

# ... City, State, National, World Week In Review

## Indonesian Students: Try Sukarno

Thousands of Indonesian university students defied a ban on demonstrations and staged a mass meeting Monday on the eve of a special session of the Indonesian Congress which will decide the fate of President Sukarno.

The students called for Congress to dismiss Sukarno who is now president in

name only and order courts to try him for his alleged complicity in the abortive 1965 Communist coup.

Congress convenes today to discuss a proposal that Sukarno be tried for treason and dismissed from the presidency. Sukarno handed over all executive authority to strongman General Suharto last month.

## Meredith To Oppose Harlem's Powell

Republican leaders have named James H. Meredith, first Negro to attend the University of Mississippi, to oppose Adam Clayton Powell for Congress in a special election April 11.

The choice jolted politicians of both parties. It had been predicted that the Republicans would have little luck in finding a Negro of stature to run against Powell, who was excluded from Congress last week.

### Scorned

Meredith conceded he might be scorned by Harlem Negroes in opposing their hero. However he said he thought

he would make a better congressman than Powell.

Meredith said he was an enrolled Democrat but considered himself an independent.

### Chosen

Meredith was chosen by eight Republican assembly district leaders. All the GOP county committeemen will meet later to confirm the decision.

Meredith said he agreed to make the race after being assured that the campaign would be conducted on issues, that he was the consensus of the committee, that he would get adequate financial support and that he could get a leave of absence from Columbia Law School.

## Bill Reforms Mental Commitment

State lawmakers gave final legislative approval to a major bill reforming Nebraska's mental commitment law.

Sponsors hailed the action as signaling a new era in the pre-institutionalized handling of the mentally sick.

"It takes the state out of the dark ages," commented Sen. Callista Cooper Hughes, a co-introducer of LB108.

### Review

Passage of the proposal came on a 47-to-0 vote. It now goes to Gov. Norbert Tiemann for review. The bill provides that persons taken into custody for a mental commitment hearing shall not be detained in a jail unless other facilities are not

available to offer protection to the subject or the public.

### Jail

Under present law, such persons are automatically held in jail until after a hearing is held to determine their mental status.

The reform measure is the first time the 65-year-old mental commitment statute has been updated.

### Bill

The bill grew out of an 18-month study of mental health laws. It is one of a series of proposals designed to modernize them.

The legislation was opposed originally by members.

## Tax Bill Reported Out Of Committee

Gov. Norbert Tiemann's income-sales tax bill was reported out of the Revenue Committee Wednesday and headed toward its first encounter with all 49 senators.

After a flurry of last-minute major amendments to LB377, Sen. Jules Burbach expressed hope that debate could begin next Tuesday.

The committee gave unanimous approval to the measure but Burbach cautioned that this did "not necessarily" mean all members supported its provisions.

Major changes in the bill include these:

—A proposed personal income tax based on a flat percentage of Federal income due after deduction of income from U.S. Government securities.

—The personal income tax rate to be determined annually by the State Board

of Equalization after appropriations are determined.

—A corporate income tax imposed on corporations whose business consists exclusively of foreign commerce or interstate commerce.

—A franchise tax on all other corporations in the state.

—A franchise tax on state and national banks based on Federal taxable income.

—A franchise tax on the taxable income of corporations organized as co-operatives.

Only the 2.5 percent rate for the sales tax portion of the bill remains the same as Tiemann's original proposal.

Burbach estimated that because several exemptions included in the Governor's proposal were left out, the total sales tax take could rise above the original estimate of \$50 million a year.

## French Polls Favor DeGaulle's Majority

Despite pre-election indications that he was losing popularity, Charles De Gaulle appears to have kept his parliamentary majority intact, following the first round of French national elections last Sunday.

Nearly 80 per cent of France's eligible voters went to the polls in those first round elections, which serve a function similar to American primaries. Only about 60 of the 486 National Assembly seats were finally determined in the first round.

Gaullists captured a greater percentage—38 per cent of the votes—than they rode into office on the strength of General De Gaulle's bloodless settlement of the Algerian conflict.

If this proportion holds through Sunday's second round, DeGaulle is expected to have the same strong parliamentary base for what his critics call his "personal rule."

This second round could bring some surprises. The choices the voters have may be somewhat altered by bargaining between parties. Such bargaining will be based on agreements already existing by which parties withdraw candidates in favor of stronger ones offered by cooperative parties.

A French political commentator termed the DeGaulle victory, "the third round", a phrase which may become a new addition to country's political folklore.

He was referring to the two-round presidential contest of 1965, when DeGaulle was returned to office by a less decisive margin. The March 5 vote is a confirmation of that victory.

Gaullists had indicated growing concern about their majority in the weeks preceding the election. One

poll released from Luxembourg indicated that they would suffer a setback in the election.

Francois Mitterand, leader of the Federation of the Democratic Left, joined several leftist leaders in speaking out on the possibility of the Left actually taking power.

Guy Mollet, Leader of the Socialist Party within the Federation, and Waldeck Rochet of the Communist Party also spoke in the same vein.

Showpiece of the whole campaign was last week's debate at Grenoble between Gaullist Premier, Georges Pompidou, and former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, candidate in Grenoble for the leftist Unified Socialist Party.

It highlighted the profound difference between the Gaullist and opposition concepts of government.

Gaullists favor the presidential system as known in the United States, but subject to DeGaulle's adaptations. The opposition favors a return to a strict parliamentary system similar to the one in practice in Britain.

At Grenoble, the opposition appeared to have scored a marginal victory. Mendes-France asked if the Gaullists would step down if they were defeated.

Pompidou claimed Mendes-France was begging the question since the opposition was "far from a majority." He countered by saying that should the opposition gain a majority, it would itself be so divided that France would be returned to a conflict of parties, again.

But from all signs it appears that Charles DeGaulle and not the opposition parties will still control the National Assembly after Sunday's elections.

—Christian Science Monitor



## Legislature Accepts Bill To Control Tuition Rate

A bill backed by Terry Carpenter aimed at limiting University tuition rates was accepted Thursday for introduction into the Legislature.

As it stands now, the bill, LB861, provides only that the University and the four state colleges may not raise tuition without legislative consent, but Carpenter said that there is a possibility of an amendment to the bill that would set a formula determining tuition rates.

### Policy Decisions

If the amendment is added, the bill would apparently pre-empt a pending resolution, LR6, which set a policy decision on tuition rates, but which Carpenter

says is not a strong enough measure.

LR6 would declare it a state policy that residents at the University and the state colleges pay not more than one-third of the costs of their education. The resolution was introduced by Sens. Ross Rasmussen and Richard Marvel. A similar resolution failed to gain approval in the 1965 legislative session.

The bill was okayed for introduction Thursday, a procedure necessary since the time for bill introductions closed Jan. 20, was brought to the floor by the Education Committee, which had previously approved LR6.

The resolution, scheduled

to come up for floor debate Monday, could be held by the lawmakers until LB861 is ready for discussion, or the resolution could be defeated altogether. Another possibility, according to Rasmussen, is that lawmakers would agree to strike the resolution in favor of passing the bill.

Carpenter's move was designed to set legislative control and policy on higher educational institution tuition rates in the state. Carpenter said he objects to Gov. Norbert Tiemann's recommendations that University tuition go up next fall so that students would be paying 37 per cent of the cost of their education.

## Midland's Choir Will Appear March 12

The Midland Centennial Choir will appear in Lincoln at the First Lutheran Church 12 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and a dollar for students. Tickets are available at Gold's, Dietz Music and Molzer Music.

The choir was one of the first such groups in the U.S. In 1964 it toured Eur-

ope and plans a tour of the Pacific states and the Scandinavian countries.

The choir has 70 members and is directed by Gene Nelson.

## Roundtable Will Feature Dr. William J. Vatter

The Economics and Business Roundtable Monday will feature Dr. William J. Vatter discussing operations research and managerial accounting.

The discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Vatter is currently professor of business administration at the University of California at Berkeley. He was one of the first to vote about managerial accounting and is one of the most qualified men in the country to speak on the subject.

He is the author of "The Fund Theory of Account-

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