

Reds Declare Berlin Occupation Void

State Income Tax Plan Being Drafted

DETROIT (P)—An advisory committee today was reported to be studying a graduated state income tax plan featuring a rebate rather than elimination of the state sales tax to boost Michigan revenue.

The tax plan would refund \$9 to the taxpayer and each of his dependents to compensate for money paid in state sales taxes for food.

State Rep. Rollo G. Conlin (R-Tipton), chairman of a legislative committee directing the tax study, confirmed that the plan was "on the agenda" at one time. But, he added:

"No one can say at this time whether there will be a flat rate or a graduated income tax—or what the credits or exemptions would be if we recommend one."

The refund idea is the most radical suggestion in the tax program which could give the state an extra 124 million dollars or more a year.

The Detroit Free Press story said the tax study group has mimeographed the suggestions for study by various consulting groups in Michigan.

The formula, the article said, is supposed to be kept secret until the big committee meets next week in East Lansing.

Proposals in the plan still are being changed. The final format of a suggested tax program for Michigan may depart from the plan which thus far has been unchanged by criticism, the article said.

The proposed income tax plan would exempt the first \$1,000. The rate would then be 3 per cent for the next \$2,000; 4 per cent for the next \$2,000; 5 per cent for the next \$2,000 and would continue upwards to a maximum 8 per cent on income above \$15,000.

In addition local communities could add .5 per cent and school districts could add another .5 per cent to the state tax under the plan, the story said.

After a worker's actual tax bill is figured, the taxpayer would be allowed to deduct \$40 for each dependent and the \$9 refund for each member of the family.

If the deductions exceed the tax owed, the taxpayer would get a cash rebate of the \$9. Otherwise the rebate would be applied to the worker's tax bill.

An example of the plan, figured on a worker with three dependents, who earns \$5,000 a year:

A \$60 tax on the first \$2,000 of taxable income and \$80 on the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

2 State Deaths Mar Holiday; None in County

Bad Weather Causes First Fatal Accidents, Many Minor Collisions

Michigan headed into the long Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend today with two traffic deaths—but Oakland County law enforcing officers reported a fatal-free count so far.

Sheriff deputies, township and city police throughout the county said most roads were crowded with vacation-bound motorists, but the fact that a threatened snowstorm bypassed the county probably helped keep serious accidents down.

Last night's brief snow caused a rash of bumped fenders in spots and a few accidents which sent some to hospitals.

The first traffic death in Michigan and the nation was timed by Michigan State Police at 6:04 p.m. Wednesday when Lloy F. Blonshine, 64, of Lowell, lost control of his car as it skidded on M21 east of Grand Rapids and collided with a truck.

Across the nation the traffic death toll appeared running near normal levels for a weekday. At least a dozen states reported fatalities on the highways since the start of the holiday period at 6 p.m. The count will continue until midnight Sunday.

The other Michigan fatality also occurred on M21 about four miles west of Port Huron when John Roelens, 22, of Port Huron was killed this morning as his car skidded and hit a tree.

Snow was blamed in at least two other Wednesday deaths, both in the pre-holiday period.

Marilyn Atwood, 9, of East Lansing was killed while she was at play on a hillside. A car skidded on a viaduct off U.S. 16 in Meridian Township of Ingham County, smashed through a guard rail, and struck the girl.

Harry J. Niemeyer, 58, of Grand Rapids was killed when his car skidded on a rural Kent County road near Grand Rapids and collided with a truck.

Friday Eisenhower will confer here with Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Budget Director Maurice H. Stans, and other government officials on military spending.

And on Sunday the President will meet at the club with Secretary of State Dulles to discuss the Berlin crisis and other foreign policy problems.

Try Another Name
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Sheriff E. B. Bowles said no when newly-licensed beer dealer James B. Love asked if he could name his package store for the sheriff.

Ponders First Thanksgiving Menu



COOKING TURKEY WILL BE BRIDE'S TEST — Mrs. Edmund C. White of 115 State St., like many other August brides, today is facing her supreme test in the kitchen. She's preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner. About to peck out a favorite menu

from her stack of cookbooks is Tom Turkey, who, of course, will be the center of attraction as families sit down to their Thanksgiving dinners.

Watchman Fails Berkley Student Held on Charge of Murder

Pontiac Man Wounded by Shotgun in Alleged Ortonville Break-In

A night watchman proved a good shot last night as he stopped an alleged burglary attempt by a Pontiac man as he attempted to break into an Ortonville gas station, Oakland County sheriff deputies said.

Halted by one shot from a 20-gauge single barrel shotgun was Herbert Lester Bailey, 38, of 58 Omar St. Bailey is reported in good condition at Pontiac General Hospital with wounds in a leg and face.

Bailey, an ex-convict, was shot by Annabelle Beltrachini, about 60, who makes his home at the Owens gas station at the northwest corner of M15 and Grange Hall road.

Deputies Donald W. Fauser and Robert Bloom said Bailey told them his car had broken down shortly after midnight and went to the station to look for a telephone.

Beltrachini, who was sleeping in a car parked in the station, was awakened by the sound of breaking glass. As he moved to the front of the station to investigate, he noticed Bailey standing in front of the front door which had the glass panel smashed out of it.

The two officers said Beltrachini told them he then grabbed his shotgun, standing in the corner of the station, and pursued Bailey who had started to run when he spotted the watchman. The single blast struck him as he was about 60 feet down M-15 from the building. Beltrachini then forced him at gun point back to the station from where he called the sheriff's office.

Deputies said the station is a popular visiting spot for burglars, and that two men are awaiting trial for reportedly breaking into it last month.

Airline Strikes Add to Travel Confusion
By The Associated Press
Thanksgiving holiday travel emphasized the effects of a continuing strike against two of the nation's biggest airlines which grounded nearly 400 commercial aircraft and threatened to snarl other forms of transportation.

A walkout by members of the Flight Engineers International Assn. has halted Eastern Air Lines flights since last Monday.

The International Assn. of Machinists struck Trans World Airlines last Friday, with TWA flight operations halted Monday.

HILLSDALE (P)—Moody, good-looking Patrick John Flannery, 18, was held on a first degree murder charge today in the slaying of his closest college chum.

City police brought the formal charge against the Hillsdale College freshman in the death of Thomas Neitling, 21, of Tecumseh, upperclassman beaten to death with a shotgun at their rooming house.

Police said the slaying followed a prank played on Flannery.

Distraught and with blood on his shirt, young Flannery appeared at police headquarters in Detroit yesterday and asked to be arrested.

"I did something bad. I killed my roommate," police said he told them.

About the same time the body of Neitling, his head crushed by blows from the stock and barrel of a shotgun, was found in the youths' room above a restaurant in Hillsdale.

Flannery, a star high school athlete in Berkley, who attends Hillsdale College on an athletic scholarship, said he went the 100 miles to Detroit by driving, hitchhiking and bus.

"I don't know why I did it," Sgt. John Ware said the youth told him.

Flannery told of finding his clothes strewn about a hallway but that Neitling denied having had anything to do with this.

Within hours after his appearance in Detroit, Flannery was returned to Hillsdale though his technical custody rests at least in part in Detroit.

There is to be hearing for him in Detroit Friday on a writ of habeas corpus.

The first degree murder complaint here was brought by Hillsdale Chief of Police Harold Coulkins. Arraignment may be Friday in justice court. If convicted of the charge Flannery would get life imprisonment.

Neitling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neitling, saw his body at a funeral home.

"This is a terrible thing," said Mrs. Neitling, mother of two sons. "But think of how awful it must be for the Flannerys."

Flannery is one of four children of the family of C. Patrick Flannery and his wife Juanita.

The college, a school of about 750 enrollment, was shocked at the incident. Wayne Gray, assistant to the president, termed it "tragic."

"We just can't understand it," he said.

Weather forecasters said little respite from chilly temperatures would be available for the shivering state.

High in the lower portion of Michigan was not expected to exceed 28 degrees, while the low in the Thumb was to hit 15 and dip below that figure above the Straits.

The mercury dropped to a freezing 17 degrees in downtown Pontiac at 8 a.m., the lowest recording of the season. At 1 p.m. the reading was 23.

Partly cloudy, cold and a few snow flurries with the temperature sliding down to a frosty 16 degrees is the forecast for tonight by the U.S. Weather Bureau. Friday's high will be near 26.

Chilly winds from the north blew snow flurries over most of the state today while the Upper Peninsula reported snowfall of more than seven inches.

Snowdrifts along some Upper Peninsula highways unofficially were reported at three feet deep.

State Police throughout the Lower Peninsula warned that snow flurries might freeze and cause roads to become exceedingly slippery, while Thanksgiving motorists in the Upper Peninsula gazed at countryside which looked like Christmas.

Much to Be Thankful for Today
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—You can find plenty to be thankful for on Thanksgiving if you try.

Look over the business scene and just for one day at least put aside worries about the queasy stock market, the disturbing world trouble spots in Berlin or Quemoy or the Mideast, the high cost of living (and the fears it may go higher later on), burdensome taxes (and the threat that they may go higher still), and the hard core of unemployment.

Just remember how much better a lot of things look today than a few months back.

The turkey on your Thanksgiving table costs a little less this year than last. And the government says food prices may ease enough for awhile to keep its cost of living index on the same even keel it has held since July.

Business earnings are picking up. They're not back to where they were last Thanksgiving, but they're healthier than they were last Easter.

If profits continue to improve, it will make the stocks you hold look safer and the returns on them as good or better.

Corporations have learned cost-

paring tricks that partly offset rising wage scales. This can hold down prices or steady profits or both.

Industrial output has been rising, bringing some of the jobless back to work and lengthening the work week for others. The government says manufacturers' new orders are gaining, promising still greater industrial activity next year, which in time will whittle at the total of the jobless.

Most individual incomes have held high. Strikes have pulled the total down a bit, but as they are settled incomes are expected to climb again.

Merchants talk confidently of record Christmas sales this year. They say that general business recovery has perked up consumer confidence.

The auto industry, plagued by strikes, has got off to a slow start with its new models. But Detroit, too, talks hopefully of better sales ahead.

The government estimates that total construction dollar volume will rise 7 per cent next year in a record total of \$2 billion dollars. Highway outlays will give it a big boost and if money doesn't get too tight the home-building revival should continue.

Offer Proposal for 'Free City' of West Berlin

Allowing Six Months to Work Out Status of Demilitarized City

MOSCOW (P)—The Soviet Union today declared void the four-power occupation agreement for West Berlin and offered in its place the creation of a demilitarized "free city" of West Berlin.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko handed U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr. a 24-page note proposing a six-month period for negotiations to arrange the new status for West Berlin.

The Russians suggested that the United Nations act as watchdog of West Berlin's freedom, saying, "The Soviet government does not object to the United Nations participating in observing the status of the free city of West Berlin."

The note said during the six-month period of negotiations there would be no change in control of existing transport links over which the Allied garrisons in West Berlin are supplied.

But if no agreement is reached between the Soviet Union and the West during that period, the Kremlin said it would go ahead with liquidation of the occupation controls. In other words, it will transfer control of the Allied traffic to the East Germans.

A Soviet announcement by Tass said the Kremlin had notified the U.S. government it "regards as invalid the Allied (occupation) agreements on Germany."

A companion note delivered to the East German government in Berlin said the Soviet government is determined to end its occupation of Berlin and "considers it unfeasible to take any further part in the upholding of the occupation regime in Berlin."

The proposal for creation of a free city applies only to West Berlin. The East German government already has sovereignty over East Berlin, its capital, and Soviet troops are there by a 1957 agreement between the East German regime and Moscow.

The Russians made clear that even if West Berlin becomes a free city, they intend for East Germany—which surrounds it completely—to control traffic to and from.

"It is envisaged that the (East) German Democratic Republic must fully control questions affecting its space, i.e. exercise her sovereignty on land, on water and in the air."

"At the same time there will be an end to all contacts still maintained."

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'Rivets' Coming
A dog with heart on his whiskers—that's "Rivets."

And the lovable, laughable, wistful little wire-hair will have your heart in his doghouse if you follow his antics regularly in The Pontiac Press.

"Rivets" comes to the comic section next Monday with a thousand expressions on his face, a hundred wiggles in his body and a chuckle a day for you.

Don't miss our new comic strip "Rivets."

Prince to Marry Commoner



ON WAY TO IMPERIAL PALACE — Michiko Shoda, 24, right, poses with her father, Hideshige Shoda, in front of their Tokyo, Japan residence, as they left for the Imperial Palace. Shortly before, Japan's 10-member Imperial Council had unanimously approved her

engagement to Crown Prince Akihito. The council swept aside 2,600 years of tradition by approving the engagement of the Crown Prince to the wealthy miller's daughter. Miss Shoda will become Japan's first commoner empress.

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