

LBJ, Solons Still Split Over Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two days of talks have brought no agreement between Johnson administration officials and congressmen seeking a sharp spending cut as the price of a tax increase.

"They're living in a dream world," Rep. Al Ullman said Wednesday of President Johnson and his advisers who seek a 10 per cent surcharge on most income taxes.

On the other side of the Capitol, four Republican senators condemned Johnson as failed to make a convincing case for his proposal. They were James B. Pearson of Kansas, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Jacob K. Javits of New York and John J. Williams of Delaware.

Ullman, an Oregon Democrat and one of the few House Ways and Means committee members publicly supporting a tax increase, said he told administration officials at a closed panel session Wednesday they had better inform the President of the committee's feelings.

"There isn't going to be a bill unless there is a \$5 billion specific cut in spending this year. It would be silly for us to send a bill to the House now—we'd be asked two to one," Ullman said he told the officials.

Ullman and the Senior Republican member of the tax-writing committee, Rep. John W. Byrnes of Wisconsin, agreed in separate interviews the committee isn't getting from the administration the kind of information it seeks on the prospects for reducing spending.

Both said the committee wants the administration to designate priorities among the various gov-

Solon To Talk At Banquet

Congressman Graham Purcell of Wichita Falls will be banquet speaker at the Texas A&M University Livestock and Meat Marketing Institute Sept. 21-22.

His talk is at 7 p.m. the first day in the Ramada Inn, conference site.

Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, head of the A&M Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, said the two-day program should attract about 300 persons from all segments of the livestock and meat marketing industry.

He said Rep. Purcell's leadership as chairman of the Livestock and Gains Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, and his extensive background give him "a special insight into the dynamic livestock and meat marketing industry."

Purcell, a 1946 agricultural graduate of Texas A&M, began his public service career when he was appointed judge of the 89th Judicial District in 1955. He was re-elected twice to that position in Wichita County.

He was elected to the 87th Congress in a special 1962 election from the 13th Congressional District, and then re-elected to the 88th and 89th Congresses. His election to membership on the House Committee on Agriculture also came in 1962, and he was named chairman of that committee's Wheat Subcommittee the following year.

House Speaker John McCormack appointed him to the National Commission on Food Marketing in 1964. He was re-elected to the 90th Congress, and is now chairman of the House Committee on Livestock and Grains Subcommittee.

Social Club To Welcome New Wives

A "Welcome Tea" for newcomers to Texas A&M will highlight the first meeting of the A&M Women's Social Club at 3 p.m., Sept. 29, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Mrs. Alvin W. Jones, A&M Women's Social Club president, said all women affiliated with the university are invited. Wives of local ministers and YMCA workers also are invited.

Mrs. Edwin H. Cooper will present the initial program: "Focus on the Future."

Singing Cadets Release Record

The newest record album of Texas A&M's Singing Cadets has been released, said R. L. Boone.

"Songs of the Wars," featuring 21 songs by the 55-voice glee club, is available in the Memorial Student Center Gift Shop.

Waxed by Austin Custom Records, "Songs of the Wars," includes such favorites as "Dixie," "Sentimental Journey," "Play a Simple Melody," "Over There," "How're You Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm," "God Bless America," and "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer".

Congress Aids Health Program

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
WASHINGTON (AP)—The House voted Wednesday to increase federal funds for rat extermination by adding \$40 million to the authorization for state health programs.

Enough congressmen who had voted in July to reject the Johnson administration's proposal for a new rat extermination program by 31 votes switched sides to give 227-173 approval to the bipartisan proposals. It had been okayed tentatively by one vote on Tues-

day. The amendment by Reps. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., and Charles Mathias Jr., R-Md., adds \$20 million in each of the next two years to the authorizations for rats for state projects, putting the sums at \$90 million this year and \$95 million for fiscal 1969.

The amendment was supported by 159 Democrats and 68 Republicans and opposed by 63 Democrats and 110 Republicans.

The money is distributed to the states to meet what they consider

their primary health problem. Some 12 states already have included rat control in their state health programs and sponsors of the amendment made clear in debate they intended to help fund such requests.

The House rejected 155 to 81 an emergency \$58-million hospital aid program which Democrats on the Commerce Committee had written into the bill. The money had not been requested by the administration.

The House then passed the en-

tire bill, containing \$932 million in new authorizations through fiscal 1971, by a vote of 395 to 7, and sent it to the Senate.

The health bill adds \$48.5 million to the existing \$157 million authorization for this year and authorizes \$256 million for fiscal 1969, \$284.5 million for fiscal 1970 and \$343 million for fiscal 1971. The actual money will be voted in another bill later.

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