

TAXES

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~~Today's~~ news on the new tax bill is not so encouraging. Ever since the beginning of the year, the House has wanted to make it possible for income tax payers to pay less than before, with reductions retroactive back to January First.

But the Republican Senators -- they are not so generous. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ They want the reductions to apply only from July First on. In other words, that half a reduction is better than none. Nevertheless, the Representatives, especially Congressman Knutsen of Minnesota, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, say they will fight on for ~~the~~^a tax cut to cover the whole year.

Evidently there will be weeks of argument after the Senators pass their bill -- with the committees of both Houses trying to reach a compromise.

The Senate won't get around to voting on the tax bill until next week.

Senator Taft of Ohio wants the Republicans, in both Houses, to agree on the amount they want to trim off President Truman's budget. The Lower House, of course, already has voted for a six-billion-dollar reduction, and the Senate for only four-and-a-half billion.

The sparring over Palestine continued at Lake Success today. Arab and Jewish spokesmen continuing their discussion.

A Syrian delegate told the Political Committee of the General Assembly that Zionism was nothing but a fatal dream, vowing that the Arabs would never permit it to succeed.

On the other hand the Jewish Agency came forward today with a demand that neither British nor Arab representatives be on the commission to investigate the Palestine issue.

Said Fadhil Jamali, Foreign Minister and delegate from Iraq: "The National aspirations of Jews in Palestine constitute a 'declaration of war by one people over another.'" And he added: "We cannot support any plan which might lead to a foreign bridgehead in the Arab world." Further, that "no ~~xxx~~ self-respecting Arab will ever agree to the creation of a Jewish state in any form."

The Jewish Agency countered with a bitter censure of the man who heads the Arab Committee, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, once proscribed by the British as an enemy of the Empire. The Jews say the Grand Mufti was directly involved in the extermination of European Jews by the Nazis.

Carlos Romulo, delegate from the Philippines, and Lester Pearson of Canada, Chairman of the Policy Committee, complained today that newspapermen are featur[ing] disagreements, whereas actually the atmosphere at Lake Success has been quite amicable since the special assembly began.

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At the end of the day, the Political Committee decided to eliminate the question of Palestine independence in its investigation of the issue. The instructions from the Committee to the Investigating Commission will not even contain the words "Palestine independence", either from the Jewish or the Arab point of view.

The Committee decided this by a vote of twenty-nine to fourteen. Both Uncle Sam and John Bull were with the majority, voting against Russia and the Slav bloc as well as the Arab nations.

However, this does not mean that the question of independence for the Holy Land is ~~dropped~~^{dropped}. It merely leaves it to ~~the~~ Investigating Commission itself to decide whether the Commission should recommend independence, how and when.

TURKEY

The Turkish government will use all of its hundred-million-dollar-gift from Uncle Sam to build up its military establishment. Although the country needs economic help, it will apply to the International Bank for that.' So says President General Ismet Inonu.

At the same time the Turkish President announces that his people intend to hold onto the Dardanelles. And ~~not~~ even discuss any question of leasing any air bases to any foreign power on Turkish territory.

The Ankara government is convinced that the present control of the Straits is the best system for everybody. Meaning the system devised by the Convention at Montreux in Nineteen Thirty-six; under which agreement, merchant vessels of any country, and even certain kinds of warships, may pass back and forth through the Dardanelles, in peacetime.

Turkey, however, has the right to close the Straits to warships in case of war or threat of war.

The latest protest against the hundred-million-dollar gift to the Turks comes from the Armenians.

The Armenians are highly indignant about it. In fact their National Council in Egypt (although they have no national government) sent a cable to Speaker Joe Martin of our Lower House. In the cable they accuse Turkey of having secretly helped Nazi Germany during the war.

General Inonu, on the contrary, declares that there ~~no longer is any Armenian~~ question in Turkey.

That in his country every citizen today enjoys equal rights, regardless of race or creed; that his people are earnestly and sincerely trying to develop a democratic way of life, and have already succeeded in large measure.

An American mission of military experts is expected to arrive in the Turkish capital on May Nineteenth. Some thirty of them, including staff officers; to consult with the Turkish general staff and investigate what types of war materials are most needed in the country that guards The Golden Horn.

FOOD

A strange ultimatum issued in Duesseldorf, Germany, today, an ultimatum from the conquered Germans to their British and American conquerors.

German Labor Union leaders have passed on *the following* demand to British officials: More food within ten days or no work! And reports from the American zone say that even the black market cupboard is almost bare.

This is the first such German action since the occupation. German union ~~leaders~~ leaders were docile and cooperative at first. *But they are* ~~They are~~ docile and cooperative no longer in the face of widespread and continuing hunger. They told British authorities today that they would no longer be responsible for any action taken by German workers if food rations in the British zone were not increased. Duesseldorf Labor leaders are threatening to ~~resign~~ resign their posts tonight, and they warn that German administrative officials may follow suit.

ACHESON

For more than two years, Dean Acheson has been trying to resign as Under-Secretary of State. Soon after the passing of President Roosevelt, he wrote to Mr. Truman, asking to be released from public service. The President urged him to stay on, on the grounds that he was badly needed.

Last year, in April, again he tried to retire; and again the President urged him to stay on a bit longer. In December, when once more he made his request, Mr. Truman then agreed that he could step out on January Tenth.

But in January it became evident that if the new Secretary of State, General Marshall, had to go to the Moscow Conference, some man of top experience should be in Washington, in charge at the State Department. So again Dean Acheson's retirement was deferred.

Now, at long last, he is to be allowed to go back to the practice of law -- at the end of June.

And today he received a glowing letter conveying the personal thanks of President Truman. The President also announces that Dean Acheson's successor is to be Robert A. Lovett of New York, former Assistant Secretary of War for Air -- a man who has been given great credit for the progress we made in wartime aviation.

Dean Acheson, one of the earliest of the New Dealers, was Under-Secretary of the Treasury for six months during F.D.R.'s first year in office. Then in February, Nineteen Forty-one, Mr. Roosevelt made him Assistant Secretary of State under Cordell Hull. Since the retirement of Mr. Hull, Acheson has been invaluable in the State Department as the Number One adviser, first to Secretary Byrnes, and more recently to Secretary Marshall.

POLITICS

Two nationally known politicians addressed separate audiences today, expressing opposite views. Both men made it apparent, if it's not apparent already, that Radicalism in general and Communism in particular will play a major part in the Nineteen Forty-Eight ~~the~~ nationwide elections.

In Providence, Rhode Island, tonight Republican National Chairman Carroll Reece told a Republican mass meeting that President Truman is now mobilizing the "radical votes" in a bid for election in Nineteen Forty-Eight.

Reece indirectly accused the President and other top-ranking Democrats of failing to practice what they preach -- especially with regard to the elimination of Communists in Federal bureaus.

Said Reece: "On March Twenty-Second, President Truman ordered a purge of all Communists and other subversive employees on the Government pay roll. And the day after the order, an official of the Administration estimated that not more than five percent of the

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Federal pay roll would be found to be Communists."

"However," Reece pointed out, "on that basis alone, five percent would mean a hundred thousand subversive elements working for the Government."

"And," he asked, "have we rid ourselves of those hundred thousand potential spies? No!"

Meanwhile in Minneapolis today, Henry Wallace, ~~the shining knight of all our so-called liberals~~ charged into the field again.

Declared Wallace: "The nation's anti-Communist talk is a disgrace."

Wallace went on to denounce President Truman's proposed loyalty-test for Governmental employees as a "Twenty-Five Million Dollar witch hunt."

~~TODAY~~ Wallace also made coy references to Nineteen Forty-Eight ~~his~~ ^{AND DOWN} expected political role. ~~he said, and we quote,~~ ^{he! -} "The Presidency holds no glamour for me; but, if it would help the Liberal cause, I would be willing to run for it." ^{Henry} ~~still asking the voters to go away closer.~~

EISENHOWER

Chief of Staff General Eisenhower wants to pry a lot of able-bodied G.I.'s away from their comfortable desk jobs. It seems that Uncle Sam is sorely in need of infantrymen with combat training. And, we hear that quite a number of good marksmen-in-uniform, in fact many sharpshooters, are now holding down office jobs. As expert riflemen, Uncle Sam gives them an extra ten bucks a month. But they cannot ~~in~~ draw that extra ten a month if they continue to do desk work, for their marksmanship does the Army little good while they are sitting in office chairs. So General Eisenhower wants them to take their feet down off their desks and be off to "The Field" once more.

DIAMOND

The police of Paris have a diamond mystery on their hands, and the story goes back to November, Nineteen Eighteen. On the night of Armistice Day, Martha Chenal, one of the celebrated operatic divas of the day, walked to the top of the magnificent flight of steps outside the Paris Opera House, wrapped in the French Tri-color. There she stood and to a crowd that hushed its cheers to listen, she sang the Marseillaise. It was a picturesque and ^{splendid} ~~resplendent~~ moment.

Among those who witnessed it was Henry de Rothschild, then a young scion of that great banking house. Martha Chenal's singing thrilled him so, that he gave her a forty-four karat diamond worth more than a quarter of a million dollars, as well as other beautiful jewels. She moved into a luxurious house in Paris, and there she remained until her death. She left no will, and her lawyers began looking for heirs. They finally

found a cousin of the singer, and began probate proceedings. But when they searched her mansion, they could find no diamond. The search was exhausted, inch by inch, but without success. ^{IP}~~So~~ There's a problem for George Simonen, celebrated writer of detective tales, and his Inspector Maigret (Maygray).

BEGGARS

The Labor movement in Mexico City today reached the pinnacle of something. A Union of Beggars has been formed there. The pan-handlers of Mexico have decreed a closed shop, union buttons, and a constitution.

The Beggars Union ever placed a floor under their earnings -- guess you can't call it wages -- an absolute minimum below which they'll not beg.

No longer will they accept the classic centavo. What with the rising cost of living, it's to be ten centavos -- from now on, or -- nothing.

A bulletin was distributed among Mexico City's beggars today, a demand for the ten centavo minimum. If the gift is anything less, then "the beggars must reject the alm in the most energetic manner he deems most convenient for the occasion!" So says the bulletin.

Question: if the beggars go on strike, how will they do it?

ISLAND

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Fullard-Leo of Hawaii, bought a group of little islands nine hundred miles south of Honolulu -- bought the whole group for fifteen thousand dollars. These atolls are known to us by the historic name of Palmyra, tiny ~~clusters~~ clusters of coral, about one-and-a-half miles square -- seemingly worthless, except for guano.

In Nineteen Thirty-nine Uncle Sam's Navy decided it needed these coral atolls for a base, and turned out the owners. The Navy's position was that if those Hawaiian citizens had spent money buying and developing the atolls, it was just too bad for them, because in Eighteen Ninety-eight, Uncle Sam had acquired title to all Hawaiian public lands -- including Palmyra.

The Fullard-Leos would still be out of luck, but for the Supreme Court of the United States, which today ruled that they definitely own Palmyra, and that if the Navy is still established there, then they are the

Navy's landlords. So, instead of coral, maybe those

atolls will ~~be made of gold~~ ^{pink} turn out to have been made of yellow gold, eh Nelson?

TREASON

*Taken from Early Broadcast Monday
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A federal jury was impanelled in a court at Washington today to try a former agent of the Office of Strategic Services on charges of disloyalty. His name, Carl Aldo Marzani. ~~He is~~ Also accused of having ~~been~~ concealed the fact that he is a Communist, a party member.

Marzani got his first foothold in the government service with the O.S.S. They took him out of the army and made him a master sergeant, put him to work as an "economic editor", whatever that may be. After he was discharged from the army, he continued to work as a civilian employee of O.S.S. When it was absorbed into the State Department, Marzani went along. Last December the State Department, having discovered Marzani's membership in the Communist Party, fired him. A month later, a grand jury indicted him.

The government prosecutor told the jury that this fellow had been a Communist Party member.

in New York City in Nineteen Forty and 'Forty-One, in fact was an organizer, ~~and~~ ^{ing} used the alias, ~~as~~ Tony Wales.

R In July, Nineteen Forty-Two, when the F.B.I. agents were investigating him prior to his employ by O.S.S., he took an oath that he never had been a Communist, never ~~had~~ ^{had} even attended Communist meetings. Later, he made the same statements to civil service investigators.

Marzani's particular job, assigned to him by the Communist leaders, was to teach other organizers how to spread discontent among negroes.

TELEPHONE

The telephone strike is not all over, yet, even though you may have been putting through and receiving calls. Twenty-two thousand employees of Western Electric are still out in New York and New Jersey, and some twenty thousand more installation and maintenance men are ~~keeping up~~ ^{maintaining} picket lines. ^{TP} However, most of the telephone workers have come to terms with the companies.

The union leaders today demanded that the Department of Justice investigate A.T. & T. and Western Electric on a charge of violating the Anti-Trust Laws. A representative of ~~the~~ ^{the} Western Electric men said he doubted whether that part of the strike will be settled, if the government does not intervene. Western Electric, he said, had flatly refused to arbitrate.

SIMON

Samuel Simon and his wife Rebecca owned a little delicatessen shop in Boston. That was twenty-five years ago, just outside the Boston Arena. They were so capable and frugal that between them they piled up a handsome fortune with which they started buying a concession at a racetrack. Which did so well they bought another. In fact, before Samuel Simon died, they had parlayed their profits into refreshment stands at three racetracks as well as the Boston Arena, and their holdings were estimated at a million or more.

Samuel Simon had a cousin, Edward Shames, to whom he was much attached. He took him into the business, made him general manager. When Samuel died two years ago, the cousin expected to inherit a share in the business. But, he was disappointed. The wife, Rebecca, it was all left to her.

Rebecca not only took complete charge, but she rolled up the profits still higher.

During the war, the ^{cousin}~~nephew~~ was in the service, and when he was discharged found himself

without a job.

This forenoon the police received an emergency call from Mrs. Simon's office at the Suffolk Downs racetrack. When the officers arrived, they found Mrs. Simon and Edward Shames facing each other across a flat-top desk. -- ~~both dead~~. In the right temple of each, a bullet wound, and in the man's lap a thirty-two calibre pistol.