Four-way Drive Opens In Move to Repeal Oleomargarine Tax

By Chalmers M. Roberts

A four-point plan is under way today in a drive to repeal the Federal tax on oleomargarine.

The strategy was agreed on yesterday at a luncheon meeting of Senators and Representatives who favor the repeal and representatives of half a dozen women's organizations who concur with them.

These four points were agreed on as the best strategy: 1. The five Republican members

of Congress at the luncheon will call on Chairman Hope of the House Agriculture Committee to ask that a date be set for hearings on the bill. Representative Buck, Republican, of New York, said Mr. Hope has promised him hearings will be held sometime this session.

2. Representatives of the women's groups will call on their members "back home" to flood congressional mail with pleas for tax repeal. The groups also will ask Chairman Hope to call hearings.

3. If hearings are not ordered before the G. O. P. tax-cutting bill comes to the Senate floor, Senators Maybank, Democrat, of South Carolina, and Fulbright, Democrat, of Arkansas, will seek to attach an oleo tax repeal amendment to the

4. If all else fails, House members will seek to force the repeal bill out of the Agriculture Committee by the petition route. This requires that a majority of members sign a petition to bring the bill to the floor, regardless of committee action.

Joseph Thume, 70, Retires; 47-Year Pennsy Veteran

A veteran of 47 years as a fireman and engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Washington and New York, Joseph Thume, who has just retired, has no nostalgia over the disappearing "iron horse." "The electric engines are better. cleaner, and do a better job," he

said vesterday. The 70-year-old railroad man saw electricity replace steam on the Washington-New York run in 1937. Steam engines are new used only for freight hauls on that run, he

Mr. Thume joined the railroad as a fireman in 1901. Five years later he became an engineer. He remembers hauling the late President Theodore Roosevelt on several

Mr. Thume lives at 2509 street S.E.

Congress in Brief

Continues debate on St. Lawrence

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Banking Committee continues price And by August of this year, Presis expired last December 31.

economic report at closed session.

Weather Report

changing to rain and a little milder appointing" his company's 1947 out of this" by applying for flancee this afternoon and tonight, prob-financial results which brought a visas without any intention of ably ending tomorrow morning. net income of \$7,285,125. Highest this afternoon about 35 and lowest tonight about 33. Moderate vancing costs and rate increases for Greeks Break Spy Ring temperatures tomorrow. Maryland-Snow, 3 to 4 inches, tions.

changing to occasional rain and "If adequate rates had been in milder this afternoon and tonight effect," Mr. Clement declared, "your and probably ending tomorrow company could have made sufficient

Roads in Northern Virginia and Eastern Maryland covered with 2 to 4 inches of fresh snow. Roads in West Virginia and Western Maryland very slippery. Chains meeded.

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Were described as Communists. They will be tried by a military acquittal in a New Your Court.

Third Army headquarters at Salonika said 322 quarrilles.

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PINE CAMP, N. Y .- OPERATION SNOWDROP-Four hundred paratroopers of the war-tested 82d Airborne Division participated in the largest over-snow jump in Army history yesterday. Leaping from 16 C-82 "flying boxcars," the men landed on a deep cushion of snow in subzero weather. After the successful jump the paratroopers moved out today to a bivouac area for rest and resupply by air. The move to the bivouac area involved an 8-mile hike on snow shoes and skis. Supplies of food, gasoline and medical equipment also were to be dropped from the planes.

—AP Wirephoto.

Shift to Diesel-Electric House Votes to Lift Curb On Pennsy East-West On Foreign Fiancees in U.S. In Fey Office Reported Church. Disregarding a claim that some Trains Due in Spring

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4. — All fiances of American service permajor East-West passenger trains sonnel to enter this country. Foreign Relations Committee hears on the Pennsylvania Railroad will Earl O. Shreve, president of the be powered by Diesel-electric loco- by the Senate. It would extend don, prohibition era beer baron, Cemetery, Englewood, N. J. United States Chamber of Com- motives within four months, bring- until December 31 the time in which only slightly.

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Democratic Policy Committee holds ers in his annual report, there will be 51 Diesel-electrics to pull impor- fully to amend the bill to require Senate-House Economic Committant freight trains between Harris, all alien fiancees to leave this

"This class of motive power is within 90 days of their arrival. cinnati and Detroit. Debates Republican effort to trim proving satisfactory from the girls from countries whose immi-President Truman's emergency fund. standpoint of economy and service gration quotas are oversubscribed, Banking Committee continues con- performance, the road's president Mr. Javits said, German girls may sideration of rent-control extension. declared yesterday in the company's remain indefinitely because the

101st report. Net Disappointing. District of Columbia-Light snow, Mr. Clement summed up as "dis- German girls "are making a racket

the relatively low return on opera- With Arrest of 14

earnings not only to have paid its rest at Ioannina of 14 persons and Attorney General Clark, on loan as - Occasional rain and stockholders a proper dividend, but the breaking of a spy ring. milder tonight. Tomorrow cloudy, to have made up part of the defollowed by some rain or snow in ferred maintenance improvements furnishing guerrillas with details on "conceded" he knew Gordon after to plant and equipment, so essen- troop movements. All those arrested being confronted with an affidavit Wind velocity, 9 miles per hour; tial to provide the type of service were described as Communists. that Gordon celebrated his recent

And the return earned on the rendered in the two weeks ended 1947, as measured by net railway Macedonia. operating income, was 1.13 per cent, compared with less than 1 per cent Chico Marx Awarded

Mr. Clement commented, "The \$10,000 in Film Suit abnormally low returns earned in 1947 and 1946 epitomize clearly the inevitable result of continuing ininevitable result of continuing in creases in cost of doing business without an adequate increase in the rate level."

dian Chico Marx has been awarded without an adequate increase in the pain," humiliation and inconvengence he contends resulted from posed by Drew Pearson and Robert in a movie, of allow radio and newspaper comcreases in cost of doing business dian Chico Marx has been awarded tion WBAL at Baltimore.

\$3,200,000 passenger diesel locomo- "Phonosody in Plus" tive repair base and a \$2,000,000 "Rhapsody in Blue."

Delay in Senate Vote On Seaway to Be Sought

depot at Harrisburg.

By the Associated Press The Senate Republican leader- hood" in New York. ship moved today to put off a showdown vote on the St. Lawrence sea- mals in hot Louisiana and frigid way project until February 25. Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the

acting majority leader, said he

would suggest the postponement. It would take unanimous consent for the motion to carry. Senator Wherry explained that many Senators of both parties expect to be absent for the next couple of weeks on speaking dates. During that time the Republican

Party holds its Lincoln day dinners and the Democrats have their Jack-



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Credit of 2 Billion Sought by Russia

By Steffan Andrews

verse lend-lease in current negotia-tions with the United States for business operation" run by high-paying professional jobs.

A few Commerce and State Depart in drafting the highly con-

American efforts to settle the pro- mittee:

The Soviet counterclaim for re- mentality." agreement between the conferees opinion" behind it, Mr. Shreve said duced in Conon how much is still owed by the in his prepared statement.

and heavy casualties she suffered in its public hearings tomorrow. Mem- it would slow up the common war against Hitlerlism. bers then will start drafting a bill the selection of Joseph Young.

\$2.139.000 H. S. Figure. spokesmen said no such Russian should run the program and (b) the most urgently needed for the jobs bers of Congress. In Washington and the program and the most urgently needed for the jobs bers of Congress. In Washington mitted there had been general talk first 15 months. Republicans inof Russian "sacrifices" far and above the amount of reserve lend-lease \$2.000,000,000. Russia was supposed to have extend- Harriman Says Reduction ed the United States.

The American figure represented the administration for initial oper-petitive examinations, if necessary. But as vacancies open up, the almost exclusively the value United ation of the Marshall Plan. on the Archangel run.

Other Unsolved Issues. tiators are still in wide disagreement attain our objectives."

lease as strictly a wartime military Relations Counsel. aid measure and nothing else. S. R. after the end of the war. On the payment that should now peoples of different countries." be made for unused material left over which has definite postwar use. Thomas W. Lamont Rites mittee, made the request in a letter On the proportion of lend-lease given Russia during the war which is usable today for postwar civilian reconstruction and production.

Leonora Budd of Brooklyn, secre-German girls are making "a racket" tary to Albert Bennett-Fey, testified out of the privilege, the House yesterday that Waxey Gordon had clergyman, rose from newspaper passed and sent to the Senate yes- a desk in Bennett-Fey's New York financial writer to head of the terday legislation allowing foreign office, counsel for an congressional

Bennett-Fey previously had testi-The bill has not been acted on fied under oath that he knew Gor- a.m. Burial will be in Brookside Trial of Meyers Postponed Robert James Dunham Dies American Ambassador and Mrs. Henry Norweb were guests. Bennett-Fey,

Terry Fahye, is under indictment in Representative Javits, Republileged attempt to gain control of the can, of New York sought unsuccess-Follansbee Steel Co. of Pittsburgh. He was questioned again yesterday tee considers President Truman's burg, Pa.; Chicago, St. Louis, Cin- country if they have not married Works Subcommittee which is investigating "gray-market" steel op-While 90-day visas are given to erations.

The hearings were held behind as Adolph Huft, 63, a paper salestold a reporter that Bennett-Fey "shouted a lot but failed to clear up German quota is not filled. In many a lot of discrepancies in his previous cases, Mr. Javits told the House,

Mr. Macy said that at one point Bennett-Fey, acknowledging that he knew Gordon, shouted: "Nobody could believe that the great Waxey Gordon had a small job with me and wanted to earn an honest living,." Bennett-Fey denied that Gordon was involved in any of his numerous attempts to buy steel mills, Mr.

ATHENS, Feb. 4.—The Greek 8th

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The 14 were declared to have been

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Marx claimed his name was used

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pression that he once played piano in a theater in "a cheap neighbor-

Muskrats are important fur ani-

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Macy said. John Reddan, special assistant to counsel to the House committee, told a reporter that Bennett-Fey They will be tried by a military acquittal in a New York smuggling case by "making whoopee" at Ben-

killed and 706 captured or sur- Hearst Subpoena Denied railroad's property investment in January 12 in Central and Western In Boltimore Rodio Cose

Commissioner Rosel H. Hyde yeserday ruled against a proposed subpoena for Publisher William Randolph Hearst in a Federal Communications Commission proceeding LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.-Come- on renewal of license for Radio Sta-

mentators, who have organized a freight diesel locomotive repair award yesterday in Marx's \$200,award yesterday in Marx's \$200.-000 invasion of privacy suit against facilities.

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Reverse Lend-Lease ERP Should Be Run U. S. Chamber Says

Soviet Russia is putting in a claim Commerce said today the Euro- the European Recovery Program. of \$2,000,000,000 on her wartime re- pean Recovery Program ought to

tracted lend-lease negotiations en- "Hard-headed business experience persuade the tered the third and final round with should be enlisted to make certain commission to

five basic issues still in wide-open that whatever is done is based on suspend civil actual needs and not on senti-service verse lend-lease was reported to be A program run that way would Herter bill reone of the chief stumbling blocks to have the "great mass of business cently intro-

"We must guard against wasting empt ERP from Soviet spokesmen hinted that they the funds of our taxpayers," he said. the merit syswill press for recognition of the "or draining off our raw materials tem. \$2,000,000,000 figure on the ground and finished goods to such an extent that Russia must be given compen- as to jeopardize our own strength." against civil sation for the tremendous sacrifices The committee plans to wind up service are that

to put the plan in effect. Although State Department The main issues are (a) who is argued that some of the people considerable criticism by some memthe official negotiations, they ad-asked to run the program for the consequently would not be eligible

State Department officials, here- In ERP Is 'Poor Economy' tofore, had put a figure of \$2,213,000 NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (P).—Secreon the small amount of actual as- tary of Commerce Harriman says it the President has the authority to now available that the jobless career the \$6,800,000,000 figure proposed by ing any category of jobs from comcials say.

lease cargo to Russia during the war "would not only delay recoverywith all the attendant risks of such is expected to contend. a delay-but would cost us sub-Other issues on which the nego- stantially more in the long run to

On the amount and kind of Amer- European Recovery Program as an tinue in the job, has been requested for the time being. . . ican materials left over in the U. S. economically-sound world with "inby Representative Busbey, RepubliCan materials left over in the U. S. economically-sound world with "increasing understanding between the can, of Illinois.

Will Be Held Saturday

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.-Funeral Waxey Gordon Share services for Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the board of J. P. Morgan & Co., will be held here Saturday in the Brick Presbyterian

The 77-year-old banker and philanthropist died Monday night at his for his job, and "that in view of winter home in Boca Grande, Fla., certain facts known to his superiors, after a long illness. Mr. Lamont, son of a country office many months ago."

"House of Morgan," renowned Wall not indicate what he was referring Street banking firm. The funeral services will be at 10

also known as A. Comedian Dies in Act From February 16 to 24 New York in connection with an al- At Concer Benefit Show The trial of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Co., died here yesterday. Mr. Dun-

a comedy act into a tragedy last poned from February 16 to February for funeral services. night before 300 spectators. The crowd at a cancer research District Court.

closed doors. Chairman Macy later man, went through his amateur act granted the request of defense atburlesquing magicians. His audience thought it was a their case. Meyers is charged with gag when he staggered off the stage perjury before a Senate War Into a first-row seat. There Mr. Huft collapsed and died ber and November and with having

benefit show roared with laughter

of a heart ailment. WhattheRussians Are Saying of Us

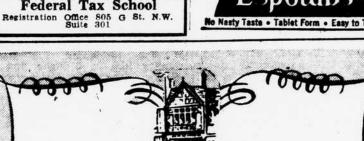
The Khabarovsk radio, broadcast ing in Russian to the Soviet Far

"All armies in the capitalistic countries are armies for the support of the rule of capital. They are defending the interests of the capitalists and land-owners. In the burgeois countries the armies are forced, by means of deceit and cruel discipline, to safeguard the wealth of the exploiters.

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Justice Holtzoff late yesterday

torneys for more time to prepare

vestigating subcommittee last Octo-

induced Bleriot H. Lamarre of Day-

ton, Ohio, to testify falsely at execu-

tive sessions of the subcommittee

Lamarre pleaded guilty to perjury

Defense motions to dismiss the in-dictments against Meyers were de-

nied by Justice Holtzoff Monday.

The Meyers attorneys, however,

were permitted to examine various

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As Business Project, Civil Service to Fight Effort To By-Pass Rules in ERP Hiring

By Joseph Young

The Civil Service Commission will oppose strongly any House committee as America's "No. The United States Chamber of attempt to by-pass civil service hiring regulations in setting up 1 Communist," was scheduled to

Assuming that Congress authorizes the ERP, more than 1,000

This was learned today as Russo- the Senate Foreign Relations Com- a hand in the program, reportedly troversial "gag" regulations which would permit Government agencies to keep secret from the press and the public so-called "confidential" information.

PROGRESS-After a number of false starts and innumerable difficulties, the Civil Service Commission finally is making good progress on its program to find jobs for displaced career employes.

Latest figures show jobs have been found for 9,163 of the 12,500 permanent status employes who lost their jobs last year during the reduction-in-force program. This appeal of the two convictions. shows a marked improvement in the commission's program, which started competent personnel. Then, too, it very slowly and was the target of

In Washington, jobs have been obtained for 1,407 career employes, The commission is expected to leaving a total of 757 employes who

argue that the present civil service still must be placed. Commission officials say they are permit exemptions in specific cases without abandoning the merit sysjobs that could be taken by the remaining displaced workers. It's For example, the commission says simply that there are no positions he President has the authority to now available that the jobless career the right to go home in peace." He sistance which American forces had would be "poor economy" to cut issue an order at any time exempt- employes can fill, commission offi-

But a blanket exemption of the commission promises it will place Mrs. Chesham to Speak States Army and Navy officers had put on Russian services in servicing and realistic," Secretary Harriman regulations is not necessary and can All in all, the displaced career regulations is not necessary and can. All in all, the displaced career and supplying ships hauling lend- said any reduction in the sum would be harmful to the merit sys- employes' program is going very well. tem in the long run, the commission CAPITOL ROUNDUP—Legislation to create a new Federal Department

of Health, Education and Security STATE DEPARTMENT CRITI- nearly slipped by on the Senate conon the basic concept of lendThe cabinet member spoke before CIZED—An investigation of the sent calendar the other day. Howthe National Association of Public State Department's Office of Conever, at the last moment, Senator trols and the "qualifications" of its Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia objected He defined objectives of the director, Hamilton Robinson, to con- to the measure, thereby blocking it Committee has introduced legislation Mr. Busbey, a member of the of Congress who served in the armed House Executive Expenditures Comforces during the war. As things to Representative Chenoweth, Republican, of Colorado, chairman of the subcommittee devoting its attention to State Department affairs. Chairman Engel of the House Ap-Mr. Chenoweth is expected to propriations Subcommittee on the Exiled Belgian King Army and Air Force Departments grant his colleague's request to hold told the House he believes "subhearings soon, inasmuch as both stantial" cuts can be made in the Army's 1949 budget request. In his letter Mr. Busbey declared Engel was sharply critical of the

Mr. Robinson "was not qualified" departments' personnel policies. (Additional news of Government affairs and personalities he should have been removed from make up Joseph Young's broadcast version of the Federal Spot-While Mr. Busbey said he "prolight, a regular feature at 3:15 posed" to prove his charges, he did p.m. each Sunday on WMAL, The Evening Star station.) Mr. Robinson recently came

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 4 (AP).-Robert James Dunham, 71, Chicago, Havana Sunday on a Dutch Meyers, former Army Afr Forces ham had served 11 years as presi-By the Associated Piess Meyers, Torrier Army Air Forces dent of the Chicago Park Board. 9.175-foot peak on North Island, CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Death turned purchasing officer, has been post- The body will be taken to Chicago New Zealand, is a lake of hot water 24 by Justice Alexander Holtzoff in

Eisler Seeks Release At Hearing Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Germanborn Gerhard Eisler, described by a appear in court today in an effort to win his release from Ellis Island. Eisler was arrested Monday and held without bail on a deportation warrant. His counsel instituted habeas corpus proceedings and Federal Judge Edward A. Conger yesterday ordered Eisler brought into

court to determine whether he is eligible for release on bail. The 50-year-old Eisler had been free in \$20,000 bail since his conviction last summer on charges of passport fraud and contempt of Congress. He faces possible punishment on the two charges of imprisonment up to six years and \$6,000 in fines.

His arrest this week was termed by his counsel, Mrs. Carol King, an attempt to "embarrass him" in his

Eisler was found guilty of contempt of Congress last June when he refused to answer questions by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was then that the committee called him the Nation's 'No. 1 Communist.'

During his trials on the contempt and passport charges, the Government contended that Eisler came regulations are flexible enough to reasonably satisfied no war-service to this country to "disrupt" Amerior temporary employes are filling can economy at the beheat of

Russia. Eisler, in rebuttal, referred to himacknowledged that he had been a member of the German Communist

At Home Leggues Parley

Mrs. Albert Chesham, newly appointed president of the Salvation Army's Home Leagues for the Southern territory, will address a conference of six Washington area home leagues at 6:30 o'clock tonight in the First Congregational Church Tenth and G streets N.W. The . Chairman Southern territory includes 15

Mrs. W. W. Bouterse, director of women's activities in the District. was to be chairman of an afternoon meeting at 1075 Thomas Jefferson

Havana Socialites Fete By the Associated Press

HAVANA, Feb. 4.-Leopold III, exiled King of the Belgians, was feted last night at one of the most glittering social functions in Cuban history. Havana's social leaders met Léo-

pold at a dinner in the garden of the palatial estate of Jose Gomez Mena, Cuban sugar millionaire. Included in the King's party were the Princess de Rethy, Leopold's wife, and Crown Prince Baudouin.

Leopold and his party arrived in

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