

'Taxes Should Not Be Reduced Until Expenses Are Controlled'

NEW YORK (AP)—Treasury Secretary George Humphrey says there will be no depression in the United States, come a Korean armistice or even full world peace.

"Adjustments, yes, but not depression," he declared in his maiden speech as the fiscal weather-vane of President Eisenhower's new Republican Cabinet.

The former midwest iron ore magnate told the annual luncheon of The Associated Press: "So long as we maintain the soundness of our money; attain that nice balance between achieving security from aggression and maintaining economic strength; eliminate waste and handle our fiscal affairs with wisdom, America can look forward to good jobs at good pay and real advances in our scale of living."

"We can have a stronger economy based on sounder fundamental conditions than we have known in many years," Humphrey told the 1,000 editors and publishers that "taxes should not be reduced until expenses are under control."

But he added: "That does not mean that no relief from present taxation, which is far too high, can be anticipated. Just the opposite is true. Taxes must come down. It's simply a matter of timing geared to reduction of expense. Both are too high and both must be reduced."

Humphrey's luncheon speech came amid a busy day in which Associated Press members voted for six directors of the worldwide news gathering co-operative.

The AP's board of directors also reported a fervent hope for freedom soon for William N. Oatis, although they saw no "substantial discernible progress" in this direction right now.

Oatis, AP's chief of bureau in Prague, was jailed two years ago by Czechoslovakia for 10 years on charges of espionage.

The board also took note of the continued imprisonment in Korea of AP photographer Frank Noel. From available information, the board said there were indications that Noel and Oatis are in "reasonably good health and receiving humane treatment."

"Prolonged incarceration, however," the board added, "must be as galling to them as our failure to effect their release is frustrating to us. Every possible effort is being exerted in their behalf."

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VANCOUVER (CP)—The AFL Seafarers International Union says a new wage agreement with Westward Shipping Limited will bring between \$500 and \$700 in back pay to unlicensed crew members of the tanker Britannic.

The agreement gives the men a \$25 monthly pay increase retroactive to May 1, 1952, plus a 40-cents-an-hour overtime clause retroactive one year. SIU port agent Norm Cunningham said. Deckhands now will receive \$210 monthly, cooks \$215, cooks \$220, and messmen \$195. The men work a 40-hour week.

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DON DELAPLANTE of the Toronto Globe and Mail has won the fourth annual national newspaper award for spot reporting. Delaplante won the award for breaking the story, April 11, 1952, of thievery at the Petawawa military camp.



The national newspaper award for feature writing has been given to **Will List** of the Toronto Globe and Mail. It was for a series on Labrador and sociological developments in Quebec tied into coverage of the Louisville textile strike situation last October.



RUSSELL K. COOPER of the Toronto Telegram has been awarded the award for spot news photography. His winning picture was an action shot of rioting prisoners scurrying out of range of a tear gas burst during the Guelph reformatory riots last July.



WILLIAM STEVENSON of the Toronto Daily Star won the award for staff correspondence. Stevenson won the award with his graphic reporting for the Star last June 10 of the Kojima Island battle between Communist prisoners and United States troops.

Cover 'Does a Lot' to Sell Pocket Books, Says Publisher

OTTAWA (CP)—A ban on printing books in Canada from plates imported from the United States has been suggested to curb salacious and indecent literature.

The suggestion was made to a Senate committee by John H. Palmer, president of Harlequin Books Limited of Toronto. It was opposed by Dr. Doris Boyle, head of the social science department of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

Dr. Boyle and Mr. Palmer were among final witnesses at public sessions of the Senate salacious and indecent literature committee. The committee's report and recommendations likely will be presented to the Senate before the end of the month.

Senator J. C. Davis (L-Manitoba) was elected chairman to succeed Senator J. J. Hayes (Quebec) who died recently in New Brunswick.

Mr. Palmer, who described himself as the only Canadian publisher of pocket books, suggested Canada follow the United States and prohibit publication of books from imported book plates. He said this would curb about 90 per cent of the objectionable material on newstands.

At the same time, the government should establish some form of censorship—a board or individual to which publishers could refer a proposed publication for a ruling.

He said U.S. publishers could print books in Canada from imported book plates at prices that were difficult for Canadian publishers to match. As a result many Canadian publishers of small books had gone out of business.

Senator Davis handed Mr. Palmer a book published by Harlequin which he said showed on the cover a "partly-clad female being chased through a bamboo field by a man." He asked if Mr. Palmer considered that "decent."

Mr. Palmer replied that it was decent by comparison with what his firm had to compete with. However, he said he agrees with Senator Davis that it isn't the sort of thing that should get into the hands of teen-agers.

He said publishers would like to "have something more dignified" but they also had to meet competition. A "cover does a lot to sell a book."

Housing Conference Urged

OTTAWA (CP)—The Progressive Conservatives have called for a federal-provincial conference on housing.

Donald Fleming (QC-Toronto-Eglinton), his party's chief spokesman on housing, said in the Commons such a conference is "imperative" to assure municipalities revenue to meet their housing obligations.

Mr. Fleming spoke after Resources Minister Winters launched a housing debate by moving a resolution preliminary to legislation boosting by \$300,000,000 the amount available under the National Housing Act for loans on rental and owner-occupied homes.

The legislation, forecast in the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament, touched off the first major housing debate of the session, now nearing its end.

Canada to Ask Top Price For Wheat

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada plans to ask the top price, \$2.05 a bushel, for her wheat when the new International Wheat Agreement begins operations next August, a federal official said today.

This would be an increase of 19 cents a bushel U.S. funds over the current top IWA price of \$1.86, including carrying charges, basis No. 1 Northern.

The new pact provides for a ceiling of \$2.05 and a floor of \$1.55. Under the pact's terms, an importer cannot be forced to accept wheat unless prices fall to the floor and an exporter cannot be forced to supply wheat unless prices rise to the ceiling.

With huge world supplies, there had been some question of what Canada's asking price should be: Whether it should be at the current IWA ceiling of \$1.86, including carrying charges, or somewhere between that figure and the ceiling. The official said Canada will stick to the ceiling.

He said he is confident Canada can get the price in view of current world market strength for Class II wheat, which is wheat sold outside the terms of the agreement. Current Class II prices are about \$2.13 a bushel in Canada and about 15 cents above that in the U.S.

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