

Economy Cry Grows Louder in Congress

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boost would help blot out some of the \$5,133,000,000 in red ink that is in prospect for the year starting next July 1.

Postal Rates May Be Hiked

Furthermore, it looked as if that \$5,133,000,000 deficit might be bigger than Mr. Truman counted on. He based his estimate partly on an idea that Congress would up mail rates by \$395,000,000.

If Congress fails to provide part or all of the increase, the deficit will go up by just that much.

A bill to raise postal rates by \$131,000,000 has been okayed by a house committee, while a \$113,000,000 bill has been approved by a Senate committee. But backers say they expect trouble in getting either one all the way through Congress.

The deficit is the gap between the \$42,439,000,000 spending and \$37,306,000,000 in income Mr. Truman estimated for the government in the coming fiscal year.

The new figures compare with \$43,297,000,000 of expenditures, \$37,763,000,000 of revenue and a deficit of \$5,534,000,000 for the present year closing next June 30.

For the most part Democrats were silent on the budget. Here and there one of the top leaders had a good word for it, when a reporter asked for it. Republicans were quick to seize the opportunity for criticism.

Timber Prices Soars At Umpqua Forest Auction

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National forest brought \$13 for Douglas fir about two weeks ago for another tract. The bidding Monday, however, was not as spirited as in the first two years immediately after the lifting of ceilings following the war. Then bids ran as high as \$28.50.

A total of 82 separate bids were submitted by the two competing companies before the final bid was entered.

Nelson announced another sale for Thursday on a 26,000,000 board feet timber tract, located on the headwaters of Cavitt creek, 30 miles east of Myrtle Creek. The area is tapped by a road up South Myrtle.

Walkouts Of Miners Spread—Congress Acts

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over agreeing on a new contract has been getting steadily hotter since the old pact expired last July 1.

Neither President Truman nor Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations board, showed any signs of acting on separate demands that they seek court injunctions to force miners back on a five-day week.

Miners now are working on a three-day week on UMW President Lewis' instructions. It is admittedly a pressure move to

Riding Backward In Planes Cuts Crash Injuries

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Airplane passengers of the future may ride backward for protection against crash injuries.

The Air Force disclosed that volunteers "duplicating" plane crashes in a rocket-propelled sled have withstood tremendous forces by facing to the rear.

It said a number of these experimental "crashes" have been made at Edwards Air Force base, Muroc, Calif. The tests have provided heretofore unobtainable information on just how much of the terrific decelerative force encountered in a crash the human body can safely withstand.

Apparently, with proper support, it can withstand plenty. The contraption used in the experiments was developed for the Air Force by Northrop Aircraft, Inc. Dubbed a "human decelerator," it is a sled which is guided by railway tracks and propelled by solid fuel rockets into a series of mechanical brakes.

The brakes stop the sled with a force equivalent to that experienced in actual crash landings.

Six volunteer airmen, an officer and five enlisted men, have undergone decelerative forces up to 35 G's with little difficulty. Facing forward, they had to be strapped in with a special harness.

That force is achieved by slowing the carriage and rider from a speed of 150 miles an hour to 75 miles in one-fifth of a second. The result is the same as if an automobile driver traveling at 75 miles an hour should stop his car within 9 feet.

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Thunderstorm Lashes Vicinity Of Roseburg

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ditions in this area have not been affected by surplus water, but motorists were warned that trouble could develop at any time. South of here, snow was falling heavily in the Grants Pass-Medford area, causing some difficulty in road travel. Highway 39 was closed for a time by a slide at Dunsmuir, Calif., but is open now to one-way travel.

The passing of what is called a weather front was given by the Weather bureau for the heavy thunderstorm of last night. Temperatures rose to nearly 45 degrees, with a drop in the barometer, followed by a sharp drop in temperature and rising of the barometer. A mixing of cold and warm air and winds aloft, created the thunderstorm condition. The thunderstorm was generally south of the Roseburg area.

City Streets Awash

Surface water was a problem in Roseburg. The surplus drained off the hills, flooding the streets, as the sewers became flooded beyond their capacity.

The entire street department, said Slankard, is out today attempting to keep the sewers open. He said the water pressure has forced off several manhole covers. These are being replaced as soon as the information is learned, but pedestrians were cautioned to be on the lookout for any opening and to report the fact to the city hall.

Deer creek was flooded. Basements in many parts of town were filled with water. A portion of Harvard avenue near the Community hospital site was being undermined. Terrace avenue was especially damaged with the force of rushing water down the steep hill. Water was pouring through law garages and washing around home foundations.

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Mishap Victims Win Tough Fight With Arctic Cold

DAWSON CITY, Y. T.—(CP)—A "double-miracle" escape has saved two men from death in the clutches of Arctic cold.

A story of hardship and escape, during which their clothing froze to armor-hardness, was related by Edward J. Kimbel and Fred Harper, both of Mayo, Y.T.

The first escape came when the truck in which they were riding plunged through the ice into the Stewart river. Their second, when they ran and crawled four miles to safety in 40-below-zero temperatures. They found shelter in a sawmill cabin.

Kimbel crawled the last quarter-mile after he fell and his frozen clothing prevented him from rising.

"We sure thought we were goners," said Kimbel when he told how the truck plunged through an air hole into 15 feet of water, the cab submerged.

"I don't know how long we were under, but when water started sluicing through the cab we smashed our way out.

"Then we started to run the four miles down river to a sawmill," he continued. "There was a vicious wind blowing and it felt like we were packing heavy suits of armor."

"We kept running, our lungs burning, gasping for every breath.

"Another quarter of a mile and we would have frozen to death on the trail," he said. "How we made it at all is a mystery to me."

Both men blacked out after they stumbled through the cabin door. They are suffering from severe frost bite to their hands, face, feet and probably their lungs.

Near-Hurricane Rakes Northwest Coasts

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ward Southeastern Oregon and Nevada.

Maximum Rakes Redmond

It howled steadily at 50 miles an hour over Redmond in central Oregon before reaching a crescendo of 72 miles an hour at 5 a. m. Awnings were knocked off and garbage cans sent rolling down streets. Then the wind began abating and heavy snow set in.

The center of the storm is expected to pass over Oregon sometime during the night, by which time winds will be down to 20-30 miles an hour on the coast.

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Bath Fixtures Banned To Conserve NY Water

NEW YORK, (AP)—New restrictions are in effect to conserve New York City's short water supply.

Use of various fixtures in Russian and Turkish baths were banned.

All swimming pools, except those used for medical patients, were ordered shut down.

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Polio Costs' Hikes Cited At Meet To Plan Drive

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year ago. Prompt action by the Douglas county chapter in getting her into a Portland hospital and providing the best of care has resulted in progressive recovery.

She told of the terrible mental and physical struggle, the heart-rending experiences in the hospital and of her own joy at being able to return to her family, and her gratitude that the kindness of people in giving money to aid polio victims enabled her to see full recovery ahead.

Foundation in Red

The plight of the National Foundation was explained by Joe F. Kievit, state representative, who said that 45,000 cases of infantile paralysis were treated during 1949, as compared with 27,000 cases in 1948; that the cost of 1949 also included a large backlog of continuing cases from the preceding year.

The National Foundation, he said, not only has exhausted its funds, but has incurred several million dollars of indebtedness.

Discussing research work, he declared that vaccine apparently has been produced to treat successfully one of the several polio viruses. Researchers believe that they can see "the beginning of the end," when vaccines will provide complete protection from the dread disease.

Oregon, Kievit said, was more fortunate last year than her neighboring states, but that even in Oregon the case load went from 229 to 350 and that many of the 1949 cases were exceedingly expensive to treat.

He emphasized the importance of a successful nationwide campaign if the National Foundation is to continue both research and aid to patients.

Del McKay, Roseburg chairman, announced the Roseburg goal for the 1950 campaign at \$1 per capita.

Among other workers attending the meeting were Mary Barrett, county nurse, Roseburg; Reba Butler, chairman for Winston district; Phil G. Griswold, chairman for the Drain district; H. G. Hathaway, Leo P. Regan, E. W. Holmes, all of Drain; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Decker, Sutherlin; Don Forbes, Franklyn Voyt, Esther M. Harpham, secretary, Jim Oakley, Mabel Lewis, Iris Hilliwell, Dr. E. J. Wainwright, M. J. Newland, R. D. Bridges, Charles V. Stanton, all of Roseburg; T. L. Weaver, Canyonville; Mrs. J. Milton Clay, Mrs. G. J. Aspey, Riddle; Mrs. Madge Gazley, Myrtle Creek.

Bitter Battle Looms Over Plan For Extension Of Rent Controls

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, (NEA)—Federal housing expeditor Tighe E. Woods has thus far found it necessary to reimpose rent controls in only three out of the nearly 200 previously decontrolled areas. They are Americus, Ga.; a part of Somerset county, south of Johnstown, Pa., and Harrodsburg, Ky.

In each case, rents had risen precipitously after the controls had been removed. But it was the local rent control boards that recommended reimposition of ceilings to the federal government, and not the other way around. Two other petitions for reimposition of rent controls have been denied by the federal expeditor, because rents had not risen unduly, after ceilings came off.

All these facts are now being kicked around by the real estate lobby in Washington as evidence that rent controls are no longer necessary. National Association of Real Estate Boards has just made a report on a national survey, tending to show that wherever controls had been removed, there have been no skyrocketing rents and no mass evictions—only isolated adjustments to iron out inequities.

Large Cities Stand Pat

The picture today is that although one-third of the rental areas have been decontrolled, only one-seventh of the actual rental units have been decontrolled. Nobody knows what would happen if all these areas were precipitously decontrolled