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The conference was called by
Walter Lentz, the Attorney Gen-
eral's chief investigator, who said
his office is undertaking a state-
wide investigation of the racing
wire setup as its first step.

A feature of the session was the
appearance, for questioning, of El-
mer (Bones) Remmer, the city's
corrupt bigshot gambler, and his
"social secretary," Harold Maund-
rell.

BONES WOULDN'T TALK

As spokesman for the duo, Rem-
mer monotonously asserted, "I
don't know nothin'." In response to
inquiries that ranged from the
Siegel murder to what "Bones" does
for his very handsome living.

Attending the State Building con-
ference with Lentz were District At-
torney Brown, Chief Assistant Dis-
trict Attorney Tom Lynch, Chief of
Police Dulles and Deputy Chief Mi-
chael Riordan.

They had Maundrell and Rem-
mer under examination for about
an hour. When Remmer waddled
out he informed the press he had
appeared "voluntarily."

He denied any knowledge of the
wire service situation. He said he
had no interests in Los Angeles,
and knew nothing about the gang
killing of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel
the night of June 20 in a Beverly
Hills mansion.

He declared his own interests were
limited to the Menlo Club, 110 Eddy
Club, and 186 Eddy Club in San
Francisco, and Cal-Neva, a gam-
bling emporium on the Nevada side
of Lake Tahoe.

PRESS SESSION

About then, the nervous little
Maundrell herded his lumbering
boss into an elevator and got him
away.

A few minutes later, Lentz and
his official conferees held a press
session, which the State investi-
gator opened with this statement:

"This is the second of a series of
meetings with law enforcement offi-
cials scheduled by the Attorney
General. We have discussed crime
conditions in general and law en-
forcement problems.

"We are in complete accord on
the problems and have agreed to
co-operate in all respects and to
pool information.

"Remmer was invited to discuss
his possible connections with the
Siegel slaying, or to furnish any in-
formation on it. He denied any
knowledge and, further, any con-
nection with gambling establish-
ments in California.

"He admits he is interested in
certain clubs in San Francisco, but
says there is no unlawful activity in
any of them."

Lentz prefaced his statement with
the comment it (the statement)
would be about all he would have
to say. However, this was not quite
accurate. There were a series of
questions and answers which went
like this:

Q—Do you think Remmer was tel-
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Collapses

'Flying Saucer' Find Turns Out to Be A Weather Balloon

A platter - puzzled Nation
thought it was about to get the
answer to the mystery of the
"flying discs" yesterday.

A press relations officer at
the Roswell Army Air Base in
New Mexico announced without
qualification that the 509th Bomb
Group had picked up a flying disc
which landed on a nearby ranch
last week.

There was immediately much
telephoning from the Pentagon in
Washington, and then Brigadier
General Roger M. Ramey, com-
manding the Eighth Air Force at
Fort Worth, said the object had
been identified as the wreckage of
a high-altitude weather observa-
tion device.

Originally, he said, it consisted
of a box-kite and a balloon.

"The wreckage is in my office
right now and as far as I can
see there is nothing to get ex-
cited about," he said.

ROSWELL STATEMENT

Here is the unqualified state-
ment issued by the Roswell Army
Base public relations officer:

"The many rumors regarding the
flying disc became a reality yester-
day when the intelligence offi-
ce of the 509th Bomb Group of
the Eighth Air Force, Roswell
Army Air Field, was fortunate
enough to gain possession of a
disc through the co-operation of
one of the local ranchers and the
Sheriff's office of Chaves county.

"The flying object landed on a
ranch near Roswell sometime last
week. Not having phone facilities,
the rancher stored the disc until
such time as he was able to contact
the Sheriff's office, who in turn
notified Major Jesse A. Marcel, of
the 509th Bomb Group Intelligence
office.

"Action was immediately taken
and the disc was picked up at the
rancher's home. It was inspected at
the Roswell Army Air Field and
subsequently loaned by Major Mar-
cel to higher headquarters."

RAMEY BROADCAST

General Ramey later made a radio
broadcast further to deflate the ex-
citement caused by the first an-
nouncement.

The device, a star-shaped tinfoil
target designed to reflect radar, is
incapable of speeds higher than the
wind.

The mysterious flying discs which
have been "seen" all over the Na-
tion (except Kansas, which is dry)
have been described as traveling at
speeds up to 1200 miles an hour.

(This isn't the first time people

000,000 a year starting January 1.

The Senate is ready to follow suit,
perhaps before the week end, thus
putting the politics-packed issue
once more up to President Truman.

The House roared its approval by
a vote of 302 to 112, which was 28
votes more than the two-thirds that
would be needed to override a veto.
The original bill was passed by a
vote of 273 to 137.

Sixty-nine Democrats joined 233
Republicans in voting for the meas-
ure. Two Republicans — Andersen
(Minn.) and Hull (Wis.) — teamed up
with 109 Democrats and Representa-
tive Marcantonio (Ala., N. Y.), to
oppose the bill. (For California vote
see page 13.)

The House, by a two-vote margin,
upheld on June 16 the President's
veto of the original GOP bill which
would have put the proposed cuts
into effect beginning July 1 of this
year.

Before shouting its approval of
the new measure, the House beat
down by a vote of 261 to 151 a Dem-
ocratic attempt to send it back to
the tax-writing Ways and Means
Committee with instructions to re-
draft it along lines reportedly fa-
vored by the White House.

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

The recommittal motion was
sponsored by Representative Forand
(D., R. I.) with the backing of
many Administration supporters. He
proposed to force the committee to
scrap the GOP plan in favor of
increasing personal exemptions from
\$500 to \$600 and reducing taxes in
each income bracket by 3 percent-
age points.

Except for the change in the ef-
fective date, the revised measure
sets up the same percentage scale
of cuts for the 48,500,000 taxpayers
that was rejected previously by Mr.
Truman as the "wrong kind of tax
reduction at the wrong time."

This scale sets up a 30 per cent
slash for persons with taxable in-
comes of \$1000 or less a year; 20 to
30 per cent for those with incomes
between \$1000 and \$1395; 20 per
cent for those between \$1395 and
\$137,000; 15 per cent in the bracket
between \$137,000 and \$302,000, and
10 1/2 per cent for that portion of
net income above \$302,000.

MARTIN VICTORY

Speaker Joe Martin Jr. of Massa-
chusetts, who refused to let the issue
die after the President's success-
ful veto, led his Republican col-
leagues to their victory today. In
a last-minute speech before the
vote, he shouted:

"I rise to speak for the bill not
as a partisan, but because I be-
lieve it is an essential part of our
readjustment to peace. I am also
convinced the Congress must retain
and protect its rightful prerogative
of determining when and how much
taxes shall be levied on the peo-
ple."

The Senate Finance Committee is
scheduled to take up the bill to-
morrow. Chairman Millikin (R.,
Colo.) promised to send it to the
Senate without amendment.