

Truman Urges Congress Approval of His Program

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Mr. Truman said most industries and most companies "have adequate leeway within which to grant substantial wage increases."

Elaborating on his higher wage theory, he said: "Good wages means good markets. Good business means more jobs and better wages."

Mr. Truman said further on this point: "If we manage our economy properly, the future will see us on a level of production half again as high as anything we have ever accomplished in peacetime."

Speaking again of the strike situation, a headliner for Congressional debate, the Chief Executive asserted: "Everyone who realizes the extreme need for a swift and orderly reconversion must feel a deep concern about the number of major strikes now in progress."

The President called anew for action on his entire domestic program including his proposal that strikes be held in abeyance while fact-finding boards investigate labor-management disputes.

In the military field, Mr. Truman recommended Army-Navy strength of 2,000,000 men for this calendar year and said continuation of the draft beyond its expiring date of May 16 will be necessary if enlistments do not obtain necessary replacements of those demobilized.

Augmenting his earlier foreign policy statements, he asserted American peace policy must rest upon justice no less than upon power.

He urged support of the United Nations commission to control atomic energy and expressed "great hope" for development of "mutually effective safeguards" in such control. He said he also believed it possible that the

atomic bomb will be outlawed as a war weapon. While reserving for a later message detailed discussion of the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain, Mr. Truman said granting this credit would contribute to "easing the transition problem of one of our major partners in the war."

In an introduction entitled "from war to peace—the year of decision," he declared the beginning of 1946 finds this country "strong and deservedly confident."

He said that for the immediate future the business prospects "are generally so favorable that there is danger of such feverish and opportunistic activity that our grave postwar problems may be neglected."

"We need to act now," he added, "with full regard for pitfalls; we need to act with foresight and balance."

Buttressing the thought that "we must lay a new and better foundation for cooperation" on both the domestic and international scene, he said the United Nations Organization must be developed as the "representative of the world as one society," providing a great voice to "speak constantly and responsibly in terms of world collaboration and world well-being."

Bargaining Not Compulsion Domestically, he said industrial peace will have to be achieved through collective bargaining "with government assistance but not government compulsion."

"Private capital and private management," he asserted, "are entitled to adequate reward for efficiency, but business must recognize that its reward results from the employment of the resources of the nation. Business is a public trust and must adhere to national standards in the conduct of its affairs."

"These standards include as a minimum the establishment of fair wages and fair employment practices."

Labor also has its peacetime responsibilities, he said, adding: "Under our collective bargaining system, which must become progressively more secure, labor attains increasing political as well as economic power, and this, as with all power, means increased responsibility."

Disunity, Voices Again Heard Mr. Truman reserved for the last page of his document his warning against "disunity."

"We have won a great war—we, the nations of plain people who hate war," he declared. "In the test of that war we found a strength of unity that brought us through—a strength that crushed the power of those who sought by force to deny our faith in the dignity of man."

"During this trial the voices of disunity among us were silent or were subdued to an occasional whine that warned us that they were still among us. Those voices are beginning to cry aloud again. We must learn constantly to turn deaf ears to them. They are voices which foster fear and suspicion and intolerance and hate."

Japanese War Plants Seized to Pay Debts

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millions of dollars had been allowed to deteriorate. The Japanese government was ordered to cease removals immediately and place guards around the buildings.

The amount and extent of the indemnity Japan is to pay are to be established soon, H. D. Maxwell of Tacoma, deputy chief of the American reparations commission, said on arriving at Hamilton Field, Calif., from Japan. Maxwell, returning with 10 other members of the commission, said Japan has a surplus in industrial capacity despite air raid damage and can pay "more than we expected."

Material Destroyed As part of the Allied program to restore Japan to peacetime pursuits, U. S. Army troops were estimated to have eliminated more than one-third of Japanese war material on southern Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku in three months.

Lt. Col. Clinton A. Waggoner, ordnance officer of La Porte, Tex., said the material destroyed included artillery pieces, planes, tanks, midget submarines, poison gases, bombs, rockets and rocket launchers, and ammunition.

Meat Plants' Seizure Federal Possibility

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cents for certain maintenance duties. A clause in the contract, retroactive to Oct. 2, 1945, permits the union to petition for subsequent increases. The union originally demanded 25 cents an hour more pay.

Conference Slated Another major strike development was acceptance by the heads of General Electric and Westinghouse companies of an invitation to meet with Secretary of Labor Schwelb and officials of the CIO Electrical Workers in Washington Tuesday. They will discuss the wage dispute which has lled 200,000 employees of the electrical appliances industry.

Vanport Negro Faces Charge of Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Multnomah County grand jury indicted Wardell H. Henderson, Vanport City Negro, on a first degree murder charge yesterday in the fatal shooting of Walter H. Poole on Christmas day.

The Negro was earlier indicted under the name of Aaron Robinson, which he used in Vanport City. Poole, a Vancouver shipyard worker and butcher, formerly lived in Kelso.

Hearse Solves Housing WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 21.—(AP)—E. T. Sarman arrived here from Malmbridge, Ind., in a hearse, but made it clear today he's vacation—not grave-bound.

He said he bought the vehicle to cope with the housing shortage during his trip.

"I put a bed in it in case I couldn't find a hotel room, and I had to use it, too," Sarman said. "It was very comfortable."

Forest Drain to Halt Under Truman's Proposal

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Increase growth is imperative if future employment in forest industries is not to be jeopardized by lack of raw material.

New Units to Be Set Up He reported that to meet this problem, five new Forest Service field units will be set up this year and that, within the next 15 years, 2,500,000 acres of denuded land in national forests will be re-planted.

The field units, similar to those which were set up last year in the South and Northeast, are to bring research findings of the forest laboratory at Madison,

Wis., to the field and take local problems back to the laboratory. The president asked \$1,072,000 for forest investigations, compared with \$204,000 appropriated for the current fiscal year. He proposed \$20,915,000 for protection and management compared with \$16,949,000 for this year and \$1,706,000 for research, compared with \$870,000.

He also proposed that Congress appropriate \$22,714,222 for forest highways, \$14,060,000 for roads and trails and \$8,300,000 for forest fire cooperation. The 1946 figures were \$3,500,000 \$6,418,773 and \$7,300,000 respectively.

Budget Outlay Assures No Boost in National Debt

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600, leaving a deficit of \$28,600,000,000.

Mr. Truman said his budget estimates "are based on the assumption of generally favorable business conditions but not on an income reflecting full employment and high productivity that we hope to achieve. In the future years the present tax system, in conjunction with a full employment level of national income, could be expected to yield more than \$30,000,000,000, which is substantially above the anticipated peacetime level of expenditures."

In one reference to future budgets, he observed "they can

hardly be expected to be reduced to less than \$25,000,000,000." Budget Sets Precedent The budget message was unique in one respect. For the first time it included not only the customary estimates based on existing law, but also tentative estimates to provide for proposed legislation recommended by the President in his companion report on the state of the union.

These recommendations include: Universal military training, stock piling of strategic materials, adequate salaries for all government workers, a comprehensive program of scientific research, the Great Lake-St. Lawrence project, extension of crop insurance, a "full employment" law, health and medical care program, an increase in unemployment insurance benefits and a federal airport development program.

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