

Truman Budget Hits Showdown

Threat to Congress
Arouses Senators

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman, backed by his military leaders, headed Saturday for a showdown with the Senate over the military defense budget.

Aroused economy-minded senators hit back at Mr. Truman's threat to keep Congress in session until it gives him the money he considers necessary for defense of the nation.

Sen. Robert A. Taft exclaimed that Mr. Truman "seems to have gone completely off his head." "He'll have to take what money we give him," Taft added, "and he won't get any more."

HOUSE MEMBERS also hit at Mr. Truman's threat. Republican whip Leslie O. Arends (Ill.) said Congress recognizes the "deadly peril" of Russia, but the "country's most deadly peril" is the suicidal spending policies advocated by President Truman.

Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio) said Mr. Truman's warning that he would keep Congress in session "sounded like one of the tyrannical outbursts of King George the Third against the American colonies."

THE HOUSE cut Mr. Truman's \$50,921,000,000 military request to \$48,207,000,000 and put a \$48,000,000,000 ceiling on the amount the military actually may spend in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) said he was sure "several billions" could be cut from Mr. Truman's budget request.

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LT. VERNE I. GOODWIN, 30, air force pilot, shown with his wife, received a two-year court martial sentence at El Paso, Tex., for refusing to fly. Lt. Goodwin, from Peabody, Mass., said he would be "murdering" his unborn child to fly at time his wife was pregnant.

Test Atomic Explosion Ready For Tuesday Television Debut

LAS VEGAS, Nev. —(AP)—Everything but the weather was ready Saturday for "Operation Big Shot" next Tuesday morning when the mighty atom makes its television debut in American homes with the most violent A-bomb ever exploded in the U.S.A.

Skies were cloudy and it rained occasionally Saturday but the weatherman assured anxious atomic scientists that the outlook was favorable for clear skies by blast time Tuesday.

Everything else was ready for Tuesday's show, termed "Project Observer" by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense but dubbed "Operation Big Shot" by newsmen on the scene after they viewed the array of officialdom.

If all goes well, an Air Force bomber flying between 20,000 and 25,000 feet will drop one of the bombs over Yucca Flat between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. (PST). There are indications the bomb will detonate between 3000 and 4000 feet in the air—higher than any other A-bomb the U.S. has exploded.

There are also many valid reasons for believing the A-bomb will pack more wallop than any other ever exploded inside the

Totalitarianism Charge Made

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft has accused the Truman administration of being "completely totalitarian."

"We have reached the peak danger in spending and in the growing power of the executive," said Taft as he continued his three-day swing through Massachusetts to drum up support for the April 29 presidential primary.

Taft told a Cambridge rally that Mr. Truman's seizure of the steel industry and his statement that he could seize newspapers in an emergency are "part of a New Deal philosophy that has dominated the administration for the past 14 years."

Controls Lifted On Rubber Use

But Door Left Open
For Clampdown

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government Saturday announced the removal of almost all controls on the use of natural and synthetic rubber, effective April 21.

But the door was left open for a quick clampdown should the nation's rubber stockpile fall dangerously low or prices skyrocket again.

Provision also was made to guarantee that government-built synthetic rubber plants are kept operating at a peak so they can shift rapidly into emergency production if necessary.

The National Production Authority, in announcing the end of the 10-year-old restriction on how much rubber may be used in each product, said this removes the last World War II allocation control.

The government's action "will provide relatively free competition between natural and synthetic rubber," said Henry H. Fowler, NPA administrator.

"The natural rubber supply in the United States," he said, "now enables us to lift all the restrictions on the consumption of natural rubber with the exception of pale and sole crepe, which remains in short supply."

"Pale crepe" and "sole crepe" are types of dry natural rubber produced from natural latex and used in tires, shoes, shoe soles, wetting and wrappers.

Warren Ready For Campaign

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — (AP)—Governor Earl Warren said Saturday he'll be off to campaign in Oregon soon "to state my own views, what my concept of the presidency is and what I believe the problems before our country to be."

He did not say, however, when he will go.

The governor issued a statement in which he announced that Frank S. Sever, a Portland attorney, will be his Oregon campaign chairman and Stanley L. Dean, also of Portland, the campaign secretary.

Warren said his campaigning in Oregon for the Republican presidential nomination will be extensive and that he wants "to make myself acquainted with the voters and express personally to them my views."

The problems are many and great, he said, and "they must be faced squarely and discussed frankly, both by candidates and parties."

Trial Scheduled For Naturopath

PORTLAND — (AP)—Ruth Barnett, a Portland naturopath accused of manslaughter by abortion, will go on trial here April 28.

She was arrested last summer, after police raids.

Some of the equipment which police seized in a raid of the Barnett clinic will not be used as state's evidence, however. Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins ruled Friday that the equipment had been seized illegally.

The police had no right to take equipment which was in cabinets, closets or desk drawers, Judge Hawkins ruled.

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