

Summer Tax Cut Seen by Aids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration leaders signaled full speed ahead on President Kennedy's tax reduction program Tuesday, but the most optimistic target suggested for passage was July.

Democratic congressional leaders conferred with Kennedy at the White House and announced the President tentatively plans to submit his detailed proposals in a special message Thursday, Jan. 24.

From that point on House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., told newsmen that the Ways and Means Committee will move very quickly to consider the proposals.

IN A GENERAL outline Monday, Kennedy told Congress in his State of the Union message he intends to ask for a \$13.5-billion

cut in income taxes spaced over three years. He proposes to offset part of the revenue loss by revising present tax rules to raise \$3.5 billion additional.

McCormack's comment that House tax writers will swing into action very quickly did not imply that they will reach any quick agreement.

12 Scranton Cabinet Positions OK'd

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Senate Tuesday unanimously confirmed 12 of Gov. Scranton's 16 cabinet appointments.

Confirmed were: Walter E. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, attorney general; Henry D. Harral, Penn Wynne, highways; George I. Bloom, Camp Hill, Commonwealth; Leland H. Bull, State College, agriculture; Dr. Charles L. Wilbar, Camp Hill, health re-appointment; Theodore B. Smith Jr., Philadelphia, revenue; Mrs. Audrey Kelly, Montrose, insur-

ance; Maurice K. Goddard, Camp Hill, forests and waters reappointment; Thomas R. White Jr., Philadelphia, adjutant general; Arlin M. Adams, Philadelphia, public welfare; William P. Young, Pittsburgh, labor and industry; G. Allen Patterson, Pittsburgh, banking.

Held up were E. Wilson Purdy, St. Petersburg, Fla., state police commissioner; John K. Tabor, Pittsburgh, commerce; Richard M. Hornbeck, Pittsburgh, property and supplies, and H. Beecher Charmbury, State College, mines.

PTC Struck by TWU

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The workaday life of more than half a million people was disrupted Tuesday by a strike which stalled most of the city.

The strike, called a minute after midnight Monday by the Transport Workers Union, forced the 500,000 and more daily riders of Philadelphia Transportation Co. facilities — buses, trolleys, subways and elevated trains—to seek other modes of travel.

The Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads, which have inside-the-city lines as well as suburban commuter branches, put on more coaches and extra trains, stopped at more stations, and reported a double load.

Neither the 5,600 striking members of Local 234, TWU, AFL-

CIO, led by International President Michael Quill, nor management executives, gave any sign of yielding on a key issue of the bitter dispute — the no-layoff clause.

The company wants to do away with the clause. It says the clause encourages featherbedding, leads the PTC down the road to insolvency, and "is not negotiable."

The union says the clause must stand to protect its members against what it calls unnecessary arbitrary, even capricious, furloughs or dismissals.

The TWU seeks also a wage increase of 38 cents an hour and a reduction of the work week from 40 to 35 hours. The present wage scale is from \$2.25 to \$2.75 an hour.

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