moment through~~ ^{Still} no sign of it in Vietnam itself. The enemy's nationwide spring offensive -- barreling into its second day today; with Viet Cong forces - renewing their assault on vital Tan Son Nhut airport. Communist rockets - also slamming into the heart of Saigon tonight.

~~Be that as it may~~ ^{However?} Allied lines are said to be holding firm ^{with} The Viet Cong unable to gain a foothold in Saigon - ^{and} their drive ^{also} ~~said to have~~ faltering elsewhere. ~~as well.~~ The U S command estimating enemy losses at more than thirteen hundred men + in less than forty-eight hours.

SENATE

At age ninety - After fifty-six years in Congress - Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona ~~has~~ ~~finally decided~~ to call it quits. The President of the Senate - also Dean of the Senate -- announcing today he ^{will} not seek ~~xxk~~ re-election, ~~this year.~~

Senator Hayden first elected to the House ⁴ when Arizona was admitted to the Union in Nineteen Twelve. ^{Then} ~~He moved over~~ to the Senate - in Nineteen twenty-six. And he now recommends as his successor - his administrative assistant, Roy Elson; who will likely face Barry Goldwater - in November.

NEW YORK

The Knight newspaper chain - winner of a record three prizes this year, in the fifty-second annual Pulitzer journalism awards - announced today in New York.

Individual winners including John S. Knight^{himself} - for editorial writing; the Detroit Free Press - for local reporting; and Eugene Payne of the Charlotte, North Carolina, Observer - for editorial cartooning.

Author William Styron - winner of the Pulitzer prize for fiction; ~~for "the confessions of Nat Turner" - his controversial story of a negro slave uprising.~~

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Former diplomat George Kennan - winner of the Pulitzer prize for biography; ~~for his book~~ - "Memoirs, Nineteen-Twenty-five-Nineteen Fifty."

EDWARDS

Starting from Edwards, Mississippi - a second contingent of "Poor People's Marchers" set out today for Washington. The Reverend Ralph Abernathy - sending them on their way with ^{this} biblical quotation: "And they said one to another - why sit here until we die?"

One hundred and thirty-six strong - the marchers later boarding buses. First of thirteen planned stops - tonight at Selma, Alabama.

Meanwhile, a northern leg of the march is getting ready to start Wednesday - from Brunswick, Maine.

However, the main group of marchers - remains stalled at Marks, Mississippi, ^{with} their ranks swelling daily to a total now of nearly three thousand. Many of the new recruits -- indicating they hope to make it a one-way trip, ^{Stay up} ~~to the~~ North.

INDIANA

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In the Hoosier State - a final flurry of political
campaigning today. Senator Kennedy - touring northern
Indiana. Senator McCarthy making appearances at Richmond
-- also Indianapolis. ~~With both men~~ planning last-minute
television appeals, ~~-- urging support in tomorrow's Indiana
presidential primary.~~ As for Governor Branigan - ~~the~~
~~only holdout.~~ he was ~~The Governor~~ spending the final day of his
campaign - in his office tending to state duties.

NIXON

Meanwhile
~~On the Republican ledge~~ Richard Nixon was back
in Washington ~~today~~. Trying to consolidate his own support
-- at a closed meeting of the Republican coordinating
committee. Last one - before the party's national
convention in August.

Later, Nixon telling reporters - he does not have
the Republican nomination wrapped up as yet, ~~Wesson~~ "I'm taking
nothing for granted - but I expect to win" - said he.

What of latest polls - that show Nixon trailing both
Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy? "Polls that
bloom in the spring -- often fade in the fall" - said
Nixon. Adding: "I'm interested in the one in the fall."

Next stop - Omaha. Where the former Vice
President was to resume campaigning - for next weeks'
Nebraska primary.

CELLER

~~Reverse side - from~~ Congressman Celler of New York - ^{80 yrs. old} ~~who was eighty~~ today. Taking advantage of the ~~occasion - to look back on forty six years in Congress.~~

His greatest legislative triumph, ^{he says} ~~said Celler~~ - the removal of ~~repressive~~ repressive restrictions on U S immigration. His most inspiring moment - when ~~he was~~ cheered on the floor of the House - following passage of the Nineteen Sixty-Six Civil Rights act.

Looking ahead, ^{he tells us} ~~Celler claiming~~ he is just as spry as he ever was. ~~Adding that he looks~~ ^{ing} forward with ~~relish~~ - to an ~~up~~ upcoming primary challenge; despite the fact that it may prove the toughest - of all his years in politics. The Congressman ^{says he'll} ~~insisting he will~~ win ^{Warren} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~on the grounds that~~ "an old chicken makes the best ~~shoup~~ soup."

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WEST PALM BEACH

From West Palm Beach, Florida, comes news today - of an all-out war on sharks. The result of a weekend meeting of shark experts / aimed at reducing attacks on swimmers along the southeast Florida coast.

Suggested safeguards including special shark nets along beaches - electric anti-shark devices - helicopter patrols - also shark bounties. However, the experts all agreed that the best way to get rid of sharks - is to encourage concentrated commercial shark fishing; ~~to~~ get people to eat them - before they eat us.