

Speculation About War Assailed By Eisenhower



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Black Given Suspended Sentence In Goldberg Death



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Leaders Seek Wrap-Up

House May Pass Ike Tax Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—House leaders drove to wrap up congressional action today on a bill to postpone for one year about three billion dollars in corporation and excise tax cuts.

House passage of the bill, expected late in the day, would send President Eisenhower precisely the tax program he had urged, and little more than a day before the scheduled effective date of the cuts.

Dead for this year was a Democratic proposal to give everybody a \$20 annual income tax reduction.

TAX TIE-IN

The House tied this income tax cut plan to the administration's bill to continue present corporate and excise tax rates. But the Democratic plan was rejected by the Senate. A Senate-House conference committee accepted the Senate version of the legislation.

But leaders in both parties are talking now of possible moves next year to cut individual income taxes.

Under the tax bill, extension of present corporate and excise rates would run to April 1, 1956. Under the old law, corporation income rates would have dropped Saturday from 52 to 47 per cent, revenue loss of about two billion dollars a year.

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

Excise tax rates were to drop by one billion dollars a year. These scheduled reductions, which now would be canceled: liquor, from 100 to 80 a gallon; automobiles, from 10 per cent to 7 per cent; gasoline, from 2 cents a gallon to 1 cent; beer, from 80 to 40 a barrel; wine, from 12 cents to 10 cents a half pint; or \$10.50 to \$9 a gallon, depending on alcohol content; trucks, buses and autos, 8 per cent to 5 per cent.

Both Democrats and Republicans generally agreed an estimated \$2,500,000,000 budget deficit anticipated for the fiscal year starting July 1 would not justify these cuts.

But with administration officials talking of a possible balanced budget the following year, tax-cutting sentiment may be stronger in Congress in 1956.

N. C. Freeze Loans Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department has authorized its Farmers Home Administration to make loans to fruit and vegetable growers in North Carolina and Mississippi who suffered losses from freezing weather last week end.

Surveys are being made, the department said, to determine whether fruit and vegetable growers in six other states—Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Virginia and Illinois—also need loans as a result of the freeze.

In North Carolina, the loans will be available in 47 counties previously designated for such loans because of drought losses. The state's 13 other counties—all in the Western end of the state—are being surveyed to determine whether their growers also need loans as a result of the freeze, Sen. Scott (D-NC) said today.

The 13 counties are: Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Loans are made to farmers who suffered substantial losses and who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere to carry on normal operations until new crops are produced.

Our Weather

Sunny and a little warmer today and tomorrow. Fair and rather cold with light frost tonight.

Low this morning — 29.
Low tonight — 36.
High yesterday — 58.
High today — 42.
High tomorrow — 65.
Sunrise 6:13 a.m.; sunset 6:42 p.m.

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Peace Cause Not Served, Says President

Knows Of No Red Plans For Attack

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower spoke out today against too much speculation and talk about war. He said it doesn't serve the cause of peace.

Eisenhower also said at a news conference that he has no information indicating the Chinese Reds plan to launch an attack soon on the Nationalist islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

The President's remarks carried an implied rebuke to Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations. Carney has been identified as the source of a prediction, given to newsmen last week, that the Communists would start striking at Quemoy and the Matus around April 15.

Asked specifically if Carney would be reprimanded, Eisenhower said not by him.

NOT RULED

Eisenhower said he himself was not ruling out the possibility of an attack in mid-April. But, he said, if anyone has information pointing clearly to such an attack, that person must have more information than the President of the United States.

At the outset of the conference, a reporter told Eisenhower that Carney had been quoted as saying the Communists might attack Quemoy and Matsu next month. The newsman went on to say he understood the President felt otherwise and didn't like Carney's expressing the view which he did.

NO CRYSTAL BALL

Eisenhower replied that no one possesses a crystal ball to determine the chances for war. He said that for anyone to prophesy when war might break out is to assume an accuracy of information which never yet has been attained.

Eisenhower said that if he were going to make any comment on the situation it would be to say he does not believe the peace of the world would be served by talking too much in terms of war.

Under other questioning, Eisenhower again declined to shed any light on whether the United States might go to the defense of the Nationalist offshore islands if the Reds do attack them.

U. S. POLICY

Official U. S. policy, as expressed in a resolution passed by Congress earlier this year, gives the President authority to take whatever steps are necessary for defense of the main Nationalist bastions of Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands.

The news conference also dealt with these other matters:

BIG POLICE CONFERENCE—Eisenhower said he wanted to reassure that the United States is not going to back off.

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Committee Action

Kill Bill To End Absentee Voting

RALEIGH (AP)—The Senate Committee on Elections Laws and Senatorial Districts today killed a bill to abolish civilian absentee voting in general elections.

The measure had the backing of the State Board of Elections and Gov. Hodges and was introduced by Sen. C. V. Henkel Jr. of Ireland, chairman of the committee, "by request." That meant he did not personally endorse the bill.

Henkel told the committee the bill was prepared by the state board before the release of a report by a congressional subcommittee which investigated alleged irregularities involving absentee ballots in the Ninth Congressional District. The subcommittee recommended that the state take steps to change its election laws as a result of the probe.

ONE DISSENTER

"I'm thoroughly familiar with this," Henkel said, "and I'll enter a motion for an unfavorable report." Sen. Carmon Weeks of Edgecombe moved to kill the bill, and the motion carried with only Sen. Cutler Moore of Robeson opposing it.

The committee gave a favorable report to a bill by Henkel implementing the report of a special investigation on senatorial redistricting which recommended that a new commission be set up to study the entire question of legislative representation and report back to the 1957 General Assembly. The bill would provide for the commission to be composed of three senators, three representatives and three appointees of the governor.

More also opposed this measure. He said the group he thought of for the bill was to "circumvent" what is set up in the constitution. He said the Legislature should restrict the Senate this session.

Another bill killed by the committee would have abolished the use of official party markers in general elections. The official markers help disabled persons mark their ballots.

Henkel told the committee he thought the use of official markers could eventually be done away with, but "I have knowledge of the fact that they are necessary for a great many polling places now."

Traffic Normal

Traffic moved normally over the Boulevard Gallien, main artery between Saigon and its Chinese section of Cholon. The hottest fighting occurred around this thoroughfare. All major public utilities were functioning as usual—under French and Vietnamese military guard.

President Eisenhower's special ambassador, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, conferred with Paul Ely, French commissioner general to South Viet Nam, on emergency measures to protect the foreign residents of Saigon in case of further trouble.

The two generals prepared to call on Dien at his Independence Palace to discuss the situation and offer help in stemming the civil strife.

Heavily reinforced army units stood guard around the palace, a massive three-story building.

Federal Employees Show Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Civilian government employees totaled 2,352,900 last month, an increase of 312 over January.

The increase was due largely to seasonal employment in the Treasury and Interior departments, Sen. J. W. Fulbright said in a statement as chairman of the Senate-House committee on reduction of nonessential federal expenditures.



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin's-Bureau)
Dr. Black As He Entered Court Today.

'Lion' Roams Streets

Lawyer Calls Jelke 'Toy Poodle'

NEW YORK (AP)—Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke's lawyer described him today as "a little toy poodle" pursued by the district attorney while a "lion" roams the streets freely.

George Washington Herr, counsel for the duo here, identified the "lion" as Richard Short, a once-convicted procurer, who was a prosecution witness in the Jelke case.

Herr used the analogy in the defense summation in Jelke's trial on charges of inducing Pat Ward into prostitution and attempting to induce Marguerite Cordova into the same life.

The prosecution summation was to follow this afternoon. The case is expected to go to the jury of 12 men and 2 women tomorrow.

OFFENSE BAG

"The district attorney opened the bag," said Herr, "and let the lion free to roam the streets, to live off the women and to live off suckers, while they chased a little toy poodle and tried to bag him because his name is high sounding, because his name is Jelke."

Herr began his summation by addressing General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente, Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony J. Liebler and each one of the jurors by name.

The defense counsel suggested the district attorney's office went after Jelke because there is "so much more glory, so much more publicity" in the pursuit of a Jelke than of a Short.

HIGH REGARD

He said he had high regard for Liebler as a man and a lawyer but told the jurors that all lawyers, regardless of their case, are interested in their "hating averages" and like to win.

Jelke's first trial in 1933 ended in conviction and he was sentenced to three to six years in prison. This trial was upset on appeal, however, because the press and public had been barred from the courtroom during the state's case.

The judge said he closed the doors in the interest of public decency.

SECRETS REVEALED

In general terms, the second trial failed to produce any new sensations. However, it gave the public its first eyewitness picture of the case, revealing inner secrets of their trade.

Before the defense tried to introduce testimony by 25-year-old Emanuel Trujillo, a man whom Miss Ward declined to talk about while on the witness stand. She said it might tend to degrade her to answer questions about him.

General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente turned down Herr's application to introduce a transcript of a telephone conversation between Miss Ward and Trujillo and to call the man as a witness.

4-10 Years, \$5,000 Fine Are Imposed

Physical Condition Is Deciding Factor

By ANN SAWYER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Dr. Vance A. Black, Charlotte dentist convicted of manslaughter, was given a four-to-10-year suspended sentence today and fined a total of \$5,000 for the Jan. 14 Elks Club death of Herman P. Goldberg.

Judge W. A. Leland McKelhen passed sentence on the 49-year-old dentist in Criminal Superior Court shortly before noon.

Defense attorneys immediately gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court and appeal bond was set at \$5,000.

REASON FOR SUSPENSION

Judge McKelhen, after passing sentence, said he would have felt "compelled to send Dr. Black to prison were it not for his physical condition."

It was brought out during the two-day trial that Dr. Black is suffering from a cancerous condition and has had four operations on the right side of his body, including removal of a portion of his tongue.

THE CONDITIONS

Conditions of the sentence which is suspended for five years are:

1. Pay court costs.
2. Pay \$2,500 into the school fund.
3. Pay \$2,500 to the Clerk of Superior Court for use and benefit of Mr. Goldberg's family.

4. Be and remain of good behavior.

5. Be under the supervision of the State Probation Commission and abide by its rules.

Mr. Goldberg died at Memorial Hospital five hours after he was struck by Dr. Black in the downstairs clubroom of the Elks Club on S. Tryon St.

Mr. Goldberg was general manager of a local textile jobbing firm. Dr. Black resides at 2221 Chambliss Dr.

ALLOWED BOND

Dr. Black, who appeared in court this morning wearing a light gray suit and red tie, was allowed to remain on bond after his conviction last yesterday. Usually defendants awaiting sentence are confined in the county jail.

Judge McKelhen, in his remarks, said that about Dr. Black's condition: "In view of evidence that the defendant is suffering from cancer of the throat, this prison sentence is suspended."

Trial of the middle-aged dentist began Monday with the State taking all of Monday afternoon to present its case.

The defense was heard from yesterday.

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GROCERY NEWS

TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Hints on Preparing an Easter Basket that will Please the Children!

Buy the Fruit Juice that Agrees with All Babies — in the Ready to Use Bottle.

Look for the Lightest, Fluffiest, Tastiest Ready-to-Bake Biscuits in the "Pull-String" Carton.

Read About the New Fluff Method... Cook Rice in 14 Minutes!

Read The

Grocery News

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Crosby Or Brando? Garland Or Kelly?

Annual Hollywood Oscar Awards Made Tonight

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Hollywood's smart money talked long shot today as even the experts differed in their predictions for the 27th annual Academy Awards.

Crosby or Brando? Garland or Kelly? "The Country Girl" or "On the Waterfront"? With those favorites, it was even money and take your choice.

Only Edmond O'Brien, up for his role in "The Barefoot Contessa," could make the experts agree.

The closest finish in years raised the perennial possibility that the Oscar favorites might knock each other off.

CHANCE FOR DARKHORSES

Humphrey Bogart, Dorothy Dan-Grice and the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" thus fared better than an outside chance.

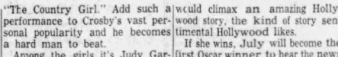
Hollywood's international element saw a win for Miss Dan-Grice, first Negro ever nominated for a top Oscar, enhancing United States prestige abroad.

So closely contested was this year's race that even such famous stars as Marlon Brando and Bette Davis did everything but ring doorbells for votes.

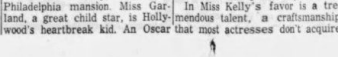
In favor of Brando, nominated for his role in "On the Waterfront," is the fact that the Academy can't get on much longer ignoring the man many regard as the greatest living actor. But then John Barrymore never won an Oscar, and Grace Kelly, born in a Philadelphia mansion, Miss Grant, a beautiful child star, is Hollywood's heartbreak kid. An Oscar would climax an amazing Hollywood story, the kind of story seldom seen in Hollywood.



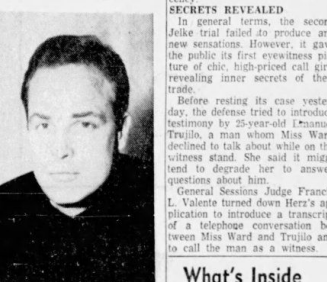
JUDY GARLAND



BING CROSBY



GRACE KELLY



MARLON BRANDO

would climax an amazing Hollywood story, the kind of story seldom seen in Hollywood.

If she wins, Kelly will become the first Oscar winner to bear the news in a maternity ward. She gave birth to a son yesterday.

In Miss Kelly's favor is a tremendous talent, a craftsmanship never NBC-TV from 10:30 until midnight, EST.