

Tax Cut Passed By House Group

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today brushed aside President Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration opposition and approved almost unanimously a billion dollar annual cut in about 20 excise taxes.

The changes, if finally enacted, would take effect April 1, presumably bringing widespread price reductions on the articles affected.

Ike Slashes Disregard of 'Fair Play'

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower spoke out against "disregard of fair play" today in words aimed unmistakably at Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

And in upholding the military services as "completely loyal," Eisenhower paid specific tribute to Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, the be-medalled war hero McCarthy accused of being unfit to command.

McCarthy bounced back on his own an hour later.

"If a stupid, arrogant or witless man in a position of power appears before our committee and is found aiding the Communist party," the senator said, "he will be exposed. The fact that he might be a general places him in no special class as far as I am concerned."

The senator had questioned the general secretly about the promotion and honorable discharge of Maj. Irving Peress, an Army dentist who refused to say whether he had Communist connections.

Eisenhower said in an 800 word prepared statement that "the Department of the Army made serious errors in handling the Peress case." Procedures are being corrected, Eisenhower said, to avoid such mistakes in the future.

Eisenhower didn't mention McCarthy by name in his statement or anywhere in the news conference that brought out a record 256 newsmen.

Committee Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) who sponsored the move, said the tax cuts would spur consumer buying and thus give a boost to the national economy, now in a slight dip.

The Reed bill also would extend indefinitely the present excise or sales taxes on liquor, tobacco, automobiles, gasoline, trucks and buses, and beer and wine.

House leaders said the measure would be brought up for formal House action early next week.

The Reed bill would level off at 10 per cent all excise or sales taxes now above that figure, except for liquor and tobacco.

The present 25 per cent rate on long-distance telephone calls, and the 20 per cent excise tax on admissions to movies, sports events, night clubs, concerts and other entertainments were among the items to be cut to the 10 per cent figure.

In its voting, the committee defeated scores of motions by Democrats for more and bigger excise cuts.

Armed Forces Sponsor Earth Satellites Search

ALBUQUERQUE, March 3 (AP)—The armed forces are sponsoring a sky-sweeping search for tiny earth moons which might serve man as stepping stones to the stars.

Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered the planet Pluto, said the only way to trace these satellites is with cameras moving at the same speed as the satellite, and in the same direction. The satellite would then show up as a dot against a background of star streaks.

Eisenhower Calls Persons 'Unsuitable'

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today the persons removed from the federal payroll under his security program were bad risks and that's all—he never had called them subversives.

Eisenhower suggested it might be worthwhile to explore the idea, advanced by a reporter, of calling people "unsuitable" rather than "security risks" in cases where no disloyalty is involved.

Eisenhower opened the news conference with a few words about Monday's shooting of five congressmen by Puerto Rican fanatics.

A reporter asked Eisenhower about the idea of setting up special labor camps for alleged subversives in the armed forces—something the reporter said McCarthy had proposed. The President said he didn't want to comment, having never heard of the suggestion. Besides, he said, the Army is giving the subject renewed attention and will be coming up with a plan of its own.

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