

### Social Security Revision Given Committee O.K.

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Washington, May 3 (UP)—The senate finance committee agreed to put social security on a "pay-as-you-go" basis and increase benefits by 90 per cent.

In its sweeping investigation of the old age security program, the committee also voted to freeze the present 1 1/2 per cent payroll tax until 1956. Otherwise, the tax would go to two per cent on January 1.

Under the terms of the committee's proposal, the tax would rise to two per cent in 1956, 2 1/2 per cent in 1960, three per cent in 1965, and its top of 3 1/2 per cent in 1970.

The committee plan would boost average individual benefits from \$26 to \$49 a month and raise total benefits from \$700,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 a year.

Chairman Walter F. George, D. Ga., announced that the committee voted for a "strong pay-as-you-go system."

**Fund Built Up**

Payroll tax money would be used to meet the new high cost of the program, George explained, and future deposits into the \$12,000,000,000 social security trust fund would be slashed. The fund has been built up to pay off future claims.

The increased benefit scale would go into effect every two months after the bill becomes law, George said. About 2,900,000 persons now receiving benefits would get the increases automatically.

George said the committee would complete its recommendations for revising the social security system in a day or two. The house already has passed a bill revising the program and George's committee has been working on the problem since January 17.

The committee last week announced its decision to bring 8,500,000 more persons into the social security program. The house bill would add 11,000,000 persons to the program. President Truman asked that 20,000,000 be included.

George said his committee's bill would bring some 500,000 elderly persons now ineligible for full coverage of the program by making requirements lighter.

Individual benefit increases would vary from 60 to 110 per cent, depending on the salary earned, he explained.

He said the minimum "pri-

### April One of Worst Months In History, for U. S. Treasury

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Washington, May 3 (UP)—April was one of the worst months in United States treasury history.

The government went into the hole during the month at a rate of about \$47,000,000 a day, nearly \$2,000,000 an hour.

For each day of April the treasury spent nearly \$2 for each \$1 collected in tax revenue. The weekly spending rate was about \$100,000,000 against about \$53,000,000 in tax collections.

There have been larger deficits in many wartime months but few have matched April's in peacetime. The treasury forecast for May and June is as bad, or worse.

On June 30, the treasury will balance its books for fiscal 1950. It expects a deficit of \$5,400,000,000.

On July 1, fiscal 1951 will begin. When it ends on June 30, 1951, the deficit is expected to be at least \$5,133,000,000. It is likely to be more than that.

**Figures Given**

If government could have been run in April for about \$1,500,000,000 the treasury would have broken even on the month. Here are the April treasury figures:

Spent by the government \$2,846,746,360.35  
Tax revenue 1,488,260,232.69  
April deficit 1,358,486,127.66

A high spending rate accompanied by a slackening in income tax revenue combined to establish the unfavorable treasury situation in April. It brought the deficit figure for the fiscal year so far to \$2,588,185,942.19.

There is some argument that the administration has underestimated the deficit with which it will end the fiscal year on June 30. But assuming that the administration figure is accurate, the treasury will go into the red during May and June by about \$2,811,814,057.81. If the red ink is evenly divided between those two

months, each will show a deficit slightly greater than that recorded for April and a new treasury record probably will have been set.

**Worst In History**

The record would be for the worst showing of any quarter year period in United States peacetime history.

Government spending has been on a binge since the 1920s when costs were around \$3,000,000,000 annually. A good example of then and now is the fiscal year 1925. In those 12 months, the government spent \$2,881,000,000, which is just about what government spent this year in the month of April.

The 1925 fiscal year was distinguished not only for economy. There also was a 1925 surplus, \$717,000,000.

**WILL RAZE BUILDING**

Portland, May 3 (UP)—Store Properties, Inc., of Los Angeles, said today the 58-year-old Oregonian building would be razed in 90 days by the Cleveland Wrecking company of Cleveland, O.

No new building is slated for the site, according to Leon Buller, representative of Buller & Buller, Portland firm representing the Los Angeles owners.

The Oregonian vacated the downtown landmark in 1948 when the newspaper moved into a new building. Store Properties, Inc., bought the old building for approximately \$800,000. Buller said the contract for the demolition was less than \$100,000.

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mary" benefit would be increased from \$10 a month to \$25, except for those whose earnings average less than \$34 a month. They would receive a minimum retirement benefit of \$20 a month.

The maximum "primary" benefit would be \$72.50 under the committee bill, as compared with \$45 in the present law.

The maximum family benefit would be \$150 under both the committee and house bills, George said. The present law puts a ceiling of \$85 on family benefits.

But under the committee bill, no family would be allowed to receive more than 80 per cent of the retired worker's average salary.

The committee kept the present retirement age at 65.

### Grange Session To Start Later

Grand Hall, May 3 (Special)—Members of the Eastern Star grange voted at their meeting held last Tuesday evening to start their meetings as long as there is daylight saving time at 8:30 a.m. Robert Bradetich was voted to membership in the grange and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Engstrom were obligated in the first and second degrees by Mrs. Alex Walters.

During the business meeting Donald Sorensen gave a short report on the uses of commercial fertilizers on the garden. Mrs. F. W. Wells, H.E. chairman, reported that plans concerning the Pomona grange meeting had been completed. She also read the H.E. quarterly report. Mrs. Joe Hince gave the juvenile report. Frank Nelson stated contract had been given to Ed Eastman and a cistern for the grange hall will be completed early in May.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Cutter, Mrs. Marion Dubuis and Mrs. Edwin Bullis were on the hospitality committee for the evening.

A great change has taken place on the Butler market road in recent weeks. Mike Vodvick and Nolan Turner have cut down the huge poplar and cottonwood trees on their farmsteads near the road.

Mrs. Lee Kurtz left Saturday for Salem where she will visit a few days with relatives, and attend a family reunion.

Mrs. Walter Prichard will be hostess for the regular meeting of the Eastern Star extension unit at her home Thursday. The project on cleaning sewing machines will be given by the agent, Miss

Ruth Shelton, and Miss L. Chase will be present in the afternoon to discuss "cancer." Persons attending are asked to bring their lunch exchanges and a sack lunch to the meeting.

Work on the transportation scrapbook was nearly completed at the regular meeting of the Eastern Star juvenile grange, held at the hall last Saturday. Suzan Cutter and Ann Dyer served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Joe Conrad was hostess to the regular meeting of the Grange Hall Ladies' aid at her home on the Butler market road Thursday afternoon. Fourteen members were present. Mrs. Walter Smead was a guest at the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nolan Turner May 11.

Joseph L. Leivins was a dinner guest at the Walter Prichard home last Wednesday evening.

Pupils of the Young school participated in the tri-county grade school track meet held in Redmond last Friday afternoon. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Achsah Stearns. Dorothy Linville placed first in the softball throw for "A" girls.

A community meeting for the 4-H leaders was held last Wednesday evening at the Walter Prichard home. Joseph L. Leivins, 4-H club agent, was present and discussed various 4-H plans with the leaders. Those present were Mrs. Joe Hince, Six Corners; Mrs. George Huettl and Mrs. Lawrence Huettl of Boyd Acres; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Moore, Mrs. Nolan Turner and Mrs. Lyle Carrington of Young school; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowley, Tommy Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harbour, Mrs. C. A. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Prichard of Richardson.

The Young Farmers' 4-H group

den and crops clubs will meet with the Glen Vista Weedless Garden club at 8 p.m. at Richardson school, Friday, May 5. H. M. Waddoups of Swift and company will show several new motion pictures for the club members, it has been announced.

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agreement which might send some 500 strikers back to work.

Neither side announced terms of the agreement, but it was believed to include paid holidays, a two-year contract which might be opened next April to consider wage adjustments, arbitration as a means of settling disputes, and provisions covering hiring and layoff procedure.

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