

Ike Approves Bill To Cut Excise Tax

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed today a bill that will cut excise taxes by \$999 million and save money for nearly everyone who spends any. Eisenhower announced to a news conference that he would sign the measure. This and other tax reductions, he said, should help business. Five hours later, the President put his name on the bill. The Chief Executive made the tax announcement and one or two others, answered a few ques-

French Repel 2d Big Attack On Fortress

HANOI, Indochina, March 31 (AP)—Thousands of Vietminh troops smashed at the French defenders of Dien Bien Phu today in a second big try at overwhelming the northwest Indochina fortress. At nightfall, the French—standing firm under the assault—announced they had killed 1350 Communist-led rebels.

The rebels suffered their heaviest losses before two strongpoints of the fortress, where they hurled two divisions—up to 20,000 men—in the attack. The French counted 300 Vietminh bodies dangling in barbed wires at one eastern position.

Wildly screaming rebel troops sprang from foxholes and long winding trenches around the fortress and came down from the hills in the new effort to score a major victory in the seven-year-old Indochina War.

The new rebel attack came on the heels of a call by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles for "united action" to keep Indochina from falling to the Communists.

Vaccine Not for Sale

HARRISBURG, March 31 (AP)—Don't try to buy any of the new polio vaccine. It isn't for sale.

Dr. Russell E. Teague, state health secretary, emphasized this point today in answer to queries as to whether parents can purchase the vaccine for use on their children.

Strauss Claims H-Bombs Can Destroy Any City

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today this nation now can make hydrogen bombs so stupendously powerful that one can "destroy" the biggest city.

The two new hydrogen weapons tests have added an "enormous" potential to American military strength, he revealed.

Appearing at a White House news conference with President Eisenhower, the AEC chief did two things:

1. Gave an official estimate of the destructive force of the new thermonuclear bomb. He said it is possible to "destroy," "take out," even the vast metropolitan area of New York. Later he said

he meant "put a city out of commission, not level it." Thus he used several descriptive phrases, leaving his listeners a choice.

2. Read a formal statement, the object of which appeared to be to allay fears at home and abroad about the two H-bomb tests conducted this month. Reaction is mounting in several nations, including Japan and England. A full-scale debate in Britain's Parliament on the subject of hydrogen bombs is scheduled.

Strauss told newsmen both the March 1 and March 26 hydrogen "shots" were successful; that no test is made without a definite purpose of improving military strength and readiness and that "there are no idle or wanton tests."

On taxes, Eisenhower said that along with other reductions already put into effect this year, the trimming of excise taxes puts a huge \$7,400,000,000 into the hands of the people and he thinks this certainly will be a stimulating factor for business.

Some congressional Democrats have been needing the administration on grounds it didn't really want excise tax cuts but now is claiming credit for them and adopting the idea they will help business.

Eisenhower said that of course the bill reduces revenue very considerably more than he recommended. He didn't recommend any cut in excise taxes, but that all rates be held where they are now.

Eisenhower teed off on taxes. Then he said he was delighted that the House leadership had succeeded yesterday in getting an appropriation approved for 35,000 public housing units this year. House members themselves aren't sure whether that was what happened or not, because of some parliamentary technicalities.

The President volunteered word, too, that the Free World must realize in these times that a healthy expansion of two-way trade is our best insurance that the doctrine of statism can't come in and overpower our whole system of free government.

Explosive Fire Burns School, Kills 10 Pupils

CHEETOWAGA, N. Y., March 31 (AP)—Fire of explosive force ripped through the frame annex of the Cleveland Hill elementary school today, burning out the lives of 10 sixth grade pupils.

Nineteen pupils and three teachers were burned or injured, some seriously. Hundreds of other youngsters, ranging from kindergarten tots to high school seniors, escaped injury although they were attending classes in new brick buildings only yards away.

The bodies of the victims were found pressed hopelessly against what was left of the window wall of the room in which they had been attending a music class. Scattered around them were smashed phonograph records and scraps of charred sheet music.

The scene was complete confusion as frantic parents pleaded tearfully with firemen and school officials to find their children. And when the flames subsided and the bodies were found, there were few dry eyes among firemen, either.

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Committee Approves Taft-Hartley Revision

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—The Senate Labor Committee today approved, along straight party lines, a 12-point Taft-Hartley revision program which would give the states broad new powers to deal with labor dispute "emergencies."

Voted out of committee over "violent protests" of committee Democrats, who charged the Republicans with "steamroller" tactics, the measure incorporates most of President Eisenhower's Taft-Hartley recommendations sent to Congress last Jan. 11.

Major points of controversy in the bill are two new sections which would appear to give the states extensive powers to deal with labor disputes, both those involving emergencies and those dealing with unfair labor prac-

tices and representation elections. Language adopted by the committee only today, on a 7-6 party-line vote, spells out the right of states to pass and enforce laws to handle emergencies.

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