

## No Tax Increase Requested In Economic Report Of President

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—President Truman's latest economic report to Congress looks considerably different from the report of last January.

The new report has two things in it which hadn't been unveiled when the January report was made. One is the Brannan farm plan. The other is the President's "Point IV" program for economic assistance for underdeveloped countries, first presented in the inaugural message.

The President is still for both of these things, though he doesn't refer to the farm plan as being Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan's. The President merely calls it "an improved program of farm income supports."

He doesn't stress any possible savings to consumers. In January the President recommended an increase in taxes to raise an additional \$4,000,000,000 a year. He advised raising the money by increasing taxes on corporations, on upper income brackets, and by some unspecified additional excise taxes.

In the new midyear report the President says: "No major increase in taxes should be undertaken at this time." He goes even further by proposing the repeal of taxes on transportation of goods, the liberalization of tax laws to permit corporations to carry over their losses from one year to the next.

It would be wrong to say that these proposed changes in fiscal policy represent a complete reversal of the President's January position. In the January report, the President gave himself an out by saying: "The national tax policy should be flexible and should be promptly adjusted to the changing needs of business."

The main themes of the President's January economic report were how to combat inflation and how to protect the victims of inflation. Most of that inflation still seems to be here. But the new midyear report doesn't repeat the January requests for selective price and wage controls. In the interval, Congress has extended only rent controls.

The President will probably be ridiculed for what appears to be backing out on some of his recommendations of six months ago. But in this new report he presents arguments seeking to justify those recommendations as having been sound at the time they were made.

"Our position (today) would be stronger if we had taken adequate steps to control inflation be-

tween 1945 and 1949," he writes. On a number of other legislative recommendations in the President's new midyear report, he is merely repeating proposals from January and previous messages.

He still favors increasing the minimum wage standard from 40 to 75 cents an hour. It now looks as though he might get it.

He still favors increasing unemployment insurance payments to \$30 a week, lengthening the time they shall be paid to 30 weeks and extending benefits to many workers not now covered. The President also recommended extension for another year of the veterans' readjustment unemployment benefits.

He likewise repeats previous recommendations for increasing social security benefit payments to the aged, the blind, the needy.

The main theme of the new report, however, is on the avoidance of a possible future depression. The President says the country can't have prosperity by cutting employment or wages or essential government programs, so he doesn't propose to cut them.

Instead, he repeats his January requests for public works planning—though no greater construction—and for surveys on the development of industry in an expanding economy. The President was severely beat over the head when he proposed such steps before. He may be in for further beatings for proposing them again, even though he does not overemphasize them.

**Blouses Now Made With Built-In Perfume**  
GLASGOW, July 18—(AP)—A factory here is making blouses with built-in perfume. The cloth is manufactured in Lancashire and the scent is impregnated in such a way that it lasts for months.

Some of the varieties are jasmine, gardenia, poppy, lavender, lily-of-the-valley and lilac.

## Officials View Fire Hazards In Umpqua Forest

Two top forest service officials were impressed with the increasing fire dangers of the Umpqua National forest, Forest Supervisor M. M. "Red" Nelson reported today.

Nelson and Fire Assistant Ray Hampton accompanied C. A. Gustafson, chief of the division of fire control, Washington, D. C., and Kermit Lindstedt, fire control chief for Oregon and Washington on a tour of the forest area last week.

Nelson said both Gustafson and Lindstedt were outspoken about the difficulties of fire prevention in this area. The two visiting forest officials were especially concerned with the dangers which would be encountered in fighting fires in old burns and logging slash areas.

Because of the increasing dangers caused by logging activities, Nelson said his office will be charged with more protective and preventative measures in the future.

The visiting officials left Nelson and Hampton at Diamond lake Tuesday night when reports of the Malheur fire indicated the severity of that blaze. The tour was to have taken the men along the North Umpqua and Little rivers, and into the Bohemia district.

Nelson said he and Hampton remained at Diamond lake to make a thorough inspection of the lookouts in that vicinity and to check the future sales area.

They returned to Roseburg Friday.

## Bug Sends Leading Lady Screaming Off Stage

DALLAS, Texas, July 18.—(AP)—The final performance of "Bloomer Girl" at the Starlight opera stopped abruptly last night when the leading lady ran screaming off the stage.

The cause of it all was a bug, which hit Miss Nanette Fabray in the face and then fell down her bosom.

Miss Fabray was wearing a low-necked, hoop-skirted costume of the 1860s.

She had begun singing "Sunday in Cicero Falls" in the second act when the bug struck. She turned her back on the audience, shouted to the wings—"I can't go on. I can't go on!"—and began screaming.

Charles R. Meeker Jr., managing director of the show, came on stage to cancel the performance.

## Man, 30, Held In Sex Murder Of Woman, 73

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 18.—(AP)—William Draper, 30-year-old father of three boys, was held today as the man who raped Mrs. Jennie O'Keefe, 73, and beat her to death in a dark field.

Mrs. O'Keefe, the mother of a Rochester policeman, was killed in a suburb, Greece, Saturday night as she started a two-week vacation from her job as a department store seamstress.

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## Status Of Atom Bomb Adm. Blandy's Topic At Lions International Meet

NEW YORK, July 19.—(AP)—Delegates from 26 countries, many of them in colorful costumes, Monday formally opened the 32nd annual convention of Lions International.

They heard Gov. Thomas E. Dewey urge that western Europe be made into one large area for the free exchange of goods and services as in the United States.

Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, told the delegates that "the atom bomb will not destroy civilization."

Registrations for the five-day convention indicated an attendance of at least 30,000 delegates. Families, in many instances, accompany the delegates to Lions conventions and the program includes special entertainment features for the women and children.

One of the colorful numbers on Monday's program was the annual presentation of flags of all 26 countries in which there are Lion clubs, with young women dressed in native costumes representing each country.

Governor Dewey, in his address of welcome, said it was important

that the senate "with real enthusiasm," ratify the North Atlantic treaty.

Admiral Blandy, speaking on the subject "Is the atom bomb overrated?" drew these four main conclusions in his summary:

"1. The statement that 'there is no defense against the atom bomb' is an exaggeration.

"2. The atom bomb will not destroy civilization.

"3. The atom bomb is a major deterrent to war; but it will not retain this distinction indefinitely.

"4. The atom bomb is an immensely potent engine of destruc-

tion; but it is not the absolute weapon of decision."  
Janice Harvell, 17-year-old school girl of Carolina Beach, N. C., was adjudged "Queen of the United States."

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