

John Q. Citizen Caught In Middle As Budget Controversy Increases

By JAMES THRASHER

"To be a liberal," said Senator Douglas of Illinois, "one doesn't have to be a wastrel." That is a perfectly sensible statement. But it probably surprised some people, coming as it did from an old New Deal supporter who is strong for Mr. Truman's social reform program.

It was a surprising statement because liberalism in a member of government has come to mean liberality with public money, among other things. The liberal in government is supposed to be committed to the "tax and tax and spend and spend" philosophy. But here was a left-of-center Democrat in Congress who didn't feel it his bounden duty to sling the dough around.

Mr. Douglas made his remark in connection with his support of the so-called Republican economy drive. Republicans did lead the effort to cut at least 5 per cent from department and agency funds in appropriating for the coming fiscal year. But the effort picked up some Democratic support from outside the South.

Spending Cut Doubtful
It didn't pick up enough, however. The economy moves were beaten down. Unless the House persuades the Senate to change its mind in conference on the appropriation bills, the chances for

less government spending don't look good.

It is no secret that federal revenues and expenses have come to a point of imbalance where the government is going to have to do one of three things: cut spending, raise taxes, or go back to deficit financing.

Senator Douglas and a lot of other sensible people feel that now, when prices are going down and the threat of inflation is only theoretical, there is no point in lowering the standard of living by taking more money out of the taxpayer's pocket.

Hoover Report Important
No sensible person can want deficit spending. We have a national debt now which is so big that the interest on it is almost one and a half times the amount it took to run the whole government 20 years ago.

So there isn't much left to do except cut some good-sized corners. The most promising tools for that job are at hand in the Hoover Commission's report. But the savings from the Hoover recommendations would not come over night. Worse than that, they may not come at all. For there is now a bill in the Senate that would give either branch of Congress a veto over the President's

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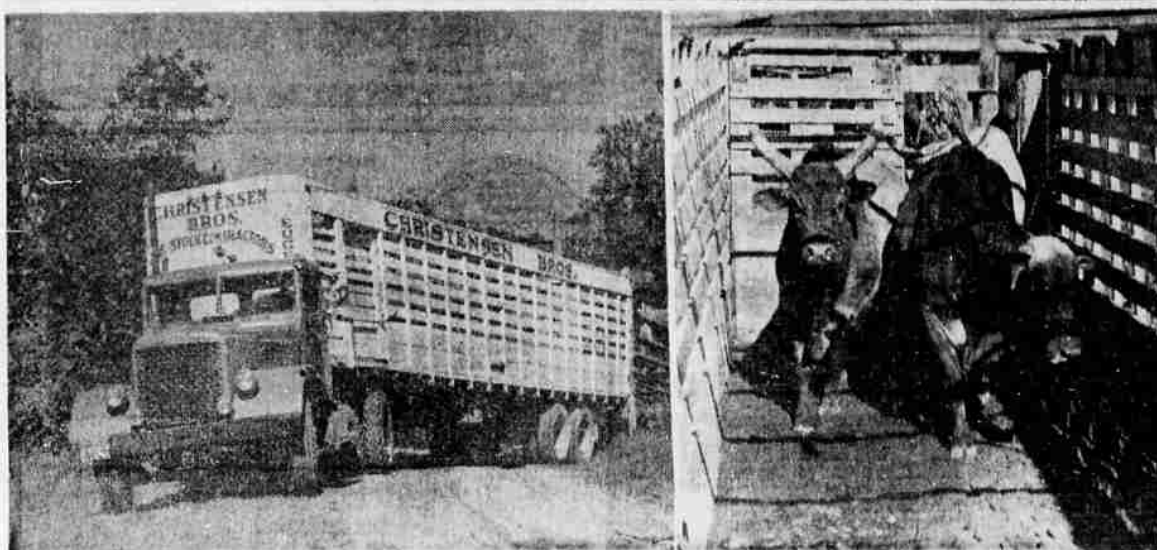
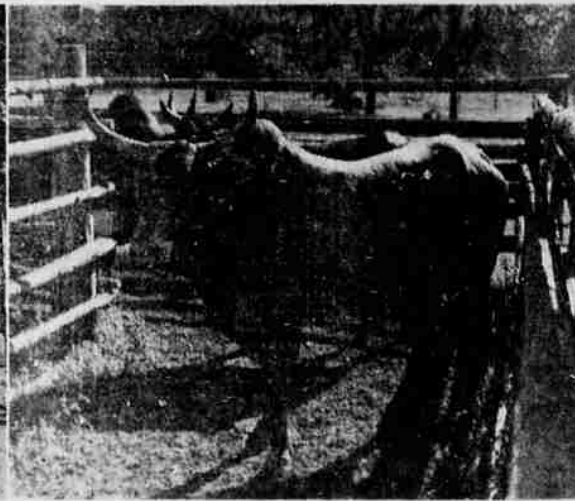
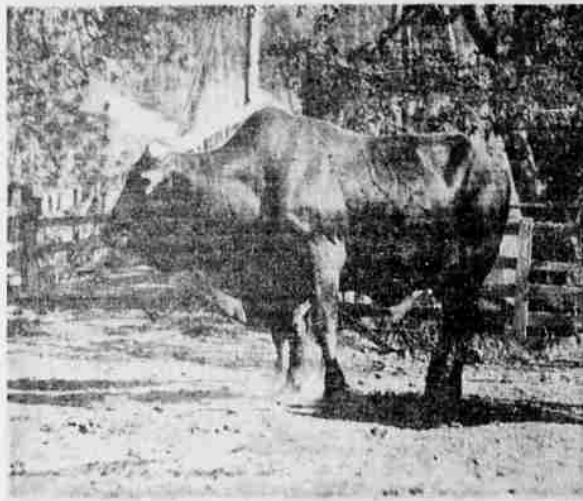
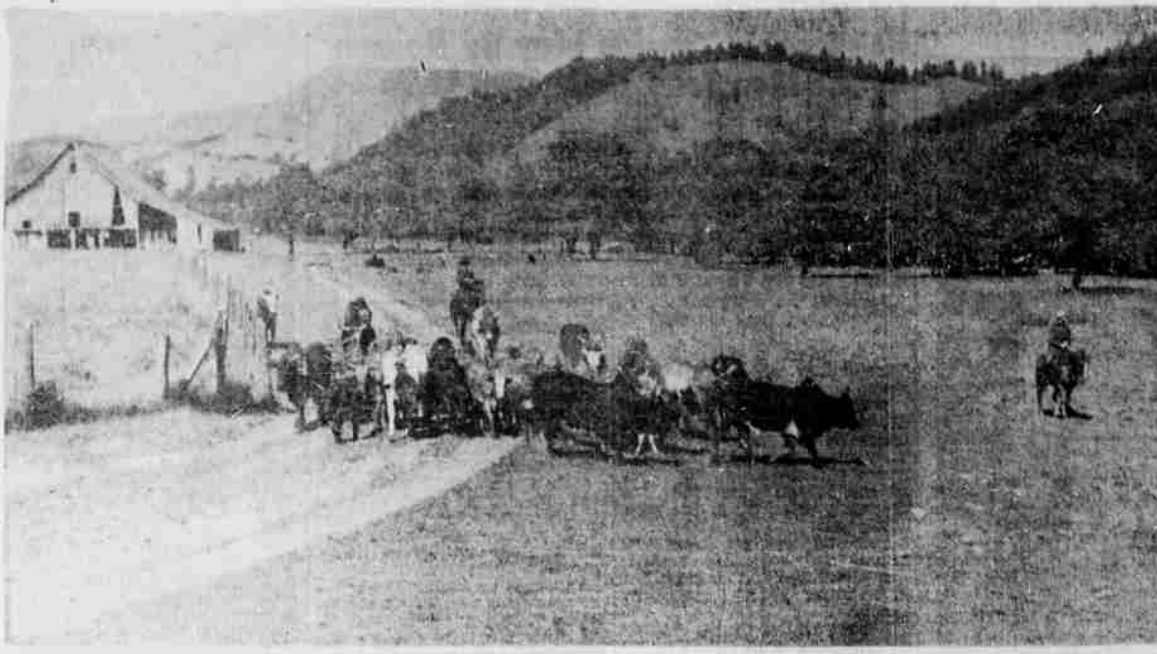
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reorganization power. This bill, if passed, would probably hamstring and eventually strangle the whole Hoover program.

Whether or not that program lives or dies, the need for budget balancing is immediate. But at

the moment it looks as if we shall see our per capita incomes lowered or our per capita public debt raised in order to keep our growing bureaucracy in a state of plump and robust health.

Italian Officers Face Trial By Russians

ROME, May 25.—(AP)—A foreign ministry spokesman reported Tuesday the Italian government has learned "indirectly"

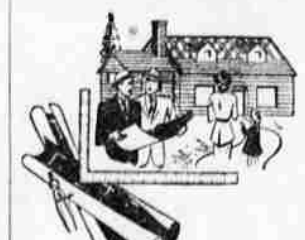
that 27 Italian officers will face trial in Russia for war crimes. The spokesman said the officers, including two generals, have been held in Russia since the end of the war. Italian demands for their release have been ignored, he said. Date and place of the trials have not been learned, he added.

Mrs. Errol Flynn Plans Divorce, New Marriage

LAS VEGAS, Nev., May 25.—(AP)—Nova Edington Flynn and Crooner Dick Haymes will be married in Santa Barbara, Calif., probably early in July.
Mrs. Flynn made the announcement, saying she doesn't know on what grounds she will ask for her divorce from Errol Flynn, but that it probably will be mental cruelty.

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COMMUNITY HALL FOR YONCALLA

Auction Sale To Raise Funds For Project; 8th Graders Get Diplomas

By MRS. GEORGE EDES
(News-Review Correspondent)
An auction sale in June will be the principal fund raising effort toward construction of a new recreation hall at Yoncalla. The Yoncalla Civic Club started the ball rolling at its recent meeting, by contributing \$150 to the fund.

Mrs. Elton Grass was appointed chairman of the committee to organize the auction sale. Date of the sale will be announced later. Citizens are asked to begin now to collect items for the sale. The entire community is asked to share in the project.

The new hall will be built adjoining the present City Hall, so that the latter building's modernized kitchen may be used for both buildings. Floor of the new recreation hall will be constructed to roller skating rink standard. W. Wade Crow, president of the Yoncalla Civic Club, emphasized the need for "respect" in the home, in school and

the church, and above all for God, the Rev. Mr. Lange, pastor of the Yoncalla Assembly of God addressed the eighth grade graduation in the high school gymnasium Friday.

Processional was played by Mrs. Ruby Thomas. Salutatory was given by Betty Currier. Henry Hughes told the class history. Betty Currier gave a guitar solo. Jean Boan read the class prophecy and the class will be read by Sadie Owens. Valedictory address was given by Barbara Pennington.

Diplomas were presented to the class by Mr. Bice, while certificates for perfect attendance were awarded by Al Hoffman, principal. Receiving diplomas were: John Long, Jerry Boan, Theodore Carr, Billy Fast, Robert Carpenter, Betty Currier, Henry Hughes, Althea Lambdin, Jerry Meiers, Charles Meaton, Jackie Metz, Sadie Owens, Barbara Pennington and Donald Vest.

P.T.A. Installs New President

Meeting of the Yoncalla P.T.A. was held recently at the school. Mrs. Paul Flurry, retiring president, installed as the new president, Mrs. Elton Grass.

Mrs. Roy Curl, Mrs. Elmer Currier and Mrs. Louise Snider were appointed a committee for a booth at the Fourth of July Rodeo. Elmer Currier was asked to make the booth.

The club will serve hot dogs, doughnuts, pie and coffee. Motion made and seconded to buy a visual slide picture machine for use in the grade school. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Community Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox and their son of Newport spent the weekend here visiting at the parental Luther Daugherty home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Applegate, Mrs. Archie Thomas and Miss Eva Applegate spent Friday in Portland.

Ed Meyers, Mrs. Marie Burdette and Mrs. Guthrie and her daughter, Janette, of Joseph, Ore., are visiting at the George Meyers home in Hayhurst Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kinman and their three sons, of Amity, and Mrs. Mabel Howard of Corvallis spent the weekend here renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Doreen Morgan and her daughter Pamela of Portland are visiting at the Albert Cockeram home on Red Hill for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabiness spent several days of last week in Portland, where Mr. Cabiness had a medical checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Almdale spent several days last week on a trip through Northern Oregon.

The "Halo" Squaws Council will hold a cooked food sale in the butcher shop May 28.

Tom Westfall of Salem is visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curl, for a week.

Eugene visitors from Yoncalla last week included Mrs. George Meyers Jr., Mrs. Fred Sefton Jr., Mrs. Sefton Sr., Mrs. Geo. Edes, Mrs. Jean Cowan and daughter Mrs. Homer Kruse.

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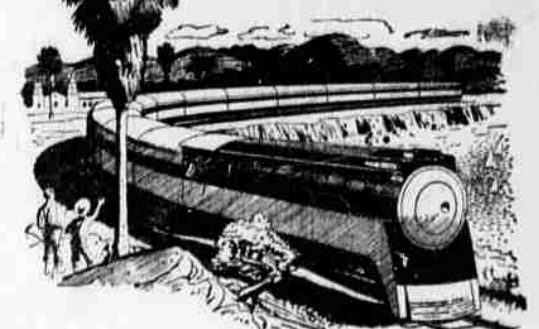
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Planes Plan DDT Spray In War Against Polio

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 25.—(AP)—Fighter planes of the Texas Air National Guard will soon join the war against polio and infant diarrhea here.
Lt. Col. William N. Hensley, commander of the 182d fighter squadron of the guard, said planes from the unit will spray San Antonio with DDT.

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