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ESHKOL VISITS ARAB SOLDIER—With a military policeman (second from right) standing guard, Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol (center) and Health Minister Israel Barzelai (right) visit a wounded Arab legion soldier at a hospital in Jerusalem. The Jordanian soldier was a casualty in the Israelis army's capture of the Arab-held section of Jerusalem.

Tax Rebels Hold Line; GOP Woos Democrats

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LANSING — The House Republican leadership has abandoned efforts to win six Republicans over to support the party's tax reform program and is turning to House Democrats for the six votes necessary to carry the plan.

The six Republicans stood pat despite efforts of House Speaker Robert E. Waldron, Grosse Pointe Republican, to convince them during a three-hour GOP dinner caucus last night.

The six, sometimes referred to as the "Little Six," are, Reps. Donald E. Holbrook Jr., of Clare; Robert C. Stites, of Manitou Beach, Frederic J. Marchetti, of Allen; Don R. Pears, of Buchanan; Lionel Stacey Jr., of Benton Harbor, and Edson V. Root Jr., of Bangor.

"The 'Little Six' isn't a bad enough name for them," Waldron said. "Let's call them the 'Sinking Six' instead."

IT HAD BEEN HOPED that Stites, Root and Holbrook might change their minds after consultations with local leaders in their districts during the weekend.

However, only Root indicated he might be wavering.

"I know we need more money, but I think the people should have the right to vote on any program before it goes into effect," he said. "I don't know what I'll do."

Holbrook said his weekend trip home had only reinforced his opposition.

"For the first time since I've been a representative, people walked up to me on the street this weekend and told me what a good job they think I'm doing," he said.

Waldron said he had "laid out the cold alternatives to the caucus" in an attempt to get votes.

"They are either the politically likely one of a more economically regressive tax package, 'sock it' the one passed by the Senate, or unlikely one of a complete 'austerity budget,' he said.

THE FIRST alternative would be the type of package that would result from negotiations to get Democratic votes, Waldron said.

"It would be economically regressive because it would make investment go out of the state," he said.

The other alternative, the austerity budget, would entail a 10 percent cut in state spending proposed by Gov. Romney, so that expenditures can be kept within revenues if no new taxes are enacted.

"Frankly, I don't think a complete austerity budget can get through either house," said Waldron.

Waldron said the attempts to win over the wavering ex-Democrats will be "on an individual basis rather than through negotiations with House Democratic Leader William A. Ryan, of Detroit.

When Waldron and Ryan faced each other in tax negotiations earlier in the session, the whole process broke down, with each blaming the other for the failure.

The attempt to circumvent Ryan, a former union negotiator, has thus far failed.

Ryan got a pledge from House Democrats to bring all proposals back to the Democratic caucus for discussion and discussion before any agreement to vote with the Republicans is made.

Extra School Aid to Drain State Fund

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LANSING — Another cash problem has arisen for state government, budget makers in the Legislature were told today.

An unexpected drain for aid to public schools will drop the general fund surplus to $12.5 million, about $16.5 million below original estimates. The surplus only last June 30 was a whopping $167 million.

"This means there can't be delay until next fall in finding new revenues," said Glenn S. Allen, state budget director. "The remaining surplus will last about one month into the new fiscal year starting July 1.

"Then we'll be in a state of negative balances — a net deficit."

Sent to chairmen of the House and Senate appropriation committees, Allen's letter said aid to schools will be about $7 million more than expected because of higher enrollments. Another $6.5 million boost is for remedial reading programs and more than $1 million more for regular special education.

Allen said Ira Polley, state superintendent of public instruction, did not report the unexpected drain until last week.

Noting that schools file their transportation requests in September, their enrollment reports in October and special education requests in March, Allen said it is late April before it is possible to find what the school and requirements will be for a local year.

"It does not seem unreasonable for the superintendent to require all reports by Oct. 15 which are necessary to determine current year state aid," he said. "There appears to be more emphasis on early knowledge of prior year expenses and revenues than on current year requirements."

Allen told lawmakers that better and quicker reporting from school districts is needed and asked them to require it.

Merger Plans Reaffirmed by 2 U.S. Churches

BRISTOL, Tenn. —(AP)—The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States reaffirmed yesterday its determination to merge with the Reformed Church in America.

The vote was 403-18 on a resolution to "affirm once again our confidence in the providence of God and the serious and enthusiastic purpose to proceed as rapidly as possible toward union of our two churches."

The general synod of the Reformed Church, meeting here Saturday, approved a similar statement.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States—centered in 18 Southern and Southwestern states—had 865,449 members and 4,902 churches. The Reformed Church has 232,000 members and 937 churches, most of them in 20 Northern states.

Israel Denies Taking Russian Prisoners

From Reuters and AP Dispatches

TEL AVIV—Israel today denied that any Russians were taken prisoner by Israeli forces in the Israel-Desert of Syria.

Commenting on reports that Russians were captured on the Syrian front, an army spokesman said, "There were no Russians captured."

Reports had been circulating about participation of Russians in the war on the side of the Arab armies.

The report said orders to Russian over Egyptians, as well as Syrian, radio networks were heard by officers.

The Israeli army spokesman said, "We have no evidence to support these stories."

He said, however, that Soviet experts have been acting as instructors and advisers to Syrian forces. They were probably based in Damascus, he added.

The Soviet Union did supply Egypt and Syria with most of the weapons and armor used by them in the campaign. Great quantities of such material now lie in ruins on the desert battlefields.

Israeli forces on the last day of war with Egypt captured almost a gratuitous air attack base complete with munitions on the Sinai Peninsula, the army said.

The site is between Mitla Pass and the Suez Canal, Brig. Yeshayahu Gavish told newsmen.

The base contained nine missiles. One apparently had been fired, Gavish said. They were of the Soviet SA-2 type.

No ground-to-ground missiles were discovered by Israeli forces in Sinai, Gavish said.

Activities in State Capitol

LANSING — (AP) — In brief, here is what happened yesterday in the State Capitol:

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BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS

Assigned to the Democratic party the last two ballot positions in the November election, leaving the Republicans with the first two ballot positions. The board said it could not be determined whether the Democrats or Republicans would have the first ballot position in the November election.

SENATE

In adjournment.

HOUSE

Passed House Concurrent Resolution 1967 [illegible] Authorizing [illegible] Legislature [illegible] Legislature [illegible] Legislature