

Business Group Wants Budget Balanced in '53

Lawmakers Back
Economic Proposal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Some influential lawmakers agreed Tuesday with the Committee for Economic Development (CED) that the federal budget can and should be balanced next year.

These congressmen said new taxes are out of the question.

THE CED, a businessmen's research group, also had expressed the belief in a statement Monday that expenditures could be brought into line with government income without new revenue.

But it suggested that if Congress doesn't think so, consideration should be given to a "temporary" federal retail sales tax on everything except food, housing and articles already subject to direct federal excises.

"There aren't any temporary taxes," Rep. Curtis (R-Neb.) a member of the tax-writing ways and means committee commented.

"So-called temporary taxes are imposed with the best intentions, but somehow they always become permanent."

"IN ADDITION, the federal government has waited too long to get into the sales tax field, already preempted by most of the states."

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, the Republican leader of the House, agreed with Curtis and the CED on the ability of Congress to avoid a treasury deficit without new levies.

"The House already has cut appropriation bills more than six billion dollars below budget estimates, and will still have a couple of bills to work on where we can make additional savings," Martin told a reporter.

THE CED recommendation was drafted by a research and policy committee headed by Mayer Kestnbaum of Chicago, president of Hart Schaffner & Marx.

The CED report concluded a balanced budget could be achieved without harm to the defense program, on this basis:

- The committee calculated that actual expenditures on the military-foreign aid program will lag at least 3 1/2 billion dollars behind the President's estimate.

- It figured another four billion dollars could be saved by "reducing waste and inefficiency in the military programs."

- It recommended cuts of \$2,800,000,000 in spending other than military and foreign aid.

This calls for a reduction of 300 to 400 million dollars in public works, other heavy reductions in the federal home mortgage purchase program and aids to agriculture other than price supports.



SETS PRECEDENT — Lt. Francisco Stonesifer, USN, of Charles Town, W. Va., is to report in May for duty in the office of the naval attaché in Oslo, Norway, the first such assignment for a woman.

Priest Reports Ordeal in China

HONG KONG — (AP) — A Catholic priest said Tuesday that the Chinese Communists forced him to undergo nine days of incessant questioning and physical violence in an attempt to make him "confess" to spying and organizing an anti-Communist ring.

Father Robert W. Greene, 41-year-old Maryknoll priest from Jasper, Ind., told his story while recuperating from an ordeal that began with his arrest in October, 1950.

At that time, he and two other priests, Fathers Gregory Gilmartin, Waterbury, Conn., and Irwin Nugent, Dorchester, Mass., were placed under house arrest in Kwangsi.

Fathers Nugent and Gilmartin were ordered to leave China in April, 1951. Father Greene was formally arrested on April 3, 1952.

Reds in White Puzzle Allies

Chinese Cavalry
Spotted at Front

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — A report of white-clad Chinese Communist cavalymen on the central Korean war front puzzled U.S. Eighth Army officers Tuesday.

Front line units said they spotted 200 riders in white moving toward Kumsong Monday afternoon. They said heavy artillery ripped the column to pieces.

TWO OTHER white-cloaked bands of 50 and 60 men were reported sighted in the area.

"We can't attach any significance to the report at this time," said an Eighth Army staff officer. "Intelligence officers are studying the details. All we have now are fragmentary reports."

He said the white uniforms possibly could be explained by the probability of snow in the mountains northeast of Kumsong.

Communist cavalymen were last reported on the front shortly after the entry of Red China into the war in the fall of 1950.

Festival Princess

PORTLAND — (AP) — The first Rose Festival princess, a 17-year-old brunette from Grant High, was selected Monday. She is Pat Morud. Princesses will be selected from Portland's seven other high schools, and one will be chosen queen.

Sir Stafford Cripps, 'Mr. Austerity,' Dies

ZURICH, Switzerland — (AP) — Sir Stafford Cripps, "Mr. Austerity" of Britain's post-war Labor government, died Monday night in a Zurich clinic after a long illness.

Cripps' daughter Peggy and son John arrived Tuesday to discuss funeral arrangements with their mother, Lady Cripps.

Cripps, who would have been 63 on Thursday, was dubbed "Mr. Austerity" because of the belt-tightening measures he imposed on Britain in the years 1947 through 1950 as chancellor of the exchequer to save the country from bankruptcy.

He held unchallenged power over Britain's financial and economic policies until illness forced his resignation in October 1950. It was he who finally drastically cut the value of Britain's pound sterling from \$4.03 to \$2.80 to give the

nation a better chance to sell its wares in the world market.

One of the most brilliant men in the Labor Party, he was regarded as a potential prime minister.

Cripps died Monday of tuberculosis of the spine and another disease so far identified as "rare and dangerous." He had lapsed into unconsciousness earlier in the day and Lady Cripps was at his side when death came.

Tributes already were pouring in on the family of the man who gave up a \$150,000 a year law practice in 1929 to enter politics as a Socialist.

RETIREES TO FLOWERS — JACKSON, Miss. — (AP) — When H. F. Crisler, a newspaperman, retired, he announced he was going to take up a hobby. He did in a big way. He planted a garden of 1,000 rose bushes.

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