



MASSED PIANOS IN DETROIT CONCERT—This is the scene in Detroit's Olympia Stadium during a concert in which 1,100 musicians played 225 pianos and 22 organs.

Inflation Perils Raise Demand For Cuts In Spending

WASHINGTON—(P)—Warning that there are dangers of inflation, the Senate House Economic committee has raised a demand for "relentless" cuts in the government's in-the-red spending. The committee issued a report by its eight Democrats, while the six Republicans on the group presented a separate finding of their own. Even the Democrats failed to endorse President Truman's plea for a net increase in taxes. They did ask for some excise tax cuts, and said also: "In years of such booming business as currently is causing prices to boil up in an inflationary manner throughout the economy, this government should not be incurring deficits." Mr. Truman asked last January for cuts in excise taxes, to be balanced by additional revenue from other sources—plus an additional billion dollars, mainly from higher corporation taxes, to help trim the federal deficit. The congressional committee's report dealt with the President's annual economic message, which he also delivered to Congress in January.

Barrier's Listed Except possibly to boost the morale of the congressional economy bloc, the committee's report was expected to have little effect on legislation, for these reasons: 1. For the third straight year, the advisers of Congress on economic matters divided on strictly political lines. 2. The report was 3 1/2 months late; it was due on March 1. By this time it cannot sway many votes. 3. The Democratic majority took no flat stand for or against any of Mr. Truman's specific proposals, though Chairman O'Mahoney said its report, "broadly speaking, endorses the objectives of the President's message."

The majority report—in paragraphs with which the Republicans did not quarrel—reported signs of a "renewed upsurge in the economy." But it saw "underlying problems and weaknesses." Most economists are reserving judgment on the business outlook for 1951, it was noted, because a tapering-off in the automobile, steel and building industries is "highly probable."

Other Perils Foreseen The No. 1 principle which should guide economic legislation, the report said, is to aid in "expanding, encouraging and fostering private enterprise," as a source of jobs and income for a growing labor force. Other perils were named. If farm income continues to fall, business and industry may suffer; small business is losing ground in the struggle for profits; rising price indexes may put a damper on consumer demand. The committee said: "Consumer prices are being kept so high that consumer buying power, especially of those of the lowest four-fifths of the income scale, is being undermined."

CAMPAIGN GROUP DUE PORTLAND—(P)—The Democrats will set up a campaign committee, with a permanent chairman and secretary, to work for party nominees in the November election. William L. Josselin, Democratic state chairman, said the organization would be set up in Salem July 1. It will be modeled after a national campaign organization.

The Detroit Tigers drew 18 bases on balls and the Philadelphia A's drew 12 in a game between the two teams in 1916.

Conditions gave evidence that the President still has not decided upon a man to fill the vacant fifth membership, or upon a permanent chairman. One White House official said that the President was considering both Dean and Murray for the permanent chairmanship. The present terms of the four commissioners expire June 30.



AIDING AN ORPHAN—Two-year-old Susan Brown, of Bethel, Me., bottle-feeds Bambi, two-week-old fawn delivered by Caesarian section after its mother was killed by an automobile.

Illness Of Smuts Causes Concern In British Empire

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The grave illness of aged Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts at his home near Pretoria is a matter of deep concern not only to his native South Africa but to the British empire and commonwealth, for he long has been a pillar of strength in that great association of nations. Indeed, this famous soldier-statesman has been more than that, for he has in the truest sense been a world citizen—one of the outstanding figures of history. He has played a leading role in some of the most striking international developments of our time.

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say may happen) it may easily create a fresh crisis for the British commonwealth.

It was the field marshal himself who in 1917 introduced the idea of the commonwealth, and he has been the chief link which has held South Africa in that union of nations. Many of his political opponents who now are in power want separation from England and the establishment of a republic. Long prime minister, Smuts resigned in 1948, after a coalition of nationalists and Afrikaners defeated his united party.

Since then Smuts has been leader of the "opposition" to the government in parliament. Permanent removal of that powerful leadership would be bound to stimulate the crusaders for separation from British influence and for white dominance.

Once Fought England It is a curious thing that Smuts, who once was labeled "the empire's handyman" because of the many duties he performed, should first have come to prominence as a military leader in the Boer war

against England. In that conflict he rendered yeoman's service to South Africa.

Again at the outbreak of World War I he got into uniform, this time as a lieutenant general in the British army and commander in chief of the British and South African forces fighting the Germans in East Africa. His success there was followed by a call to membership in the imperial war cabinet in London. And in World War two the counsel of the then aging Smuts was sought by Britain.

It fell to Smuts to be one of the planners of both the League of Nations and the United Nations. Great as he has been in war, he always has been an advocate of peace and cooperation among nations. He has been showered with university degrees and other honors by many countries.

Feted on Birthday A measure of the esteem in which the field marshal is held at home was seen on May 24, which was his 80th birthday. The Malan government with which he was at war politically tried to throw cold water on a public celebration of the event.

However, Johannesburg put on her best gala dress for him and accorded him the freedom of the city. Some 30,000 people jammed the great public square, and other thousands crowded buildings clear to the roof-tops. Nothing could cool the love and admiration so widely held for this great figure.

So now Smuts' fight for health is being watched with deepest sympathy in many lands. And one suspects that in British official circles the sympathy is mixed with considerable anxiety lest this great statesman, who has meant so much to commonwealth solidarity, should be permanently invalidated at this critical juncture.



Held in Brother's Death—Peter Boesen (above), 62, is being held for investigation of murder in San Jose, Calif., after he and a brother led authorities to the house of another brother who apparently had been dead since 1948. Peter aroused the suspicion of deputies when he said he had not seen his brother, Herman, for four years, although they were next door neighbors. The brother's mummified body was found lying on a bed, a coverlet neatly placed over him.

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Atomic Energy Board Renominated By Truman
WASHINGTON, June 20—(P)—President Truman Monday renominated the four present members of the Atomic Energy commission. Sumner T. Pike, Maine Republican, was nominated for a new term of four years beginning July 1. Returning to the old staggered system, the President named Gordon Dean of California for a new three-year term; Thomas Murray of New York, two years; and Henry DeWolf Smyth of New Jersey for a one-year term. The President acted after a top White House source said that Pike will continue as acting chairman pending appointment of a permanent chairman. The sending up of the nomina-

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