

TAXES

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Government fiscal experts today put a last minute check - to that bill authorizing a four-point seven billion dollar cut in federal excise taxes. The technical review -- to be completed this weekend, With final papers ~~to be~~ ready for the President's desk - by Monday.

The bill ^{to} takes effect [^] twenty four hours after it is signed. Which means lower prices on a wide range of consumer goods - beginning Tuesday. Everything from lipstick and jewelry - to household appliances and automobiles.

FLOOD

Colorado officials today ordered a complete evacuation -- from the flood plains of the Arkansas River. This means a flat stretch of land that borders the Arkansas -- ranging from a few feet to several miles in width.

Thousands of persons in all -- ordered to flee their homes; along a hundred and seventy five mile stretch of river -- from the city of Pueblo, to the Kansas border. Virtually every tributary of the Arkansas is said to be a flood stage; pouring huge quantities of water into the rain-swollen main river; and widespread flooding is considered almost inevitable.

So far -- three thousand persons have been left homeless as a result of three days of storm and flood. With at least six known dead -- and three missing.

LAUNCH

That new triple-barreled super rocket - another brilliant success today at Cape Kennedy. The Tital Three-C -- world's most powerful booster - thundering skyward in a perfect launch. Hurling a record payload of twenty-one thousand pounds - into perfect orbit around the earth.

The super Titan - frankly aimed at achieving a military capability in space. Toward that end - it has already been tentatively assigned the task - of orbiting a manned space station. This within a matter - of just three years.

ASTRONAUTS FOLLOW LAUNCH

Meanwhile, on ~~ax~~ to Paris today - for astronauts Ed White and Jim McDivitt, ~~Along~~ with their wives - Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- and assorted American space officials. The visit ~~is a sudden whim of~~ ^{because} the President. ~~Who said he~~ ^swanted the astronauts to share their thrills with all mankind - starting at the Paris Air Show.

The French - for their part - taken by surprise, ~~Nevertheless~~ ~~they~~ mounted a warm welcome. Some three thousand Frenchmen - on hand to greet the American space patrol. The ~~welcoming~~ ^{welcoming} delegation - headed by French Minister Couve De Murville.

At a later news conference - Jim McDivitt asserted that the next man up - should be able to take a walk in space - without even the precaution of a safety line. He would need only his space gun - said McDivitt. Adding that if the space walker got into any trouble - his partner could easily move the spaceship backward or forward -- up or down - to pick him up.

DOMINICAN

In Santo Domingo - a proposal today for the prompt establishment of a provisional Dominican government.

With general election^s - to be held within six to nine months

The peace plan - presented by a three-man mediation team - appointed by the Organization of American States. The O A S to provide an advisory commission - of jurists selected from all the American states - to assist in setting up the election.

But so far - no reaction from either side.

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW DOMINICAN

In the meantime - Russia today demanded that the United Nations assume a larger role - in solving the Dominican dispute. Russia supported in this demand in the U N Security Council -- by France, Jordan and Malaysia.

Soviet Ambassador ~~Wheeler~~ Fedorenko - also renewing his call for an on-the spot meeting of the Security Council -- in Santo Domingo. He argued that the United States is attempting to crush the Dominican rebellion - with methods similar to those of "Hitler's hangmen". That from the Soviet Union.

VIET NAM

A cabinet meeting at the White House today -- for the announced purpose of discussing "hopes for peace" in Viet Nam. But later Secretary of State Rusk: said that Communist China and North Viet Nam -- have rejected all efforts to start peace talks, and the Soviet Union is making no "active effort" to end the war.

Meanwhile in London -- that projected commonwealth peace mission has already hit a snag -- even before it could get under way. Of the five nations selected to make up the mission -- Ceylon has already withdrawn. And others are said to feel that British Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- is unfit to head the delegation, since he has openly supported U.S. policies in Viet Nam.

RIFLE

The Justice Department today asked Congress to grant it permanent possession - of the mail-order rifle that killed President Kennedy. Also, all other items of evidence collected by the Warren Commission - in its investigation of the assassination.

Attorney General ~~Nicholas~~ Katzenbach urged passage of the bill - to prevent the "dispersal and exploitation" of these items. "Their loss, destruction or alteration" - said Katzenbach - "would serve to encourage ~~irresponsible~~ irresponsible rumors and allegations," ~~That~~ That might destroy public confidence - in the Warren report.

The newly-remarried widow of Lee Harvey Oswald - has insisted that she is the legal owner - of all his effects, ~~Including~~ Including the murder rifle - for which she has received an offer of twenty thousand dollars. If the bill becomes the law - she would lose the gun - but she could sue the government for compensation.

BEATLES

To most Britons - it's all a big joke. But ~~at~~ to at least three members of Parliament - it's a burning issue. And they want an explanation - as to just why the Beatles were named members == of the Order of the British Empire. As a result - an announcement from London today that the question will be debated by both Houses of Parliament.

The debate in the House of Lords - set for a week from Tuesday, When Lord Colwyn will ask the government - why were the Beatles honored by the Queen, When "there are so many distinguished entertainers - who gave their services voluntarily during the war - in conditions of great hardship" who got nothing at all.

The debate in the House of Commons - set for July twentieth. A Labor M P wants to know who suggested the Beatles for an award in the first place - and why the Prime Minister agreed to it. A Conservative M P will go one step further. Asking for a review - of the whole awards system.

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President Tito of Yugoslavia has told Moscow

One footnote about Lord Colwyn: The British press is noting tonight -- that his lordship himself is only a second-generation nobleman, having inherited his title -- from his banker father.

The latter -- a worthy gentleman -- Dick -- who was born simply

■ Fred Smith.

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Tito

President Tito of Yugoslavia flew into Moscow today - for twelve days of talks with the new Soviet leaders. This his first visit to the Kremlin - since they kicked out his old friend - Nikita. ~~Khrushchev~~ As you no doubt recall - it was Khrushchev who wooed the renegade Tito - back into the Communist bloc.

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