

Strauss Issues Statement

BOMB CAN ERASE ANY CITY

Ike Will Sign Billion Dollar Tax Cut Bill

Thinks Measure To Stimulate Business

By JOE HALL
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he will sign the 999 million dollar excise tax cut bill and believes it will help stimulate business.

The President told his news conference he will put his signature to the measure later in the day. He added he has every reason to believe enactment of the tax reduction will be a stimulating factor in the American economy.

Eisenhower decided to sign the bill into law—the cuts will be effective tomorrow—even though it throws his budget for the next year a billion dollars deeper in the red.

The compromise measure, carrying an estimated 999 million dollars worth of cuts on dozens of products, shot through Congress yesterday with overwhelming approval. The House vote was 395-1, the Senate 78-4.

There was evidence that most of the cuts would be passed along to retail trade in many lines.

PRICE CUTS DUE
General Electric Co. and Westinghouse Electric Corp. announced that their home appliances would be reduced by the amount of the tax reduction and the Philco Corp. and the Crosley and Bendix Divisions of Aeco Manufacturing Corp. indicated they would follow suit.

Jewelry and fur dealers already had said they would be glad to give the tax savings to their customers.

Only in the case of the movies did it appear that the consumer would get the full benefit. Many theater owners have said they face bankruptcy under competition from television in the home. But trade sources said recently some movie houses would cut their prices by the amount of the tax cut.

SOME EXTENDED
The measure also saves \$1,077,000,000 in revenue by extending for another year increases in major excises voted in 1951 after the Korean War started. These involve autos, trucks, gasoline, cigarettes, liquor, wine and beer.

The administration asked for the extensions and figured on this revenue in its budget for fiscal 1953, starting this July 1. Even so, this budget carried a \$2,900,000,000 deficit.

But the President did not ask for any excise tax cuts this year, and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey has consistently opposed them.

Nevertheless, House Republican leaders, original backers of the bill, put the excise cuts in with the extensions of the 1951 increases as part of a strategy to make the bill more popular and a political boon for lawmakers who must run this year.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) voted against the bill yesterday and said the cuts were putting the nation on the "road to financial suicide."

"The biggest item of relief in the bill goes to telephone users. The cut on local and long distance service amounts to about \$25 million dollars yearly."

Other big cuts included were tickets to movies, professional baseball games and other amusements, about 190 million; jewelry, 100 million; train-plane-bus passenger fares, 85 million; household appliances, 85 million; cosmetics, 85 million.

BUDGET APPROVED
AMMAN, JORDAN (AP)—Jordan's parliament today approved a budget of 16 million pounds (\$44,800,000) for the coming year. Nearly half the money will go to this Arab nation's armed forces.

OUR WEATHER
Cloudy and cooler with showers and a few thunderstorms today. Tomorrow, cloudy and cool with a chance of showers. High temperature yesterday, 83 degrees; high expected today, 56 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 55 degrees. Low temperature this morning, 49 degrees; low expected tonight, 45 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 43 degrees. Sunrise, 6:12 a.m.; sunset, 6:43 p.m.

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Allies Given Red Plan For Europe

MOSCOW (AP)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov called in the ambassadors of the United States, Britain and France today and handed them a Soviet note containing proposals for European security.

Contents of the note were not disclosed by the ambassadors, who called the text to their respective capitals.

Western embassy officials said the Soviet note was 10 pages long. The Molotov proposals apparently were intended as an advance statement for the Geneva conference of the Big Four with Red China and other powers opening April 26.

At the recent Berlin Big Four conference Molotov proposed a European security plan which rejected the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the proposed European Defense Community.

Eisenhower asserted that these Western plans divided Europe and set the stage for a new arms race against other, thus threatening peace.

Since then, the Soviet Union has sent a series of notes to the Netherlands, Greece, Turkey and Pakistan protesting the granting of

bases to the United States and other cooperation with American sponsored defense plans.

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Seven Children Reported Dead In School Blast

CHEEKTOWAGA, N. Y.—At least seven children were reported killed today in an explosion and fire that ripped through the frame annex of an elementary school in this Buffalo suburb.

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Two Kershaw Stores Unroofed

KERSHAW, S. C.—High winds swept away the roofs of two stores here this morning, besides uprooting a number of trees which line the residential streets of the city.

Kershaw police officials reported the storm lashed a half hour, with winds ranging up to 70 miles an hour. Police said no one was reported injured and no damage or injuries.

Camden, 22 miles south of here, also reported strong winds between 10:30 and 11 o'clock this morning, but no damage or injuries.

STORM KILLS PEOPLE
DACC, Eas Pakistan (AP)—A cyclone howled over the Colla district of East Pakistan last night, killing more than a dozen people.

Actress Corinne Calvet Makes Suicide Attempt

WEST LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—French actress Corinne Calvet is reported by police to have attempted suicide early today by taking an overdose of sleeping capsules.

The 27-year-old screen beauty was found lying on the floor of her bathroom at 2:30 a.m., with 20 pills missing from a medicine bottle containing several capsules, said officers T. B. Ley and E. R. St. John.

After emergency treatment at Santa Monica Hospital she was sent home.

Miss Calvet's physician, Dr. Francis J. Abdo, said she "has been under great emotional strain for the past two months because of personal and professional circumstances."

She won a divorce two weeks ago from actor John Bromfield, testifying he refused to let her have children. He arrived at the hospital a few minutes after she was brought in and accompanied her home later in an ambulance.

WHAT'S INSIDE
WHAT IS POLIO SERUM? The second in a series of three stories about experiments with the vaccine tells about it. It's on Page 7-A.

THE REDS AND THE NAZIS are working hand-in-hand once again, just like they did after the 1939 pact, Drew Pearson reports in his column on today's editorial page, 8-A.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CHAIRMAN STRAUSS
Ike Gets Briefing On Pacific H-Bomb Tests From AEC Boss.

Ike Says 'United Action' Means Readiness For Attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today this government's call for united action against possible Communist conquest of Indochina and all of southeast Asia means there must be readiness to meet any kind of attack.

The President made this statement at his news conference in comment on Secretary of State Dulles' speech Monday night.

In that address Dulles said Communist control of southeast Asia would be a grave threat to the free world and "that possibility should . . . be met by united action." Dulles provided no detail on just what he meant by such action.

APPROVED SPEECH
Eisenhower said he went over every word of Dulles' speech in advance, and that as usual he and the secretary of state found themselves in full accord.

The President said Dulles was talking about united action by all the countries in the southeast Asia area.

Then, without being any more specific than Dulles was, he said we are seeking, he said, any kind of attack.

This is the kind of united action we are seeking, he said.

A reporter told Eisenhower some people had interpreted Dulles' speech to mean direct intervention by American troops, if necessary.

Eisenhower replied that he could conceive of no greater disadvantage to America than to employ U. S. ground forces all around the world.

The objective is, he said, it is to make our friends strong enough to take care of local situations themselves.

Eisenhower said each case has to be acted upon individually and not by a general rule which the United States would act in specific situations.

On another aspect of the foreign situation, the President was told that some people believe the European Defense Community action—

calling for creation of a six-nation Western European army—is bogging down.

A reporter asked whether the President felt this country should place all its eggs "in an EDC basket," or whether some alternative plan should be developed.

CITES OBSTACLES
After a pause, the President replied that he has been threatened with defeat before—an allusion to the obstacles in the way of ratification of EDC by such nations as France. The President added emphatically, however, that he still is all out for creation of EDC.

He said he was not going to comment on any possible alternative so long as the possibility of putting EDC into effect remains.

Earlier today, Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) said the United States ought to "get ready for the worst" by enlisting forces of Pacific free nations to fight Communists in Indochina if they are needed.

"I do not know what measures are being held and the result is inconclusive."

POLICY CHANGE
There are some, he went on, apparently meaning some of his advisers, who think this indicates a change in Soviet policy and a disposition to negotiate earnestly and honestly.

He said this certainly would be welcomed in the light of his proposal last January that the secretary's words, I have my misgivings."

In his prepared speech, Sen. See IKE on page 2-A

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AEC Boss Reports On Pacific Tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission said today a hydrogen bomb big enough to wipe out any city in the world now can be made.

Strauss made the statement at President Eisenhower's weekly news conference. He attended the conference to give the public a partial report on the recent H-bomb tests in the far Pacific.

The AEC chairman said the March 1 and March 26 tests "were successful" and declared that "enormous potential has been added to our military posture."

DENIES CONTROL LOST
Strauss denied reports that the first blast, which exploded a number of Americans, Japanese and Marshall Islanders far from the explosion scene to "hot" areas, went out of control.

"It was a stupendous blast," Strauss said. "But at no time was the testing out of control."

He said the power of the explosion was about twice what scientists had expected—a margin of error not unusual, he added, in testing "a totally new weapon."

An unexpected shift in the wind carried atomic particles to the area where a Japanese fishing trawler was cruising, Strauss added.

Strauss said the tests bring the commission "very much nearer to satisfying the requirements of the armed forces and hasten the day when the AEC can devote more attention to developing peacetime uses of atomic energy."

IKE LISTENS
President Eisenhower listened with keen attention as Strauss, just back from the Pacific tests, read the four-page statement and then answered a few questions.

In reply to one question, Strauss said, without qualification, that an H-bomb large enough to "take out a city can be made."

"How big a city?" he was asked. "Any city," Strauss replied.

TWO SINCE THEN
There have been two announced hydrogen blasts in the Marshalls since the gigantic detonation of an actual usable weapon March 1 and an explosion of undisclosed force and effect last Friday.

Peterson said the picture is being released "as a means of keeping the American people informed about the effects of nuclear weapons and the civil defense measures necessary to protect our communities against them in the event of an enemy attack on the United States."

The civil defense chief said "the same principles of individual preparedness and community organization . . . which could cut our casualties in half under an A-bomb attack also could minimize our losses if an H-bomb ever exploded over our cities."

WORK ON PLANS
Peterson said state and local civil defense officials are working on "practical plans for tactical disposal of people from our target cities once adequate warning is provided."

The motion picture will include an excerpt from President Eisenhower's historic Dec. 8 speech to the United Nations in which he put forth his proposal for a world pool of atomic materials and knowledge for peaceful purposes. It also will contain a message from Peterson appealing for civilian preparedness.

Film clips are to be made available for television shows and theater newsreels. Still pictures, radio tapes and written data based on the film also will be put at the disposal of news services, newspapers, magazines and radio outlets.

EVERING PRAYER
Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy words of promise. Take from our heart all doubt and unbelief, we pray Thee. May we feel Thy presence today and follow Thy guiding hand. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, we pray, Amen.

Who Ever Heard of Mayonnaise for 15c Pint?

Betty Boyer Gives You This Scoop

Today in The

Grocery News

Lt. F. J. Reep, 34-Year-Old Navy Pilot . . .

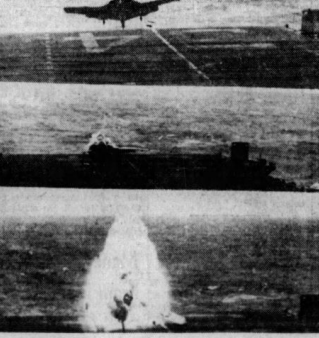
. . . Landed On The Oriskany Like This . . .

. . . And Walked Away From This

When mechanical failure caused his F2H-3 Banshee to lose altitude as he came in for a landing, Lt. F. J. Reep of Waukegan, Ill., hit the edge of the flight deck of the USS Oriskany.

The jet broke in two, rupturing the fuel tanks and setting the plane afire. When the plane stopped skidding, Lt. Reep escaped from the cockpit, raced across the deck to safety without a mark on him.

Soon afterward he posed at the cockpit of another plane. The near-tragedy occurred March 2. (U. S. Navy photos via AP)



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