



WASHINGTON—Chairman Reed of the House Ways and Means Committee is still demanding that the House Rules Committee give his committee a chance to present to the House a bill which would result in a substantial reduction in taxes this year.

It appears, however, that the Republican leadership—other than Representative Reed—is trying to prevent his bill coming to the floor. The reason is obvious: They are virtually certain that the House would vote for a cut in taxes.

There is a cry that the budget must be balanced first. The trick in that is that as long as money is available by way of high taxes, there will always be plenty of bureaucrats making demands for large appropriations for all sorts of government spending.

I feel that we should spare no legitimate expense to keep our country thoroughly defended militarily. At the same time, I am very confident that the military can make many, many moves that would result in economies and efficiencies. Of course, the excessive spenders don't desire this, but it is my purpose to support all measures of economy and for tax reduction.

The present tax burden is having a demoralizing effect even on our low-income group. Sometime ago, I saw a case where a firm wished to assist a young woman employee who had quite a number of obligations to meet. She was given a special bonus of \$500, but when she received the bonus it amounted to only \$415 because the government first had to have \$85 withheld.

It has seemed to me that it is very unfair for the government to have to take so much out of the paycheck of the lower-income citizens. It is encouraging to think that the present investigation into economies will lead to some reduction in taxes.

**A GENERAL SPEAKS**

General Van Fleet, just back from Korea, has stirred up quite a hornet's nest in his appraisal of the conduct of the war in Korea. Most interest was centered on his statement that there was a scarcity of ammunition back sometime ago—despite the huge appropriations made by Congress for military purposes.

There are those in the government who think General Van Fleet should be suppressed and not be permitted to talk the way he has been talking. But there are others, fortunately, who think the truth should come out, regardless of whom it hurts, and that incompetence should be exposed at every turn.

I am told by those who know General Van Fleet that he is a thoroughly able and efficient General who has somehow or other stirred up the wrath of the Pentagon Potentates. That, I am told, is one of the reasons he is being retired at 60, just when he apparently is in the prime of his career. It is difficult to fathom some of the

activities of the military in and around the Pentagon.

**BENSON AND FARM PRICES**

Agriculture Secretary Benson seems to be in for a lot of argument about the decline in farm prices. This subject has been particularly keen with respect to cattle prices. Secretary Benson asserts that the price decline has now been checked, and that farmers are now encouraged about the possibility of marketing their animals at a profit.

Just how Mr. Benson will fare as a result of his announced program, it is too early to say. North Carolina, of course, is tremendously interested in the success and welfare of the farming population of our State and every member of our delegation in Congress is eagerly keeping in touch with the situation—with the determination to protect the interests of the farmers all over our State.

**ENSLAVEMENT RESOLUTION**

At President Eisenhower's suggestion, a resolution was introduced in the Senate condemning the activities of the Soviet Government in its violations of commitments made during the war at Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam.

President Eisenhower apparently would be well satisfied with a resolution that does not include a condemnation of the Democratic Administration, but one that shows a unified front to the Communists. That's where the fun began.

Some Republicans couldn't resist an opportunity to jab at the Democratic Administrations involved. They offered an amendment doing just that. The Democrats, of course, oppose that—as do Republican Senators Aiken of Vermont and Tobey of New Hampshire.

Senator Aiken made this grave comment: "I think we had better have a cooling off period of 80 days."

Personally I didn't see much point in making further declarations against the Soviets, since we have condemned their activities over and over again. This is another illustration in which some Republicans, eager to get even with the Democrats, are involving their President in a situation that ought not to have arisen.

The Democrats were willing to go along with the President. President Eisenhower wasn't attempting to condemn or vilify anyone.

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**DOAN'S PILLS**

**Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Nixon Dies Wednesday**

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Nixon, 83, native of Chowan County, died Wednesday night of last week at 11:30 o'clock at the home of a stepson, H. M. Nixon, in the Rocky Hook section. She had been ill four weeks. She was a member of the Rocky Hook Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Harry Barber of Winfall; six stepchildren, H. M. Nixon, J. T. Nixon, J. R. Nixon and G. R. Nixon, all of Chowan County; and Mrs. R. C. Lane and Mrs. Alvin Onley of London Bridge, Va.; one brother Joseph Oliver of Edenton, and four sisters; Miss Ellen Oliver, Mrs. Sarah Harrall, Mrs. Martha Peele and Mrs. Minnie Ashley, all of Chowan County. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of H. M. Nixon with the Rev. Ralph W. Knight, pastor of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in the Nixon cemetery.

Palbearers were Herman Nixon, Carey Evans, Ellis Bunch, Lester Harrell, Carey Bunch and Lloyd Peele.

**Michael S. Coston Promoted in Korea**

Michael S. Coston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coston of Edenton, recently was promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving in Korea with X Corps.

A tactical command between divisional and Army level, X Corps is one of three corps in the combat zone. Special units attached to it perform duties for some or all of the combat organizations under its command.

Sergeant Coston, a troop information and education non-commissioned officer with Headquarters and Service Company of the 185th Engineer Combat Battalion, arrived in Korea in January, 1952.

A graduate of Edenton High School and Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Coston was a teacher for the Sussex County Public School System

in Waverly, Va., before entering the Army in June, 1951.

**CENTER HILL CLUB MEETS**

The Center Hill Home Demonstration Club met Thursday afternoon, February 5, at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. B. P. Monds presiding and Mrs. C. H. Davis, Jr., acting secretary.

The club voted unanimously to accept the offer of E. L. Belch and begin the building of a new community building and this project started very soon. A dinner for the community will be given soon to make plans for this project.

Reports were heard from Mrs. J. C. Boyce chairman, Mrs. E. L. Belch, health and Mrs. E. P. Jones, publicity, and plans given from each as to county plans.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, gave a most instructive demonstration on "Today's Fabrics," such as manmade fabrics now in use and those still in the testing stage, such as nylon and orlon, dacron and dynel fibre glass and pelon. Samples were shown of these fabrics

and uses and durability of each explained.

Mrs. C. H. Beale was welcomed as a new member.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. W. J. Privott and Mrs. Lee A. Phillips.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES**

Services at the Presbyterian Church are announced by the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie, as follows:

Sunday School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, one of a series on the book of Romans.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Lessons on the great doctrines of the Bible.

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