

Budget Brake On Air Force Plans Creates Big Stir

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Truman's budget brake on air force expansion plans stirred up a congressional hornet's nest Wednesday. Both Democrats and Republicans joined in.

Mr. Truman recommended a minimum 48-combat group air force in his budget message yesterday. Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), progressive chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, immediately disagreed.

"I am thoroughly convinced an overwhelming majority of Congress will vote the funds to put into being a 70-group air force over a period of three or four years," Vinson said. "It is the minimum we must have for security."

Senator Tydings (D-Md.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he didn't think the president's recommendations "ruled out" an ultimate 70-group force, but intended to study the matter very closely.

Mr. Truman took the stand that the number and size of planes is a better way to measure air force strength than by the number of groups.

Secretary of the Air Force Symington, in a report issued over the weekend, reiterated air force hopes for 70 groups. The last congress authorized 66 groups and the air force now has reached 60-group combat strength. (Symington's report was written weeks ago, he has said since he will go along with the president's recommendations.)

The air force also set a goal of 10,297 first and second line planes by June 30. The president said this would be cut back to 9,197.

Suspect Held In 'Black Dahlia' Case

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A bellhop who the police say knows minute details of the mutilation killing two years ago of the "Black Dahlia," Elizabeth Short, is held incommunicado today as a suspect.

Booked on suspicion of murder, he gave his name as Leslie Dillon, 27, Alias Jack Sands, J. F. Dillon and other names. He is a former sailor and intermittent Los Angeles resident.

Police chief C. B. Horrall, who announced the arrest, said Dillon knows numerous details of the killing and mutilation "which could be known only to a person with direct knowledge of the murder itself."

Dillon denied killing or even knowing Miss Short, 22, a waitress with many best friends and

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Yoncalla City Hall Being Remodeled

Remodeling of the City Hall at Yoncalla has started. To make the main room larger and to provide space for the Public Library are principal reasons for starting the work.

The Library recently had to move from its old quarters in the Eagle Theater. Mrs. Golda Woolman, owner of the theater, is remodeling the old rooms into a fountain and lunch room.

The City Hall is being made completely over. The kitchen and rest rooms will be moved. A donation of \$25 was recently made by the Yoncalla Civic Club to the city, to help finance the cost of rewiring for an electric stove.

At the recent meeting of the Civic Club, street signs and other urgently needed improvements were discussed. A building fund of \$150 has been started for a youth recreation center for Yoncalla.

A food sale will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, for the benefit of the fund.

County Committees For Polio Fund Completed

Ray G. Lamberson, Dr. In, has accepted the chairmanship of that town's Infantile Paralysis fund campaign, County Chairman Al Henninger announced.

With the appointment of Lamberson the committees for the various communities of Douglas County are complete and the local organizations, in the respective towns are now in full preparedness, said Henninger.

The campaign officially gets underway Friday. A number of ideas are being worked out for the purpose of topping last year's \$16,000 goal. Included will be various entertainments, sporting events and dances, and the familiar coin collectors will be out in all the public places, according to Henninger.

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He defended the principle of payroll health insurance, which opponents have called "socialism, regimentation and compulsion."

If Congress should pass, at President Truman's request, a federal health insurance plan, the governor suggested that the state plan could readily be coordinated with it.

Tax Program Proposed To Meet Deficit in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Governor Gruening proposed to a special session of the Alaska Legislature Tuesday a three-pronged basic tax program in the face of an Alaska deficit which he said exceeds \$2,000,000.

He said in a message that recommendations of taxation experts are: a graduated net income tax for corporations and individuals, a property tax, and an equitable trade-license tax.

Youth Fellowship At Yoncalla Seats Officers

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Yoncalla recently elected new officers for the coming year. They were installed Sunday evening at a candlelight service conducted by Norval Ritchey, former president of the group, now a student at University of Oregon.

New officers installed included the president, Shirley Highley; vice president, Paul Allen, secretary, Cloma Means; treasurer, Bobby Means; chairman of social committee, Alice Case; chairman of world service, Glen Thompson.

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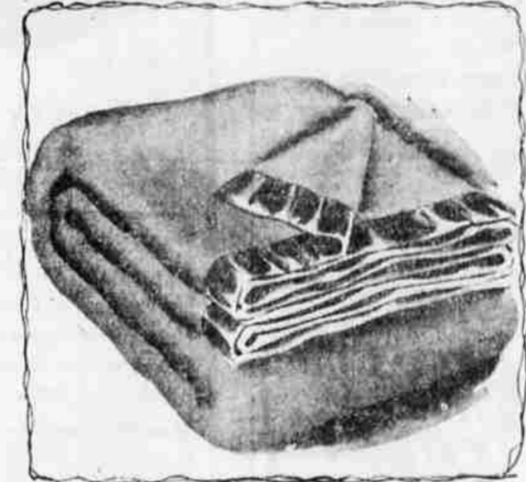
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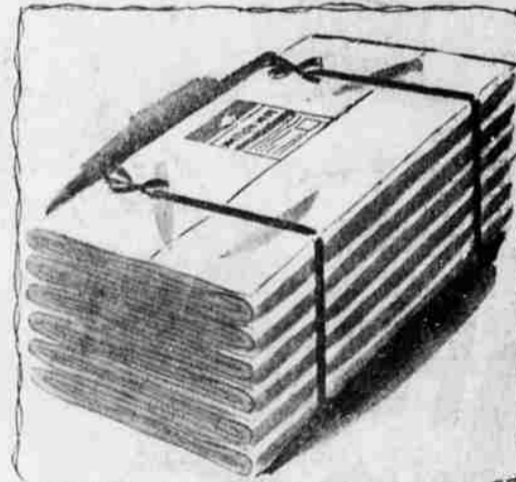
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