

# House Rebuffs Tax Cut Move

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today sidetracked—amid sharp political maneuvering—Democratic proposals for big cuts in both individual income and excise taxes.

Rep. Cooper (D-Tenn), senior Democrat on the tax-writing group, promptly served public notice that Democrats will fight on the House floor, if necessary for an individual income tax cut this year for all taxpayers.

## Communists Celebrate 'Army Day'

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (AP)—Soviet military leaders today marked the biggest celebration of Red Army day in years with a warning Americans were preparing for a new war against Russia. The Russian people were told Soviet forces must perfect their skills with the latest of weapons for combat in the atomic age.

A 20-gun salute to the armed forces was fired in Moscow in observance of the 36th anniversary of the Red Army. Mass sports events, special radio and television programs, and speeches throughout the country marked the celebration.

Blasts against the United States came from Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the army chief of staff, and Marshal of the Artillery M. Chistyakov. Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the country's defense minister, called on the armed forces for increased vigilance, military preparedness and competence in using modern weapons.

Sokolovsky declared a policy of strength is a two-sided weapon and quoted a Russian proverb: "Don't knock on other peoples' gates with your whip. They might knock on yours with a club."

Of warfare in the atomic age, he said: "Modern developments in military science and technique are in a new stage. The imperialists are openly threatening the peoples with the use of atomic weapons. This presents greater demands for military and political training of our forces. Understanding their duties, the personnel of the Soviet army and navy will continue to improve their military skill and knowledge based on modern demands."

## Car Gets Push, \$300 Damages

CRANSTON, R.I., Feb. 23 (AP)—A motorist from this city sheepishly swears this story is true—but even if it isn't, a newspaper would have to be pretty selfish not to pass it along as he tells it.

He was driving on the Merritt Parkway toward New York when his car stalled and he discovered the battery was dead.

He flagged down a passing driver, who was a woman and she agreed to give him a push to get the car started.

Because his car has an automatic transmission the driver explained to the lady, "You'll have to get up to 30 to 35 miles an hour in order to get me started."

The lady nodded wisely and the stalled driver climbed into his car and waited for her to line up behind him.

He waited. And waited. Then he turned to see where the woman was.

She was there all right—coming at him 30 to 35 miles an hour. The crash caused \$300 damage to his car.

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Cooper, in a statement backed by House Democratic leaders, urged Republicans on the committee to reconsider their earlier action defeating a Democratic move to boost personal income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700.

That would save taxpayers—and cost the government in revenue—about \$24 billion a year. Cooper said individuals "have not received their fair share of tax relief" in a vast tax revision bill now nearing completion with the committee.

**GOP Members Restive**  
There were no outward signs of Republicans yielding on the politically explosive issue at this time, but GOP congressional leaders conceded privately that some of their party members are getting restive under almost daily Democratic hammering for bigger tax cuts.

These leaders said they are expecting President Eisenhower to make a nation-wide television or radio broadcast soon, aimed at marshalling public and congressional support for the administration's embattled tax policies.

Rep. Boggs (D-La) provoked a sharp argument within a closed-door committee session by moving to cut all excise or sales taxes which are now above ten per cent down to that level.

**Boggs' Motion Not Passed**  
Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) banged his gavel and declared the motion out of order. There was a flurry of debate, but the Boggs' motion never was pressed to a vote.

Boggs said later that all ten Democrats were ready to vote for the move, which would cut revenues about \$950 million a year. He said all 15 Republicans opposed taking up the issue now.

The Republican-sponsored general revision bill would provide tax reductions of about \$1 1/4 billion the first year, not through changes in major rates but through scores of other changes chiefly increasing deductions.

## Jenner Says States Deprived In UN Charter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Sen. Jenner (R-Ind) backing the Bricker amendment to curb the scope of treaties, said today the United Nations charter contains "the seeds of power to deprive our states of a Republican form of government."

He told the Senate the UN is preparing a whole series of treaties which would operate as domestic legislation in the United States, affecting citizens in matters on which even the federal government cannot legislate under the Constitution.

The UN charter, Jenner contended, "has within it the pattern for making the states into satellite provinces, subject to a Congress which under the United Nations charter will have to tell them what to do."

Thus another round of debate began on the controversial plan of Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit the President's power to make treaties.

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## Prisoners 'Kenneled' By Reds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—A military inquiry board was told today that Communists in Korea kenneled American prisoners like dogs and forced them to dig their own graves in efforts to obtain war crime "confessions."

But even after "confessions" were wrung from some of the men, two witnesses related, most of those behind the barbed wire refused to believe them.

Three Marine Corps generals and an admiral are taking testimony to decide whether any charges should be lodged against Col. Frank H. Schwable, 45, of Arlington, Va., a Marine Corps flier.

Schwable signed a germ warfare confession while a prisoner of war, but repudiated it as soon as he was released, declaring it was forced out of him by brutal mistreatment.

One of today's witnesses, a Marine flier decorated for courage and fortitude while a prisoner of war, said he sympathized deeply with Schwable after learning that he had cracked under the Red pressure.

"I had the utmost sympathy for Col. Schwable," Lt. Col. William G. Thrash, a onetime Georgia Tech football player, testified.

Thrash, of Atlanta, said he didn't know how close he himself came to cracking under months of solitary confinement.

## Salk Begins First Tests Of New Polio Vaccine

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23 (AP)—Dr. Jonas E. Salk, smiling and confident, launched today his first large-scale tests of his new vaccine in the fight against polio.

Dr. Salk administered shots of the new preventive to more than 250 school children of the first three grades—the first of 5000 to be inoculated in Pittsburgh elementary schools. A national testing program will be sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the spring.

The youngsters—some awed, some grinning and some a bit scared—sat through the five-minute injection process with hardly a murmur. They didn't like the blood sampling. The hypodermic needle stung for a second. But shortly afterward, they were giggling and chattering about the experience.

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## 590 Security Risks Released by Gov't

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The State Department released 590 employes as security risks last year, including 11 fired on grounds of questionable loyalty, but 291 of the workers got jobs with other government agencies.

In addition to the 291 transfers, the House Appropriations Committee was told, 188 resigned, 70 were let out in reductions in force, 36 left on completion of temporary work, four retired and 21, including the 11 loyalty cases, were listed as discharged for cause.

The committee made public today the figures given in testimony by the department's security administrator, R. W. Scott McLeod.

McLeod was not questioned about the 291 transfers, and there was no indication how many of the employes may still be working for the government. He did say 99 of the transfer cases, "homosexual deviations" made up the principal security factor.

Seven of the 11 fired for "pro-Communist activities or associations," McLeod said, had charges pending against them when the Eisenhower administration took office.

President Eisenhower said in his State of the Union message to Congress that 2,200 government workers had been let out under the security program he ordered into effect last April. There has been no breakdown, however, to show how many were let out for loyalty reasons.

Democrats have insisted that most of the discharges were for reasons other than questionable loyalty, and have accused Republican speakers of using the figures loosely to show loyalty risks.

Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee have been insisting during budget hearings that the various departments give their own figures on security firings.

The committee thus far has released breakdowns by seven agencies with about 762,500 employes. These departments have reported 1,057 security dismissals or resignations in 1953, listing 40 of them as suspected or actual subversives.

## McCarthy Calls Army Clerk 'Red'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) charged today that a woman identified by a witness as a card-carrying, dues-paying Communist during the 1940's is now handling "top secret" messages in the Pentagon code room.

McCarthy's accusation—the latest move in his running feud with Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens—brought a quick statement from the Army. It said the woman, Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, "never" had access either to secret codes or unclassified secrets.

Mrs. Moss's attorney said she denies ever having been a Communist.

**Still in Code Room**  
McCarthy, speaking out at a televised hearing before his Senate Investigations subcommittee, said Mrs. Moss was still working in the code room "as of today."

The Army retorted:  
1. As a result of the Army's own investigation, undertaken "prior to any action by the McCarthy committee, Mrs. Moss was shifted from her \$3335-a-year job as a communication relay machine operator for the Signal Corps in the Pentagon to an "unclassified position" on Feb. 5.

2. Mrs. Moss formerly operated equipment handling "unintelligible code messages, both classified secret and unclassified," but "never had access to the codes, to the cryptographic rooms or to the code rooms."

**Tape Impossible to Decipher**  
The Army said the coded tape which goes through the relay machines is handled outside of the "highly guarded code room" and could not be understood even if it fell into the hands of unauthorized persons. It said the tape itself "cannot be deciphered"—presumably without a coding machine.

Emphasizing that its investigation was undertaken before McCarthy moved into the case, the Army said its checkup on Mrs. Moss was based on President Eisenhower's executive order of March 23, 1953, which directed federal department chiefs to re-examine the security status of their employes.

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