

Reds Admit Retreat on Polish Frontier at Terrific Nazi Loss

U. S. Treasury Seeks 15 Per Cent Tax Levy on Automobiles

Production Cut One Aim

Proposal Stirs Hot Debate in House Ways and Means Group; Move Was Surprise.

Legislators Say Measure Is Result of Leon Henderson's Anti-Inflation Program.

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP).—Members of the House Ways and Means Committee said the Treasury recommended a 15 per cent tax on automobiles Friday for the combined purposes of raising revenue and curtailing production.

The legislators said the proposal stirred a heated debate in the committee which is considering proposed increases in a wide variety of excise taxes as well as new levies.

The Treasury's recommendation came as something of a surprise because it originally had proposed doubling present 3 1/2 per cent tax on sales of new motor vehicles. It was estimated at that time that the proposed seven per cent levy would provide \$79,900,000.

Some legislators expressed belief the Treasury's latest proposal was advanced as a result of recommendations by Leon Henderson, price control administrator, and Marriner Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that the tax on automobiles be boosted to 20 or 25 per cent as a means of curbing inflation.

There was no immediate indication of the committee's attitude toward the Treasury plan, but some members said it would be sure to create opposition. Representative Dingell of Michigan said earlier he would propose a seven per cent tax on all durable goods in place of the automobile levy.

DEFENSE NEEDS TO FORCE BIGGER AUTO OUTPUT CUT.

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP).—Defense requirements will force a greater cut in production of automobiles and trucks than the 20 per cent reduction originally ordered, John D. Biggers, OPM production director, announced Friday night.

He called all automobile manufacturers to a conference July 2 to discuss the situation.

Biggers did not say how much of an additional cut would be necessary, but explained that the meeting was intended to work out methods of minimizing dislocations which might result from the curtailment. The cut will affect 1942 models, since the 1941-model year is about ended.



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4 O'CLOCK DEADLINE

Your Vote Today (An Editorial).

THE campaign leading up to the election today to fill the vacancy created by the death of United States Senator Morris Sheppard has been short but not without a certain spectacularity. This latter quality may have the result of bringing out a good vote, which, in an "off year," would be as unusual as it would be creditable to Texas. Every citizen ought to be sensible of his duty to go to the polls and express his choice among the candidates. Only thus may the thesis of democratic responsibility—and, this year, the readiness of our Americanism—be vindicated.

The campaign arguments have not changed the fact that there is one basic issue in the election—one measuring stick which ought to be used to determine the voter's mark on his ballot today. That measuring stick is practical patriotism, which demands in a time of national danger that every citizen contribute to national unity and singleness of purpose in the national defense. Every other issue, every personality, becomes meaningless in the face of this one great call upon our American patriotism.

The Star-Telegram believes that one among the many candidates stands out as the man who will best serve this great national need and who will best get the job done which Texas wants done at Washington. That man is Lyndon Johnson, a capable and experienced representative of his State in Congress, a proved soldier in the ranks under the Nation's Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt.

We invite our fellow Texans to vote for Lyndon Johnson, firmly believing that his election will be best for Texas and America.

But, in any event—vote. It is your privilege and duty as an American citizen.

Speedy Tabulation in U. S. Senate Election Promised

Officials Preparing to Record Choice of Large Part of Tarrant's Qualified Voters in Today's Balloting.

Speedy tabulation of results in the special United States Senate election was promised Friday as election officials prepared to record the choice of a large part of Tarrant County's 42,249 qualified voters in Saturday's balloting.

Checking of the votes cast for the 29 candidates whose names appear on the ballot will begin as soon as there are reports available, Mrs.

Happy Shelton Wood, county clerk, announced.

Mrs. Wood and County Judge Miller will receive returns in Commissioners Courtroom at the courthouse. Additional returns will be tabulated from 9 a. m. until noon Sunday.

Polls will open at 7 a. m. Saturday.

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Mann Winds Up Dies Hits Polls Campaign Here in Final Rally

BY BOB DUPREE.

Enthusiastic supporters of Attorney General Mann cheered throngs at his opponents Friday night, when he censured the introduction of religious and presidential endorsements into the United States senatorial campaign.

Speaking from Hotel Texas after a rally at Capps Park had been cancelled because of rain during the afternoon, Mann predicted that he would win the election and pledged fidelity to the principles he enunciated when he announced his candidacy.

The Attorney General came here from Rockwall and left hurriedly for Dallas immediately after concluding his half-hour broadcast. A reception in his honor was held in Dallas, where he will remain Saturday.

"Politics should not influence, corrupt or impede the arming of America," Mann declared. "I pledge you again that all of my ability and co-operation shall be given in the United States Senate to the task of assuring the defense of America."

Mann said he was opposed to federal encroachment on the rights of States to control oil production except during a national emergency, and that on the conclusion of the present crisis he would oppose such legislation. He also promised support to all projects extending electric power to farmers, and repeated his opposition to discriminatory railroad freight rates which, he said,

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BY BYRON C. UTECHT.

BEAUMONT, June 27. — At his last campaign rally here Friday night in the city hall auditorium, Congressman Martin Dies, candidate for the United States Senate, delivered a blast after blast at "fake polls and fake publicity." He told the crowd that filled the lower floor of the hall that at least \$500,000 had been spent in effort to buy the election, and he was frequently applauded.

The meeting was presided over by A. W. Franke and Dies was introduced by Gilbert Adams, his local campaign manager. Music and a street parade featured a Dies meeting for the first time during his campaign. Delegations attended from Orange, Port Arthur, Lufkin, Dayton, Livingston, Cleveland, Liberty, Jasper, Henderson, Kountze and Woodville.

Adams' reference to Dies as the modern Paul Revere was due to Dies' exposure of un-American activities. In his address the Congressman lost no time in attacking polls that have been published, some of them putting him in fourth place.

"In spite of the fake publicity, fake polls and an enormous sum of money

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Candidates End Drive in Senate Race

Heavy Vote Is Expected Today as Texans Fill Morris Sheppard's Seat.

Fair Weather Predicted in West Texas; Showers Likely in East Portion.

By Associated Press.

Texas' Senatorial candidates got in their last ticks on the air and in closing rallies Friday, and there were at least two warnings to voters to beware of "last-minute tricks."

An estimated million Texans may vote in the special election Saturday to choose from 25 candidates a successor to fill the unexpired term of the late Morris Sheppard. Rain could cut into the expected vote, heavy for an off-year election, indicated by a sunset balloting interest.

Thunderstorms were predicted for West Texas; fair weather for East Texas; fair weather for West Texas.

At Austin, there was a fresh outbreak of political speculation hard upon the death of aged Andrew Jackson Houston, Governor O'Daniel's appointee. It was suggested the Governor, noted for political surprise parties, might name another interim Senator, or that he might even resign as Governor and accept appointment to the Senate from his successor as Governor.

In speeches at Hillsboro and Corsicana on the last day of campaigning, O'Daniel gave no indication of following either course. He told interviewers at Corsicana he had "no statement to make at this time" in regard to possible appointment of an interim Senator.

At Corsicana he said of Houston's death that "politicians have already resorted to the low level of indecency by bringing this unfortunate incident into the Senatorial race by criticizing me for appointing Houston to the Senate."

The Governor read a statement identified as having been made by Houston's physician in which the doctor was quoted as saying he had advised Houston to go to Washington. The doctor was quoted as saying the appointment had "brought joy to the heart" of the 87-year-old son of Sam Houston.

O'Daniel warned his friends to beware of "last-minute tricks" to defeat him.

Similarly at Orange, Representative

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The Weather

June 28. — (By United States Weather Bureau)—Fort Worth and vicinity Saturday: Partly cloudy with afternoon thundershowers; maximum temperature, 90 degrees; minimum, 72.

Sun rises 5:23; sets 7:42. Maximum precipitation this date, .85 of an inch in 1940.

Maximum temperature this date, 103 in 1930. Minimum temperature this date, 63 in 1902.

Maximum temperature Friday, 91. Minimum temperature Friday, 73.

West Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday except scattered showers and thundershowers over north and southwest portions; little change in temperature.

East Texas—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; scattered thundershowers north portion.

Louisiana—Partly cloudy to cloudy Saturday and Sunday, scattered thundershowers north portions.

Private Catholic Ritual Will Be Held for Late Senator Houston in Capital Today

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP).—The body of Andrew Jackson Houston, 87-year-old Texas Senator, lay in a private mortuary here Friday night awaiting funeral services Saturday.

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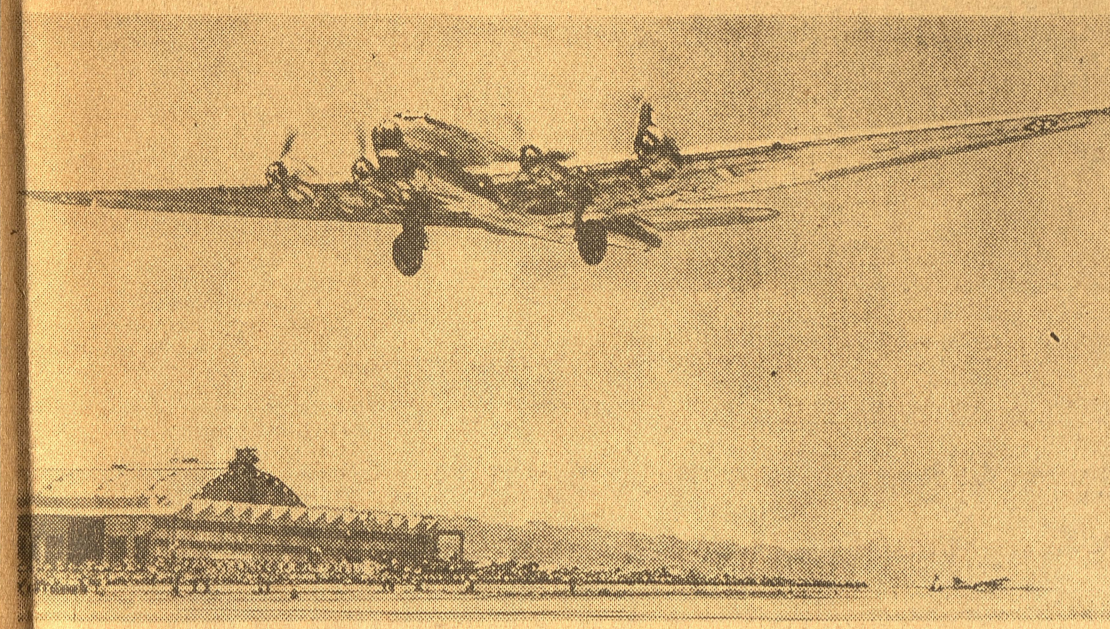
Funeral services in Texas.

Funeral plans were announced by D. R. Potter, Houston's secretary, after he talked to the Senator's daughters, the Misses Ariadne and Marguerite Houston, and Chesley Jarney, Senate sergeant-at-arms.

The Senate had planned to adjourn immediately Friday out of respect to the Texan's memory, but the Houston sisters sent word that

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Cheers Speed Huge Bomber on Test Flight



To the accompaniment of cheers from thousands of spectators and workmen who helped construct her, the B-19, described by the army as "the world's largest bomber," soared gracefully into the air on its maiden test flight from Clover Field at Santa Monica, Cal., and flew to March Field Friday.

World's Largest Bomber Shows Mettle on Its Maiden Test Flight in California

Army Air Corps Officers Seem Highly Pleased With Performance of New \$3,500,000 Four-Motored Ship on Trip From Santa Monica to March Field.

MARCH FIELD, Cal., June 27 (AP).—The Army Air Corps' \$3,500,000 B-18 bomber did everything asked of it Friday on its maiden test flight from Santa Monica. It is the world's largest bomber.

Maj. Stanley M. Umstead, the army's No. 1 test pilot, got it into the air 19 seconds after gunning the motors for the drive down the runway at Clover Field, and he brought it to a slow, gentle landing on a long runway of this army air base.

The wind velocity was 18 miles an hour.

More than 5,000 army officers and men swarmed onto the field as the sky giant taxied toward a hangar.

Air corps officers appeared highly pleased at the performance of the plane, which was in the air 56 minutes.

Major Umstead grinned broadly in admitting he "might have been a little nervous" as he took off. The four-motored bomber, which has a

212-foot wingspread and a 132-foot fuselage, wobbled slightly as it got into the air.

Major Umstead said the character of the takeoff was not dangerous however. He "over-controlled" the ship, which has an extremely sensitive response to manipulation. The angle of the climb appeared to be a trifle too steep; that is, it leveled off shortly after it left the ground,

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—Associated Press Wirephoto. where it landed 56 minutes later. In background is the Douglas Aircraft plant where the 50-ton sky giant was built.

Nazi Espionage Nest Discovered in Mexican State

MEXICO CITY, June 27 (AP).—Fidel Velazquez, head of Mexico's most important labor organization, Friday charged the tropical state of Chiapas on the Guatemalan frontier had been converted into a center of Nazi espionage and propaganda.

Just returned from a trip through Chiapas, the secretary-general of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) told newspapermen the State's great coffee and banana plantations, owned mostly by Germans, were concealments for powerful clandestine radio stations broadcasting fifth column propaganda and messages. The rugged terrain makes raiding them almost impossible, he added.

The German stations are so powerful they almost black out some Mexican stations when they are on the air, Velazquez said.

To control this situation, the CTM will ask President Avila Camacho to nationalize Mexico's coffee and banana industry, Velazquez asserted.

Velazquez also charged waves of Guatemalan workers were pouring across the frontier to work on the plantations, destroying the wage and living standards of Mexicans in the region.

For 30 miles inside the Mexican-Guatemalan frontier, the CTM head asserted, illegally immigrated Guatemalans have replaced Mexican workmen.

Employees on most of the plantations, whether Guatemalan or Mexican are treated like slaves, Velazquez said.

—Bought Your Defense Bond Yet?

Tornado Hits Farm

VERNON, June 27.—A small tornado swept across the A. P. Morris farm, between Oklaunion and Harold, Wednesday afternoon, carrying a granary 250 yards, smashing a machine shop and tearing down several telephone lines.

At the close of the day the Senate adopted a resolution expressing profound sorrow at the death. Named to a special committee to attend the mass were Senators Connally, although Connally was not expected back from Texas until Monday; Truman, Democrat of Missouri; Lee, Democrat of Oklahoma; Chavez, Democrat of New Mexico; Butler,

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Bad Check Passer Thrown for Loss by Bank Employees

Employees of First National Bank captured a 21-year-old man who attempted a break for freedom as he was being questioned about a \$100 check he proffered a few minutes before the bank closed at 2 p. m. Friday.

Credit for the capture was given to John H. Repper, teller, by the six or more employees who engaged in a scuffle with the suspect in the lobby of the bank.

Repper, who was presented the check by the suspect, said, "I swung at him when he ran and he fell." Others in the bank grabbed him and held on until police arrived.

Roosevelt Scores O'Daniel on False Claim for Letter

BY ROBERT E. HICKS, Staff Correspondent.

HOUSTON, June 27.—President Roosevelt, in a telegram made public here Friday night by Congressman Lyndon Johnson, branded as "preposterous" Governor O'Daniel's proposal for the creation of a Texas army and navy as an adjunct of the national defense program.

The President's telegram on the eve of the special senatorial election in which both Johnson and O'Daniel are candidates, was construed here as a sharp rebuke to the Governor for having construed Roosevelt's courtesy reply to O'Daniel's "preposterous scheme" as an endorsement of his candidacy.

Governor O'Daniel's proposal for a separate Texas army and navy, utilizing the State's natural resources, was contained in a lengthy letter which he sent the President some months ago.

President Roosevelt replied, thanking O'Daniel for the suggestion and saying, in effect, that the idea would be filed away for future reference.

O'Daniel read both his letter to the President and the President's reply on one of his radio broadcasts this week to substantiate his contention that he and the President were working hand in hand on the national defense program, and had been working thus for months before Senator Sheppard's death.

Congressman Johnson read the President's telegram at the conclusion of his final campaign speech, made to a large and enthusiastic crowd in Sam Houston Coliseum. It was read, without comment, after this terse introductory remark.

"And now, to close my campaign for the United States Senate I have

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Governor Ends Race at Home

The teller took the man to Otis Withers, head of the bookkeeping department, after the check had been presented. Withers telephoned Dr. May Owen, on whom the check was drawn, and just as Dr. Owen told him that she had written no such check, the man, Withers, reported, jumped from his chair and dashed for a door.

Repper was standing near by and made his swing at the fleeing man. When he went down in the lobby Withers grabbed him about the

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BY SAM KINCH.

W. Lee O'Daniel wound up his two-weeks campaign for the United States Senate Friday night with a prediction that he will secure 75 per cent of the total vote cast in Saturday's special election to the one-year term created by death of the late Morris Sheppard.

The self-designated "common citizens" candidate, using the familiar backdrop of hill-billy music, made

WORKER TAKES BLAME FOR O'DANIEL'S ALAMO.

Mystery of Gen. Sam Houston's "heroism at the Alamo," attributed Thursday night to Governor O'Daniel, was explained Friday by Paul C. Yates of Austin, a member of the Governor's party, who said he erred in making typewritten copies of O'Daniel's statement on the death of Senator Andrew Jackson Houston.

Yates, a native Texan of 20 years' experience, said he could ascribe the mistake only to "a slip of the typewriter."

"The Governor's original statement correctly explained General Houston as the hero of San Jacinto," Yates said, "but in making additional copies for newspapermen I inadvertently changed the reading of the phrase and I certainly regret any embarrassment which may have been caused to Governor O'Daniel and his friends and supporters by this mistake on my part."

his vote estimate before a hometown crowd at the Centennial Grounds.

He said the other 28 candidates

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Panzers Are Thrusting at Rail Center

Minsk, White Russian Capital, Is Object of Pronged Drive; Riga Reported Occupied.

Soviet Troops Claim Many Prisoners, Casualties in Stabbing Counter-attacks.

MOSCOW, June 28 (Saturday) (AP).—The Soviet command Saturday acknowledged that fierce Nazi tank thrusts have forced its army back toward the old Russian-Northern Poland frontier, but said elsewhere Red troops held fast and even counter-attacked across the Danube into Rumania to seize 500 prisoners.

A Soviet information bureau communique said the Red withdrawal to new defense positions occurred along a three-point line formed by Siaulai-Vilna-Baranowice—the path of a German drive to capture Minsk, White Russian capital and rail center.

In counter-attacks during this retreat, the Soviets said they destroyed 40 German tanks and a German field headquarters, and killed a Nazi general.

The communique gave this picture elsewhere:

In the Luck and Lwow areas in Central and Southern Poland, a great German-Russian tank battle went through its second day, German attempts at a break-through being beaten back with heavy Nazi losses and the Soviet capture of much booty and many Germans.

Along the Prut River, Soviet defense forces still held their lines, while a stab into Rumania across the Danube near its mouth was aided by a Red flotilla.

The Russians said they took 800 German and Rumanian prisoners along the Prut.

At Sculeni on this river, Red troops forestalled "enemy preparations for a large-scale offensive."

In heavy fighting to recapture an unidentified village, Soviet troops

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Summarizing THE NEWS

- 1. Bank employes capture forgery suspect (with picture).
- 2. Recruiting office opened to enlist merchant seamen.
- 3. July 4 celebration planned here to honor military men.
- 4. Municipal Airport improvements will facilitate handling of world's largest planes.

STATE.

- 1. Advisors and co-advisors of Defense Contract Service are appointed by DCS district manager.
- 2. New chief of staff of VIII Army Corps at Camp Bowie brings long experience to job.
- 3. World Cotton Research Congress speaker says unlimited production of agricultural products should be possible.
- 4. Dallas News is upheld by United States court in wage dispute.

GENERAL.

- 1. Army's \$3,500,000 B-18 bomber did everything asked of it in first flight.
- 2. Air schedules may be cut; commercial lines face shortage of planes due to British requirements.
- 3. As Congress rushes huge army appropriations bill, Government moves to protect consumers from sharp price advances.
- 4. Leading protest of Western Senators, O'Mahoney says State Department has made an "empty gesture" in a reported agreement with Argentina.

SPORTS.

- 1. Cats rained out, plays double-header with Oklahoma City tonight.
- 2. Di Maggio continues hitting streak with homer and single but Yanks lose to A's.
- 3. Earl Stewart gains intercollegiate golf finals.
- 4. Mrs. Pochon meets Mrs. Ball in West Texas golf finals.