

Senate Republican Vote Retains 3% Sales Tax

HARRISBURG, March 19 (AP)—The Senate, following strict party lines, tonight passed finally a Republican plan to keep the sales tax at 3 per cent instead of permitting it to drop to 2 per cent June 1.

The vote was 27-22, with Republicans for the measure and Democrats against. Absent was Sen. Miller (D-Beaver).

Senate Democrats lost a series of moves (1.) to revise the sales levy to exempt

Oil Expert Proposes Arab Aid

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—An oil expert proposed today that the United States adopt a policy offering to help Arab countries but at the same time strengthening the West's bargaining position to resist any attempt at playing one cold war camp against another.

The proposed policy is outlined in the current issue of Foreign Affairs, published by the Council on Foreign Relations. An advance copy is reported creating interest in Washington.

The expert is Walter J. Levy of New York, consultant to international oil companies and to governments on oil matters. He warns that Europe will depend for many years to come on Middle East oil. Neither nuclear power nor any other source of energy can make an appreciable dent for decades.

The policy, he says, would be based on enlightened self-interest. It would avoid too much reliance on agreements with Arab nations in view of past experience, veer away from too heavy a dependence on the United Nations for solutions, and follow a firm line in asserting the interests of all concerned in the Middle East.

It would attempt to do these three things simultaneously:

1. Stress the common interests of the Middle East and West and thus try to lessen opportunities for Soviet intrigue.
2. Minimize Western vulnerability to interruptions of Middle East oil flow, thus enhancing the West's bargaining position.
3. Effectively support rights of private oil companies to encourage continued investment and development of Middle East oil.

Mediators Postpone Railroad Strikes

CLEVELAND, March 19 (AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today postponed two scheduled strikes, against the New York Central and the Grand Trunk Western Railroads. Both had been scheduled to commence tomorrow.

The National Railway Mediation Board intervened in the New York Central dispute, which would have idled 20,000 employees between Buffalo and Chicago.

A federal judge issued a temporary injunction against the Grand Trunk walkout, which would have affected about 7,000 workers.

Both disputes involve working conditions. W. E. B. Chase, brotherhood vice president, said the union has 23 grievances against the New York Central.

Tougher U.S. Policy Called for by Israel

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban called at the State Department today, evidently to press Israel's demands for a tougher United States policy toward Egypt.

"It's a natural assumption that we didn't talk only about principles," he said afterwards.

purchases made by persons receiving welfare benefits (2.) to return it to committee for further study and (3.) kill it entirely.

The opposition was leveled primarily at Republican-sponsored amendments giving new exemptions to manufacturers, public utilities and shipyards. Democrats called it "a Republican giveaway."

Republicans insisted the changes were necessary to clarify the tax and contended that the levy will yield \$500 million.

In defending the sales tax amendments, Chairman Kessler (R-Lancaster) of the Senate Finance committee told the Senate:

Hold the Line
"We didn't want to do anything to reduce taxation money but we wanted to hold the line on additional taxation."

Nearly 3½ hours of debate wound up on a decision to postpone until next week a final vote on the remainder of a so-called "no-new-taxes" package of revenue bills.

One was amended to make it mandatory that county recorders of deeds be designated as agents to collect the 1 per cent real estate transfer tax.

Gleeson Removed Privileges
Its sponsor, Sen. Proport (R-Montgomery), claimed Revenue Secretary Gerald A. Gleeson removed collection privileges from the county recorders of Montgomery, Delaware and Bucks counties and turned them over to private mortgage firms.

The sales tax measure went back to the House for concurrence in Senate amendments. Action is not expected until next week.

Other Action
Other legislative developments were by Rep. Johnson, House Republican floor leader, who said Democrats will be assured places on a ten-man commission proposed by the FOP to undertake a probe of the state Highways Department.

A \$100,000 appropriation to finance the 21-month probe, he said, would be scaled down to some lower figure.

He predicted Gov. Leader will approve the probe.

Chairman Wood (R-Lancaster) of the House Appropriations Committee sponsored legislation slicing 34½ million dollars from appropriations in the current biennium.

'Tanked' Fishing OK'd

HARRISBURG, March 19 (AP)—Senate committee approval today was given a House-approved measure that would allow fishing in temporary water tanks set up at indoor sportsmen's shows.

Avoid Taxes—Play the Lottery

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—If Rep. Paul A. Fino (R-NY) has his way, each of us would have a chance to become as rich as Charles Van Doren. And we wouldn't need to memorize the encyclopedia either.

For Fino is a persistent, and enthusiastic, supporter of a national lottery.

He says the government has thought of about every way to raise money except the painless way. Under a lottery, he believes, citizens will be eager to fork over their money to the U.S. Treasury in the hope of winning a big prize.

Van Doren, a \$4000-a-year college teacher, picked up \$129,000

Ike Undergoes Mock A-Bomb Attack at Sea

ENROUTE WITH EISENHOWER AT SEA, March 19 (AP)—The cruiser Canberra, with President Eisenhower on deck, came under simulated atomic attack today from planes striking with speeds of more than 500 miles an hour.

It was a demonstration of "atomic techniques" in bombing and rocket firing, the President's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, told newsmen.

Jet fighters and attack bombers—dispatched from the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt 200 miles away—streaked to targets within 2000 yards of the Canberra which is taking the President to Bermuda for talks with British Prime Minister Macmillan.

The President took the meandering sea voyage in the hope of getting rid of a cold, cough and ear ailment.

Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, White House physician on the Canberra, sent word to newsmen on accompanying destroyers that Eisenhower's ear inflammation is "entirely cleared up" and that he has "no symptoms now of a cold." Earlier, the President's cough had been reported much improved.

The Canberra is due in Bermuda at 4 p.m. tomorrow and the sessions with Macmillan begin Thursday.

Britain Industries Ordered On Strike

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—Union leaders tonight ordered 2½ million factory workers to join in a phased strike aimed at paralyzing Britain's manufacturing industries by April 6.

Seventy shipyards already are idle by a walkout of 200,000 men. Taken together, the two strikes could bring the British economy almost to a standstill in the worst industrial chaos since the general strike of 1926.

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Senate Racket Probers Roll-Out Mass Evidence Against Teamster Boss

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—A Senate rackets investigation rolled out a mass of evidence today that Frank W. Brewster, a top Teamsters Union official, applied cash from the union till to a home, racing stable, and costly tailor-made suits.

There was evidence, too, that the boss of the Teamsters Western Conference doubled up on expense accounts and got some of the gifts the union spread around at Christmas time.

Larceny Cited
Finally, after the grilling had gone on for hours, the investigators cited larceny laws to the sweating, squirming witness.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), chairman of the special committee looking into alleged labor-industry racketeering, said today's testimony "on the face of it clearly indicates that some of those funds have been misappropriated" and that Brewster benefitted personally.

Couldn't Prove Innocence
The union executive said he could prove before the committee adjourned for the day he never used union money "for selfish purposes." That wasn't accomplished, and the hearing goes on again tomorrow.

Brewster had conceded earlier that the picture showing union checks financed some of his private operations "isn't good." But he insisted every dime will be paid back.

It was Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, who quoted the State of Washington's law that anyone who secretes, withholds or appropriates funds of other persons in his custody is guilty of larceny.

Paid Personal Bills
"Would you say, Mr. Brewster," Kennedy asked in severe tones, "that when you used union funds to pay your personal bills . . . this was larceny?"

With perspiration oozing from his brow, Brewster said it was a legal question he was incapable of answering.

German Elections May Reach Her Pocketbook

BONN, Germany, March 19 (AP)—Despite the sound and fury of political oratory on foreign policy, West Germany's critical national election this fall is likely to be decided on this most familiar issue: The pocketbook.

This was the considered judgment today of many foreign po-

Official Indicted For Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted James R. (Jimmy) Hoffa, a top leader of the Teamsters Union, on charges of setting up a conspiracy to buy secrets of the Senate rackets investigation.

Hoffa was arrested last Wednesday night by the FBI, and Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) of the investigating committee said he was "very gratified" at the prompt indictment.

"The Justice Department moved promptly and the grand jury with equal promptness discharged its responsibility," McClellan told reporters.

"I hope that trial may be had at an early date."

Indicted with Hoffa was Hyman I. Fischbach, a Miami lawyer, who McClellan said last week acted as an agent for Hoffa in what the senator pictured as a plot to plant a spy in the midst of the investigators.

The indictment, handed to U.S. District Judge Richmond B. Keech, accused Hoffa and Fischbach of conspiring "corruptly to influence, obstruct and impede" the McClellan committee inquiry.

Leader Out to Rid State of 'Old Days'

HARRISBURG, March 19 (AP)—Gov. Leader said tonight he had been trying for two years to overcome "the governmental techniques of the horse-and-buggy days."

"Our state government, measured with the yardstick of everyday business efficiency, has usually failed to get a dollar's value for a dollar spent. At least this has been true for all too many years," he said.

Political experts in the West German capital.

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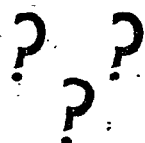
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