

3 Per Cent Sales Tax Snagged by New Query

HARRISBURG, Feb. 29 (AP)—The Republican 3 per cent sales tax plan tonight ran into a hidden shoal—the question of whether clothing should be taxed.

The development scrambled the GOP timetable which originally called for a final showdown vote tomorrow. The vote was pushed back until at least Friday or Saturday.

Mollet Asks For Power In Algeria

PARIS, Feb. 29 (AP)—Premier Guy Mollet's government today asked the National Assembly for special powers in Algeria to cope with the nationalist rebellion there and named a new French military command.

A bill giving special authority to Robert Lacoste, minister for Algerian affairs, was adopted by the Cabinet and sent to the Assembly with a request for urgent consideration. The bill would give Lacoste increased power in the military, economic and administrative fields, but its details were secret.

Amid reports of a policy clash, the government removed Gen. Augustin Guillaume as chairman of the French Joint Chiefs of Staff and replaced him with Gen. Paul Ely, whose most recent duty included an investigation into the French disaster at Dien Bien Phu in Indochina.

Ely, 58, held the chairmanship once before, in 1953, when Guillaume succeeded him. When he went to Indochina he took over as both governor general and army commander to prepare for setting up the free Viet Nam regime now headed by Ngo Dinh Diem. Before that he was France's representative on the three-man standing group or executive body of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at Washington.

What the policy argument was about was not immediately clear except that Guillaume was reported to be dissatisfied with the government's willingness to negotiate with Algerian nationalists and its reluctance to mount an immediate full-scale offensive against the rebels.

Haluska Challenged By Federal Judge

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 29 (AP)—Federal judge John J. Miller today said Sen. John J. Haluska (D-Cambria) committed a "flagrant and cynical abuse" of the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions about the controversial Hoxsey Cancer Clinic in Portage.

Haluska, who was active in founding the clinic, invoked the Fifth Amendment some time ago when being questioned by government attorneys. The questioning came after the government seized more than a half-million "cancer pills" in a raid last March 25 at the clinic.

The pills, developed by Harry M. Hoxsey of Dallas, Texas, have been barred from interstate transportation by the government. The American Medical Assn. has said the pills have no value in treating cancer.

State to Build Hospital
HARRISBURG (AP)—The General State Authority today agreed to select a 240-acre plot of land in Haverford Twp., Delaware County, as the site for a proposed 1,500-bed state mental hospital to cost 15½ million dollars.

Ike's Decision Draws Comment From Politicians

By The Associate Press

Capsule comment on President Dwight D. Eisenhower's decision to seek a second term:

Former President Harry S. Truman—"We can beat anybody."

Adlai Stevenson, 1952 Democratic candidate and a leading contender to oppose Eisenhower this year—"It is fitting that President Eisenhower be the candidate. The main issue will be the policies and record of the Eisenhower administration."

Sen. William F. Knowland, who had intended to bid for the GOP nomination if Eisenhower did not run—"The campaign of 1956 will be a hard one and must not be taken for granted."

Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall—"The best possible news for all Americans."

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler—"The American people will never elect a President who, at 65, has had a serious heart attack and who is unable to be a full time chief executive."

George Probes Campaign Offer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) today called on the Justice Department to find the truth in directly conflicting testimony over an alleged offer of \$2,500 to the re-election campaign chest of Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa).

Robert K. Goodwin, Iowa's Republican national committeeman, swore the offer had been made by lawyer-lobbyist John M. Neff.

Neff, oil company attorney from Lexington, Neb., then took the stand at a Senate investigation to assert Godwin was wrong in saying this and wrong in "many particulars" of his testimony.

The dramatic contradiction occurred as a special committee headed by George neared the end of an inquiry touched off by a rejected \$2500 campaign contribution to Sen. Case (R-S.Dak.).

A Republican senator, who declined quotation by name, said there were "at least" four of his colleagues ready to withdraw their support from the 3 per cent levy if clothing is taxed.

"We have a problem on our hands," he told a newsmen. "We have these fellows backing out on something which Democrats insist must be part of the bill if enough money is to be raised."

Sen. Albert R. Pechan, assistant Republican floor leader, confirmed the snag in the timetable. "Things are confused," he told a newsmen. "One minute one thing is decided; the next minute, something else."

The \$423½ million Republican tax plan, featuring a sales tax, was returned to the Senate Finance Committee for final redrafting.

Sen. G. Graybull Diehm (R-Lancaster) said he expected the final draft would be made after a review by the Senate Republican caucus tomorrow.

Sen. John H. Dent, Democratic floor leader, told newsmen after separate conferences with Gov. George M. Leader and Senate GOP chieftains during the day:

"If they (Republicans) are going to raise the money that is required, they are going to have to have a stiff sales tax."

Asked what the governor's reaction was to the entire idea, he replied:

"The governor told me one thing: 'I can't say anything until I see the bill.' The governor is interested in the budget needs."

Dent also told newsmen he was "not convinced" the Republicans were going to pass the plan.

Dulles Claims Russia Spent One-third of Wealth on Arms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today estimated military expenditures absorb nearly one-third of Russia's wealth. He speculated the Soviets would "greatly welcome relief" from the burden.

But Dulles also told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on disarmament:

"We shall not jeopardize the security of the United States by relying on promises which cannot, in all essentials, be controlled."

Dulles expressed belief Russia is devoting 30 per cent of its income to the military. On a comparative basis, he said this country is allotting about 10 per cent to the same purposes.

Also compared to the United States, he said, living conditions in Russia are "quite bad." He added:

"I believe the Soviet Union would like very much to raise living standards at home and among the satellite peoples."

Dulles was called to testify as

the subcommittee headed by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) continued its study of proposals by the Eisenhower administration and other governments aimed at the eventual outlawing of nuclear weapons.

While the session was limited to that problem, Dulles' policies in general were later the subject of another sharp exchange on the Senate floor.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) denounced as "completely indefensible" Democratic claims that Dulles had attempted, as Smith phrased it, to deceive Americans about the Soviet menace.

Lucy to Be Readmitted

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 29 (AP)—Federal District Court Judge H. Hobart Grooms today ordered Autherine Lucy, 26-year-old Negro, readmitted to the University of Alabama by 9 a.m. March 5.

At the same time the judge vacated a contempt motion against 13 university trustees and officials on the grounds that they had acted to date in good faith.

The former school teacher was barred from the all-white university campus for her own safety and the safety of others after some 3000 students rioted Feb. 6.

The petition for a court order granting Miss Lucy dormitory and dining room facilities on the campus of the 125-year-old school was taken under advisement. Judge Grooms prefaced his decision by saying, "there are some people who believe this court should carve out a province, man the battlement . . . and defy the U.S. Supreme Court."

Minimum Wage Boost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—A one-third boost in the 75-cent federal minimum wage to an even dollar an hour goes into effect tomorrow.

The increase under the Fair Labor Standards Act means that an estimated 2,100,000 workers will get pay hikes. Some of them got their pay increases in advance from employers.



THE GRIM AND GRISLY ADVENTURES OF NORBERT SIGAFOOS, AMERICAN

If you squeam, read no further, for today's column is not for the squeamish.

It is a harrowing story which begins in 1946 when Norbert Sigafos, an ichthyology major from UCLA, went on a field trip with his class to Monterey Bay to study the many fish and crustaceans who make their homes in these waters.

But truth to tell, Norbert was not very interested in ichthyology. What he was interested in was television, which in 1946 was an exciting new infant industry. While his classmates leaned over the rail of the boat, studying the tunny and amberjack which swarmed below, Norbert just leaned and thought about television. Thus preoccupied, he fell overboard and, all unnoticed, was washed far out to sea.

A strong swimmer, Norbert, after 43 days, sighted land—a tiny atoll, far away from the normal sea lanes. Tired but happy, he clambered ashore. Being a college man, he was, of course, fearless, resourceful, and clean in mind, body, and spirit. He built himself a snug shelter, fashioned traps for animals, wove fishing lines, and arranged day and night signals to attract any passing ships.



Though nine years went by, Norbert never abandoned hope of being rescued. At long last, his patience was rewarded. On October 14, 1955, he was picked up by the Portuguese tanker, *Molly O'Day*.

Ralph Gomez, the ship's captain, greeted Norbert with a torrent of Portuguese. "Do you speak English?" Norbert asked. "A little," said Ralph Gomez, which was no less than the truth. He did speak a little English: two words. They were "a" and "little."

But, withal, he was a good hearted man, and he gave Norbert fresh clothes, a razor, and a cheroot.

"No, thank you," said Norbert to the cigar. "I'm a Philip Morris man myself. Have you ever smoked Philip Morris?"

"A little," said Ralph Gomez.

"Then you know what I mean when I talk about their yummy goodness, their delicately reared tobaccos, their soothing, consoling, uplifting, unflinching gentleness—pack after pack after pack," said Norbert.

"A little," said Ralph Gomez. "I suppose you're wondering," said Norbert, "how I kept my sanity during all those years on the island."

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"Well, I'll tell you," said Norbert. "I've been thinking about television because that's what I want to get into when I get back. For nine years I've been sitting on that island thinking up brand new shows for television. And I've got some marvelous new ideas! I've got one terrific idea for a show where a panel of experts tries to guess people's occupations. 'What's My Line?' I call it. Then I've got one, a real doozy, where you pull somebody unexpectedly out of the studio audience and do his whole life story. 'This Is Your Life,' I call it. But that's not all! I thought up a real gut-buster of an idea for a quiz show where you give away not \$64, not \$6400, but—get this, Ralph Gomez—\$64,000! Wow, I can hardly wait to get back to the States and sell these fabulous ideas to the networks!"

There is, fortunately, a happy ending to this chilling tale. Norbert never had to suffer the bitter disappointment of learning that all his ideas had long since been thought of by other people. Why not? Because the Portuguese tanker, *Molly O'Day*, struck a reef the day after picking up Norbert and, I am gratified to report, went down with all hands.

If the shattering story of Norbert Sigafos has left you limp, comfort yourself with a gentle Philip Morris. So say the makers of Philip Morris, who bring you this column weekly through the school year.

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