

Income Levy Up for Voting

HARRISBURG, Sept. 24—(AP)—The Senate finance committee approved tonight for a floor vote a modified State income tax bill as administration forces sought Democratic support to pass it. The administration effort to end the long deadlock with a new version of the often rejected income levy appeared, however, to be an uphill fight.

A show of hands at a Republican Senate caucus indicated that seven Democratic votes would be needed to pass the disputed levy.

2 Democrats Favor It

Sen. John J. Haluska (D-Cambria) the party whip told a reporter only two Democrats would go along with the measure on a showdown vote on the Senate floor.

Haluska named Sen. John H. Dent, the Democratic floor leader, and Sen. Samuel G. Neff, (D-Beaver) as the two proponents of the bill.

The modified form of the income tax bill calls for payment of the levy to start next Jan. 1 on a withholding basis. First returns to the Revenue department by employers would be due next April 30 instead of Oct. 30 as originally proposed in the House-passed bill.

Persons not subject to payroll deductions would pay their income taxes next March 15.

All of 1951 income would continue to be subject to the tax to be paid in a lump sum by next March 15 together with the tax for early 1952.

Entitled to Rebate

A taxpayer would be entitled to a \$5 rebate if he paid his taxes 30 days prior to the due date. The one-half of one percent rate amounts to a \$1,000 exemption. The rebate provision apparently skirts a constitutional provision that all taxes must be uniform upon the same class of subjects.

The revenue would be earmarked for education and state-aided hospitals. The levy would expire automatically next May 31, 1953, unless re-enacted earlier.

de Gasperi Promises Nation's Aid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP)—Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi today solemnly pledged his country's help in the event of World War III and pleaded for a reasonable rearmament of Italy to bulwark the defense of western Europe.

Addressing a joint session of Congress, the 70-year-old Italian leader declared:

"Europe once solidly united will relieve you of your sacrifices in men and arms, for she will herself contrive the defense of her peace and common freedom."

A note of criticism was sounded later, however, by Senator Jenner (R-Ind.) who declared in a Senate speech that the United States is "still buying" friends among the nations.

"How much did de Gasperi want today?" Jenner demanded. "It may not be in his speech, but we'll get it soon."

Other lawmakers noted that de Gasperi's arrival here coincided with reports that he will press for quick changes in the Italian peace treaty which now limits that country to an armed force of 300,000 men.

Diplomatic sources said the United States, Britain and France are already drafting a joint declaration of plans to change the arms limitation provision in the 1947 treaty with Italy.

Allies, Reds Meet Again In Kaesong

TOKYO, Tuesday, Sept. 25—(AP)—Allied and Communist liaison officers met again today in Kaesong to work out some basis for resumption of the Korean armistice talks.

It was their second meeting in as many days since the Communist suspended the negotiations Aug. 23 with a charge the Allies violated the Kaesong neutrality.

The meeting of the rival liaison officers ignored a Communist proposal for a full-dress meeting of top armistice delegates.

The Allied high command urged the Communists Monday to abandon Kaesong as the site for resuming talks on an armistice in Korea.

The Reds were told at the Monday meeting that Kaesong is unsuitable for these reasons:

1. Partisan groups, responsible to neither command, are active in the Kaesong area and could start something at any time which would interrupt the talks again.

2. Troops of both sides constantly maneuver around the Kaesong area and could start something at any time which would interrupt the talks again.

2. Troops of both sides constantly maneuver around the Kaesong neutral zone, "daily posing the chance of an unintended violation."

3. Kaesong is close to the main Communist supply line, under attack by Allied planes.

Move to Oust Senator Begun

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP)—A Senate rules subcommittee voted unanimously tonight to hear Senator Benton (D-Conn.) at a closed meeting Friday on his resolution aimed at ousting Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) from Congress.

The group also decided by a 5 to 0 vote to let McCarthy sit in on the meeting, but without the privilege of cross-examining Benton. The Wisconsin Republican has demanded the right to question all witnesses who testify in connection with the expulsion move.

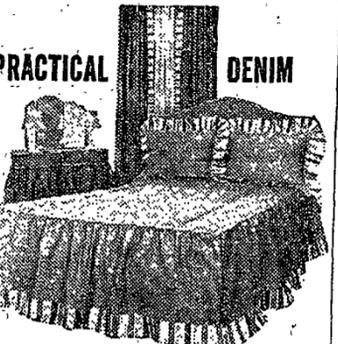
McCarthy told a reporter he will be in Santa Fe, N.M., Friday to address a Republican gathering, "so I won't be on hand to hear Benton's rantings."

Asked if he would accept an invitation the committee extended to come before it at any time to reply to Benton, McCarthy replied: "Hell no . . . I have said before I am not going to waste my time on that mental midget."

MacARTHUR IN ROSE PARADE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24—(AP)—Douglas MacArthur may be Grand Marshal of Pasadena's famed rase parade on New Year's Day.

Tournament of Roses officials said only that the General is "under consideration" for the role. They added that no official decision would be made before Dec. 1.



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UN Troops Storm 'Heartbreak Ridge'

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 25—(AP)—American infantrymen crawled up the steep and smoking slopes of "heartbreak ridge" today, as the Eighth Army commander disclosed that Communist casualties in five weeks of bitter fighting on the whole Korean front totaled 58,000 men.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, UN ground commander, said 80 per cent of the communists killed or wounded since Aug. 18 fell in the bloody "battle of the hills" in eastern Korea.

Reds Taken Prisoner

Another 2,800 Reds were taken prisoner, Van Fleet said, and enough Communist material was captured to equip nearly a full Red division.

American troops fought furiously after an overpowering Communist attack pushed them off the highest peak of "heartbreak ridge" for the second time in ten days. But at nightfall, no new gains had been made.

Three American infantrymen stormed to the top of the peak late Sunday night with drawn bayonets dripping blood, AP correspondent Stan Carter reported from the front.

Reinforcements followed quickly and threw off an initial Red charge. Then, Carter reported, 400 grenade-tossing Communists overwhelmed the Americans and retook the peak nine and one-

half hours after losing it.

In the Communist counterattack, 250 North Koreans were killed in front of American positions. The three gallant GI's also were reported killed.

The Colonel commanding the American unit fighting the ridge action told Carter the outnumbered Americans have "practically destroyed" an entire North Korean division since the fighting began.

The Allied Air Force ranged over the Korean front, destroying or damaging more than 800 Communist trucks and killing or wounding an estimated 200 Reds. Other planes attacked rail lines and bridges.

ARMY TO CALL DENTISTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—(AP)—The Army said today an additional 100 reserve dental officers will be ordered into active service by Nov. 12.

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Britain's Labor Leaders Meet to Compromise

LONDON, Sept. 24—(AP)—The leaders of Britain's feuding Labor Party factions met today but did not complete the formality of burying the political hatchet.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Aneurin Bevan, who stomped off the reservation last April, faced each other at a two-hour secret session of labor's high command in an effort to map a common platform to beat Winston Churchill's Conservatives at the polls Oct. 25.

Draft Platform

Morgan Phillips, the party's General Secretary, was assigned to draft the platform along lines unanimously approved at the meeting, but Bevan and his followers withheld a promise to support it until they see its finished form.

Phillips told reporters there was "no difficulty, or row or fight" at the meeting.

Bevan, former health and labor minister, quit the Cabinet last

April and led his leftwing followers into revolt because they objected to the haste and cost of Britain's rearmament drive.

Over the week-end, however, Bevan indicated he did not intend to carry his rebellion to the point of splitting the party in the face of the conservative election threat.

Fires On Conservatives

Attlee, too, in speeches over the weekend refrained from hitting at the party rebels. He centered his fire on the conservatives.

Bevan has only four out-and-out supporters in the 26-member National Executive Committee of the party, but is credited with strength among the rank and file of the party.

It was up to the committee, therefore, to draft a manifesto that would seal at least a temporary truce between the two strong men of the party.

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