

DOUGLTON FAVORS 'COMMIES, SOCIALISTS' IN GOVERNMENT

Tar Heel Would Avoid Tax Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Douglass (D-N.C.) today said he favors right Government economies to avoid tax increases.

Douglass told reporters that President Truman had asked him to come to the White House for a general discussion of the tax situation and other matters. Douglass' committee has made no move yet to frame a tax bill in line with the President's January request for \$4,000,000,000 in new taxes.

Douglass said he hopes it will not be necessary to impose new taxes because they "might affect business adversely."

In response to questions, he said he thought the President knew how to do it. But he did not say what Mr. Truman had told him.

Douglass said it was clear that his committee will not make any decision on what to do with the tax situation until it completes its study of the proposed changes in the Social Security Act. He said he believed that at least a month before any decision can be made.

Douglass' remarks were one more indication of apparently increasing opposition in Congress to the Government's plan to cut down on spending, rather than increase taxes, in an effort to keep income and spending in balance.

A sizable "conservative bloc" has been forming in Congress, trying to force a five per cent increase in appropriations to run the Treasury and Post Office Departments in the year beginning July 1.

Dr. Henry B. S. Henshaw, chairman of the House Committee on Economic Affairs, is reported to be opposing the Government's plan to increase taxes as large as the \$4,000,000,000.

The President said the additional taxes because, he said, it is not enough money to cover all the Government's proposed spending.

**CITIES CHOICE**

Douglass said the Administration and Congress are in a choice: One, reduction in expenditures which would mean a cut in three, deficit spending.

In deficit spending, the Government borrows money to pay for costs which exceed the income.

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"If we can do this without crippling essential functions of the Government, we should do it," he said. "I hope we will not have to consider the demand for more money."

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Commies, Socialists Differ Over Treaty

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spokesmen for the Communist and Socialist parties took opposite sides today on the North Atlantic Security Alliance.

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, called the pact "aggressive" and told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this country "cannot even pretend to good faith" in negotiations with Russia. He said that it "commits the United States to forcible suppression of all popular movements in signatory nations."

Norman Thomas, veteran leader of American Socialists, argued before the same Senate group that failure to ratify the pact "might be a tremendous job to Government and justify the past."

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Revised Veterans Pension Bill Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House committee today approved a modified pension bill adding about \$10,000,000 to existing veterans benefits over the next 50 years.

The new bill in effect liberalizes and broadens the law of the Veterans Administration. It is a follow-up to a \$100,000,000 dollar measure which failed to pass.

The final committee product contained an amendment by Rep. (D-N.C.) that would give veterans a pension to work more than half time.

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