

# \$360 Million Tax Bill Fails in House

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9 (AP)—A 360 million dollar bipartisan tax compromise collapsed dramatically in the House today in a dispute over Gov. Leader's role in supporting it. Rep. Albert S. Readinger, House Democratic floor leader, sobbed openly in his seat after House Republicans withdrew their backing of the income-sales tax package.

The GOP took the position Democrats failed to exact from Leader a promise he would actually sign the package—not merely let it become law without his signature.

Readinger acknowledged that such a promise was part of an agreement drafted by an eight-member bipartisan tax compromise committee.

An emotion-packed episode saw Readinger, who labored nightly for a week to forge the framework of the compromise, break down emotionally in tears upon telling the House.

"I certainly regret deeply the developments that have taken place in the past day. I think the public is going to hold all of us responsible."

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9 (AP)—The House today postponed indefinitely a final vote on a bipartisan sales-income tax package.

The action came after the Republican leadership withdrew its support of the 360 million dollar tax package, claiming Gov. Leader "is playing politics" in refusing to act positively by signing the taxes into law.

In a rare demonstration, both Republicans and Democrats stood in the House and cheered Readinger for more than two minutes, as he sobbed in his chair holding his head in his hands.

There was no indication from either side as to what will now happen to the latest effort to break the Commonwealth's 13-month tax deadlock.

**Crux of Dispute**  
The crux of the dispute is a state law which provides that when the Legislature is in session the governor has 10 days in which to sign or veto a bill after it reaches his desk.

If he fails to act within the 10-day period, the bill automatically becomes law without his signature.

Speaker Hiram G. Andrews (D-Cambria), obviously disturbed at the governor's position, intoned solemnly from the rostrum as the tax bills were tabled indefinitely: "The chair now commits the tax problems of the Commonwealth into the special keeping of the governor and his advisers."

## Quake Startles Western Coast

EL CENTRO, Calif., Feb. 9 (AP)—A strong earthquake rumbled out of Mexico and across Southern California just after dawn today, alarming thousands but causing only slight damage.

The jolt and a series of lesser shocks that followed could have caused serious harm had it not centered in a sparsely populated area of Baja California, south of the border.

It was felt by hundreds of thousands in an area of at least 250 miles south from Los Angeles to Ensenada and 350 miles east from San Diego to Tucson, Ariz. There were no reports of injury or death.

Most of the reported damage was in the crop-rich Imperial Valley of which this community, 175 miles southeast of Los Angeles, is the hub.

## Atomic Plant Still Idle

SHIPPINGPORT, Pa., Feb. 9 (AP)—Picketing continued today on construction work for the first commercial atomic power plant despite a back-to-work order from the Steamfitters and Plumbers International Union.

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# Eden Says British, U.S. Are Closer

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Prime Minister Eden came home today to report British-American relations better than ever but he admitted failure to sway President Eisenhower to the British idea of giving off-shore Chinese islands to the Communists.

Eden smiled confidently but looked tired on his return from a two-week swing to Washington and Ottawa.

He told newsmen at London Airport after a delayed Atlantic flight that the only difference which persists after his global conference with Eisenhower concerns the disputed islands in the Formosa Strait.

Without elaborating, Eden said: "We were frank in expressing our view and the Americans in expressing theirs."

The British want Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists to withdraw from Quemoy and the other Formosa Strait islands. They contend this would help keep the Far East peace by creating a 100-mile water buffer between Chiang's forces on Formosa and the Chinese Reds.

Eden emphasized he and Eisenhower reached agreement on action to preserve peace and security in the Middle East, Europe and Southeast Asia, and declared: "I can assure you that the relations between ourselves and the United States have never been closer than they are today."

## AEC Announces Move

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today it is going to allow industrial and other organizations to use AEC facilities to do peacetime atomic jobs of their own.

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# Russians Say Balloons Further 'Brink' Policy

MOSCOW, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Russians accused the United States today of using balloons to further a "brink of war" policy.

The charge was made at a news conference organized with such a flourish that it reminded foreign correspondents of the germ warfare propaganda the Communists pushed during the Korean War.

The Russians ignored a U.S. promise, in reply to their protests, to keep weather balloons away from Soviet territory. The Soviet spokesman insisted balloons recovered on Soviet territory were designed only for aerial reconnaissance for the U.S. military forces.

**Big News Conference**  
The big news conference was held at Spiridonovka Palace, official residence of Foreign Leonid Ilyichev, Foreign Ministry press chief, displayed to correspondents an exhibit of "captured" balloons strewn along the palace driveway.

It struck the correspondents that this show, complete with Soviet newsreel, television and press cameras, was well organized and the Russians were intent upon not letting a propaganda plum slip through their fingers.

**Ilyichev Tells All**  
Ilyichev told the correspondents:

"The balloons do not serve meteorological reconnaissance, but were meant for aerial reconnaissance. You can look at them. It is evident that the balloons do not have apparatus which is meteorological in nature and could measure humidity, air pressure, temperatures, and so forth, but do have apparatus which can carry on aerial photography."

He said a great number of balloons were launched by the United States and that American press reports showed 500 were launched by the U.S. military.

# Navy Reports Successful End Of 2 Rescues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 —The Navy today reported the completion of two far-flung rescue operations and disclosed a tremendous air-sea search is under way for the three-man crew of a bomber missing since Monday off Jacksonville, Fla.

Helicopters, seaplanes, submarines, amphibious planes and a blimp converged on the missing bomber area, which already has been swept repeatedly by 45 planes and six surface craft.

"Mission accomplished" was reported in the rescue of all seven fliers who had been missing in the antarctic since last Friday, and in the recovery from a Venezuela jungle of eight Navy and Marine men forced down while en route to help them.

The antarctic rescue was reported in a brief message from the task force there which said "all hands safe and well." The men were downed while flying from Marie Byrd Land to Little America. Their single-engine plane was spotted last night by a Navy search plane.

## Old Home Loan Plan Supported

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A House subcommittee called today for a return to the no-down payment terms for GI home loans. A 2 per cent down payment is now required.

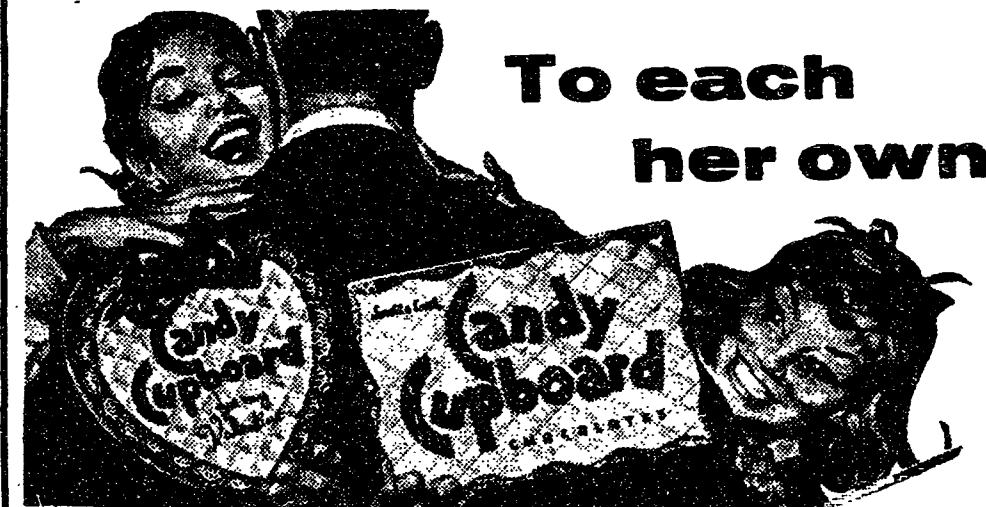
The 2 per cent requirement was laid down last July 30 for loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration. The Federal Housing Administration also upped the down payment requirement on loans it insures to 7 per cent from 5 per cent.

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