

HAUPTMANN DEFENSE FIGHTS DESPERATELY

REVENUE PROGRAM IS DECLARED LESS THAN REAL NEEDS

Will Advance Principle Of Tax Equity, However, Revenue Commissioner Asserts

HEARINGS STARTED FOR NEW MEASURE

Would Retain Capital Stock Tax in Addition to Levies on Corporate Reserves; Helvering Tells Committee It Should Consider Other Sources Also

Washington, March 30 (AP)—An administration spokesman told the House Ways and Means Committee today its revenue program would advance the principle of tax equity, but would not fully cover the needs for additional revenue outlined by President Roosevelt.

Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of internal revenue, was the first witness on the tax report drafted by a ways and means sub-committee as the basis of hearings after Mr. Roosevelt recommended new levies to meet bonus payments and farm relief costs.

Remove Inequalities He said the additional revenues that would be obtained by revision of the present corporate tax structure would result in the removal of inequality, discrimination and tax avoidance, and "will come mainly from members of the upper income groups of our population."

Helvering told the legislators Treasury officials were in complete harmony with the tentatively drafted revenue program.

The plans embrace raising \$591,000,000 additional from a graduate tax on corporation net income, based on percentages of that income turned into reserves; \$100,000,000 from a "wind-fall" tax on processors who escaped payment of AAA processing tax levies and suggestions for bringing in \$83,000,000 from temporary continuation of capital stock and excess profits taxes, and \$25,000,000 from taxes on corporation dividends to foreign stock holders.

Other Sources Talked Helvering added, however, that he thought the committee should consider whether there were not additional sources of temporary revenue that could be provided for the next two or three years "to bridge a gap" between the committee's recommendations and those of the President.

Ethiopia's Capital Now Fears Raids

City of Harar Virtually Destroyed By Italian Bombs In Attack Sunday

Addis Ababa, March 30.—(AP)—An Italian air raid spread fire and panic throughout Harar, wrought virtual destruction on that second city of Ethiopia, the government charged today, and wrecked several hospitals and French centers.

A squadron of Fascist planes, Ethiopian reports said, plucked incendiary bombs down on the strategic center for more than two hours yesterday, leaving the city in flames.

Forwarded by scouting planes, however, most of the populace fled the city in terror, advised to the capital aid, and few persons were believed to have fallen victims to the bombardment.

An official communique, relayed by telephone from Harar to Addis Ababa, said 15 bombs struck the Egyptian Red Cross hospital there, several hit the Ethiopian Red Cross hospital, and two fell near the Swedish hospital.

A French mission, the French consulate, the former Italian consulate, the Ethiopian radio station and prison all were reported officially to have been ruined.

As Congressional Committee Investigates Townsend Pension Plan



General view of the investigation in Washington of Townsend plan. Robert E. Clements, resigned secretary and co-founder of the Townsend old age pension organization, is pictured being questioned by congressional committee in Washington headed by Representative C. Jasper Bell, D., of Kansas City, Mo. Clements (arrow) is at the extreme left, while Representative Bell (arrow) is at the extreme right, directly across the table from Clements.

New Hitler Proposals Will Astound World, Berlin Says

Berlin, March 30 (AP)—Adolf Hitler, bearing the greatest endorsement ever given in any plibiscite, turned today to drafting proposals to the Locarno powers in the Rhineland crisis which political sources intimated would "astound the world."

The Nazi propaganda machine, moving with speed and precision, swung virtually the entire German nation behind Der Fuehrer in yesterday's election, nominally to select a new Reichstag, but actually to approve

GASTON MINISTER GETS BOLD THREAT

Letter Promises Death Of Daughter if Condemned Pair Are Executed

Gastonia, March 30.—(AP)—Rev. W. Earl Armstrong, of Gastonia, revealed today the receipt of an anonymous letter threatening the life of his eleven-year-old daughter, Jean, if two Negroes convicted of an attempted assault upon her are executed.

The minister also said that a Negro grabbed Jean's arm as the child was playing in her front yard yesterday, but fled when she screamed.

Grier and Frank Armstrong, Negro brothers, were convicted at the March term of court here of entering Mr. Armstrong's home at night and attempting to take Jean from the house. They were sentenced to die and now are at State's Prison at Raleigh awaiting execution.

Mr. Armstrong said he received the letter Saturday and that an armed guard was kept at his home last night after the apparent attempt of a Negro to harm Jean yesterday.

Local police asked aid of Federal authorities in the case, as the letter was received through the mail.

PROPAGANDISTS BIG COG IN CAMPAIGNS

Already Stuff Being Written to Make Up Voter's Mind For Him

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington, March 30.—Strickland Gillian, professional funny man, after dinner orator, daily broadcaster of political news by radio out of Washington, and immortal as the author of "Off agin, on agin, gone agin, Fin-nigim" was philosophizing apropos presidential years—

"Since," as he observes, "this is one—a year for what my smart friend Hank Mencken calls boob-pumping, when the saps get a workout. 'Credulity will take the place of reasoning—and there will be no great struggle for supremacy between the two in the average 'mind,' I put 'mind' in quotation marks because I am kidding. No only uses any mind in a political campaign; that is, no voter does. He puts it away in moth balls at the

Flood Fund Hits Near 1-2 Billion

Washington, March 30 (AP)—With many members of Congress clamoring for projects, the new flood control bill was expanded tentatively today from \$300,000,000 to \$385,000,000.

Chairman Copeland, Democrat, New York, of the Senate Commerce Committee, predicted it ultimately would involve "between a half billion and a billion dollars."

COURT POSTPONES NEW DEAL RULING

Guffey Coal Decision Deferred; Won't Pass On Utility Act as Yet

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—The Supreme Court deferred today for at least one week its decisions on constitutionality of the Guffey coal and 1933 securities act.

Fourteen opinions were delivered, all unanimous.

In a ruling on one of the most important anti-trust suits in recent years the court held certain practices of the Sugar Institute, Inc., violate the Sherman anti-trust act, barring restraining of competition.

Despite arguments that its practices were intended to be cooperative in the public interest, Chief Justice Hughes, for the court, held that "the end does not justify illegal means."

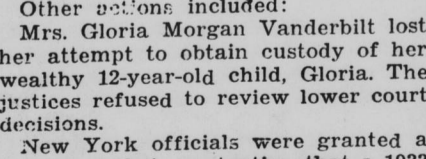
Granting a government request, the court refused to pass, at present, on the public utility holding act. This law is on its way up to the court on other cases.

Provisions of the Washington State law of 1933 imposing an occupation tax on radio broadcasting were held unconstitutional. The levy was ruled an illegal "burden on interstate commerce."

Other actions included: Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt lost her attempt to obtain custody of her wealthy 12-year-old child, Gloria. The justices refused to review lower court decisions.

New York officials were granted a review of their contention that a 1933 law fixing minimum wages for women and children was constitutional. Arizona's request for oral argument of its right to have the high tribunal determine water rights in the Colorado river among seven western states was granted.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, somewhat warmer in west and central portions tonight, with occasional rain late tonight in extreme west portion; Tuesday rain and colder, possibly changing to snow flurries in mountains.

STATE IS GROWING SCHOOL CONSCIOUS

Realizing Need for Providing Better Facilities Than State Gives

VOTING SUPPLEMENTS

Number of Cities and Districts Have Already Decided in Favor of Increases, Superintendent Erwin Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, March 30.—The people of North Carolina are becoming more and more "school conscious" and are realizing the need for providing better school facilities than the State is able to provide in the State-supported eight months school term, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin said today.

In support of this contention, Supt. Erwin cited the cities which have either voted local supplements with which to improve their school systems, or are planning to hold elections on the levying of supplemental taxes for schools.

Raleigh an Example. "The entire State now knows how Raleigh waked up and voted a supplement of \$95,000 a year with which to provide a ninth month, a twelfth grade and additional teachers, with the result that many other cities and towns are going to hold elections and try to emulate the capital city," Supt. Erwin said.

"For indications are that the public generally is at last becoming convinced that the only immediate way to improve the schools is by voting local supplements.

Eleven cities or counties have either decided to hold elections for the voting of supplementary taxes for schools, or are contemplating doing so, Erwin said. The voters of Reidsville will hold a school supplement election April 14, while the people of Greensboro will hold a similar election May 5. Other school administrative units which are contemplating calling supplementary tax elections between now and fall are Salisbury, Wilmington and New Hanover county, Concord, Kinston, Goldsboro, Mount Airy, Rockingham, Guilford county and Lexington.

Total Supplements 13. The action recently taken by Raleigh in voting a supplementary tax for schools brought the total number of cities which have voted supplement-

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Vera Stretz Will Ask Self Defense Plea in Her Trial

New York, March 30 (AP)—Vera Stretz will plead self defense in the slaying of Dr. Fritz Gebhardt, ner wealthy lover, said Attorney Samuel Leibowitz today during a recess in her first degree murder trial.

"On the morning of November 12," Leibowitz said, "Gebhardt called Miss Stretz to his quarters on the pretext that he did not know how to operate an electric heating pad she had purchased for him. We will prove that Miss Stretz's affection for Gebhardt had cooled and that he attacked her in his apartment."

The 32-year-old secretary was on the stand for the second day, but she was asked few questions about her illicit romance with the German industrialist.

Liebowitz occupied most of the morning session reading letters from Gebhardt showing his love for the blonde university graduate.

PARDON BODY ASKS EVIDENCE IN CASE OFFERED AT TRIAL

Wood Expert's Opinion About Rail 16 in Kidnap Ladder Is Questioned at Hearing

HOFFMAN PRESSING FIGHT FOR GERMAN

Governor Battles Over State's Contention After Visit to Hauptmann's Bronx Home Last Week; PWA Wood Expert Disputes Authenticity of the Evidence

Trenton, N. J., March 30 (AP)—The last-ditch effort to save Bruno Richard Hauptmann from execution tomorrow night from the Lindbergh baby murder swung into an attack before the court of pardons today on the testimony of one of the State's chief witnesses—Arthur J. Koehler, Federal wood expert, who swore it was his opinion Bruno Richard Hauptmann built the Lindbergh kidnap ladder.

A call for testimony at the Flemington trial, which included that part pertaining to Koehler's qualifications as an expert, was made after the court had been in session about two and a half hours.

It was regarded as an indication that Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who has questioned the State's contention that Hauptmann built the ladder, was pressing his fight in Hauptmann's behalf. It was learned that the court, composed of the governor, Chancellor Luther A. Campbell and six lay judges of the court of errors and appeals, only five of whom attended the executive session, was especially interested in the testimony that qualified Koehler as an expert.

Governor Hoffman last Thursday visited Hauptmann's Bronx home to see for himself the attic flooring from which the State contended, Hauptmann took a board which became rail 16 of the ladder, and one of the most damaging pieces of evidence in the trial.

On his Bronx visit, the governor was accompanied by Arch W. Loney, PWA engineer, who later reported to the governor it was his opinion the disputed rail did not come from the attic.

At Hauptmann's trial, Edward J. Reilly, then the carpenter's chief defense counsel, strenuously fought Koehler's qualifications as an expert.

2 More Men Involved In Kidnap Case

Gaston Means Purported To Have Confessed Guilt In Lindbergh Affair

Trenton, N. J., March 30.—(AP)—The long shadow of the Lindbergh baby murder fell across two more men today, even as the court of pardons met to consider the mercy plea of the condemned third—Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

One of the new figures in the increasingly bewildering case—the middle-aged clergyman's son, Paul H. Wendel—was held in jail here. A formal charge of having murdered the baby was filed against him, but he issued a statement denying any knowledge of the crime, and the county prosecutor said he, too, was convinced there was nothing to warrant prosecution.

Gaston Means "Confesses." The other man—Gaston B. Means, former Federal agent, and now a Federal prisoner for having fled Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean by pretending to be an intermediary in ransom negotiations with the Lindbergh baby kidnapers—stood self-accused by a "confession" purportedly penned in his Leavenworth penitentiary cell.

The focus of interest, however, burned with increasing brightness upon the principal figure, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, despite the sudden injection of the new characters into the case. The question to be answered either by the court of pardons or by Governor Harold G. Hoffman was whether Hauptmann would die as scheduled tomorrow night.

Court May Stand Pat. The court of pardons was not expected to change its former attitude, (Continued on Page Eight.)

\$144,500,000 MORE IS ASKED FOR TVA

Wanted To Complete Dams Projects; One in N. C. for \$29,000,000

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Six additional dam projects involving an estimated expenditure of \$144,500,000 were recommended to Congress today to complete development of the governments' Tennessee Valley project.

The expenditure's together with the \$185,188,525 cost of projects already authorized by Congress would bring the total outlay for the huge development to \$329,688,525.

The recommendations were contained in a special TVA report which emphasized the importance of the program for controlling floods on the lower Mississippi.

New projects recommended included construction of a storage dam on the Little Tennessee river at Fontana, N. C., costing approximately \$29,000,000.

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