



## —Holden, Hepburn Win—

# Frankie Back On Top



FRANK SINATRA  
No Song, No Dance

HOLLYWOOD — Last night's Academy awards started Frank Sinatra in the saga Hollywood loves best—the comeback story.

convicted the producers he could do it. A self-styled "song and dance man," he won the supporting actor Oscar without singing a note or dancing a step.

Ava Gardner, who was also nominated for an Oscar, is finishing a film in Rome.

heel in the movie "Stalag 17," was both happy and upset about his first Oscar. He was happy, of course, for winning the top honor but said he was "very upset" for having to hurry his acceptance speech due to the television time commitments.

# Let's Subsidize Housing Program

## Excise Tax Cuts Slated Next Week

WASHINGTON — A cut of about a billion dollars yearly on a wide range of federal excise or sales taxes seemed assured today with Senate passage of a \$1,034,000,000 reduction bill.

an interview today he is confident the conferees will act speedily and rush the measure to President Eisenhower. The deadline for President's signature is next Wednesday midnight.

The cuts will take effect next Thursday.

Both branches voted identical cuts on many items, so they are certain to be in the final compromise version.

It was sent to a Senate-House conference, which cannot take place before next Monday afternoon, since both branches are in recess until then.

They include fur, jewelry, handbags and luggage, cosmetics, sporting goods, admission tickets to movies costing over 50 cents, train-bus-plane passenger fares, telephone bills, telegraph charges, mechanical pens and pencils, lighters and electric light bulbs.

## Edenton Haul Nets \$12,000

EDENTON — Police today sought three Negro men who they said broke into a Chowan County store early today, beat the storekeeper into unconsciousness and robbed him of about \$12,000.

The billion-dollar loss in revenue will add that much to the \$2,000,000 deficit already forecast for the new financial year starting July 1.

The bill also extends for a year, to April 4, 1955, a series of 1951 increases in major excises. These will bring in \$1,077,000,000 in added revenue. But the President had counted on this in figuring his next year's budget. Involved are automobiles and trucks, gasoline, tobacco, liquor and beer.

Chowan Sheriff J. A. Bunch said the beater storekeeper, Arthur E. Byram, told him that he was sleeping in his store about 16 miles north of Edenton on Highway 32 when he was awakened by a noise.

As the House passed the measure, it cut a variety of excises by \$12 million dollars. The Senate eliminated a few House reductions but made other big ones of its own.

Attendees at the Chowan Hospital here said Byram suffered a fractured skull and head cuts.

The House voted reductions for admissions to clubs and dog tracks and to night clubs and other cabarets, and for club dues, safety deposit boxes and pistols. The Senate rejected these. They will be threshed out in conference.

At Hertford in adjoining Perquimans County, Sheriff Melvin Owens said the trio broke into two other firms and stole an undetermined amount of cash.

The two biggest items in dispute will be a 100-million-dollar slash voted by the Senate on such household appliances as refrigerators, stoves and electric irons and a 65-million-dollar cut through wiping out of the admissions tax on movies and other things costing less than 50 cents. The House voted to cut the admissions levy from 20 to 10 per cent.

## 18 Believed Dead In Plane Crash

MEXICO CITY — A Mexican airliner crashed about 15 miles north of Monterrey early today. All 18 persons aboard—15 passengers and three crewmen—were believed killed.

## Mrs. Hull Dies At 79

STAUNTON, Va. — Mrs. Cordell Hull, wife of the former secretary of state, died here today at the home of her sister-in-law. She was 79.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler late today. Mostly fair and cooler tonight and tomorrow. Low temperature this morning, 61 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight, 44 degrees. High temperature yesterday, 80 degrees. High temperature expected today, 74 degrees. Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.; sunset, 6:59 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 2-A.



ANIMALS AS WELL AS MEN enjoy spring, as witnesses this giraffe in Frankfurt, Germany, zoo, on being let out of winter quarters for the first time this year. The trees, which are showing the effects of spring also, are protected from the animal's appetite by screening. (AP Wirephoto).

## Violence Rides Rails As Circus Begins '54 Tour

TAMPA, Fla. — An investigation-Gainesville, while railroad detection was centered here today into questions the roustabouts, several acts of violence, including particularly those of the elephant one death, which marred the circus.

The circus personnel, menagerie, pulling stock floats and indoor props left winter quarters at Sarasota in a 36-car train about noon yesterday. It opens its annual 40-day stay in New York's Madison Square Garden March 31.

McEwen said he had a report that Doctor had been thrown from the train. The state attorney said this came from James T. Kelly, 42, a circus candy concessionaire—the man who said he himself was thrown off at Dade City.

McEwen said the man with the skull fracture might have been the one reported beaten at Tampa. He was identified as Irving L. Hild, a laborer. He is in a Tampa hospital.

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## House Group Would Build 35,000 Units

Other Government Agency Funds Pared

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower's plans for a four-year, 140,000-unit public housing program were all but scuttled today by a House Appropriations Committee recommendation.

The House today cut the program to an estimated 35,000 units and to terminate it in two years. Its recommendation was contained in a \$5,566,118,763 omnibus appropriation bill sent to the House floor for debate next week. The total amount in the bill is \$285,604,837 less than the President wanted—a cut of 6.2 per cent. It is \$25,140,000 below what the same agencies received this year. The bill carries funds for the fiscal year starting July 1.

A deep cut was made in funds recommended for the Atomic Energy Commission, but Rep. Philip H. Burton, who chairs the AEC's construction and weapons programs are involved. Phillips is chairman of the subcommittee which wrote the bill.

A big reduction was recommended for the Veterans Administration, plus new restrictions on the Tennessee Valley Authority's activities.

These were overshadowed by the committee recommendations for public housing. No formal explanation was offered, other than that slum clearance is the only justification for the program. Phillips said the public housing program had not worked out satisfactorily.

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FIREMEN POUR WATER into a mid-lawn Atlanta five-story building after an explosion wrecked and fired the structure hours before a firehouse directly across the street. (AP Photo).

## Plan To Avoid Full Airing Of McCarthy Case Opposed

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON — Senate investigations subcommittee members said today they hoped to pick by tonight a special counsel for the proposed public investigation of a row involving Chairman McCarthy (R-Wis.) and top Army officials.

Reported behind-the-scenes maneuvering to head off such a wash-up of lines, for which big-scale television and other coverage is planned, ran head on into opposition from a majority of the subcommittee's seven members.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD), named to preside at the televised public hearings, and three Democratic committee members of the group said in a separate interview the fight has gone too far to be dropped—that the bitter charges involved require a full public scrutiny to show whether the truth lies.

They went about with plans to choose a special counsel and to complete the writing of the special ground rules which an investigation involving the group's own chairman and staff members would require.

At issue are: 1. An Army report alleging that McCarthy and Roy M. Cohn, the subcommittee's chief counsel selected by a drafted associate, Pvt. G. David Schine.

2. McCarthy's countercharges that Secretary of the Army Stevens and John G. Adams, assistant Army counsel, used "blackmail tactics in efforts to block the subcommittee's investigations of McCarthy, Cohn, Stevens and Adams considered Schine "a hothead."

3. McCarthy, Cohn, Stevens and Adams have all denied the charges against them.

There have been persistent reports of quiet maneuvering to test whether the resignation of Cohn and Adams, and perhaps of Stevens too—if these could be arranged—might be enough to head off the public hearings.

McCarthy, Cohn, Stevens and Adams all are among those expected to testify if the hearings are held.

It was learned through interviews the controversy was discussed by some senators in the presence of White House aides at a private luncheon yesterday in the office of Mark Tice, secretary of the Senate.

Sen. Malone (R-Nev) said he had discussed the case with others after McCarthy left the room, but has "no knowledge" of reports one senator suggested that resignation of Cohn and Adams might avert an investigation.

Among the guests were Senators McCarthy, Mundt, Malone, Weller (R-Idaho) and John M. Butler (R-Md.); James C. Hagerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary; Wilton Parsons, top White House liaison man to the Capitol; and two of Parsons' aides, J. Jack Martin and Jerry Morgan. Sen. Knowland of California, Senate Republican leader, said he attended but only briefly.

McCarthy said he didn't hear a mention of the dispute while he was in the room. Mundt said the conversation was just swinging in that direction as he left, and he heard of no resignation deal.

## Examiner Would Void Dock Vote

WASHINGTON — A National Labor Relations Board examiner today recommended setting aside the bargaining rights election apparently won by the International Longshoremen's Assn. on the New York waterfront. He did so on the grounds that the independent union was responsible for voting day intimidation.

The apparent loser in the election was the AFL-ILA, set up by the American Federation of Labor after the federation had thrown out the old union on a charge that it had failed to rid itself of gangster elements.

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## N. Y. Tugboats Still Operating

NEW YORK — Harbor tugboats — the vital cogs in New York's vast waterfront operations — steamed along as usual early today, despite a court order to observe picket lines of striking longshoremen.

Police reported that only one tugboat had tied up its crests, working from a small boat bearing pickets came alongside. On strike are members of the independent International Longshoremen's Assn. Its officials ordered ILA tugboat members to observe the picket lines.

The 450 harbor tug maneuver the huge freighters and passenger vessels to and from their piers, and shepherd barges laden with food and fuel for the city.

Even a short shutdown of tug operations could have serious effect on the city, harbor men said.

The three-week-old cargo handlers' strike already has cost the port millions of dollars in lost cargo transferred there from New York.

They took no action toward a sympathy strike. Recent union actions in New York gave rise to the possibility that a longshoremen would walk off the job all along the eastern coast.

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## MISS UNIVERSE

JERRY GEISLER

Mrs. Ronnie Marenzo, who was Christiane Martel when she won the beauty title of Miss Universe last year, discusses with her attorney a plan of divorce action.

Her husband, 23-year-old son of a wealthy Stockton, Calif., family, sued for an annulment. He charged that she left her honeymoon apartment in order to pursue her film career. In Los Angeles Miss Universe called the charge "ridiculous." She said she will ask for a divorce on cruelty grounds. (AP Wirephoto).

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