

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, D. C.—The President's State of the Union message and his budget report, and their reception by the politically hostile congress figured in the speculation about future events—taxes, the national debt, the balancing of the budget, a cabinet post for public welfare, and merger of the armed forces.

There is a unanimity of agreement that the President's message on the State of the Union was well received from both sides of the aisle in the congress. Also there was agreement that by both the tone of his message and his recommendations the President had, for once, satisfied both liberal and conservative elements in his own party and that at this time there is a stronger feeling of unity among the Democrats than has been the case for many months.

On two counts, major counts, the President runs into strenuous opposition from the majority in Congress—on the size of the budget and on his recommendation not to cut taxes at this time. Representative Knutson, chairman of the powerful house ways and means committee, insists on his 20 percent reduction in taxes for everybody up to incomes of \$300,000 and then a 10.5 percent for them. This latter amounts to little, however, since only about 600 people will be affected. Then Representative Taber, New York, insists on a 29 billion dollar budget compared to some 35 billion asked by the President.

Representative Knutson, however, is running up against some opposition to his tax cut program in his own party. Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R., Colo.), chairman of the new senate finance committee, which will handle tax bills is by no means enthusiastic over the house Republicans' plan to cut individual income taxes across the board. Says Senator Millikin, "writing a tax bill is not an exercise in logic; it's an exercise in necessity," and he wants to see the budget balanced and a long-term debt reduction plan adopted before committing himself to any specific tax-cutting proposal.

This congress has already been dubbed a "get-ready congress." Get ready for 1948 is the implication. And, of course, the issue of curbing the power of labor unions is the hottest issue. There will be many bills thrown into the hopper, punitive and otherwise, aimed at curbing the labor monopolies, the power of labor unions and otherwise restricting the rights of workers. However, Senator Taft (R., Ohio) is wise and shrewd politically, and he is running for president in 1948.

and in spite of that fact, he deliberately chose to become chairman of the senate labor and public welfare committee. As chairman he will have a powerful influence on all labor legislation and in addition he will handle bills on education, health, veterans, hospitals and medical care—and all of these subjects are most important ones in the coming months. More benefits to veterans—federal aid for school teachers—the social security act—a national health law, and others.

And so the thinking here is that Senator Taft will let the boys in the house have their way and throw in all sorts of labor measures but that in the end, when his senate committee is through with them, there will be nothing in the measures which will hurt labor. Most likely the program which finally becomes law will follow largely the recommendations of President Truman. Something will be done on the portal-to-portal pay issue. Rep Emory Price (D., Florida) has a simple short bill to offer as an amendment to the Fair Labor Standards law which reads:

"Work, or the work week, referred to in the act shall exclude time before and after approved working hours except hours where extra time is allowed by custom or is bargained for by contract."

The congress likely will outlaw jurisdictional strikes and forbid secondary boycotts; will permit injunctions by government where it is in the public interest, and such a bill already has been introduced; give employers the right to talk and bargain with their workers; make unions liable for breaking contracts and require publication of union finances. There may be a new upping in the minimum wage. And that's likely to be to the extent of the change in labor laws.

There is little real belief that compulsory arbitration will be voted or that the closed shop will be outlawed. Nor is there expectancy that there will be any ban on industry wide contracts nor a law to force unions to incorporate.

BAMBOO 4-H CLUB HOLDS MONTHLY MEET

The 4-H Club of Bamboo school had its regular meeting Thursday, January 23. An interesting program on the subject health was given. Those taking part in the program were:

Franklin Jones, Tracy Watson, Rex Vannoy, C. M. Critcher, Jason Cook, Clemon Watson, Vance Northern, John Grubb, Howard Hayes, June Hampton, Ethel Mae Coffey, Faye Critcher, Reba Hampton, Margaret Storie, Evelyn Hayes, and Joan Critcher.

After the program Mrs. Hamby and Mr. Kirkman had separate classes with the boys and girls.

Teachers Are Given State College Hints Eight-Month Bonus To Homemakers

Raleigh.—State employes and teachers are elated over the unanimous approval of the second conference committee report by each house of the general assembly last Wednesday for it means that the February pay checks will bring initial results of supplementary salary increases.

Wednesday's action by the legislature climaxed a bitter battle that had lasted for over two weeks in which the solons debated the amount of percentages of increase and period for which the pay boost should be effective.

Members of the 14-member conference committee said the report assured higher pay to persons in lower salary brackets than those recommended by the initial conferees' report that the house rejected last week after the senate gave its approval.

The report of the conferees, signed unanimously, differs from the first conference committee report in the method of payment. Whereas "emergency salaries" was specified in the original bill, the report today terms the extra pay for state employes and teachers "an emergency bonus" for services rendered and to be performed.

This bonus is to be payable to all state employes and teachers retroactive to Nov. 1, 1946, with one half of the total bonus to be given with the issuance of regular salary checks during the month of February. The remainder of the bonus "shall be prorated according to the number of regular salary checks issued to such teachers and state employes for the remainder of the period ending June 30, 1947 (end of the fiscal year of this biennium)."

Range of the bonus is from \$144, for persons making \$1,200 and less per year to \$270 for persons making \$2,701 to \$6,600 per year.

Adoption of the report came speedily in the house as a jammed gallery of school officials and state employes anxiously awaited action. Rep. Reg L. Harris of Person, chairman of the conference committee, read the report, and then moved for its adoption.

Rep. Oscar G. Barker of Durham, who plumped for an amendment to an administration-supported bill and a leader in the fight for the rejection of the first conference committee report, rose to his feet. The house suddenly quieted in anticipation of more opposition.

"Mr. Speaker, the committee has done a good job. It has reported increases which do not in any way commit this body to any future pattern for consideration of the next biennium salaries. I move the adoption of the report."

Schedule of bonus payments.

To make an orange easier for lunch-box-toting youngsters to eat, this is what Westinghouse home economists suggest. Score from stem end to blossom end in about eight sections, cutting through skin only. Pull back rind about 1/4 inch, then wrap the whole orange in waxed paper.

To speed up the defrosting of your refrigerator, empty the ice trays and fill with hot water. Put the trays back in the evaporator, turn the control knob to "off" and close the refrigerator door. In about 15 minutes the ice will scale off and the unit is ready to be reset for freezing.

Chocolate and cocoa stains should be removed as soon as possible, and always before laundering. For white cottons and linens, dip the fabric up and down in hot water, wash in hot suds, bleach any remaining stain with hydrogen peroxide, and rinse well. For any washable colored fabric, wash in lukewarm suds, and use carbon tetrachloride to remove any grease spots caused by cream.

A new broom sweeps clean, and so does a clean broom. To keep a broom clean and in top condition, douse it in medium warm suds, rinse well, and hang it up by the handle to dry thoroughly. Add a few drops of ammonia to the suds when washing a very dirty broom. When not in use, hang the broom so that the straw does not rest directly on the floor.

To preserve the garbage pail, treat it to a thorough washing with soapsuds once a week followed by a hot water rinse and thorough sunning.

Use kitchen scissors to save time. Cut parsley, celery, pimiento, and string beans with them. Use wet scissors for dicing sticky foods such as chicken, dates and marshmallows.

PFC. DEWEY PHILLIPS IN MUNICH, GERMANY

One of the new arrivals overseas is Pfc. Dewey W. Phillips, son of Mrs. Mattie Phillips, of Laxon. He is currently stationed at the Munich air base terminal of the European air transport service where he is assigned to duty with the military police section.

His organization, EATS, is the military airline providing air transportation for all U. S. military agencies in the European theatre.

Pfc. Phillips entered the service in March, 1946.

according to salary brackets:

Annual salaries up to and including \$1,200, total sum of \$144; \$1,201 to \$1,380—\$162; \$1,381 to \$1,560—\$180; \$1,561 to \$1,740—\$198; \$1,741 to \$1,920; \$1,921 to \$2,100—\$234; \$2,101 to \$2,400—\$246; \$2,401 to \$2,700—\$258, and \$2,701 to \$6,600—\$270.

LOCKED IN BOXCAR 9 DAYS Phoenix, Ariz.—Nine days after Edgar Grimsley, 39, Tulare (Cal.) farm worker, crawled into a railroad boxcar to take a nap, he was rescued by Carl Lehman, railroad

boxcar checker, who heard feeble kicks coming from the sealed car and investigated. Without food or water for the entire time, Grimsley was taken to a hospital for treatment.

ALL BLIND Chicago—When Robert J. Riiley, 23, married Miss Kathleen E. Margetta, 32, recently, the bride and groom and their seven attendants were all blind.

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