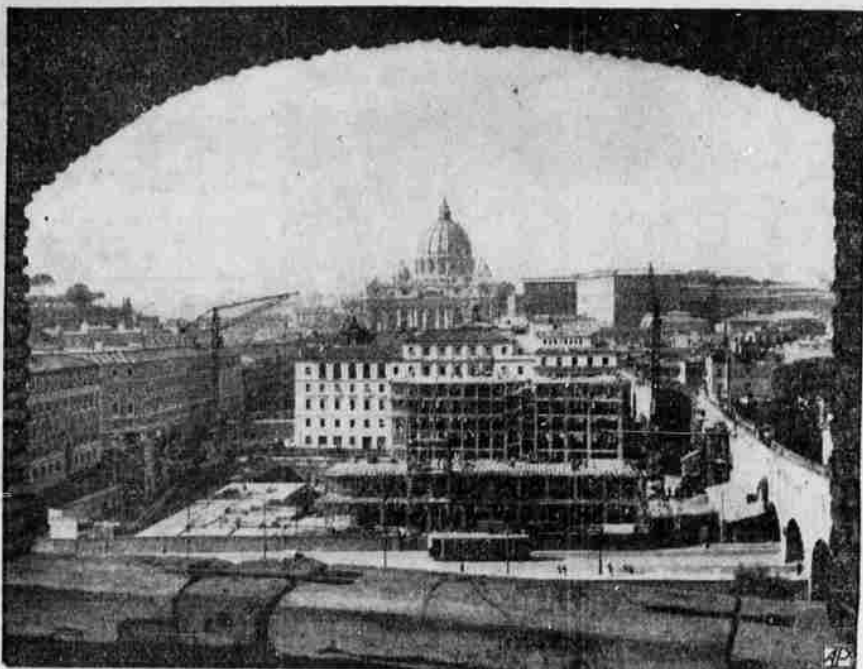




HOTEL FOR PILGRIMS—The building (foreground) being constructed near St. Peter's (background) in Rome will house pilgrims who will visit the city during Holy Year of 1950. Offices of Catholic Action groups will be in the building.

Inauguration of Many Presidents Marked by Oddities; Lincoln Posted Record by Kissing Thirty-Four Girls

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Harry S. Truman may have the biggest presidential inauguration festival in American history. But he'll have to go some to beat one record set by a homely Republican predecessor.

That's in the matter of kissing.

The champ? Abraham Lincoln. Honest Abe kissed no fewer than 34 girls at his first inauguration—one from each state.

Past inaugurations have tended to reflect the mood—stormy, sad or gay—through which the nation was passing. A number of the incidents and oddities are recalled by Jewell Casey in the current issue of "The Holy Name Journal."

George Washington was the only president inaugurated in two cities—New York and Philadelphia. At the first ceremony the "Father of his Country" sturdily asserted the economic independence of the new-born republic with a "made in America" brown suit. It was woven from the wool of American sheep.

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Young Supplant Old Men in Rule At Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Oregon Senate was considered an old man's group only six ago. But it isn't any more.

In 1943 the average age of the senators was 55. Now it's dropped down to 49.

The 1943 Senate had 10 members over 60 years old, and four of them were more than 75. The present Senate has only two over 60, with 64 being the top age.

Six years ago there wasn't a single senator under 40. The youngest senator was William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, who then was 40. Now he's president of the Senate.

But now there are six senators in their 30's. Five of them are Democrats, or half the Democratic population of the upper House.

The Senate's "baby" is Orval Thompson, Albany, who is 34. Next youngest is Richard L. Neuberger, Portland, 36. Then come Russell L. Gardner, Newport, 37, and three 39-year-olds—Austin Dunn, Baker; Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart; and Elmo Smith, Ontario. Smith is the only Republican in the young group.

Oldest man in the Senate is Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, 64—but he's one of the most active men in the legislature. Next oldest is another live-wire—Angus Gibson, Junction City, 61. Both are Republican veterans.

The youngest senator, Thompson, already knows the ropes. He served in the 1941 House when he was only 26 years old, and gained fame for his handling of complicated unemployment compensation legislation. Now he has another tough assignment as chairman of the Senate financial institutions committee.

Bullet Death Of Wealthy Veteran Presents Puzzle

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The death of wealthy Greenville Baker, who was found beside his wrecked jeep with a pistol wound in his head, presented a puzzle to police today.

A coroner's jury Monday found only that the 27-year-old heir of a New York banking family was killed by a pistol "fired by a party or parties unknown."

A divorced tavern waitress who was with Baker when the jeep was wrecked could give no explanation for the bullet wound.

Sheriff Frank Stoutmire offered no theories, and no one was being held in connection with the case.

The young amateur aviator died about 3:30 a. m. Monday on one of the many winding trails of his mother's "horseshoe plantation."

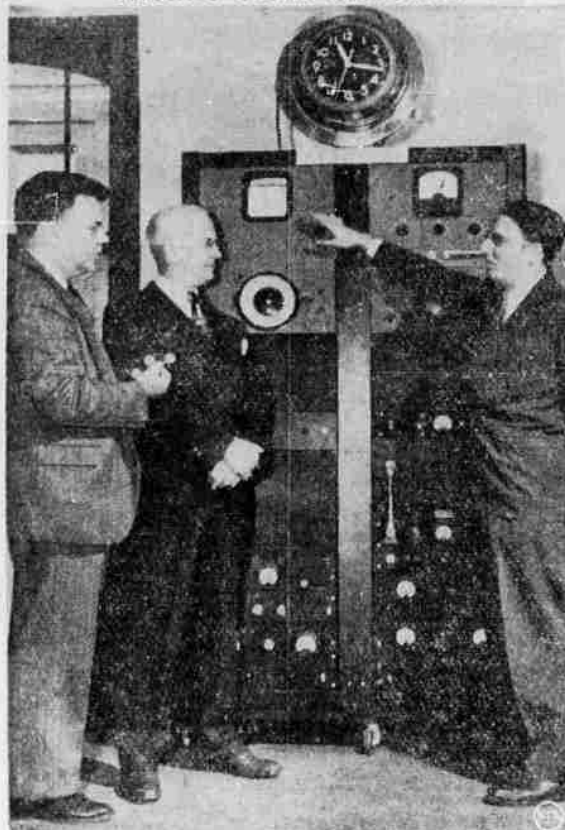
The waitress, Mrs. Thelma Griffin, said she never had met Baker before Sunday night. She testified that Baker fired one pistol shot in an effort to attract the attention of a car of companions just before he lost control of the jeep.

The car struck an embankment and she was thrown out, the young divorcee said.

She ran to the highway, met the other car which was waiting for her and reported the accident. They returned to the scene, she said, and Baker died a few minutes later without regaining consciousness.

Baker was a World War II flier, and the son of the late George F. Baker.

Atomic Clock Unveiled



This is the atomic clock unveiled at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., which is said to be more accurate than the stars. The timepiece has a brand new standard of frequency and time which will never vary as long as the universe exists. At the unveiling are (L-R) Dr. E. U. Condon, director of the Bureau of Standards; Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, and Dr. Harold Lyons, inventor of the clock.

Sure, Uncle Sam's Budget is Huge, But So is Soviet Government's

By JAMES THRASHER

It is a painful sort of wishful thinking to compare the largest peacetime budget in our history, which the President has presented to Congress, with the budgets of the twenties and thirties. It is also pointless. World War II had to be fought and paid for. And the veterans of that war must have care, consideration and compensation as well as gratitude.

Those two items, interest on the public debt and veterans' services and benefits, account for nearly \$11,000,000,000. They are fixed and necessary charges. Also necessary, though perhaps capable of sensible reduction through greater efficiency, are the costs of national defense and international affairs. They amount roughly to \$21,000,000,000. Thus more than half the record budget is earmarked for defense—since foreign aid, aimed primarily at containing communism, may be classed under that heading.

Maybe it is also wishful thinking to speculate on what our budget would be if postwar Soviet policy had been what all of us hoped and many expected it would be. It might still be big, by 1925 standard. There would be foreign aid, but nothing like the present amount. In a disarming

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world we would spend a small fraction of the present \$14,000,000,000 for defense. There would be no budget item of \$210,208,875 for atomic weapons.

Needed for Better Life

By 1925 standards there would be enormous appropriations for health, education, housing, social welfare, the development and conservation of natural and agricultural resources. They would probably amount to considerably more than the 16 per cent that they do in the 1950 budget. But they would be billions spent in quest of a better life in an unfrightened world. That would be a constructive, productive project quite different from one devoted to national survival in a world of atomic warfare.

We need social and economic improvements at home today as bulwarks against crises that might imperil our prosperity. It is quite possible that one aim of Soviet policy is to try to promote business and financial crises by making us overspend on arms and aid against an uncertain future.

Soviet, too, Must Spend

But what of the Russian budget? The Soviet government cannot keep us on Uneasy Street unless it keeps up its threat of sudden military action. That means maintaining a big army and air force. It means devoting a substantial part of its industry to production of arms and other war necessities. It means working on the development of atomic weapons.

Russia is undoubtedly doing all this. And it costs billions, whether your economy is communist or capitalist, whether you are spending rubles or dollars. In ad-

dition, Russia needs social and economic improvements even more than the United States does.

Russia's territory and population are greater than ours, but so are its needs. Because of war the Soviet government has had to spend to repair, while we have spent to progress. Now and for some time to come our industry and agriculture can sustain a population better and longer than the Russians, in peace or war.

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