

The Congressional reaction to President Eisenhower's address on taxes, tonight - follows party lines. Although - a number of Democratic legislators ^{do} refuse to comment. Intending - to make their own reply on radio and television tomorrow night. Those that do speak up charge that the Eisenhower tax program would favor a few taxpayers, instead of the many.

Republican leaders back the President in his contention - that the Democratic proposals to raise income tax exemptions are unsound, and would be "a serious blow" to the government. Arguing that any such huge reduction of our Federal revenue would mean - either we have to cut our National Defense dangerously, or we have to pile up bigger and bigger deficits. The President summarizes in these words: "An unwise tax-cutter is no real friend of the taxpayer."

testified, and wasn't so enthusiastic - the Army having to
take the cut. He told the Committee, the foot soldier is
still, what he called, "the ultimate key to victory." ~~But~~
But the Army Chief of Staff admitted that the new ⁷⁰ weapons and
air power have changed the methods of war.)

Well, that "new look" will be debated ~~and~~ by
gatherings of veterans all over the country - in the next
few days. The American Legion is celebrating its Thirty-Fifth
Anniversary. Founded in Paris, in Nineteen Nineteen.
Seventeen thousand Legion posts are holding observances -
veterans who take a special interest in the military defense
of this country.

ARMAMENT

A Senate Committee opened hearings today - on the "new look" in military policy. The Administration has presented a budget for the armed forces, amounting to thirty-seven billion, six hundred million dollars. With emphasis - on atomic and air power. Ultra-modern weapons -- the "new look."

The number one witness at the hearing today was Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, who said we'd have "adequate" security. Cutting down the size of the army from twenty-one to seventeen divisions. And spending more money - on jet planes, guided missiles, electronics, A-bombs, H-bombs.

~~This program is based on the present international situation - the end of fighting in Korea, for example.~~

~~Secretary Wilson admitting - that the "new look" might have to be changed, if the international situation changes. If - let us say, the war in Korea should begin again. Then, we'd have to have more of the "old look", foot soldiers, infantry divisions.~~

~~Army Chief of Staff General Matthew Ridgway~~

BUTTER

The federal government will experiment with - cut rate butter. So stated by Secretary of Agriculture Benson - who, today, told of a "pilot operation." That is, in one or more cities, a plan will be tried out - for disposing of a lot of surplus butter the government has on hand. Mountains of butter, purchased under the program for supporting farm prices. More than three hundred million pounds - piling up.

So the project is - to get rid of it, by selling to the public at lower prices. Beginning - with a "pilot operation" as a test.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the "Tidelands" oil law. The states of Rhode Island and Alabama challenged the law - which gives various other coastal states the ownership of oil resources off their shores. But the Supreme Court, by a vote of six to two, says - constitutional. Upholding - the "Tidelands" oil law.

McCARTHY - SENATE

Senator McCarthy today spoke a blunt "No" - to the Republican leadership in the Senate. He will not cancel speaking dates - will not stay in Washington, until an investigation is held of charge and counter-charge, in his feud with the Army.

The demand was made by Republican Senate Leader, Knowland of California -- who stated that Senator McCarthy should stop making public addresses, until hearings have been held. Senator Knowland, supported in this by Senator Dirksen of Illinois, a member of the McCarthy Sub-Committee. They think the McCarthy-Army mess should be cleared up, and as soon as possible - not delayed by speaking trips the Wisconsin Senator is making.

That's what McCarthy rejects. He will be in Washington for a Sub Committee meeting tomorrow, in which he has turned over the Chairmanship to Senator Mundt of South Dakota. But he'll be away the rest of the week - on speaking dates in the Middlewest. *P*The Senator says that, in spite of his quarrel with the Eisenhower Administration, the requests

for him to speak are as numerous as ever. So many - that he has had to turn down members of Congress, running for reelection, who have asked him to make addresses in their behalf.

There's further disagreement - on how the hearings shall be held. Top Republican leaders think that other committees in Congress should undertake the investigation in the Army-McCarthy feud - or have a hand in it. Like - the Senate Armed Services Committee. But McCarthy disagrees - declaring that his own Sub-Committee will do the investigating.

Meanwhile, McCarthy insists that Roy Cohn will stay on as the Committee counsel. Cohn - charged with having demanded, with threats, that the Army give preferential treatment to Private David Schine, who formerly worked for the McCarthy Sub-Committee. The team - of Cohn and Schine.

McCARTHY - MURROW

Senator McCarthy will appear on Ed Murrow's television show. Last week, in a program on CBS, Ed Murrow criticized Senator McCarthy, scathingly. At the same time, he offered ^{JOE} Mc Carthy half an hour of free time, on the Murrow show.

The Senator replied -- he couldn't make it, and suggested a substitute. Proposing that William Buckley speak for him. Buckley -- the author of a forthcoming book named "Mc Carthy and His Enemies."

Murrow rejected that, saying the offer applied only to Mc Carthy himself. So now the Senator answers -- Okay. He'll appear.

FISHERMAN - ATOMIC

Tokyo reports twenty-three Japanese fishermen suffering from atomic burns. They were tuna-fishing in the Eniwetok area, when they saw a giant atomic explosion in the distance. Later, dust began to fall, and covered their clothing. They thought nothing of it, until they noticed their skin began to turn black and blister. Whereupon, they made for the nearest Japanese port. Their hands and faces were swollen, their hair falling out. Japanese physicians declare that none of the fishermen is in serious condition - though they were burned by radio-active dust.

INDO-CHINA

Indo-China reports the "biggest battle" in the war out there. A horde of Reds besieging the stronghold called Dien Bien Phu, which they've encircled.

Today's news tells of a counter-attack by the defenders - after eight hundred paratroopers dropped from the sky had reinforced the garrison of some ten thousand. The paratroopers went into ^{the} counter-attack, along with Moroccans and Foreign Legionnaires. Driving back the Reds in savage fighting, while a squadrons of planes raked the Red enemy with bombs and flaming napalm.

This was the third day of the "biggest battle." The French command, ^{is} insisting that the Red besiegers will be defeated. - ~~even though they've captured a strategic hill.~~

~~From which - they have brought both airstrips under fire. Today, they were hurling shells onto the flying fields. The defenders kept busy - filling in the shell holes, so the planes could land. The fortress munitioned, provisioned, and reinforced by air.~~

ROME

In Rome - the "scandal trial of the century."

That's what they're now calling the affair of which we heard last week. Pertaining - to the mysterious death of a young society beauty, Wilma Montesi.

Today, three persons of national prominence were ordered to appear as witnesses at the trial of the journalist, Silvano Muto, charged with having published - false reports. He broke the scandal.

One witness, the former Chief of National Police, Tommaso Favone, ^[who] resigned his post, as a result of accusations ~~made against his~~ ~~statements~~ - of a police cover-up. Pretending - that Wilma Montesi had drowned, when she had actually succumbed to an overdose of drugs.

Another witness - Piero Piccioni (Pee-cho-nee), son of the Italian Foreign Minister - said to have been at the wild party at which the drug-taking occurred. The charge is that the police ^[Chief was] ~~was~~ asked to "hush up" the case, so as to protect the son of the Foreign Minister. The word, today,

is that the Foreign Minister, himself, has offered to resign. The scandal - threatening to wreck the government of Premier Scelba.

The third witness is the Marquis ~~Montagne~~ Montagne (Mon-tah-nya), who is accused of being the head of a narcotics ring. The wild party was held at a hunting lodge of his, near Rome. The dangerous political character of the scandal is shown by the fact that the Communists are playing up a statement that the Marquis Montagne is a friend of the medical professor, who is personal physician to Pope Pius the Twelfth. Today, the Vatican newspaper denounced the Red inuendo in bitter terms.

Altogether, the affair would seem to justify what is being called in Rome - the "scandal trial of the century."

GENERAL

Major General Roderick Allen says - he'll "gladly" pay for that doghouse. An expensive kennel for canines - and you couldn't blame the newspaper reporters for making a pun about the General being in the doghouse.

It was built at Fort Dix, New Jersey, when General Roderick Allen was commander there. Cost - one-thousand, two-hundred dollars. The Army - paying.

Today, General Allen explained: "Dogs are my specialty - the same as persons who have such things as gardens." But he adds - he never knew the doghouse cost as much as twelve-hundred bucks. ^{He just} didn't know - how much.

The story goes on with a bit of irony - typical of Army life. Soon after that expensive kennel was built at Fort Dix, General Allen was - transferred. Moved on to Fort Devens, Massachusetts - as commanding general there. He took his collection of canines with him, and needed a doghouse at Fort Devens. So one was constructed - but that's no point of controversy. Not so expensive - built of scrap

lumber, and some G.I. labor. Neither of which - cost anything.

As for that other one, General Allen says: "If the Army asks me to pay for it, I'll gladly do so."

CHURCH

At Menlo Park, California, the police are looking for what they call - a "gadget-minded crank." The description would seem to be an under-statement, when you hear of the trick he played.

Yesterday, Sunday services were about to begin at the Christian Science Church, when the janitor found in the basement - a time-bomb. Church officials acted promptly, and got the congregation out of the building. The police were called, and they gazed in alarm - at the bomb in the basement.

It was a cardboard box, attached to the wall, and from it came an ominous ticking. A time-bomb!

The cops called the Army in San Francisco - sent a demolition expert. So Major Forrest Spiva proceeded to the scene - in a helicopter. - *lickety split - in an egg-beater.*

~~They, with all, all suitable precautions, the~~

He removed the box. *And* in it, he found a mouse-trap.

also
A red light bulb, and an alarm clock. These - hooked up in peculiar fashion.

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All so arranged - that, if anybody had simply opened the box, the mouse-trap would have snapped, which would have made the red light bulb flash, and set the alarm clock ringing. a la Rube Goldberg and his cockeyed inventions! There in that church.

Last month, somebody tampered with the church organ. Crossing the wires in such a way - the organ wouldn't play. The police believe it the doing of - the same "gadget-minded crank."

SHAMROCKS

A shipment of merchandise is on its way from Ireland to the United States - to get here in plenty of time for March Seventeenth. The answer is easy - shamrocks. Half a million sprigs of the plant, sacred to St. Patrick, - being flown to New York.

The shipper - the King of Shamrocks. In County Waterford, William Walsh has a shamrock farm, which produces most of the supply for the world. Walsh - ~~was~~ King of Shamrocks."

But, meanwhile, Ireland is having an argument - is March Seventeenth really Saint Patrick's day? A prominent Celtic scholar wrote a book to show there were - two Saint Patricks. But the Irish Historian, ~~Seamus~~ (Shay-mus) McCall, issues a positive denial. "There was only one St. Patrick," he declares, "and it is the anniversary of his death, on March Seventeenth, Four Sixty-One A.D., which is commemorated on St. Patrick's Day."

Harry,
But, in any case, ^{one} Saint Patrick or two Saint Patricks - half a million shamrocks are on their way.