This Week in Washington

"Expect little and you'll not be disappointed," Rep. Earl Wilson of Indiana, wrote his constituents in regard to the new session of Congress. Representative Wilson declared that Congress has no program and that most members of both parties are primarily concerned with getting re-elected next year.

The black picture painted by Representative Wilson may be over-pessimistic. But there is increasing evidence that politics which Congress finally did sidetrack on a few occasions during the past year, will from now on play a stronger and stronger part in the consideration of all legislation.

The big demonstration of this will come when Congress begins analyzing the gigantic new tax programs proposed by the President. A general principle of good "politics" always has been to vote for all appropriations and against all taxes. Every Congressman knows that the easiest way to lose votes is to levy increased taxes on those he wants to vote for him.

But since Congressmen know that some new tax legislation must be passed, there will be a grand scramble, on the part of most members, to see that the new taxes are levied on anybody other than those they represent. Congressmen from farm areas will oppose all levies that would take tax money from farmers, Congressmen from industrial areas will try to protect labor from further taxation, and Congressmen from wealthy areas will fight against higher taxation on high incomes and on corporations.

The President's program, which will be the starting point for working out tax plans, calls for increased taxes on medium and high incomes, part of which would be rebated after the war. It also asks for high excise taxes on luxuries, including a big boost in the tax on alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, cigars, theatre admissions, transportation and toilet preparations. Under this plan theatre admission taxes would be raised from 10 to 30 per cent, liquor taxes from $6 to $10 a gallon, transportation taxes from 10 to 30 per cent, cigarette taxes from $3.50 to $5 a thousand and there would be new taxes on soft drinks, candy, gum, greeting cards and other non-essentials.

It is likely that these excise taxes with some revisions, may go through. They don't hit any consumer group too hard and their passage wouldn't influence votes as would direct income taxes. But it seems very doubtful if the whole amount asked by the President—a total of $10,650,000,000 in extra taxes—will ever be provided.

There is expected to be a great deal of debate over the proposed high increase in taxes on alcoholic beverages which may take on the complexion of a debate on the enaction of national prohibition. For it is feared that additional taxes on liquor would make the cost of it so high that it would act as an open invitation to bootleggers to go back in business on almost as wide a scale as during prohibition days.

The most optimistic predictions of Congressmen are that Congress might enact from five to six billion in adlitional taxes but there are few that expect any new tax legislation to be passed before next year. And the working out of a program will be slowed up by pressure groups.

But until tax legislation finally goes through there is no doubt that Congress will consider little other major legislation. Members will continue to discuss the draft of fathers until each member has had his say "for the record" and will probably then spend its time with such intangible considerations as postwar planning and post war relationships with other countries.

HOSIERY COLLECTION ENDS IN MARYLAND

H. Findlay French, Chairman of the Maryland State Salvage Committee, has announced the collection of used silk and nylon stockings under the wartime salvage program was discontinued September 30. Since November 16, 1942, when thi sprogram started, Maryland collected 478,680 pairs of the Nation's total of 46,000,000.

Future Rationing

A new ration book, known as Ration Book 4, which is now being distributed, is made up so that it will last for a period of two years.

There is every reason to hope, therefore, that this will be the last of ration books. By October, 1945, when this new ration book will expire, there is a good chance that we will be at peace. There is also a good chance, however, that we will still be shipping enormous quantities of food to the people of foreign lands who will still be struggling to get back on their feet.

But no matter how great the demands on our supplies may be by the end of 1945, by that time our domestic economy should be better organized and our farm and transportation problems smoothed out. We should, by then, be able to send quantities of supplies abroad and still have an ample supply of food and other goods to take care of the needs of the people in this country.

It may be a little optimistic to expect rationing to terminate when Ration Book 4 expires; but it would at least be a pleasant pastime, and with some possibility of it being true—to think that, as the coupons are gradually removed, we are approaching closer to the end of war and, when the last ticket expires, we will have reached our destination of a peaceful world.

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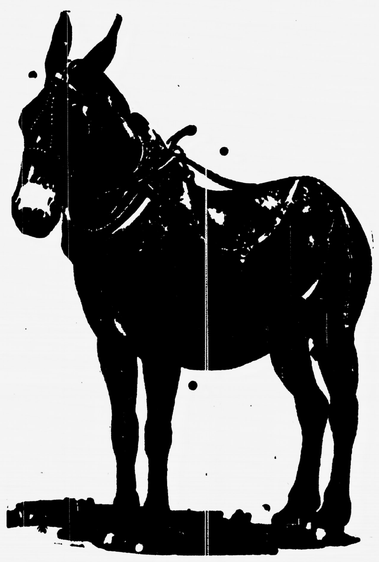
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