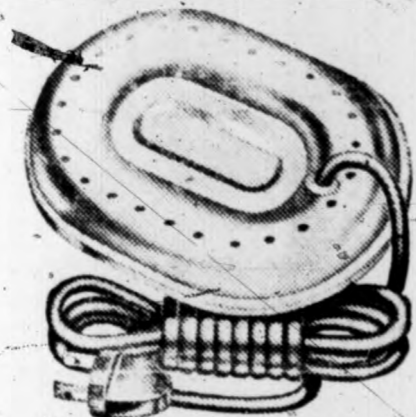


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### As Washington Sees It... THE NATIONAL SCENE

Special to The Chronicle.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congressman Harold Knutson's \$6,500,000,000 tax cut bill is now resting quietly on a senate appropriations committee shelf and likely will stay there until some final decision is made on the Marshall Plan for European recovery.

It is a foregone conclusion that the senate will provide a more realistic figure than the house figure probably somewhere around a four billion dollar cut. In the meantime the Democrats in the senate will caucus to determine their own tax-cut legislation strategy and to take a definite party stand on the Marshall plan in an effort to go down the line with a united front.

Senator Styles Bridges, chairman of the senate finance committee, made the surprising announcement that the senate leadership would attempt to comply with the reorganization act and set an overall budget figure by the legal February 15 deadline before coming to any definite conclusion on cutting President Truman's 39.7 billion dollar budget figure. Whether the house GOP leadership will agree to the senate figure at this session, however, still remains to be seen. It will be remembered they were far apart at the first session of this congress, the house going for six billion and the senate four and a half billion dollar cuts... no final agreement.

In the meantime, stalwart Sen. Arthur Vandenberg made the announcement that he hopes to have an approval of the Marshall European recovery plan by April 1 when existing relief funds expire. This is about two months earlier than predicted by Sen. Robert A. Taft, leader of the GOP policy and steering committee. Senator Vandenberg, probably sensing a tie-up of the entire Marshall plan bill in Congressman John Taber's house appropriation committee even after the congress passes the measure, has moved to outwit Taber by providing a clause in the measure authorizing the reconstruction finance corporation to advance 500 million dollars for the recovery plan without waiting for actual congressional appropriations. Congressman Taber has a habit of thwarting the will of congress consistently by refusing to appropriate, or of slashing appropriations made even after such appropriations have been approved by congress. It is expected he will use the same tactics on the Marshall plan. He controls the house appropriations committee, and working with the powerful house rules committee is enabled to control the entire house body so that the will of this committee can prevail over the membership of both houses. And the New-York congressman still refuses to hold open sessions of his committee although the congressional reorganization act provides explicitly that all committee hearings shall be open meetings.

Pledged to slash the President's budget, the congress already has committed itself to several hundred million dollars of increased expenditures not included in the budget. Most of this is in the subsistence pay increases voted to World War II veterans taking educational training. As this is written, indications are that a conference committee will work out an agreement to raise the ceiling for veterans for on-the-job training, which would require additional millions.

Several millions were appropriated for reclamation and irrigation purposes which were cut from the budget by the same congress in the first session, and the 800 million dollar tax refunds also cut out of appropriations at the first session was put back into the deficiency appropriation bill. Congress knew this would be necessary when they slashed it last summer, but it made good reading at the time. The same was true of the reclamation cuts. They knew they would eventually have to be spent since the projects were under contract, but the sums cut added up to good reading for the general public. Now these sums go back in without much public notice.

Rep. Van Zant, of Pennsylvania, who is a former national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has introduced a bill which would provide for a \$90 a month pension for veterans of all wars when they reach 65 years of age. He says it would save money and ease administration of veterans affairs. Pensions would be based on age and on injuries or infirmities. For instance, a World War I veteran who reaches the age of 62 would receive \$43.20 a month. When he reached 65 he would be presumed to be totally and permanently disabled and draw \$90 a month. A sliding scale of payments would be provided for World War I veterans who have not reached 62 but who are partially disabled. The same scale would apply to World War II veterans when they qualify.

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### HOUSE AND HOME

By HELEN HALE

Washing machines kept in a cold place, such as an outside porch, should be brought into a warm room several hours before using. Otherwise, the oil or grease in the machine may be so stiff that the starting load will be heavy enough to blow a fuse in the circuit.

Clothes that freeze stiff on the lines suffer more wear and tear from whipping in the wind than soft clothes. It is better to hang all clothing indoors on very cold days. If lines are rubbed with vinegar before hanging clothes, fabric is less likely to stick to them. If clothes do stick, pull gently from the line to prevent tearing.

If you warm clothespins near the radiator or the oven for a few minutes before you hang clothes outdoors in cold weather, the pins will help keep your hand warmer.

Woolen clothing or blankets should never be hung out-of-doors on cold days. Wool is sensitive to temperature and is easily damaged. Hang woollens where the temperature is moderate.

To get better service from your wringer, never overload it. Clothes should be put through evenly rather than in bunches.

Buttons and zippers will last longer on clothes put through the wringer if they are always turned inside of the garment.

Make certain the pressure on the rolls is released after you finish with wringing. If left together too long, the wringer may stick and be damaged.

Iron garments with the grain of the fabric rather than against it. This prevents the garment from sagging and coming out of shape.

When you dampen and roll clothes for ironing, it's best not to make tight rolls. Fold loosely instead and you will find there are less wrinkles and this will save ironing time.

Keep a needle and thread at the ironing board to do small snatches of mending as you iron.

### Long Defends State Education System In Senate

Columbia, Feb. 17.—(Special to The Chronicle).—When the state general appropriations bill was reported out of the finance committee last week, Senator O. L. Long suggested that the bill be recommitted so that the additional \$1,800,000 needed for the teacher certification program would be included. The senate did not act on the suggestion, but postponed discussion of the bill until the following week. A preliminary discussion was held on the advisability of cutting appropriations in view of a possible business recession, with the state educational system particularly mentioned.

Senator Long vigorously defended the education system of the state, saying that to cut the appropriations for certification or for the twelfth grade, as had been suggested, would be one of the biggest blunders that this body has made since I've been in it. Commenting on charges that the twelfth grade wasn't accomplishing its purpose, the Laurens senator suggested "let's do something about it," and added, "I was educated by the state of South Carolina at The Citadel, and I hope to be able to pay my debt to the taxpayers."

The Laurens county senator continued, "I've always been cautious about spending, but the state now has more money than it's ever had. And to say that South Carolina is not able to support its recertification program! We're spending more for roads today than for education. I believe in good roads but I think the two should go along together. We shouldn't take a defeatist attitude about something that means so much to our children."

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