

# Compromise Tax Vote Hoped For by Thursday

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7 (AP)—The bipartisan sales-income tax program started rolling through the House today, with leaders of both parties firmly determined on a roll call vote Thursday.

Both Rep. Readinger, Democratic floor leader, and Rep. Smith, his Republican counterpart, renewed statements of confidence there were sufficient votes from both parties to pass the entire program.

The two bills in the Republican program were introduced today, promptly reported out of committee and given first reading in the House. One would impose a 2 per cent retail tax on a group of specific commodities. The other would impose the same levy on meals and lodging at hotels, motels, clubs and restaurants.

Both the GOP bills were sponsored by Reps. Strasser, Columbia, and Gibson, Warren.

With three days required for a bill to reach a vote, the two GOP measures on Thursday will catch up with the 2 per cent net income tax bill, the Democratic part of the compromise program. That bill, sponsored by Readinger, has been in position for a vote for several weeks.

The net income tax would impose the levy on net income after deductions and exemptions allowed under the federal income tax law.

The entire compromise tax program was estimated to yield 360 million dollars in the remainder of the 1955-57 biennium. A hundred million dollars in business taxes passed in the House but is still pending in the Senate would round out the tax program.

Readinger insisted the vote would be taken on Thursday and warned members if they were absent the House would require their presence.

"If we don't have the members here, we're going to send out for them and stay in session until they are returned so that we can vote on the program," Readinger said.

Both the income and sales levies would become a permanent part of the state's tax structure upon their enactment. The 1953-55 sales tax was a temporary levy which expired Aug. 31, 1955.

## Labor, Industry Peace Urged

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 7 (AP)—AFL-CIO President George Meany said today he still feels organized labor can work out a peace pact with American industry but realizes it will be a hard job.

Meany told a news conference during sessions of the AFL-CIO executive council here that he hopes to meet with representatives of the National Assn. of Manufacturers despite a "kick in the teeth" which he said was the NAM's response to prior invitations.

"I certainly would like to see such a meeting," Meany said. "I think labor and management through the AFL-CIO and the NAM can make a real contribution to better labor relations."

### Immigration Message

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The White House announced today that President Dwight D. Eisenhower's twice delayed message on revision of the immigration and nationality laws will go to Congress tomorrow.

## Three Powers to Start Middle East Peace Talks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The United States, Britain and France begin a joint search tomorrow for a way to keep the peace in the Middle East.

The meeting will bring together Dep. Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy, who will be chairman, and Ambassadors Roger Makins of Britain and Maurice Couve de Murville of France.

## Special Group First to Hear Case Testimony

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—A special Senate committee got the upper hand today in an extraordinary contest for the right to investigate a \$2,500 "campaign donation" spurned by Sen. Everett P. Case (R-SD) during the gas bill fight.

The Senate Elections subcommittee had also launched a probe of the contribution, offered by a lawyer-lobbyist favoring the gas bill.

Case found himself in the unusual position of being asked to appear before both committees at the same time.

He chose to appear first before the special committee, a four-man bipartisan group created by a unanimous vote of the Senate this morning. There Case was directed not to discuss the matter publicly until he testified before the committee again Friday.

This left the Elections subcommittee without its star witness, although Chairman T. C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo.) expressed "the strongest personal desire to see this investigation through to the end."

Case told the Senate last Friday that he rejected the campaign contribution, and both Senate inquiries are directed at the intentions of the person or persons who offered it.

The money—25 \$100 bills in an envelope—was delivered by John M. Neff, a Lexington, Neb., lawyer-lobbyist who has said there were no strings attached to it.

## Pravda Encourages Good Russo-Turkish Relations

MOSCOW, Feb. 7 (AP)—Pravda said today Russia and Turkey should resume good neighborly relations. It charged a big reason for the estrangement is Turkey's "great political and economic dependence on the United States."

Only yesterday, Premier Nikolai Bulganin wooed Pakistan, which like Turkey belongs to the Western-supported Baghdad Pact. Toning down Soviet criticism of Pakistan for joining the pact, he offered that country technical and economic cooperation.

Each will have a full complement of aides. With Murphy, for example, will be Asst. Secretaries George V. Allen, Middle East affairs; Livingston Merchant, Europe; and Francis Wilcox, United Nations.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel, and Syria's Ambassador Farid Zeinnidine, who generally acts as spokesman for the Arab embassies, are expected to keep their viewpoint carefully before this working committee.

For Israel the number one question was put, unanswered, on a shelf. This is whether the United States will approve Israel's two-month-old request that the United States sell some 50 million dollars in defensive weapons to Israel to counter Egypt's purchase of 80 million dollars in Soviet Bloc weapons.

Israel's apprehension over its defense needs were emphasized in the wake of reports over the weekend that Egypt now has 40 Ilyushkin IL 28 medium jet bombers on hand, plus some MIG15 jet fighters.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated yesterday, in a letter to 40 Republican congressmen who inquired about Israel's arms request that it was temporarily set aside. Dulles wrote, "the security of Israel can perhaps better be assured by means other than an arms race."

## Air Force Research Chief May Resign

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Trevor Gardner was reported today to be ready to resign as chief of Air Force research, in protest against the way the guided missile program is being handled.

His detailed objections were not stated. However, on the basis of reports from friends and his own past public statements, Gardner apparently wants more attention and money devoted to research and a more exact division of missile work among the three armed services.

He was reported to have gone to Miami to lay his case before Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, who is vacationing there. Gardner is assistant secretary of the Air Force for research and development. His immediate superior is Secretary of Air Donald Quarles.

# Mollet Seeks Plan To Calm Algerians

ALGIERS, Feb. 7 (AP)—Premier Guy Mollet plunged into conferences seeking a solution to nationalist terrorism today, and opposition to his plans by French colonials in Algeria continued to mount.

Some 6,000 persons staged an anti-Mollet demonstration

in the inland city of Constantine. Although Algiers was quiet after yesterday's bitter riots, the governor banned all public gatherings and troops remained alerted.

Mollet received a stream of callers and canceled a reception tonight in order to continue his consultations. Visitors said the French premier obviously was stirred by the demonstrations which left at least 30 persons injured.

Representatives of the war veterans' organizations—who form the backbone of resistance to the Algerian reforms Mollet proposes—emerged to reaffirm their insistence that no concession be made to the Algerian nationalists.

The veterans have formed a committee of public safety to push colonial views. Its members insist on maintenance of complete French sovereignty in Algeria, immediate restoration of order and abandonment of any proposed election system allowing Algeria's eight million natives to outweigh the one million Europeans in the country.

Mollet also talked with some members of the native Algerian Assembly, one of whom said he told the Premier the nationalist insurrection was not a minority rebellion but a "real revolution of the people."

## Mediators Try New Strategy In Strike Talks

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7 (AP)—Negotiators in the 114-day Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike today used new strategy, trying to end the costly dispute—now only a day short of the longest labor walkout in company history.

The strategy calls for negotiators to lay aside temporarily the knotty issue of company time studies of non-incentive workers' jobs. The plan was recommended by the Federal Mediation Service.

Mediator John R. Murray said he held both joint and separate meetings with the negotiating teams today to try to map the procedure to be followed under the new plan.

The mediation plan calls for efforts to agree on all other issues and then to resume work. The time-study issue then would be negotiated for 60 days. If no settlement is reached the mediation service would be informed and given another 30 days to try and work out a solution.

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