

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, April 30.—The hottest of the hot potatoes which congress has had to handle in the past few months—that of defense taxes—has now been tossed into its lap.

Problems of voting billions for defense, unlimited powers in the President and all-out aid to England, although of more world-shaking importance, have been comparatively easy to handle because the people were clearly behind those measures. But reaching into the public's pocketbook without being charged with playing favorites has always been practically impossible. And now congress must reach deeper into our pockets than it has ever reached before.

Probably the final decision on what those taxes will be will take two months or so to work out—and no matter what is proposed some groups will be penalized more than

others. The house ways and means committee, which must make tax recommendations, has come to no conclusions yet except that it will aim at raising an additional \$3,500,000,000 by taxes.

The treasury department has estimated that present taxes will bring in approximately \$9,000,000,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1. The committee hopes to comply with the treasury department's wishes by increasing tax income so that it will pay two-thirds of our \$19,000,000,000 estimated expenditures during the coming fiscal year. The other one-third will be met by borrowing.

Many suggestions for increased taxes already have been made, which include: a 33 per cent increase on all present taxes; an increase on the present lowest tax rate from 4 to 8 per cent and working out a higher scale for other tax brackets; raising additional revenue by a general sales tax; lowering present exemptions; increasing present taxes on liquor, tobacco and gasoline; wiping out the 10 per cent credit now allowed for "earned income"; curbs on present deductions; and combinations of all of these plans.

It is the opinion of some congressmen that taxes should be increased enough to bring in more than two-thirds of the treasury's expected obligations in order to put defense on a pay-as-you-go basis, but it is not expected that congress will finally vote any more taxes than are specifically requested by the treasury department. It is the general opinion here, however, that people in the \$2,000 to \$10,000 class should plan to pay at least twice as much tax next year as they paid this year and that millions who paid no tax this year will be called upon to pay something.

Draft Amendments

Amendments to the selective service act are predicted for the near future which will include all or any of these three changes: (1) reducing the minimum age from 21 to 18, which would make about 3,000,000 more men eligible; (2) decreasing the maximum age limit, since so many men over 36 have physical defects; (3) continuing the training of present draftees for longer than

the present one-year limit.

President Roosevelt has hinted his approval of reducing the minimum age limit to 18 and the maximum limit to 25, but no changes will be made until further study has been conducted of the 400,000,000 which already have been classified. So far almost 40 per cent of registrants have been rejected for physical defects.

A plan for drafting leading business executives for jobs in the defense program has been proposed by Representative Johnson of Texas in order to assure the government of the nation's best managerial brains. His bill would require key men in industry to accept government jobs if so ordered.

Steel Prices

Many business men are indignant over what they consider a high-handed and unwise action of the government in freezing steel prices following the granting of increased wages by the steel industry. This was done by the new office of price administration and civilian supply whose head, Leon Henderson, said that he did not think the increased wages justified increased prices. Since steel is such a basic product in industry, he decided to fix prices in order to prevent price rises in other lines of business.

There is some question over the legality of Mr. Henderson's right to fix prices and his action is expected to lead to a court test of the extent of his authority.

Other business leaders argue that if price fixing is apt to follow wage rises, this possibility will stand in the way of quick settlement of other threatened strikes.

On the whole, the labor situation has improved and there is a more noticeable desire on the part of both labor and employers to settle their differences without interference with defense production. But outbreaks of new major strikes continue to threaten and many congressmen are still in a mood to vote for legislation curbing strikes. They feel that the majority of voters would be behind them in backing such legislation.

SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION

The seventh grade of the Boone demonstration elementary school held its graduation exercises in the school auditorium Monday morning, April 21, before a large gathering of parents and friends. The theme of the graduation program was "A Study of North Carolina." Brief talks were made by individual pupils about interesting phases of the state's cultural and industrial progress. The program grew out of a study of North Carolina the pupils had made earlier in the year. At the conclusion of the regular program the elementary school choir sang "Evening Prayer."

Certificates of promotion were awarded the following pupils by Principal John T. Howell: Kenneth Haynes, Dale Hodges, Kermit Jones, Byrd Lowrance, Finley Norris, Glen Norris, Claude Ragan, Edsel Tate, Herbert West, Harvey Wheeler, Burl Winkler, George Winkler, Rene Cook, Lucille Culler, Dorothy Dotson, Oneyelle Greene, Evelyn Hartley, Toney Hollars, Helen Lyon, Ruth Marsh, Grace Michael, Iva Jean Miller, Louise Miller, Flavel Moretz, Hazel Presnell, Mary Richardson, Virginia Shell, Lucille Shore, June Stevens, Aleen Coffey, J. R. Brendall, Viola Bingham, B. J. Burkett, Claude Danner, Walter Cook, Patsy Ellis, Rhea Farthing, Roy Fox, Georgia Greene, Herbert Greene, Kathleen Greer, Ithel Hampton, Martha Harrison, Lee Hayes, Gray Howell, Joan Lovell, Leatrice Lyons, Edith Maine, Jimmie McConnell, Reba Norris, Joe Miller, Mary Alice Moretz, Ralph Moretz, Bettie Mull, Lillian Payne, Gordon Phillips, Billy Shore, Stanley South, Edwin Trouman, Rachel Vance, Beatrice Williams, Billy Winkler, Roger Wilson, James Wilson and Van Farthing.

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By Rev. Robert H. Harper

THE CHURCH ENLARGES ITS FELLOWSHIP

Lesson for May 4: Acts 8:1-8, 14-17, 25; Golden Text: Acts 8-4

The lesson shows that persecution will often scatter disciples afar and send the gospel abroad—that opposition will extend the good, as all the efforts of men to stamp out a fire may sometimes scatter the brands and spread a disaster farther.

With the stoning of Stephen a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem began and the Christians were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria." Philip, one of the seven deacons, turned evangelist and preached in Samaria. When the church in Jerusalem heard of the gracious results of Philip's preaching, Peter and John were sent to the people in Samaria, "who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit." This was in the nature of giving further instruction to those who had been awakened and of leading them into a richer experience of divine grace—a work that should have a large place in the program of established churches of the present. Afterward, Peter and John journeyed back to Jerusalem, they preached in many villages of the Samaritans along the way.

The lesson marks a turning point in the attitude of the apostles and other Christians of Jerusalem toward men of other races. While Saul was still persecuting Christians, ere he became the apostle to the gentiles, Peter, John and the others were being led into a wider view of the general. Little by little they were learning not to regard men of other races as "unclean." And the church today may greatly enlarge its fellowship if its people will actually, sincerely, set an infinite value upon every man and consecrate its agencies more fully to the winning of all men.

EGGS

A nationwide drive to produce every possible egg from present laying flocks this spring and summer has been announced by Claude Wickard, secretary of agriculture.

There are about 25,000 parts in one modern bombing plane, it is estimated by a large manufacturer of aviation parts.

AVERAGE ACREAGE OF FARMS HIGHER

Raleigh, May 1.—North Carolina's average farm in 1940 was 67.7 acres, or 3.2 acres above the 1930 average, based on the United States census, reports T. L. Stuart, junior statistician of the state department of agriculture.

"Land in farms last year totaled 18,845,388 acres in North Carolina, or about four per cent more than

reported in the 1930 census," he added. "The average value per farm was \$2,647 last year compared with \$3,018 in 1930.

The average value per acre for 1940 decreased during the 10-year period from \$46.75 in 1930 to \$39.09 in 1940."

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