



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Despite President Eisenhower's increased prodding, Congress isn't getting very excited over the Administration's controversial proposals and the two big topics among many lawmakers are economy and possible tax cuts.

The American people, taxed very heavily during the war in Korea, and still taxed heavily because those war rates still apply, to a large extent, are growing restive under the burden, as state and local taxes in most parts of the country rise—adding to the total tax load.

Also, if taxes returned to the prewar rate, the \$5,000,000,000 reduction would be a permanent thing and the budget would have to be reduced enough, and collections increased enough, to make up for the five-billion-dollar difference year after year.

If taxes are cut this year, take effect next January 1, chances are the tax reduction mentioned above, will not be voted. If, however, the tax cuts wait until next spring, and are made retroactive or to take effect at a later date, the bigger tax cut might be possible.

The best guess is that Democrats will probably push one of the smaller cut plans this year, to get credit for reducing taxes with the voter. Democrats say the President will call for a tax reduction in next January's recommended legislation. They don't want the Republicans to beg the credit that election year.

Republicans believe the economy is the main desire of many voters at this time too. They would probably hesitate to fight a tax-reduction proposal that seemed to have a good chance of adoption or planning his proposal to Congress to time with an election year.

And they point out that it is surplus realized by the Eisenhower Administration which are making possible talk of tax cuts by Democrats now—surpluses for last year, this year, and next year. This is what they are sure to tell the voter next year in campaigns.

The key to tax cuts might be the extent of the cut in the proposed 71.8 billion budget now being debated in Congress. If Congress whacks this by several billions, then substantial cuts can probably be anticipated. But if the cut for the coming fiscal year is not more than a billion dollars, the tax cut, if voted this year, will certainly be moderate.

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A Sorry Record

Jack Sobel, and his wife, Myra, have pleaded guilty in New York to charges of spying for the Soviet Union. Judge Richard H. Levitt, in New York, has set May 3rd as the date for sentencing.

The two Americans, and we dislike calling them that, chose the smart way out in pleading guilty. They were being charged on six counts under the espionage indictment. They could have received the death penalty if found guilty on the first count, which charged them with transmitting defense secrets to the Soviet Union.

Assuming that the Government will dismiss the remaining counts, which is usual, the Sobels' maneuver will have worked—as far as evading the death penalty is concerned. We cite this as an example of one of the benefits which flows from the execution of the infamous Rosenbergs, other American citizens who were caught spying on their own country for the benefit of the Soviet Union for money.

The crime of passing defense secrets to the Soviet Union is perhaps more serious than any other crime we know of, although this is an assumption and a theoretical conclusion, which may not work out in fact. However, the consequences to humanity are so great, in this sort of business, one can hardly imagine a United States citizen betraying his government, his fellow citizens and all that democracy stands for, in the interest of personal remuneration and the Soviet Union.

The death penalty for such an offense, in our opinion, is an appropriate punishment.

On Going Steady

A leading newspaper recently conducted a poll on the question of youngsters sixteen and under going steady. By that, we mean a boy and girl dating only each other, and none of their other friends.

It is interesting to note that almost all of those who replied, both teenagers and adults, agree that youngsters sixteen and under do well not to limit their dates to one boy or girl.

While there is no rule which can be applied to everyone, either teenagers or adults, the results of this poll are interesting, if not unexpected. One view which might be kept in mind is that going steady at a very young age limits a young person in his or her contacts, experiences and associations. Assuming that most youngsters will eventually be married, it should also be mentioned that they will have, at this age, a number of years in which to concentrate all of their attention on their final choice.

But to those below the age of sixteen, who have a crush on one another, and are experiencing "true love," we do not necessarily contend that in all these cases it is only puppy love. It may well be the real thing, and it will be remembered that in the old days, boys and girls often went together for many years before being married and it was not uncommon for youngsters to go together for five, six or seven years before marriage.

However, after weighing the evidence on both sides of the question, we must reach the conclusion that "going steady" at this tender age can only be proven correct if, after marriage, neither of the two come to the conclusion they have overlooked something in life and start looking for it by "playing the field" a few years after the ceremony.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Do the duty that lies nearest thee; which thou knowest to be duty! The second duty will already become clearer. — Carlyle.

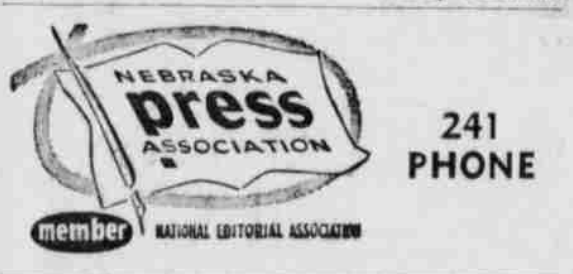
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That glint you think you see shining in our eyes is nothing but the sun shining on our bifocals.

We wish the thrift that was such a virtue of our ancestors could be used a little more forcefully on us now.

Money may not be everything, but a local race horse tout says it is running nose-to-nose with that what is ever in first place.

We were not exactly seasick when we took that recent ocean trip, but must admit that we traveled part of the way across by rail.

It is too bad we can't get government in the large economy size.

Speaking of government, there are three parties in Washington—Republican, Democrat and cocktail. The latter seems to get the most attention.

It isn't hard for us to meet expenses—we meet them at every turn.

Men who boast that they know wimmin, Often get the biggest trimmin'.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO Two bandits who shot their way out of a G-Man trap in the postoffice at Topeka were captured by Cass County Sheriff Homer Sylvester and his brother, Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, without firing a single shot by either officer or the desperadoes.

The New Yorkers found themselves hopelessly lost in the maze of Plattsmouth streets after turning off highway No. 75 at the Hill service station. A general alarm early in the evening took the Sylvester brothers to the Rock Creek filling station on highway 75, just east of Murray, to watch for the gray Chevrolet bearing the license 34-43 Kansas. At 9 o'clock the car came along the highway. The officers trailed it, the fugitives attempted the part of drunken drivers, weaving across the road evidently attempting to force the sheriff's car to pass. The sheriff waited his time. As the car came into Plattsmouth the bandits car went up 8th street, over the hill and down on 7th street, over the north part of Plattsmouth, finally landing on Fourth street and thence east on Main. The bandits drove to near the Burlington station where they were stopped and at once the sheriff and deputy jumped out and surrounded the bandit car. The men were ordered out of the car, and marched west on Main as their car rolled into the overpass and was wrecked. The men were relieved of two 38 calibre revolvers and were searched. Eleven thousand dollars in cash were later found on them. The men gave the names of Robert Suhay, 26, and Alfred Power, 45. The men at Topeka had shot H. W. Baker, an FBI agent as they came to the post office to call for mail, and fled north in a car before they could be arrested. (Editor's Note) The wounded FBI agent died, and both bandits were electricuted for the crime.) Sheriff Sylvester was later heard on a nation wide hook up on radio from New York telling of the capture.

30 YEARS AGO Earl Bashus, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bashus was injured when his bicycle ran into the car of Paul Wohlfarth on North 8th Street, the injuries were not serious.—Earl Babbitt of this city was honored at Wesleyan University by being awarded the Phi Kappa Phi key.—Ed Waintraub and Francis Leiner had a close call from death when they were conveying a new car here for the Plattsmouth Motor Co., the car balked and on the railroad crossing, efforts to flag the train were in vain, and the car was scattered along the right of way. The father of Leiner was crippled on the same crossing when the car he was riding in was demolished by a train in 1926.

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Washington's champion doodler, Secretary of State Dulles, drew a complex geometric designs as he thinks. It isn't likely these abstract patterns would give away any secrets. But on the chance a psychologist might get a clue to Dulles' secret thinking from them, aides scrupulously gather up his doodles and stuff them into a brief case after each meeting.

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The same is true in other secret offices around Washington. Even doodling is often classified as "top secret."

— McCarthy Boom — Inside word from Wisconsin is that the White House won't be able to purge Sen. Joe McCarthy in next year's Republican Primary.

It is no secret that President Eisenhower would like to rid the Senate of McCarthy. The unofficial White House candidate for McCarthy's seat is Ex-Gov. Walter Kohler, who is considered more popular than Joe in Wisconsin.

An unannounced hitch has developed, however, in Kohler's plan to challenge McCarthy in the primary. Kohler has always endorsed the state GOP convention and has said he wouldn't run without the convention's support.

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By MELVIN PAUL Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—The Legislature returned to a heavy work schedule this week, after a long Easter vacation to try to speed up action.

As of now, there are twice as many bills awaiting initial debate as for the same time during the 1955 session. But one encouraging factor is that committee hearings were over sooner.

Hopes have dimmed for a short session in view of slow progress on the floor.

Despite keen attention by Lt. Gov. Dwight Burny, the senators have dragged work on the floor by rehearsing action taken previously or with attempts to revive measures killed in committee.

Observers do not recall as many attempts to override action of committees.

During the hectic debate, the lawmakers have several times got themselves in parliamentary tangles that were difficult to unsnarl.

Tempers were honed razor sharp by the time the Easter vacation rolled around and the solons added an extra day to recuperate.

A debate of top importance, meanwhile, faces the lawmakers on the "hard tack" budget of Gov. Victor Anderson. One measure to keep the teacher's retirement levy at the present level, has cleared initial debate.

That was one of the governor's key proposals in his attempts to "hold the line" on state spending.

Heavy argument will center about the state institutional building levy which the governor wants cut drastically and the University of Nebraska Medical College levy which he wants eliminated.

The governor says he will fight attempts to increase the levies over his recommendations. But, he said, he will not do battle on the senate attitude over the teacher retirement levy.

About the latter property tax levy, the chief executive said the reason he will not push for his own figure is because the money taken in will not be spent, but put into the teachers' reserve fund—now standing at \$5.3 million.

The governor said he still hopes to hold the line on state property taxes. The Legislature, he added, can increase his budget by \$2 million without hiking the state property tax levy.

If the senators go above that figure, he said, he will go to bat for his economy program.

POLIO SCRAP

Trouble has cropped up again in the State Health Department—but this time over the supply of polio vaccine.

Director Al Rouse and the State Medical Association. The fur began to fly shortly after the State Health Board said accusations that the department "gobbled up" all the vaccine were a case of "buck passing" by manufacturers of the serum.

Rouse said association charges that the department was taking all available vaccine were not true.

A letter from Dr. J. M. Woodward, Medical Association President, said that no news releases out of the department should quote minor employees who "may conceivably have a personal interest in which way the news is slanted."

Whereupon, Dr. J. E. M. Thomson, board chairman, said he felt that all press releases and interviews should come only from Dr. E. A. Rogers, state health director.

Thomson said the policy of news releases from the director or only was a long-standing policy.

But such a policy—if in existence—had not been in effect.

Rogers later said there is no "gag rule" in the department and newsmen are free—as in the past—to interview any chief of the various divisions of the department.

Rogers also announced that more serum is on its way to ready for the polio season.

CIGARET TAX A bill in the Legislature that cigarette's from three to four cents a pack, has caused strong debate.

The proposal survived several attempts to kill it outright and other attempts to amend it.

An amendment to sock cigar and pipe smokers and snuff users, bit the dust after spiraled debate during which opponents

three states and \$620,000 for inquiries and investigations.

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee referred to this increase put in the bill by the Senate as "house-keeping items." He said, "Of course, between the two Houses we do not interfere with house-keeping items of the other body."

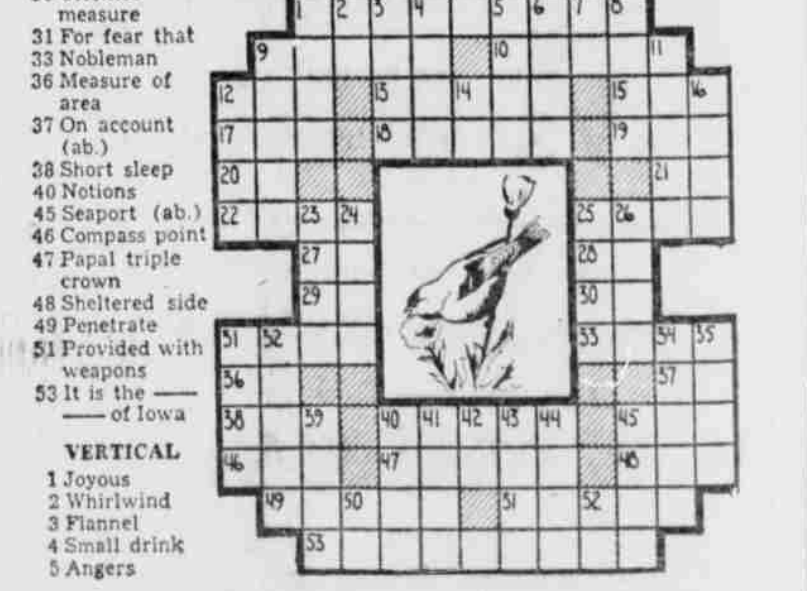
House-keeping gets more and more expensive, it would seem.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Wild Canary

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Here's the Answer



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