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President Truman's Message... Who Should Carry Tax Load?

Beyond question, the two most immediately controversial items recommended in President Truman's State of the Union message to Congress yesterday were the reduction of income tax in the lower brackets, with corresponding increase of corporation taxes, and adequate financial support for the Marshall Plan.

The income tax question is probably academic, for there is no reason to suppose that the Republican Congress would pass such a bill. Perhaps the President's recommendation was only a "stage gesture" intended to have its effect in the political campaign. On the other hand, it is just such a move as the late Franklin Roosevelt might have proposed and actually put into effect.

Speaking to a joint session in the House chamber, the President said the "cost of living" tax credit he proposed would mean a \$160 tax cut in 1948 for a man and wife with two children. Thus, he said, it would give them "a saving that could be used to buy the necessities of life."

There are 51,500,000 individual income taxpayers, Mr. Truman's recommendation would sweep millions from the tax rolls—all those whose tax as now computed does not come up to \$40 for the taxpayer himself and each dependent.

Because of inflation, he said, the government should not reduce its total revenues—and he described corporations as well able to take up the slack.

The recommendation ran sharply counter to a \$5,600,000,000 GOP tax cutting measure.

"This Leads to Peace—Not War"

In discussing the Marshall Plan and in asking for Universal Military Training, President Truman, in his State of the Union message repeatedly stressed that the United States is not looking for war, but for peace.

Certainly his desire for world peace is echoed by practically all Americans. We are in no hurry to get back into such a wracking experience as we have recently lived through. The Battalion supports both the Marshall Plan and U.M.T. in the hope that they will help stave off that World War III which often disturbs our midnight dreams.

Mr. Truman coupled American economic aid under the proposed European recovery plan with armed might as equal necessities in keeping peace.

He said the \$400,000,000 assistance program voted last year for Greece and Turkey enabled them to preserve their integrity "against foreign pressures." The president

"Ten-Year Plan" for the U.S.A.

Easy to overlook among the controversial items in President Truman's State of the Union Message yesterday were the sociological items which the president called "goals for the future which have greatest bearing upon the foundations of our democracy and the happiness of our people."

These long-range goals, which Truman hopes we may achieve in the next ten years, are probably more important than who pays what income tax next year.

It is important to know the goals of the Democratic administration, for we may be voting for or against its continuance this fall. President Truman listed the goals in his message as follows:

- "To secure fully the essential human rights of our citizens." (Some of our citizens are still denied equal opportunity for education, for jobs and economic advancement, and for the expression of their views at the polls. Most serious of all, some are denied equal protection under our laws.)
- "To protect and develop our human resources."

"We should now extend unemployment compensation, old age benefits, and survivors benefits to millions who are not now protected. . . raise the level of benefits. . . our ultimate aim must be a comprehensive insurance system to protect all our people equally against insecurity and ill-health. . . to provide an adequate education for every person."

3. "To conserve and use our natural resources so that they can contribute most effectively to the welfare of our people."

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sponsored by chairman Knutson (R-Minn) of the House Ways and Means Committee which would give income tax payers percentage cuts all along the line and leave corporation taxes unchanged.

Mr. Truman's 5,000-word message to a joint session of the two chambers also called for:

Enactment of the 10-point anti-inflation program he submitted to the recent special session, including standby wage-price control and rationing authority. The bulk of this program was turned down by the Republican leadership.

Prompt congressional approval of an initial expenditures of \$6,800,000,000 to finance the European recovery program—the Marshall Plan—for 15 months from next April 1 as a "decisive contribution to world peace."

Quick action to set up a program of universal training as the foundation of a national security program, and maintenance of strong armed forces as long as "there remains serious opposition to the ideals of a peaceful world."

An increase in the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

Extension and strengthening of rent controls which are due to expire February 29.

Broadened social security coverage and increased benefit payments.

Legislation to protect the civil rights of every individual.

A national health program financed by compulsory insurance.

did not mention Soviet Russia or Soviet-dominated countries by name, but said without this help the result might have been "radically different."

"We are following a sound, constructive and practical course in carrying out our determination to achieve peace," Mr. Truman said.

"We are fighting poverty, hunger and suffering."

"This leads to peace—not war."

"We are building toward a world where all nations, large and small alike, may live free from the fear of aggression."

"This leads to peace—not war."

"Above all else, we are striving to achieve a concord among the peoples of the world based upon the dignity of the individual and the brotherhood of man."

"This leads to peace—not war."

"We must vigorously defend our natural wealth against those who would misuse it for selfish gain. . . intensify our efforts to develop new supplies and to acquire stockpiles of scarce materials. . . expand our reclamation program to bring millions of acres of arid land into production. . . protect and restore our forests. . . continue to erect multiple-purpose dams."

4. "To lift the standard of living for all our people by strengthening our economic system and sharing more broadly among our people the goods we produce."

" . . . we can increase our annual output by at least one-third. We can lift our standard of living to nearly double what it was ten years ago. If we distribute these gains properly, we can go far toward stamping out poverty in our generation."

5. "To achieve world peace based on principles of freedom and justice and the equality of all nations."

" . . . So long as there remains serious opposition to the ideals of a peaceful world, we must maintain strong armed forces. . . early provision for universal training. . . is of world importance. . . We shall continue to exert our utmost efforts to obtain satisfactory settlements (for Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea). . . We are seeking to restore the world trading system which was shattered by the war. . . our present major effort. . . is to support the program for recovery (Marshall Plan) developed by the countries of Europe."



As MacKenzie Sees It . . .

Little Assembly Tries to Stay Alive 'Mid Veto-Happy Council

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
(A Foreign Correspondent)

The United Nations' "Little Assembly"—the iron-lung devised by the Democracies to try to keep the breath of life in the veto-paralyzed peace organization—began its permanent sittings at Lake Success this week, determined and possibly hopeful.

The "Little Assembly" is the interim committee of the general assembly, and theoretically it comprises all 57 members of the U.N. Actually, of course, Soviet Russia and five of her satellites—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, White Russia, and the Soviet Ukraine—refused to have anything to do with it, and Russia warned that it might lead to grave consequences.

The Democracies established this "Little Assembly" as a backstop for the all-powerful security council which had been rendered impotent through the use of the veto power by the Soviet Union. Each of the Big Five powers—the United States, China, Britain, France and Russia—have the veto right in the council, and when it is invoked it stymies action.

Russia used the veto 22 times on vital issues, after which the United States sponsored the creation of the "Little Assembly" which at least can determine the wishes of the vast majority of the U. N. membership because the veto is inoperative in the assembly. Russia opposed this project fiercely.

The establishment of the "Little Assembly" was an act of desperation. While this body represents all the nations excepting the Russian bloc, it can only formulate views and has no authority to enforce them. However, it can determine world opinion apart from the Russian bloc which is anti-Democracy on virtually everything. That Democratic world opinion can be a mighty force.

The Russian bloc was urged to join the "Little Assembly" from the start, but refused. Despite this US Chief Delegate Warren R. Austin said at the first meeting: "It is our hope that the states which . . . are not here today will soon join us."

That's a pious wish, but we can't advise you to bet that it will come true. Still, if the split continues between the Russian bloc and the Democracies the "Little Assembly" may be the source of a tremendous development—the formation of a new league of nations which would comprise the Democratic nations of the world.

That would be an unhappy solution, but it would be far better than if united nations which is hopelessly split into two blocs constantly at loggerheads. We should like to see "one world" in operation, but if we must have two worlds, it's better that we recognize the necessity and get the Democracies organized so that they won't be split like sitting ducks by aggressive Communism.

So the task of the "Little Assembly" may turn out to be to keep the U.N. alive until a new league comprising the Democracies can come into being.

Don't you think so?
NAME WITHHELD
(Ed. Note: Yes.)

Classes of '13, '23 To Meet in April

The week end of April 24-25 will find the campus playing host to the Classes of '13 and '23. For the Class of '13, it will be their 35th reunion. Class President J. A. "Beef" Scofield and present class agent L. D. "Dad" Royer, are in charge of planning the reunion.

The Class of '23 will be celebrating their 25th reunion. Making arrangements for the celebration are class members from the College Station area, with E. R. Alexander as committee chairman. Taking the lead in formulating plans is Class President Ben "Reveille" Brown.

Pay Over 2 Million Vets

By October 1, 1947, compensation and pensions were being paid to 809 veterans of the Indian Wars, 84 Civil War veterans, 437,768 World War I veterans, 42,854 former members of the regular establishment, and 1,715,946 veterans of World War II, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The earliest library of Oxford University was in existence in . . .

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

New Youth Movement Baffles Juvenile Cop; "Pack-Rat" Leading to Shift in Housing

As if the war hadn't brought along enough new outbreaks of juvenile delinquency, a group of enterprising school children in Missoula, Montana have added a new twist to the growing post-war pastime with which to harass juvenile authorities.

Juvenile Officer Jim Doyle says his duties now include coping with a simple but thoroughly troublesome game called "pack rat" that is popular with the 10-12 year old set.

"The object of the game," Doyle explains patiently, "is to remove items from one premise and put them on another."

It seems that despite their youth, the kids seem to be making headway. Last week, a picket fence was taken down and moved piece by piece across town. The next day, a trailer was shifted five blocks.

Doyle says he wouldn't put it past the kids to try to move the school building; in fact, he has redoubled his force.

GULP!!

James Montgomery Flagg, the famous illustrator, was showing an elderly dowager around his very interesting studio recently. She gazed at all the fine pictures and just shrugged her shoulders. Then she spied something on the table and went into ecstasy over it. "What is it?" "It's superb, what soul, what expression!"

Janey knitted his heavy eyebrows and said, "Yeh, that's where I clean the paint off my brushes!"

HONEST JUDGE, I'M INNOCENT

Joe Roberts of Los Angeles, Cal., reeled off an alibi in district court recently that would have done justice to the most enterprising of A&M freshmen, explaining why he failed to do something as directed by an upperclassman.

But the judge didn't appreciate the true originality in Roberts' efforts and he is now serving a 60-day sentence for larceny in Asheville, North Carolina.

Roberts went down to the bus terminal and said he asked the clerk to "give" him a ticket—and meant just that.

Roberts told Judge Sam Cathey he did not steal a ticket to Lynchburg, Va., as police charged. He explained:

"I didn't steal it. I did not ask the clerk to sell me a ticket. I said give me a ticket and I assumed he intended to give it to me, taking pity on my apparent poverty and my disheveled condition."

Foley's President Will Speak Friday

Max Levine, president of Houston's Foley Bros. department store will speak Friday at 2 p. m. in the Chemistry Lecture Room, Wendell R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office, announced today.

His subject will be "What Retaining Offers as a Career."

All interested students and faculty members are invited to attend.

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The ticket seller said Roberts took the ticket—and ran.

Despite his oration, Roberts is now receiving his mail at the Asheville Jail.

FRIGID FOOTBALL

Bruce McLean, 16 years old, landed in the hospital last week for tackling a snowman. A high school football squad member, Bruce built the big snowman on his lawn two days ago. Unaware that it had since developed a heavy overcoat of ice, he hurled himself at it.

The result was a fractured collar bone.

BED FOR THREE

If ever the old proverb "Three's a Crowd" were true, Mrs. Edith Kertz of Chicago will testify it is when the setting is the master bedroom and the third party happens to be a female friend of the husband.

Mrs. Kertz, a 27-year-old divorcee, sued her ex-husband's present wife for alienation of affections, alleging the defendant, while a guest in her home, frequently slept with her and her former husband because she said she was "lonesome."

The suit for \$100,000 was against the new Mrs. Kertz, present wife of Nathan Kertz, 30, owner of a chain of interior decorator's supply shops.

The suit alleged: "The defendant would come into their bedroom when they were about to retire and say she was lonesome, and would plaintiff please allow her to sleep in the same bed with plaintiff and plaintiff's husband."

"The defendant did this on many occasions, and slept with them all night, to the embarrassment of the plaintiff."

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