

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

A hardly perennial in the legislative flower garden is the bill to increase the length and weight of trucks allowed to operate on Oregon highways. Regularly in the past the measure has been interred in the legislative burial ground, but not without a stiff fight.

During the war when the pressure was on for maximum utilization of all forms of transport, the highway commission exercised its authority and gave temporary permits for use of highways by oversize trucks. This was approved by the legislature in 1943 and in 1945. The last act made the termination date for such operation, July 1, 1947. Undoubtedly at the next session of the legislature the trucking interests will be in with a bill to legalize their war-enjoyed tolerance.

In the past the railroads have fought, successfully, the demands of the truckers. In the 1945 session, however, the railroad lobby piped down. Railroads were under federal fire for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and didn't want to do anything that might bounce back and hit them in that case. However, opposition to big trucks is by no means due to railroad lobbying. The general public which uses the highways has an ingrained dislike of trucks, despite the fact that drivers of commercial trucks and stages are probably the best class of drivers on the highways. There is also in the minds of legislators the feeling that railroads suffer from unfair competition since they

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French Reds Ask Socialists For Support

PARIS, Jan. 21 (AP)—French communists asked the socialist party tonight to join in a communist-led two-party government and proposed their own party's secretary general, Minister of State Maurice Thorez, to succeed Gen. De Gaulle as interim president of France.

The strong possibility remained, meanwhile, that De Gaulle, far from retiring completely from political life, might emerge as the head of some new party in the national elections next spring, after the constituent assembly has drawn up a constitution for the fourth republic.

The constituent assembly will meet tomorrow afternoon to hear De Gaulle's letter of resignation as head of the provisional republic, but it was thought likely that action on the choice of a successor might be put off until Wednesday.

Adm. Kimmel Applauded as Hearing Ends

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel concluded his testimony to a senate-house investigating committee today to the applause of spectators after repeating his view that responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster lay in Washington.

"I think if I had known all that was known in Washington I would have anticipated such an attack," he said.

In his sixth day as a witness Kimmel also testified he held no "ill will" against the late President Roosevelt for removing him as Pacific fleet commander after Japan's attack.

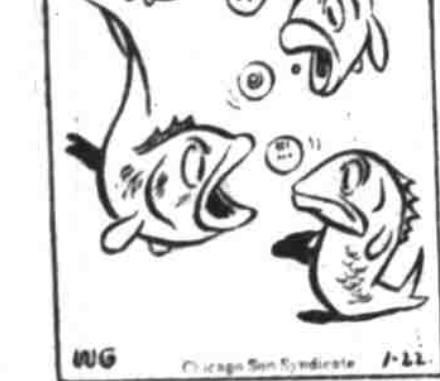
Applause came from the spectators when Rep. Keefe (R-Wis), a committee member, praised Kimmel's conduct as a witness and told the admiral:

"So far as I am concerned, you have acquitted yourself magnificently."

Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, deposed Hawaiian army commander, will testify tomorrow.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Watch your language!"

President Warns of Pitfalls, Asks Unity; Strike Total at Highest Mark in 27 Years

Higher Pay, Low Prices, Unaltered Taxes Are Asked

Truman Cites Business Outlook as 'Good'; Would Contain Barriers to Inflation; Debt Reduction Heralded

By Douglas B. Cornell

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—President Truman submitted to congress today a program calling for higher pay, lower prices and unchanged taxes, backed by a budget forecasting the first cut in the national debt since 1930.

The president informed congress in a message that within the next 18 months \$7,000,000,000 will be sliced from the \$278,000,000,000 debt, even though the budget won't be balanced.

The outlook for business is good, he said. But he warned of "pitfalls" ahead.

He asked congress to help sidestep them, to avert "national

Bonneville Line Extension Proposed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Power line extensions to link proposed Oregon and Montana dams into the Bonneville-Grand Coulee net are provided in President Truman's budget recommendations, Bonneville administrator Paul J. Raver said today.

The total Bonneville budget recommendation of \$19,701,000 includes \$4,200,000 for maintenance and operation, he said, and \$15,501,000 for new construction.

He listed a 230,000-volt line from the proposed Detroit, Ore., dam to Chemawa, Ore., at a cost of \$1,182,000, as one of the major new projects.

Extensions of miscellaneous feeder lines are estimated at \$2,500,000, Dr. Raver said.

disaster" by continuing price controls.

Mr. Truman voiced "concern" over inflationary pressures, and over major strikes which he said might apply a "heavy brake" to reconversion.

He cautioned that deaf ears must be turned toward "voices of disunity," stilled in wartime, but now "beginning to cry aloud again."

For his administration, Mr. Truman set two fundamental goals. At home:

"Our basic objective—toward which all others lead—is to improve the welfare of the American people."

In foreign affairs:

"The great and dominant objective of United States foreign policy is to build and preserve a just peace."

The chief executive listed his objectives in the longest presidential message ever sent to congress—25,000 words. For the first time, it combined a report on "the state of the nation" with a budget of government expenses.

Also for the first time, the budget includes not only expenditures to be made under existing law but also those contemplated if congress approves pending bills the president wants.

Government Expenditures Will Be Reduced

Key proposals and ideas in the message:

1. **Government Spending.** Expenditures for the fiscal year starting next July 1 are figured at \$35,800,000,000—\$31,400,000,000 less than this year. Nearly three-fourths, about \$28,000,000,000, will go to defense and to meet costs of war. The army and navy will spend \$13,000,000,000.

2. **Government Income.** Receipts from income taxes and other sources, estimated at \$31,500,000,000, will come within \$4,300,000,000 of paying the bills, the president estimated.

To make up the difference, the government plans to draw cash from the treasury instead of borrowing from the public by selling bonds.

3. **Taxes.** Because of inflationary pressures and heavy spending in the year ahead, Mr. Truman declared: "This is not the time for tax reduction."

4. **Low Prices.** Economic stabilization "requires that policies be directed toward promoting an increase in supplies at low unit prices."

"If we manage our economy properly, the future will see us on a level of production half again as high as anything we have ever accomplished in peacetime. Business can in the future pay higher wages and sell for lower prices than ever before. This is not true now for all companies, nor will it ever be true for all, but for business generally it is true."

5. **High Wages.** Management must realize that if labor is to work wholeheartedly for increased production it "must be given a just share of increased output in higher wages."

Full Production Termed Greatest Weapon

6. **Inflation.** Full production is "the greatest weapon against inflation."

7. **Reconversion.** The most serious difficulty in the path of reconversion and expansion is "the establishment of a fair wage structure."

8. **Strikes.** Mr. Truman says everyone who realizes the need for a swift and orderly reconversion must feel a deep concern over major strikes now in progress.

9. **Old Legislation.** The president asked congress again to act on 21 measures he had recommended previously. Such as dealing with fact-finding boards to control strikes, "full employment," jobless pay, medical insurance, peacetime military training, army-navy merger, atomic energy controls, a higher minimum wage.

10. **New Legislation.** Mr. Truman urged a permanent housing agency, extension of the draft in recruiting fails to produce enough men, continuance of price, inventory and priority controls and food subsidies.

Both price control and food subsidies will stop June 30 unless congress votes to keep them. (Additional details on page 2).

'Shasta Daylights,' First Postwar Streamline Trains, to Make Salem a Major Port of Call

The Southern Pacific took a top place in the postwar tempo of speed and luxury in transportation today with announcement that within a few months Diesel-powered streamliners, termed "Shasta Daylights," would be operating daily between Portland and San Francisco, with Salem a major port of call.

The announcement, made at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting in Portland by A. T. Mercer, Southern Pacific president, also disclosed that plans were afoot "for progressive streamlining" of the S.P.'s Cascades, premier sleeping car trains on the Portland-San Francisco run, with faster schedules as soon as traffic conditions permit.

The new Cascade cars will be similar to the three-car diner-lounge units of the San Francisco-Los Angeles Larks, with streamlined sleeping cars to be added

later, Mercer said. He declared orders would be placed "as soon as designs can be completed . . . and we hope the new Cascade cars can be ready for service early in 1947."

The three-car combinations on the Larks consist of a full-length dining car, lounge car and kitchen car. The lounge and dining car units form one continuous room, more than 131 feet long, with a clear view from one end to the other. The design, exclusive with Southern Pacific, provides for maximum seating for meals and maximum lounge space at hours other than meal times.

The Shasta Daylight streamliners, first new trains under the S.P.'s postwar improvement program, which are expected to be in operation "by the end of the year," will leave Portland and

San Francisco in the morning and reach their destinations in the late evening, operating over the fast Cascade (Eugene-Klamath Falls-Dunsmuir) line of the Shasta route.

J. A. Ormandy of Portland, general passenger agent, said the trains "most certainly" would stop in Salem.

Bus services is to be established from Roseburg north to Eugene, and from Grants Pass south to Dunsmuir, Calif., to give residents of the Siskiyou line direct connections with the new streamliners.

"We will spare no expense to make the Cascade sleeping car trains and the Shasta Daylights the finest of their kind," Mercer declared. "They will be Oregon's own trains and Oregonians will have every reason to be proud of them." (Additional details on page 4)

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SPLIT FEARED IN UNO

Reds Flay British for Java Acts

Atomic Secrets Declared Safe in New Commission

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Russia and the Soviet Ukraine asked the United Nations security council tonight to "put an end" to what they termed "military actions" and "international interference" by Great Britain in Greece and Java.

The complaints suggested a possible serious split among the five great powers—United States, Russia, Great Britain, France and China—who are permanent members of the security council and who each exercise veto power.

Iran Premier Quits

At Tehran today, Ibrahim Hakimi resigned as premier of Iran, and some quarters predicted his cabinet would be succeeded by one which might gain favor with the Soviet Union.

Nazirullah Nazrullah, United Nations delegate to the United Nations general assembly, said the resignation "may mean the institution of direct negotiations with Russia" looking toward solution of the dispute over northwestern Azerbaijan province, where separatists have set up an autonomous government.

One British spokesman said his first reaction was that the Russians were playing "tit for tat"—introducing complaints against the British to balance an Iranian protest against Russian interference in northern Iran.

British Cite Reasons

The British have taken the position that their forces were in Java solely to disarm surrendered Japanese.

Earlier today, the political and security committee of the United Nations assembly approved establishment of a special commission to devise controls for atomic energy, shortly after a United States delegate made it clear that secrets of America's atom bomb technique would be protected.

Greek Rebels Kill Hostages

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (AP)—Fourteen hostages have been killed by members of an extreme right wing group who have barricaded themselves in a mountain village 10 miles northwest of Kalamata after rejecting a surrender ultimatum, the Greek government said tonight.

Save 13 Navy Airmen After Crash Into Sea

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 21 (AP)—Thirteen crewmen aboard a Catalina patrol bomber forced down 130 miles south of Wake island last Friday have been rescued. There were no casualties.

Meat prices on July will be 3 to 5 cents higher than average present levels.

Butter will be 12 cents more a pound.

A quart of milk will cost an extra cent or two.

Bread will go up about a cent a loaf.

Cheese will rise 8 cents, in addition to the 4 cents planned for the latter part of this month.

The cost of living index for food will be up 8 per cent, the general cost of living 3 per cent.

Prospective Builders Meet at C of C Today

Folger Johnson, federal housing authority administrator for this district, with L. C. Simms, Portland property owner who has recently returned from housing conferences in Washington, D.C., will meet with would-be builders of the mid-valley area at Salem Chamber of Commerce at 3:30 this afternoon. The meeting, where changes in building regulations will be explained, is open to the public.

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Marines Drown Out Communists At Campus Rally

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 (AP)—A group of U. S. marines, students at the University of California in Berkeley, sang down the speech of a young member of a communist student club at a campus rally today.

Communist students called the meeting to protest action of the regents in threatening to suspend any student or faculty member appearing on a picket line.

Celeste Strack was starting her talk when the marines, still in uniform, joined students standing apart from the demonstrators.

The marines broke into the marine hymn, the army air corps song, "Anchors Aweigh," and other military standbys, and delivered so loudly the speaker was drowned out.

Someone threw an egg. It hit one of the demonstrators.

Farm Groups Insist on End Of Subsidies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Two major farm organizations served notice tonight they would oppose continuation of food subsidies.

The wartime payments, costing the government an estimated \$1,798,000,000 yearly, are due to expire June 30. But President Truman urged in his message to congress today that they be continued.

The president calculated that the cost of food would rise eight per cent and the cost of living three per cent if the subsidies ended.

Representatives of the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau federation said these organizations would insist that the government stick to an earlier promise to end the subsidies by June 30.

Ray Ogg, legislative representative, said the farm bureau held the view that consumers for whose benefit he said the wartime subsidies were started, were able now to absorb any price increases which would follow removal of the subsidies.

"It is time," Ogg said, "that we stop paying part of the nation's grocery bill out of the public treasury."

Food Subsidy Held Only Bar To Price Hike

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Planes Bring Sailor's Baby



OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 21 (AP)—Two-month-old Cherylene Robison yawns as she and her mother, Mrs. Robert J. Robison, wife of a Virgil Kams, sailor to whom she was married in Australia, arrive today from their former home after an 8000-mile flight in army and navy planes. The baby was rushed to America for a delicate cranial operation. Robison was on his way from Kansas tonight to join them. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Improved Street Lighting, Staggered Bus Schedule Approved By City Council

New installations designed to provide 140 per cent more light for streets in residential areas, a new city bus schedule staggering departure times at the State-Commercial terminus, and the annual long list of license applications were approved by Salem city council Monday night.

By replacing globes in street-lighting fixtures, as they wear out with larger ones, changing transformers to carry the heavier load as such adjustments are required, streets in residential parts of the city may have the better lighting service at an increased cost of approximately \$600 a month, it was said.

The re-installation should be completed in six months, Chairman Kenneth Perry of the committee on lights declared.

The new bus schedule, which will require passengers who now make transfer connections on the minute to wait as long as 10 minutes for a second bus at the State-Commercial intersection, goes into effect February 3. It will do away with the need for over-long waiting zones and a considerable traffic confusion at the terminus, the streets committee reported.

A proposal that Carl Pyeat's Rialto Coffee shop beer license be held up, because Pyeat has been convicted in circuit court of permitting operation of a gambling game at his place, was voted down. The case is before the supreme court on appeal and the council should not presume to judge before the court decision is final, Alderman Tom Armstrong argued.

(Additional details on page 2.)

Norblad Retains Salem Woman as Secretary

ASTORIA, Jan. 21 (AP)—Rep. Walter A. Norblad received his official certificate of election to congress today and said he would leave Friday for Washington. He said he would retain the late Rep. James Mott's secretary, Mrs. Ellis Woodring, Salem.

ARMORED DIVISION SAILS

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 21 (AP)—The U.S. Second armored division sailed from Marseille today. The major portion of the 94th division is at sea but 4428 men still are awaiting shipment from the Calais staging area.

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A \$125,000 bond issue ordinance for purchase of the 43-acre tract in Bush's pasture, approved by voters at the January 11 special election, was given first and second readings before Salem city council Monday night and comes up for final adoption February 4.

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Steel Cut Off; Meat Dwindles

Packing Seizure Reported Near; 1,622,000 Lay Off

DETROIT, Tuesday, Jan. 22 (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers union reverted to its 30 per cent wage increase demand on the General Motors Corp. as the corporation let pass without comment a midnight deadline for acceptance of a government-proposed 19 1/2 cent hourly wage increase.

By the Associated Press

Steel—lifeblood of American industry—was shut off today to a nation engaged in a gigantic reconversion effort and no indications of early settlement were sighted.

CIO president Philip Murray, who called his "50,000 steelworkers out in some 1300 plants in 29 states, asserted the strike would go on until the steel industry "accepts the decision of the president and the United States."

No Reports of Violence

The steel strike got off to an orderly start with few reports of violence. Minor trouble was reported at Cincinnati.

Seizure orders reportedly were being prepared last night for use by the government in the strike-bound meat packing industry. Supplies were dwindling.

Two developments might avoid a necessity for seizure. A president-appointed fact-finding panel begins hearings today in Chicago, and the government was reported unofficially in Washington to have upped its price increase offer on meat to 25 cents a hundred pounds at the wholesale level on civilian purchases and 25 cents a hundred on government purchases.

The civilian production administration, girding for a possible long shutdown in steel production, arranged to suspend all civilian and military priorities for steel in a move to protect emergency needs.

Strike Total 1,622,000

Two additional walkouts besides the steelworkers—30,000 CIO United Farm Equipment workers in 10 International Harvester plants and 5000 CIO metal mines and smelter workers in Utah—boosted the nation's strike-able to 1,622,000, highest in 27 years or since 1919 when more than 4,000,000 were engaged in work stoppages.

Some 27,000 school children returned to classes in Flint, Mich., when CIO maintenance workers agreed to a one week's truce in their seven-day old strike for higher wages.

Union Leader, Steel Company Hurl Charges

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21 (AP)—Philip Murray, directing his CIO to a finish fight in the shut-down steel industry, tonight called the whole array of postwar strikes an industry plot to "destroy labor unions."

In Chicago, the Republic Steel corporation said:

"The strike is in flagrant violation of a contract which will not expire until Oct. 15, 1946. The strike is due to the attempt of the union to enforce their demands on Republic for a \$2 day increase . . . Put on an annual basis this amounted to \$30,000,000 in a normal year. Never has Republic had earnings of \$20,000,000."

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