

Government Authorized To Spend \$157 Billion

By CHARLES MOLONY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has authority from Congress to spend about \$157 billion dollars, but doesn't expect to spend much more than half of it during fiscal 1953, which started July 1.

Officials said Saturday they couldn't spend the whole amount before the fiscal year ends next June 30 if they wanted to—and they don't. They're figuring now that this year's actual expenditures will be around 80 billion.

If the government does spend 80 billion, it will have to get ten billion from borrowing, for its income from taxes and other sources isn't likely to top 70 billion this year.

Confusing? Well, it isn't bad at all, if you get straight on one basic point—the difference between an expenditure and an appropriation.

An expenditure is easy to comprehend, just what it sounds like—payment for goods when they're delivered, or for wages and salaries when they're earned. Payment is by check, and the money has to be available before the check is written.

Appropriation is what throws people off. Many think you have to have money before you can appropriate it; still more believe that when there's an appropriation for a specified year, it's the top amount that can be spent in that year.

Not so, at least not in government language, where appropriation, briefly and simply, means this: An act passed by Congress and approved by the President (1) authorizes an agency to spend, and (2) requires the Treasury to see to it that the money is available when needed, by borrowing if necessary.

To nail down the point that the money doesn't have to be on hand for Congress to appropriate it, note that spending authorizations are outstanding to the tune of 157 billion dollars, then note the Treasury's present cash balance. It's 8½ billion now, and that happens to be higher than usual.

As to an appropriation for a specified year—fiscal 1953, for example—being the top amount that can be spent in that year, note this: The government expects to spend over 80 billion dollars this year, although Congress only authorized about 73 billion for that period.

Where does authority to spend the other seven billion come from? From spending authorizations granted for previous years, but not used up.

That's the clue also to how there happens to be a total of 157 billion dollars in spending authority available now, when only 73 billion was provided specifically for this year. When this year ends,

some will again be left over for future years.

If you had the idea that a spending authorization for a specified fiscal year must be used that year or it will be ended automatically, you were partly right, partly wrong.

Certain types of authorizations do expire if not used by year's end. A good example is an appropriation to pay salaries of employees; that kind of appropriation doesn't carry over.

But the really big-money appropriations for recent years have been for buying military goods—ships, planes and so on—and these carry over from one year to another until all the money is spent wherever that may be.

Nippon Leader Planned 'Hess' Bid for Peace

By JOHN RANDOLPH

TOKYO (AP)—The Nippon Times reported Saturday night that Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida wanted to make a "Rudolf Hess" peace flight from Japan to Britain in the closing months of the Pacific war.

The newspaper said he was discouraged from doing so by a Japanese admiral and later arrested as a pacifist and liberal.

There was no immediate comment from Yoshida.

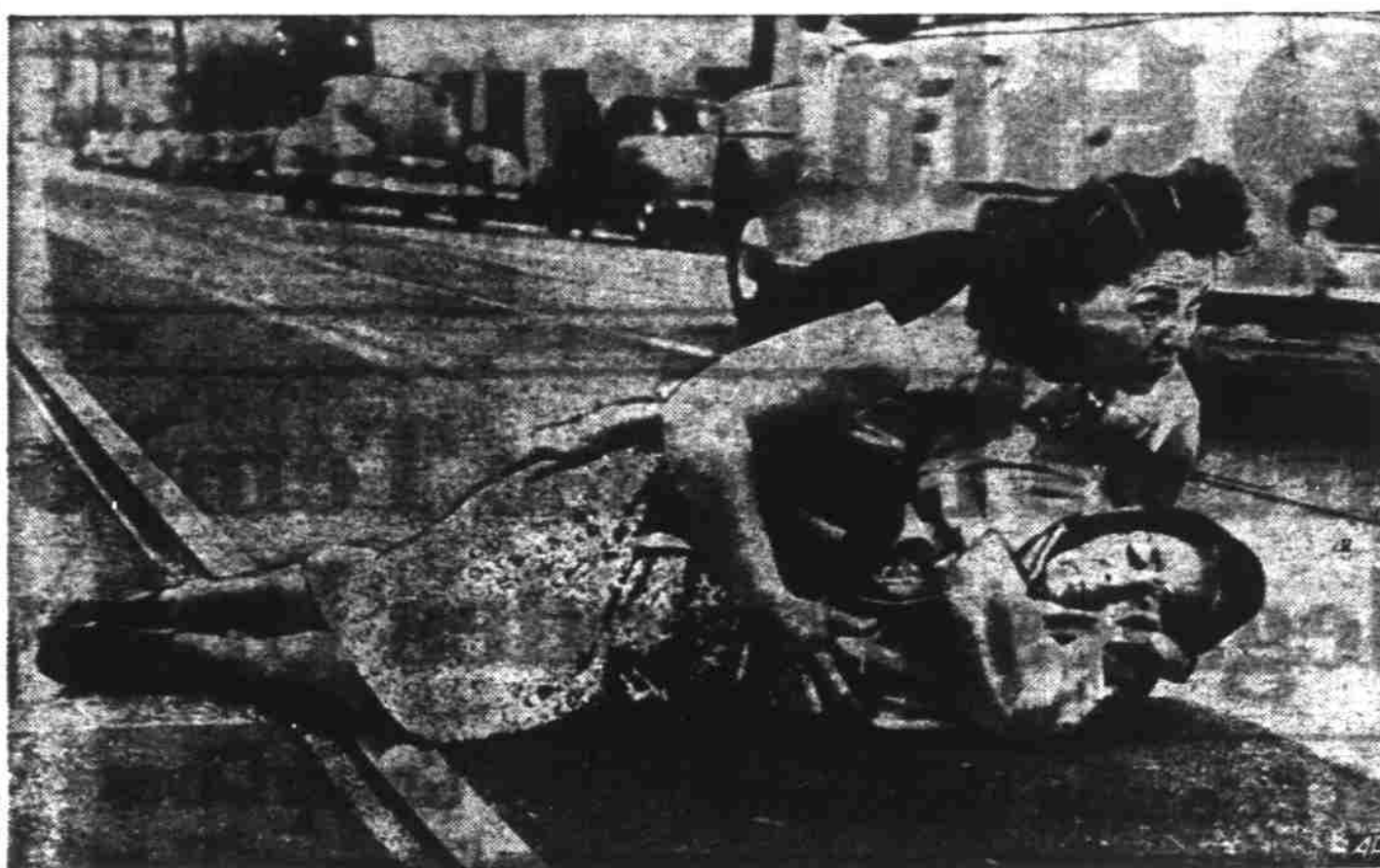
In those days Yoshida was a retired career diplomat out of a job, and being trailed by the dread "Kemetai," the secret police.

Saturday's account was an English translation of an article by Vice Ad. Jisaburo Ozawa that first appeared in Japanese in the Yomiuri Weekly.

Yoshida, who had been ambassador to London, probably had hopes of using former contacts to start either official or unofficial peace talks.

Although Yoshida's plan was desperate, he was no crackpot like Hitler's deputy Adolf Hess who parachuted from his own fighter over Scotland in May, 1941, to

Good Samaritan Guards Women



LOS ANGELES—Traffic whizzed by as Mrs. Eita Jenker, a passing motorist, stopped to comfort and protect Mrs. Casimira Garcia, 67, a pedestrian who was injured at an exit of the Hollywood Freeway at Los Angeles. Mrs. Garcia was hit when one of two autos in a collision spun into her. At the hospital she was found to have fractures of left leg and elbow. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

make peace between England and Germany just before Hitler invaded Russia. The British put Hess in a mental hospital.

"I am aware of the dangers of such a trip," Yoshida was quoted. "I very well know I shall be playing for the heaviest stakes. But if I stay here it will have the effect of destroying Japan."

Yoshida later was arrested. Released after the surrender of Japan, Yoshida entered politics, was elected to the new national diet in 1946 and became prime minister four years ago. He is 73 years old.

Zig Instead Of Zag Loses Two Spouses

GROESBECK, Tex. (AP)—The wives zigged and the husbands zagged, and the menfolk were plenty worried about it Saturday.

Mrs. Doyle Doss and Mrs. M. Dickey apparently took a wrong turn near Freemont, O., last Tuesday while following their husbands' car in another auto.

The husbands went on to Chester, Mont., and they've been looking for their wives since.

The men, who work for an oil company, were enroute from Connecticut to new assignments in Canada above Oroville, Wash.

Deputy Sheriff Jake Russell told the story after his neighbor, Mrs. W. A. Vinzant, reported her daughter's husband has been calling every day about his missing wife.

Mrs. Dickey is Mrs. Vinzant's daughter. The Doss couple is from Texarkana.

Light will appear redder if its source is moving away from the observer and this effect has been used to develop the theory that every major portion of the universe is moving away from every other portion.

Mass Surgery For Insane Begun in East

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP)—Sixteen "leech" operations" Friday launched West Virginia on a unique plan of mass surgery for the insane.

Dr. Walter A. Freeman, famed Washington brain specialist, did the operations at Huntington State Hospital. They are called trans-orbital lobotomies.

The operation is not new. Dr. Freeman soon will have done a thousand of them. But it was the first time a state mental hospital system has set out to use surgery against insanity on so large a scale.

Dr. Freeman expects to do or supervise about 200 operations at the four state hospitals between now and Aug. 7. Staff surgeons will continue the program. No one has any idea yet how many there will be altogether.

The doctors use an instrument like an icpick. It is inserted two inches up under the eyelids and manipulated so as to sever some nerve fibers leading to the front lobe of the brain. It takes only 10 or 15 minutes.

The idea is this seals off the seat of worry, fear, anxiety and tensions in the brain. With this relief, some insane people get well.

It helps the depressed and those who have a tendency toward suicide.

Not all mental specialists agree it is a good idea. Some of them say it does more harm than good. A section of the brain is damaged beyond repair. The patient may lose his judgment in some things.

Patients included eight men and eight women. One girl was 13. The oldest was a man in his 60's. None protested. Some were up and about in a few hours. Some had dinner as usual. They seemed to have no painful after-effects. They all had black eyes.

Dr. Hiram W. Davis, superintendent of Huntington State, interviewed the 16 after their operations.

"They seemed easier to talk to," he said.

Bathing reportedly was stylish among the Arabs at a time when perfume was still a substitute for soap and water in the courts of Europe.

Huge Atomic Expansion Program Begun by AEC

By A. P. BRYAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission, granted almost three billion dollars in the closing days of the last Congress, is pushing a huge expansion program to develop a complete "family" of atomic weapons.

An AEC spokesman said a site for a new \$1,259,500,000 gaseous diffusion plant probably will be selected and announced within the next few weeks.

The AEC has indicated it will be located somewhere in the Ohio River valley.

Expansion probably will be started first at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky., plants, the spokesman said.

The supplemental appropriations bill providing \$2,890,800,000 for atomic expansion includes about 464 million for Oak Ridge and 459 million for Paducah.

AEC Chairman Gordon Dean told Congress the purpose of the whole expansion program "is to gain precious time by achieving minimum stockpile objectives established by the Department of Defense, and to achieve them about four and one-half to five years earlier than we would achieve them if we went at our present rate."

Time is the key factor, he said, in developing a family of atomic weapons for use not only by the Air Force but by the Army on the ground and the Navy at sea.

"Some of this new capacity will first be producing weapon material in 1954—not six years from now," he promised. "Our effort is directed to getting the entire capacity into operation just as soon as we possibly can. To do this we have to proceed at once on all sites."

The amount provided for expansion in the bill finally passed by Congress and signed by the President was about 293 million dollars short of the AEC request for \$3,191,000,000, but the AEC said that will permit it to go ahead full scale anyway.

In addition to the construction funds provided in the bill, the AEC got \$88,094,000 for increased operating expenses.

The development program calls for 411 million dollars for expansion of facilities at the Hanford, Wash., plant and 171 million for additional facilities at the Savannah River, S. C., atomic centers.

Work on these additions will probably get under way sometime after new construction is started

which the AEC did not explain; five millions for additional community facilities at existing plants and 94½ millions for construction requirements in the base program.

POLIO CASES REPORTED

NYSSA (AP)—The Malheur County polio outbreak continued this week. Four new cases were reported, increasing the total to 10.

RAILMEN LAID OFF

PORTLAND (AP)—The Union Pacific railroad laid off 300 men at the repair shop here Saturday, blaming the steel shortage.

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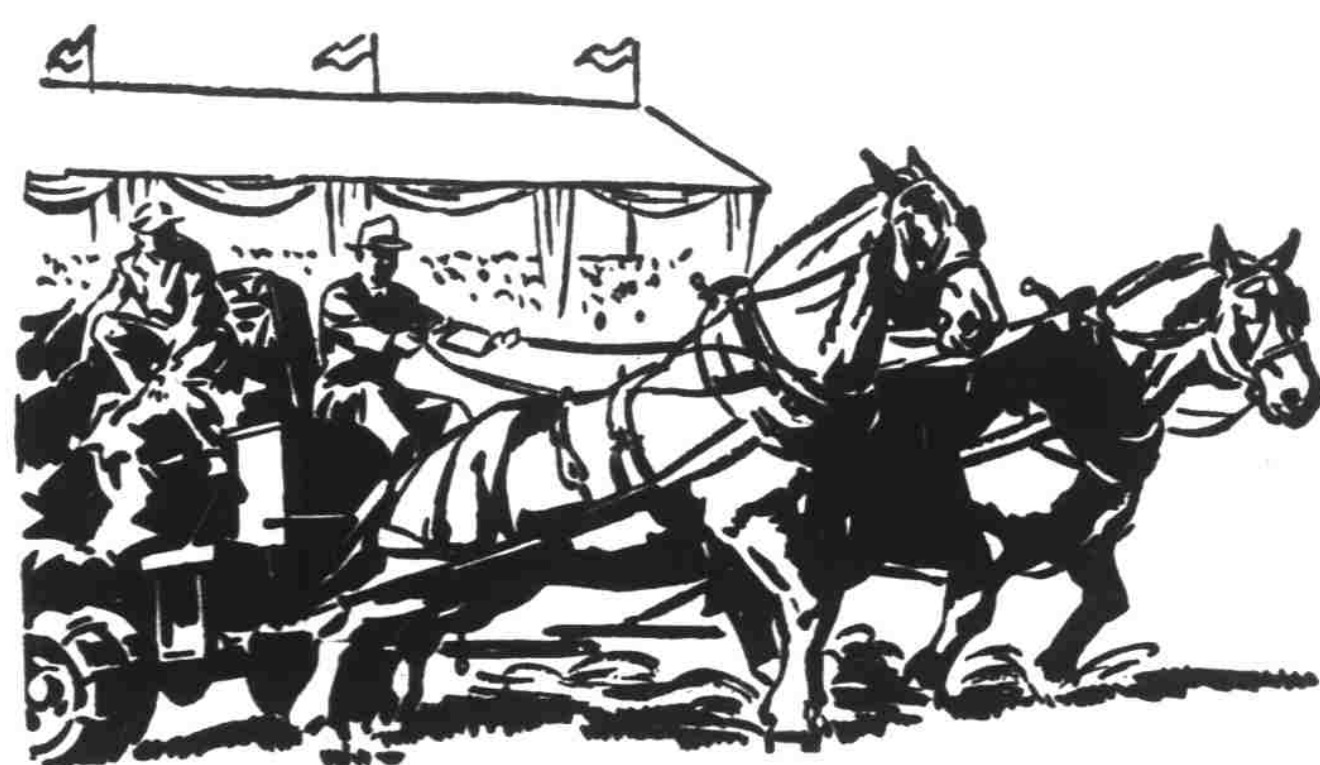
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