

# Leader Faces Tax Opposition

HARRISBURG, Feb. 19 (AP)—The controversial stamp plan of collecting the state's 3 per cent sales tax was killed today by the House tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

After striking out the stamp plan, the House committee made the 3 per cent rate permanent in the sales tax bill.

Without that action the rate will drop to 2 per cent on June 1. There was some talk of continuing the 3 per cent rate for two years only but that was dropped.

The tax bills submitted to the House for a vote were estimated to yield about one billion dollars for the 1957-59 biennium. That, along with another 1/2 billion from other levies, is sufficient to finance the state's budget, Republicans claim. Gov. Leader asked for an additional 108 millions in new taxes.

### Sent to House

The tax package sent to the House for a vote Tuesday and the estimated yield for two years:

1. Sales tax at 3 per cent, (473 1/2 millions).
2. Corporate net income tax at 6 per cent but an automatic reduction to 5 per cent on June 1, 1959, (314 millions).
3. Cigarette tax at 5 cents a package, with all revenue earmarked for general purposes, (111 millions).
4. Gross receipts tax on public utilities at 14 mills, (32 millions).
5. Real estate transfer tax at 1 per cent, (41 1/2 millions).

### Batt Opposed

In another prime development, the Democratic Senate caucus and Gov. Leader deadlocked over the appointment of William L. Batt Jr., now executive director of the Toledo, Ohio, Industrial Development Corp., as secretary of labor and industry.

A committee of Democratic senators asked the governor to withdraw Batt's nomination on the ground he is a non-resident, although a member of a prominent Philadelphia industrial family.

### Leader Defends Batt

A member of the committee, who declined quotation by name, told a newsman Gov. Leader "refused" to recall Batt's nomination from the Senate.

The Democratic Senate caucus action became significant since both Republican and Democratic votes are required for the necessary 34 to confirm the appointment. The political lineup of the Senate is 27 Republicans and 23 Democrats.

## Four Teamsters Cited for Contempt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Four officials of the Teamsters Union were cited by the Senate today on charges of contempt of Congress.

They were Frank W. Brewster, Seattle and Einar Mohn, Washington, vice presidents of the international union, and Nugent Lapoma, Seattle and Harry Reiss, New York, officials of local unions.

The four refused to answer questions in a Senate Investigations subcommittee probe into racketeering.

### German POW's Sought

BONN, Germany, Feb. 19 (AP)—West Germany's Red Cross leaders leave for Moscow tomorrow to ask Russian help in finding out what happened to a million German soldiers still missing from World War II. The investigators were invited by the Soviet Red Cross.

## Soviets Tell Arab States U.S. 'Insane'

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP)—Premier Nikolai Bulganin, bidding for Arab rejection of the Eisenhower doctrine, said today the United States has insane plans for world domination. These can plunge the peoples of the Middle East into the "hell of atomic and hydrogen war," he declared.

Bulganin called the Eisenhower doctrine "a colonial trap prepared by U.S. oil monopolies." "The Arab people must display the greatest vigilance against the threat of this new enslavement," he said.

### Khrushchev Agrees

Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev used the same forum—a Soviet-Bulgarian friendship meeting—to warn of other things. He called for two fold vigilance—first against "the intrigues of imperialist reaction" and second against past mistakes within the party. He cited particularly a need to "work tirelessly to consolidate the ranks of our party and make sure they are not penetrated by traitors and opportunists."

Bulganin ranged over Hungary and a variety of other subjects as well as the Middle East. He had harsh words for Imre Nagy, who became premier of Hungary in the October revolt and was deposed by Janos Kadar when Soviet troops moved into Budapest Nov. 4.

### Policy Unchanged

As Khrushchev did last night, Bulganin said Soviet foreign policy remains unchanged despite the Feb. 15 shift which displaced Dmitri Shepilov and made Andrei Gromyko foreign minister.

"We are struggling for peaceful collective security, reduction of armaments, a ban on atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction and for peaceful co-existence," Bulganin said. "From this policy we will not budge."

## Syrian Assassinates Political Refugee

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Feb. 19 (AP)—An assassin's submachine gun bullets killed a refugee Syrian political leader in a Beirut street today. The shooting seemed likely to plunge Lebanon's relations with Syria, her Arab neighbor, to a new low.

The victim was Ghassan Jedid, former Syrian army major, a defendant in absentia in Syria's current trial of 47 men accused of plotting to overthrow the pro-Soviet Syrian regime. Jedid has been under a sentence of death.

Police pursued the assassin and shot him dead in a blazing gunfight. The assassin was identified unofficially as a Syrian named Izzat Shaath.

### Market Continues Decline

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Oils rallied late today to give a spark of life to the slowest stock market session in three months.

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## Modifications Urged For Mideast Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Majority Leader Johnson (D.-Tex.) urged the Senate today to adopt the modified Middle East resolution and tell the Communists to "keep out" of that strategic area.

Submitted by President Eisenhower, the resolution was rewritten by the Senate's Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.

### United Anti-Red Front

Johnson said that in its new form it serves notice that aggressive communism will be opposed "not by just one man, and not by just one branch of government, but by the institutions representing the united will of the American people."

Republicans also got behind the resolution as the Senate opened what is expected to be a two-week debate on Middle Eastern policy.

### Warns Russia

Sen. Saltonstall (R.-Mass.) said the resolution should make it apparent to Russia that "any aggression on her part will bring consequences which are both immediate and devastating."

In its present form the resolution expresses the readiness of the United States to use armed forces, at the President's discretion, against any military aggression in the Middle East by "any country controlled by international communism."

### Allows Military Aid

It also empowers the President to launch a 200 million dollar economic and military aid program for nations in the region.

Johnson coupled his support of the legislation with criticism of the administration for the way in which he said administration leaders presented it to Congress.

No branch of government, Johnson said, should try to "operate on a put up or shut up basis" and ask another branch to "do it my way, or else."

### Proposals Revised

Originally Eisenhower asked for specific congressional "authority" to employ U.S. troops in the Middle East if necessary. The

## Oilman Claims Hike 'Overdue'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey today defended as "long overdue" a crude oil price increase which Sen. O'Mahoney (D.-Wyo.) estimated to be worth 100 million dollars to the company and its affiliates.

The oil company head, M. J. Rathbone, told the House Commerce Committee:

"If the price is not sufficient to encourage continued adequate exploration and development, America's economic health and security can be hurt."

The House committee and also a Senate subcommittee headed by O'Mahoney are investigating the effectiveness of the emergency oil lift to Europe and increases in oil and gasoline prices.

## Senate Group Queries American Communists

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Internal Security subcommittee announced today it is investigating American Communists' reported break with the Kremlin.

Robert F. Morris, subcommittee counsel, said the subcommittee has issued a subpoena for Eugene Dennis, retiring secretary of the Communist party in the United States, to explore reports of a "connection" between Dennis and Moscow.

House voted him such authority last month, but the language was changed by the Senate committee to delete any specific mention of a grant of authority.

## NAACP For Stronger Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—A Negro leader testified today he "cannot predict what mood might be engendered" among Southern Negroes if they do not get "a minimum guarantee" of constitutional rights.

Up to now, he said, they have followed a course of "nonviolence in the face of extreme provocation."

### Wilkins Testifies

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, testified at a Senate judiciary subcommittee hearing on civil rights legislation.

He said Negroes have shown great patience though recent months "have been marked by almost continuous violence directed at Negro citizens and groups in the South who seeks elimination of discrimination and segregation."

But he indicated this mood might change if Congress does not approve President Eisenhower's civil rights proposals. These measures are "meaningful," he said, and would serve as a starting point for congressional action in this field.

### Separate Debates

Wilkins said, however, that separate groups would ask to be heard separately should the Senate hearings develop "into a forum for . . . antilaw and order forces."

Wilkins conceded, under questioning by Ervin, that there are some "Ghettos of the North" in which Negroes are more segregated than in some Southern communities.

## Med School Tests Slated for May 11

The medical college admission test for students planning to enter medical colleges in the fall of 1958 will be given May 11.

Application blanks and information bulletins will be available in 117 Buckhout from Dr. Leon R. Kneebone, associate professor of botany.

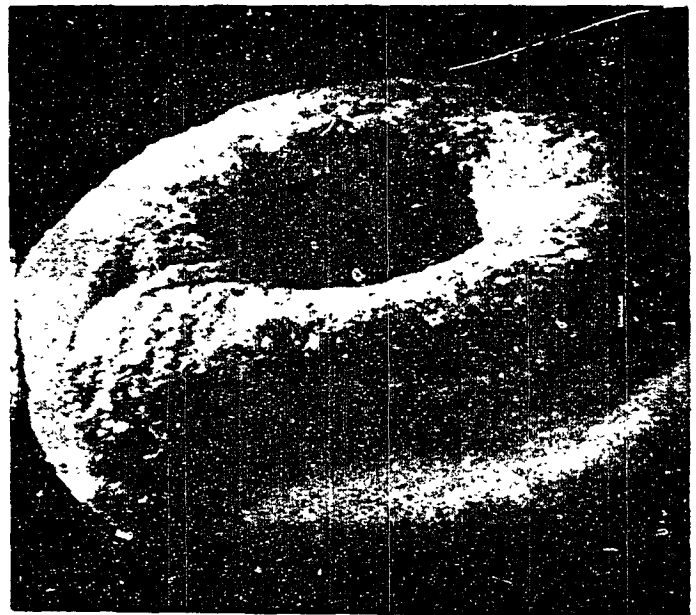
The application blank and required fee of \$10 should be sent to the Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau St., Princeton, N.J. This fee pays for sending a report of the test to three colleges. Each report over the three will cost another dollar.

## Russian War Games Find Forces Wanting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. Bela Kiraly testified today Soviet and satellite troops held war games last year based on an assumed war with the West. He said the Reds found their forces wanting.

Kiraly was military leader of Hungarian fighters against Moscow domination in the October revolution. He testified at a public hearing before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

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