

Senate Committee Approves Warren

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-3 today to approve President Eisenhower's nomination of Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States.

Before acting on the appointment, the committee opened its doors to a man officially described as "a fugitive from justice" and listened for two hours to his views on why Warren should not be confirmed for the highest judicial post in the land.

Eden Says Russia Wants All Germany

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today Russia wants to swallow all of Germany instead of neutralizing it, thereby gaining the whip hand over all of Europe and Asia.

Reporting to a packed House of Commons on the recent Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Berlin, Eden said Moscow's principle aim in attaining control is "to secure the withdrawal of the United States from Europe."

"The rest of us would not doubt end up by enjoying the same kind of liberty and security as are the lot of Czechoslovakia and Hungary today," he said. The foreign secretary said Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had given Russia's game away at the Berlin talks. He described the conference as "frustrating, disappointing, and at times near tragedy" but asserted it had given the West one big advantage—it cleared the air.

Ike OK's Plan For Wage Shift

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—President Eisenhower today approved a plan for upward wage adjustments for the 2,350,000 federal civilian workers. It is estimated to cost \$350 million a year.

The President's approval of the plan was announced in a White House statement. Most of it cannot be put into effect without congressional approval through new legislation. Chairman Philip Young of the Civil Service Commission, who discussed the program with the President earlier in the day, is to outline it tomorrow to the Senate civil service committee.

Youth Slashes Paintings In Michigan Gallery

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 24 (AP)—A nine-year-old boy Tuesday admitted the jackknife-slashing of three paintings, one by El Greco, because they were "indecent."

The paintings, hanging in the Grand Rapids Art Gallery, included El Greco's "St. Francis in Ecstasy." The others were by Cosimo di Pratese, Italian renaissance painter, and Thomas Scully, English painter.

Richard T. Yonkers, gallery director, said the paintings can be restored.

Turnpike Commission

HARRISBURG, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission plans to announce "shortly" the results of its experimental 60-mile per hour speed limit on western half of the state's toll road.

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Red Probe Showdown Called Off

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens today bowed to demands by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) in the latter's investigation of alleged Army "Communist coddling"—and tomorrow's widely heralded public showdown was called off.

Thus the nation's TV viewers will not see the expected face-to-face encounter between the Wisconsin Senator and the Army civilian chief.

Stevens Changes Attitude

In a sudden change of attitude, Stevens agreed not only to give McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee "the names of everyone involved" in a disputed case, but also promised they would be produced as witnesses.

Stevens last week had banned two generals from answering subcommittee subpoenas to testify on the ground that McCarthy's "unfair" and "abusive" investigative tactics were wrecking Army morale and prestige. McCarthy replied that Stevens was a "dupe."

Stevens, McCarthy Make Up

Stevens and McCarthy patched up their bitter, running feud at a two-hour meeting behind closed doors on Capitol Hill this afternoon.

At the end, while Stevens sat in grim-faced silence, Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) read newsmen a "memorandum of agreement" setting forth in almost military form what had been decided.

In between his appearances at a closed-door session of the committee, the witness, Roderick J. Wilson, was arrested on information supplied by police in San Francisco. Authorities there said he is wanted on a charge of subornation of perjury, that is, inducing another person to lie under oath.

Later, however, a municipal court judge refused to issue a fugitive warrant for Wilson, and he was released.

Warren, former Republican governor of California, was appointed during the last congressional adjournment and took his place on the Supreme Court bench in October. Eisenhower sent his nomination to the Senate Jan. 11.

Sen. William F. Knowland of California, the Republican floor leader, predicts Warren's appointment will be overwhelmingly confirmed by the Senate. He announced it would come to the floor Friday.

Sen. Herman Walker (R-Idaho), a member of the Judiciary Committee, reported that Wilson's testimony against Warren behind closed doors was "a mass of hearsay and conclusions that would not under any circumstances be regarded as legal and competent evidence."

Apparently Wilson's story did not influence to any extent the three Democratic members of the committee who voted against approving Warren's appointment—Senators Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.), James A. Eastland (D-Miss.) and Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.).

Meany Protests Against Benson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—AFL President George Meany today lodged a personal protest with President Dwight D. Eisenhower against what he termed Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's interference in a railway labor-management dispute.

In Chicago, leaders of the 15 rails unions involved telegraphed President Eisenhower and urged "the strict reprimand if not impeachment for Benson."

They asked the President to publicly disavow Benson's action which they called "an unwarranted and outrageous infringement of the rights of railway workers under the Railway Labor Act."

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Democrats Outline Income Tax Cuts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Democrats today mapped a drive for further personal income tax reductions this year, and a high Republican source said mounting pressures probably will cause the Eisenhower administration to go along with some cuts.

Democrats Win Adjournment Of Amendment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Democrats forced adjournment of the Senate tonight on an almost straight party-line vote, abruptly halting debate on the Bricker constitutional amendment to curb treaty powers.

The vote was 48-45 with Sens. Morse (Ind-Ore) and Langer (R-ND) joining the Democrats to upset a demand of Republican Leader Knowland of California for a night session. Sens. Bridges (R-NH), Symington (D-Mo) and McCarran (D-Nev) were absent.

The result was regarded by some senators as a test of strength between the administration and its critics.

Knowland, in announcing plans for a night session, had said "we'll see whether those who have the responsibility for putting a program through can get the support of the Senate."

Pope Is Still Too Weak To Permit X-rays

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 24 (AP)—Pope Pius XII still was too feeble today to permit X-rays that could diagnose more fully the ailment which has sapped his strength dangerously for a month.

The head of the Roman Catholic Church approached his 78th birthday next Tuesday too weak to say Mass. Today, as he has for some time, he heard Mass said at a portable altar near his bedside by one of his private secretaries.

He did not indicate what form they might take, but said they could be made retroactive to the first of this year.

Other sources insisted, however, that the administration still is determined to hold the line and will seek to defeat the Democratic proposals.

Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee have been driving for an increase from \$600 to \$700 in the exemption for each dependent. Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Democratic leader in the Senate, predicted today the figure would be raised to \$800 along the lines of a proposal last week by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga).

Some Republican Congress members are reported to favor instead a smaller increase in the exemption along with a cut in rates to head off the Democratic move in an election year when tax cuts could be politically important.

If the Eisenhower administration is thinking of going along, no indication of it came from a White House conference of legislative leaders this morning.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass) said the subject of taxes did not come up during the 1½-hour conference. He told newsmen he knew of no such plan in the works.

Ike Opposes Cuts
The President, seeking to keep the budget as nearly in balance as possible, has opposed any sharp tax cuts at this time. But he told a recent news conference that further tax cuts might be considered as a means of boosting the economy if employment fails to pick up in March.

The Ways and Means Committee is nearing the end of its work on a general overhaul of the income tax laws, and the measure is expected to be ready for House action in a couple of weeks.

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