

Tighter Rein On Vets Outlays Is Advised

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a year ago. This fiscal year's total is now placed at \$6,905,000,000. Hospital Cuts Stated
He proposed a thorough investigation of the increasingly expensive education and training program in schools below the college level.
Elimination a year ago of 24 proposed new veterans hospitals and the reduction in capacity of 14, at a saving of \$279,000,000, remains in effect. Despite complaints from many parts of the country during 1949 over cancellation of the projects, the president made no move to restore them.
Mr. Truman pointed out that expenditures for veterans benefits "depend largely on how many of our 19,000,000 living veterans, and how many dependents of deceased veterans, apply and qualify for aid under some 300 laws."
Mr. Truman set forth that the country's primary obligation is to some 2,000,000 veterans with service-incurred disabilities, and to 300,000 families of veterans who died from such disabilities.
Mr. Truman estimated that by the end of the fiscal year 1951 under the servicemen's readjustment act (the G. I. bill of rights), 8,000,000 veterans will have received education and training benefits costing \$12,900,000,000, and 9,000,000 will have drawn unemployment and self-employment allowances totaling \$3,900,000,000.
In addition, he said, 2,400,000 veterans will have borrowed \$13,000,000,000 in government-guaranteed loans.
He estimated that the average enrollment in school, job and farm training courses under the education and training program would decline from 1,956,000 in the current year to 1,837,000 in the next, and in that fiscal year would cost \$2,500,000,000.
But the current enrollment is 400,000 above that anticipated a year ago, he said, adding:

"Messiah" Concert To Be Followed By Party

Members of the Roseburg Choral society have been asked to be at the recreation building of the Roseburg Veterans hospital at 7 p.m. tonight, prior to presenting excerpts from the "Messiah," according to Roy Barnhart, society president.
Immediately following the concert, members of the choral group and their "husbands, wives, girl friends or boy friends" will gather at the Roseburg Country club for the annual mid-winter party, Barnhart said.

HAYMES LOSE BABY

BURBANK, Calif., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Nora Haymes, wife of crooner Dick Haymes and ex-wife of Errol Flynn, suffered a miscarriage.
Burbank hospital reported loss of the expected baby yesterday and added that Mrs. Haymes is probably out of danger.
She and Haymes married last July. The baby was expected in June.

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Truman Submits Budget Exceeding \$42 Billion

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big cuts in the budget. He said: "It is going to be difficult to pare it any in this election year. We may be able to make some reduction but not to any great extent."
President Truman will send Congress later on a special tax message. In his state of the union address last week he said he would propose some revisions and "moderate" increase.
But nobody expects that he will ask additions which would take much of a chunk out of the \$3,133,000,000 deficit that his \$42,439,000,000 spending figure anticipates.
The cold war with communist Russia takes the biggest spending bite—\$18,256,000,000. That figure for the 1951 fiscal year beginning July 1 includes \$13,500,000,000 for defense—up \$400,000,000 from this year—and \$4,700,000,000 for foreign aid. The combined total is \$856,000,000 lower than current outlays.
Next in size comes cash for domestic programs, including Mr. Truman's "fair deal." This figure jumps \$923,000,000 to \$12,378,000,000.
The \$42,439,000,000 spending bill is equivalent to \$282.17 for each man, woman and child in today's population. It is larger than last January's record peace-time budget estimate, but \$858,000,000 less than the \$43,297,000,000 now expected to be spent by June 30.
Legislators clamoring for less spending rather than more taxes. Mr. Truman stressed the importance of federal dollars to an expanding domestic economy. He said his program, embracing a "moderate" tax increase, is "prudent" and provides "a solid base for moving toward budgetary balance in the next few years."
The President set no target for balancing the government's income and spending. The White House said the administration tax bill is still under draft and would be ready for Congress in a few days.
Even before Mr. Truman spoke, chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the House Appropriations committee offered a budget balancing idea: cut spending by \$2,500,000,000 and raise taxes the same amount.
Also a planning organization of businessmen, the committee for economic development, came out for a billion dollar cut in excise taxes and another cut of equal size in the double tax on corporate earnings. It further proposed savings in expenditures on veterans, defense, foreign programs and housing.
Mr. Truman sketched the make-up of 1951 spending in broad strokes.
He charged off nearly \$30,000,000,000 or the 71 percent his budget allotted to national defense, foreign affairs, veterans programs and interest costs of the federal debt with these words:
"Financial requirements to pay the costs of past wars and to achieve a peaceful world."
These four "cold war and aftermath-of-war" items, all told, would cost \$1,781,000,000 less in the next fiscal year than in this one.
Then he discussed the nearly \$12,500,000,000 in domestic programs that constitute the other 29 percent of his budget and contain at their core his welfare goals.
He said the money assigned has been generally recognized by Congress to reflect "the necessary contributions of the Federal government in our modern economy." He added:
"The major question in my mind is not whether we are doing too much, but whether the budgetary requirements of the major national security and war-connected programs have constrained us to undertake too little toward supporting and stimulating the realization of our country's great potential development."

47,000 Miners Strike In Soft Coal Regions

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producer, said none of its mines in Pennsylvania were working. It is headed by George Love, a leader in the mine operators' union stand against the contract demands of President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.
At nearby Liberty, Pa., site of a large Pitt Consol mine, a miner said: "We voted at a local meeting not to work. None of the miners will work at any of the company's mines."
Love has flatly refused to bow to Lewis' demands for a wage increase for the miners and a boost in the royalties the operators pay to the UMW's welfare and pension fund.
There's no indication that today's walkout will develop into a strike idling all of Lewis' 480,000 dues payers. To the contrary, some of Lewis' own district leaders say they expect most of the men to be on the job.
Everything pointed to a situation similar to that which existed in Illinois last week. Some 16,000 Illinois miners quit work. UMW officials said the strike wasn't authorized. They intimidated the miners were just showing their displeasure at the operators' refusal to sign a contract.
The latest development in the coal dispute is certain to be watched closely by Congress. There's little question that it will increase pressure on President Truman to invoke the emergency injunction of the Taft-Hartley act to get the miners back on a five-day week.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A coal retailers' group, claiming that John L. Lewis' three-day work week in the mines is causing a critical shortage, today sought the aid of an increasingly concerned Congress.
J. R. Urheim, leader of the mid-western coal dealers said 40 or 50 members of the House and Senate had agreed to meet with the group to discuss possible action to restore full coal production.
Several lawmakers have expressed alarm at the situation in recent days. Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois has a request for prompt action pending before President Truman. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) has urged Mr. Truman to make use of his strike-baiting powers under the Taft-Hartley act. Various other congress members also have called for a swift move to end the three-day week.
So far, the president has refused to view the situation as an emergency under the act. And there has been some talk in Congress that the emergency section of the act could not legally be used because no all-out work stoppage exists.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—John L. Lewis spoke out today against demands for government action which he said would "oppress the mine workers and cripple their union."
The United Mine Workers' chief denounced Senator Taft for urging President Truman to go into court under the Taft-Hartley act seeking to force miners to work five days a week instead of three. He said Taft asked the presi-

Roseburg's Debt Cut To Only \$10,000

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ten, street and lighting surveys, and work necessary for other areas which may possibly be annexed to the city. Park improvements are listed under the present budget. It is probable that other major improvements will be provided for in the 1950-51 budget.
Slankard points out that these improvements have been made possible while the city's tax base was being reduced from 20 mills in 1947-48 to 15.6 mills during the last two years.
Although Roseburg's tax rate has dropped, that is not true over the state. City tax rates increased in 92 cities and decreased in 106 cities in Oregon last year. The average for the state has shown a slight climb from 18.4 to 18.6 mills for the current year.
The city manager points out that the assessed valuation of Oregon cities has increased \$78,588,903, or 10.5 percent, over the 1948-49 fiscal year. The population of Oregon has had a rapid growth. The census bureau estimates the growth to be 60 percent of the state since 1940. Most of this growth has been in western Oregon, as some eastern Oregon cities have dropped in population.
These years of growth have been very hard for city administrations to provide civic improvements as fast as they are required by the citizens. Slankard emphasized. The mayor and city council are the representatives of the people. It is up to the voters, however, to provide the funds needed to finance improvements. When the council feels a major improvement is needed, the issue is presented to the voters. Whether or not that improvement is made rests with the people, he said. He urged that everyone register in order to have a decisive voice in city government.
YES-MAN BURGLAR
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Police are looking for a yes-man today with cuts on his face.
When Louis Stein returned home unexpectedly he found a burglar ransacking his home. Stein told him to get out. The man stammered, "Yes sir, yes sir," and dived out a first floor window in a shower of glass.
dent "to herd the coal miners into the lethal gas chamber of the infamous slave statute."
Lewis also sharply criticized Robert Denham, general counsel for the National Labor Relations board, who is expected to decide this week whether to seek a court order against the three-day work week in the mines under a Taft-Hartley section. He called Denham a "hatchet man for the profit monger."

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Intermittent rain and wet snow today, becoming continuous tonight and Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any Jan. . . . 71
Lowest temp. for any Jan. . . . 46
Highest temp. yesterday . . . 43
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. . . . 43
Precipitation last 24 hrs. . . . 40
Precipitation from Jan. 1 . . . 2.33
Precipitation from Sept. 1 . . . 13.79
Excess from Jan. 1 . . . 1.05

Weekend Fires Claim Lives Of 63 Persons

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when a two-family house was destroyed. Those who died were Mrs. James Spitzer, 29; her two children, Joyce, 11, and Danny, 9, and a baby sitter, Mrs. Ann Lehman, about 34. Badly injured were James Spitzer, 28; James Spitzer, Jr., 6, and Mrs. Lehman's daughter, Caroline, 7. Origin of the blaze was not determined immediately.
A fire in a house at Duhamel, Quebec, Canada, 75 miles north-east of Ottawa, killed four children. They were the children of Leopold Faubert, ranging in age from nine months to ten years. The father was burned seriously attempting to rescue the children.
Near Fulton, N. Y., two high school girls were burned to death when fire destroyed a home. They were Marion Warren, 15, and Jean Davis, 17. Marion's mother, Mrs. Marion W. Bowen, 43, was burned seriously. Two other persons also were injured.
In Cleveland, two women were killed in an explosion and fire caused when another tenant of the rooming house where they lived lighted a match to check on a leak in his gas heater. Those killed were Mrs. Margaret Cotton, 60, owner of the house, and Mrs. Maxine England, 21.
Two men were burned to death when a flash fire swept an apartment in Mount Clemens, Mich. Those killed were Henry Helzer, 80, and James Kofias, 73.
Two children were burned to death in a fire in a home in Yorktown, Va. They were Brenda Forbes, 3, and Willie Forbes, 4. Another child, Gloria Forbes, 5, was burned seriously.
In South Bend, Ind., John L. Wilks, 32, died when fire destroyed two apartments over a restaurant.
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Chinese Nationalists Shell American Vessel

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at least 38 shells at the vessel before they scored a hit. But once their gunners got the range they poured shots into her. Captain Jones said the ship's steering room was hit by 14 shells. Afterdeck houses and the water tank were drenched by other shells.
The ship dropped anchor two miles off the mouth of the Yangtze river, main entrance to Shanghai's harbor. The Nationalists say they have mined the river's mouth. It may be possible the Communists in Shanghai have swept away the mines.
The Chinese attack started shortly after the 6214-ton vessel arrived in international waters off the mouth of the Yangtze. The Flying Arrow was the fourth Isbrandtsen ship shelled by the Nationalists as they tried to run the blockade. The Flying Trader was fired on Oct. 15 but escaped unharmed. The Flying Cloud was shelled Nov. 15 and the Sir John Franklin on Nov. 28. Both were hit.
In Hong Kong a fifth Isbrandtsen ship, the Brooklyn Heights, is scheduled to sail for Shanghai Wednesday. She carries a crew of 42.
Eleven American members of the Flying Arrow's crew left the ship in Hong Kong rather than risk the trip to Shanghai. Additional crewmen, most of them British, were taken on. The ship's 12 passengers included seven women who are returning to Shanghai.
In Washington, the U. S. State department declined comment immediately. Previously the

State department had repeatedly warned American ship captains to stay out of Chinese territorial waters.
The United States and Britain do not recognize the Nationalist blockade.
Before the shelling started, one of the Chinese gunboats warned Jones by blinker signals to stay out of the Yangtze. The 31-year-old captain did not answer.
Three hours after the bombardment ended, a Chinese gunboat still lurked in the background.

GREAT-GRANDMA ONLY 80

EUGENE, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A fifty-year-old great-grandmother has turned up at last.
Mrs. E. R. Perkey, of 1791 Jefferson St., is Eugene's youngest oldest mother far. She was a grandmother at 32 and had two great

grandchildren when she was 50. She is now 81 and has nine children, sixteen grandchildren, and the same two great-grandchildren.
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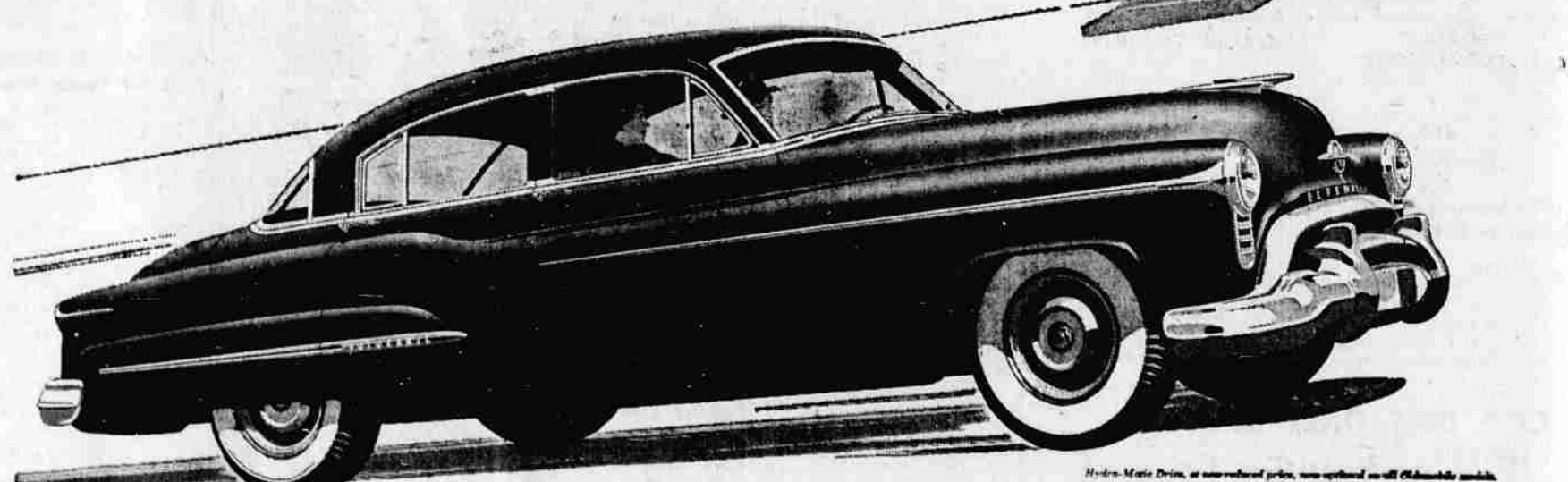
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