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## Byrd Vs. George

# Southern Democrats Head Snowdown Tax Cut Battle

## Individual Income Tax Big Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—A battle between two Senate veterans—Southern Democrats George (Ga.) and Byrd (Va.)—appeared today to be the probable highlight of a showdown fight in Congress over cutting individuals' income taxes.

Some legislators preparing for the 1956 session opening at noon tomorrow were saying that the Senate may well be the principal arena for the tax battle, even though all tax bills must originate in the House.

Aside from the positions of George and Byrd, there will be heavy political overtones to the issue in this presidential and congressional election year.

Sharp fights pretty much along party lines are expected, too, on such issues as farm policy, federal aid for schools, highway construction and others.

### NO CHANGES

Since this is the second session of the Democratic-controlled Senate, there will be no Senate or House organizational changes.

Strongly favoring an income tax cut this year is the 77-year-old George, dean of the Senate and long chairman of its tax-writing Finance Committee.

Byrd, who took over the finance group last year when George elected to become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has just as stoutly opposed such a reduction at a time when the federal budget is still in the red, although approaching balance.

The two senators are personally friendly and are sure to remain so. But that will not prevent a verbal slugfest.

### CUT DUBIOUS

On the eve of the session, prospects of an early tax cut seem more dubious than they did even a few weeks ago.

Eisenhower is understood to be omitting any recommendations for a cut in his State of the Union message, although a year ago he said he hoped for tax reductions in 1956.

The administration attitude is reported to be one of sitting tight for the next few months, with close looks at economic conditions and trends in federal spending through that period.

Until recently, the feeling of most legislators was that an income tax cut was inevitable in this election year.

### NEW ATTITUDE

But a new go-along attitude had developed among some of the leaders, who cite these factors:

1. The resumption of cold war blasts from Russia, with new alarms in the Far East and serious difficulties in the Middle East and North Africa.

2. The likelihood that this Congress will act to increase federal spending for defense, highways, school construction and health programs.

Despite these developments, however, many members in both parties remain committed to a tax cut.



WITH 1956 OFF to a good start, Mrs. Bobbie Riley washes the front window of the Charlotte News Building. Scenes like this were repeated at many business establishments today.

## Traffic Deaths Well Under New Year's Figure Forecast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The nation entered its final 24 hours of the New Year's weekend today with the highway traffic toll well below pre-holiday estimates and lagging far behind the record rate compiled during the historic "Black Christmas" weekend.

The highway death rate, said safety experts, stayed below estimates for the first two days of the three-day holiday period. Highway figures showed 250 traffic fatalities. For a comparable figure during the Christmas holiday the figure was 457.

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## French Voting Heavy Despite Bad Weather

By CARL HARTMAN  
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There also was a record number of eligible voters—26,871,668. Voters in overseas areas made 50 deputies today. Two others, one from New Caledonia and one from the Society Islands in the Pacific, will be elected later this month.

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## THE BEER WAS PLENTY COLD FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

LITTLE AMERICA FIVE (AP)—To the tune of bagpipes, the ship's company of the icebreaker Glacier welcomed the New Year on the ice of Kainan Bay 800 miles from the South Pole.

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## Tension Still Grips Globe In New Year

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
New 1956 rolled along today (Monday) with the tensions circling the globe still underscored.

Statesmen and diplomats buckling down to the tasks facing them in the new year found the outlook shrouded in the same grim lines of the year just ended.

In France, voters went out to the polls to elect a new National Assembly.

Violence continued in Algeria—a French trouble spot — and a French spokesman there charged a diary found on a captured Algerian rebel showed the insurgents were using both Egypt and Libya as bases for their uprising.

The world's Communist leaders eased off on beligerent statements for the holiday weekend but from many tense areas came cold and hot war warnings.

In Formosa, Nationalist Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared the time was approaching for the people of the Chinese mainland "to rise against the Communist traitors in a mighty revolution."

Cyprus heard a warning from the British governor, Sir John Harding, that the days of the island's anti-British guerrillas "are numbered." The rebels on the Mediterranean island are seeking union with Greece.

King Paul of Greece issued a statement calling the Cypriots "brothers."

Britain's high commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, Sir Donald MacGillivray, urged in a New Year's broadcast that "Communism must be pieced together from half a dozen different parties."

RETURNED DRAFT  
After the war's session the President sent a modified draft back to Washington and asked to have a fresh copy flown to him today.

Eisenhower will not read the State of the Union document in Congress, which reconvenes tomorrow. He will read the document at a 45-minute work session here yesterday.

Revision suggestions made by aides in the capital caused the President to cancel plans to attend church services yesterday morning. He went to his temporary office instead.

James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, declined to discuss the President's plans to remain in Key West until about Sunday.

Yesterday afternoon the President and Mrs. Eisenhower took a New Year's Day automobile ride about 20 miles up the Florida Keys. With them was the First Lady's mother, Mrs. John S. Doud



GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL still has a lot of reading to do at his home in Pinehurst before getting through all the messages he received on his 75th birthday. He's shown with Mrs. Marshall and his granddaughter, Ellene Westmoreland Winn. (AP)

## Prizes Await Winners In Baby Derby

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
If your new baby was born at any time during the first two or three hours of New Year's Day yesterday, chances are there are some girls waiting for you down at your corner store.

And for at least one set of twins born in North Carolina during the first 12 hours of New Year's Day, there's an even bigger jackpot on the way.

A set of twin girls was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wimpey in mountainous Murphy early yesterday and the two girls already have qualified for \$500 in prizes awarded yearly by a Chicago cosmetics manufacturer.

Two girls born at 1:30 and 12:14 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Griffith at Rocky Mount may be eligible for a similar award.

The Wimpey girls will receive cribs with attached music boxes, inspersing crib mattresses, dresses, a year's supply of baby food, baby carriages and assorted toys and infants wear.

Meantime, winners of local Baby Derbies were announced across the state. In most cases, there were dozens of girls awaiting the winner from merchants and businesses.

Durham's winner was a boy born to Mrs. James B. Myers, wife of an Air Force major who is an ROTC instructor at Duke University. The boy arrived at 1:45 a. m.

Charlotte winner arrived at 2:25 a. m. She is Carolyn Elizabeth, the 4-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Albright. Cause, he arrived at 3:14 a. m.

The first wails of Peggy, the 6-pound, 11-ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Cause, were heard in Winston-Salem at 2:39 a. m. That was enough to win the Forsyth derby.

Mrs. Hazel Banks of Asheville, whose husband was killed in a sewer accident last June, gave birth to a son, Charles Herman Banks, at 12:25 a. m. to become the Asheville winner.

Rockingham's winner was Steve Horton, an 8-pound, 9-ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horton at 2:15 a. m.

## 39 Die In Canada

OTTAWA (AP)—At least 39 persons were killed in holiday weekend accidents in Canada from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

A Canadian Press survey for the 54-hour period showed 20 persons died in traffic accidents and 12 burned to death. Miscellaneous accidents accounted for the other fatalities.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and a little warmer today. Fair and cool tomorrow. Low this morning — 38

Low tomorrow morning — 35  
High yesterday — 54  
High today — 58

Winter 7:30 a. m. — 54  
Sunrise 7:32 a. m. — sunset 5:23 p. m.

More Weather Data on Page 7-B

## PARTY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE HAD AN ADDED ATTRACTION

LONDON (AP)—There it was, a gay New Year's Eve party at the swank Berkeley Hotel... balloons bursting, champagne corks popping and in walked actress Anita Ekberg.

"Under it was—just Anita. She reclined in the near-altogether for some 15 minutes while willing her bezzed around making running capers."

Said Anita, once more tidy and all that: "I like tight dresses. But after this..."

She flung her arms across her body to hold the wayward dress up and raced 20 paces to an ante-room.

A woman eyewitness later gave this description: "I think conditions in November... farm areas will be much better than they were this fall."

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, took a crack at Benson yesterday in telling reporters the Senate will be asked to act early this year on a bill for "three years of Benson."

Turning the low level of farm income "the No. 1 trouble spot" in the nation's economy, Johnson said the idea is to provide a special treasury subsidy to farmers who have laid out of crops now causing by some Republican leaders—that surplus and plant grass or other their program has been a failure/fertility-building crops.

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Mrs. and Mr. Holder... A Year Ago (AP)