

Slash in Navy Bill by House Committee

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—A \$111,699,698 slash was made in President Roosevelt's budget for the navy today by a house committee which recommended appropriations of \$966,772,878 and urged the nation build battleships and cruisers "superior" to those abroad.

The cut, from the president's figure of \$1,078,472,577, was the largest yet made by the appropriations committee in any single budget recommendation, but the committee said the fleet's needs could be "adequately met" with the smaller sum.

(The president's budget figure of \$1,078,472,577 included funds which he classified as emergency national defense expenditures. These were responsible for the difference between that figure and a \$954,000,000 request by the navy to finance its normal, non-emergency operation and construction.)

Included in the measure was \$1,000,000 to start work on a \$3,000,000 project designed to develop the tiny Pacific island of Guam as a naval "lookout" post. Guam improvements were turned down by congress last year after a heated controversy involving questions of foreign policy toward Japan.

In sending the navy bill to the house floor the committee also cut \$16,316,250 from the amount of "contract authorizations" recommended in the budget. With such authorizations the navy may contract for work to be paid for later. Thus the total decrease in the amount the navy could spend or obligate in the fiscal year beginning July 1 amounted to \$128,915,949.

While allowing money to start work on 19 new combat ships and five auxiliaries, the committee cut \$7,750,000 from the sums recommended for two new battleships and two cruisers.

While \$2,950,000 will be sufficient for the navy to proceed with plans for the ships, the committee said, it should be determined before construction actually begins that the ships will be superior to those of other nations.

Novelties In the News

Matrimonial Bureau

Indianapolis—Some young man is seeking a sweetheart with the aid of the public library.

He left a note in an Aldous Huxley novel suggesting any young lady interested in cultural pursuits should leave a card in James Whitcomb Riley's "Pipes of Pan at Zekesburg."

Librarians scanned Riley's book. There were no takers.

Buck Passer

Santa Fe, N. M.—The state tourist bureau received a dog-eared, crumpled card requesting literature. It was signed by a Woodward, Okla., housewife and attached was this note from her husband:

"Carried this in my pocket for past four weeks. You will catch h--- for being so slow in supplying the information."

Burglar Alarm

Salt Lake City—Patrolmen Clarence T. Smith and Louis W. Duncan found all quiet when they answered a complaint that the horn of a parked auto was sounding intermittently.

As they turned to leave, the horn sounded a minute or so.

They learned the owner had rigged up an attachment to toot the horn every ten minutes.

The idea was to help the police in case the car was stolen.

Journal Want Ads Pay



Comedian Takes An Encore—Bert Lahr, comedian, currently starring in "DuBarry Was a Lady," eloped with Mildred Shroeder, former showgirl, to Elkhon, Md. It was the second marriage for each. They're shown before starting for Elkhon. — Associated Press Photo.

Valseltz Claims Rainfall Title

Valseltz, Ore., Feb. 13—Rain in the Willamette valley, particularly around Salem,

Whenever Bert Thomas, superintendent of the Gobbs-Mitchell mill, hears of the people in the valley complain about the precipitation he gives a gentlemanly snort and says "Rain? What do they know about rain down there? Why, it is practically drier the year 'round when compared to Valseltz."

Valseltz, he wants the world to know, claims the national title for rainfall and is proud of the distinction. Any other rain that might be left over belongs in the bush league class, he avers.

Thomas may have something at that. Anyhow, he has figures from the government weather bureau here to back up his contention. Taking this month as a fair example, and he says there have been wetter periods. Thomas reports that from February 1 to 11 inclusive there were 10.12 inches of rain recorded, of which nearly one-third or 5.12 inches fell in one 24-hour period on the sixth day of the month.

Federal rainfall figures for Salem give a mean average of 37.17 for the entire year. So it seems that Valseltz' claims, as far as the valley is concerned, may stand unchallenged, with 11 days providing almost one-half the annual rainfall reported for Salem.



These flags will spell big NEWS for motorists See Page Seven

All-Salem Ski Tourney Next Sunday

Sunday, February 18, is the date set for the first all-Salem ski tournament. The "W. E. Anderson downhill tournament," sponsored by Anderson's sporting goods store, will be staged at Timberline on the south slope of Mt. Hood.

The races will include women's, junior, men's novice and men's expert. The women's event is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock in the morning with the other divisions following in order.

Tom Hill, successor to Otto Lang as head of the Timberline ski school, will set the course which will extend downward from the head of the new chair lift to the bottom of Breakleg hill on the upper end of the Alpine trail. Tom plans to establish six or eight control gates over the extent of the course. These gates are to serve a dual purpose, one being a safety feature in demanding a controlled speed of descent to guard against possible injuries, and also to bring out full proof of ability of the individual skier. However, the gates will be placed in an open manner, not closed flutes.

Fred Van Dyke and Linn D'Arcy of the Oregon Winter Sports association will be in charge of the officials. These men have had years of experience at officiating for all types of skiing events throughout the northwest.

Contestants will not be compelled to stand in line to get on the lift for reaching the top of the course for arrangements have been made so that entrants may ski to the head of the line and get right on. The course will be marked with red flags, and the gates, which

skiers will be compelled to pass through, will be marked by blue.

Entry blanks are available at Anderson's store and all Salem skiers are invited to enter and make this first tournament a big success, creating an inducement for promoting more of them in the future.

Entrants already signed up: Women—Margaret Stevenson; junior—Ted Gordon, Jr., Tom Roberts, Herb Hoffman, Bob Bowes, George Hochstetler, Wally Wittwer, Nap Rocque, Jr.; men's novice—Reg Saunders, Bob Forrester, Oran Robinson, Alfred Hoffman, James Whalen, Donnell Sanders, Hugh Wilkerson; men's expert—Bud Moriarty, Glen Stevenson, Bill Bowes, Bus Herren, Bruce Gordon, Bob Crawford.

Prizes will be awarded first four places in each event.

Tweedsmuir Body Taken to Ottawa

Montreal, Feb. 13 (AP)—The body of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, in a coffin mounted on a gun carriage drawn by 60 naval reservists, was carried through the streets of Montreal today and placed aboard a train for Ottawa.

A military escort of 1,000 officers and men accompanied the viceroy's body and thousands lined the streets to watch. Troops along the route from the undertaking parlor to the station, with the officers wearing black armbands, presented arms as the coffin passed.

The flag-draped coffin was placed in a special car for the 100 mile journey to the capital. A second train followed with government officials and representatives of other governments. The body will lie in state in Ottawa. The coffin was sealed at the request of Lady Tweedsmuir.

Tomorrow night the body will be returned to Montreal for cremation.

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Tammany Hall Chief Indicted

New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—William Solomon, Tammany Hall district leader and one of the organization's most powerful figures since the decline of James J. Hines, was indicted today on seven counts of extortion, bribery and the acceptance of unlawful fees.

The indictment, returned by the New York county grand jury, resulted from District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey's investigation into the award of state printing contracts to the Burland Printing company.

Also named in the indictment was Charles H. Mullens, assistant controller of the state of New York. Mullens was offered and rejected the republican nomination for comptroller in 1938.

The indictment contained one count of extortion, three of bribery and three of accepting unlawful fees. In each of the counts, Solomon was charged with aiding and abetting Mullens.

WPA Workers Must Pay on Incomes

County Clerk Boyer is in receipt of a form letter from E. J. Griffith, state administrator of the works progress administration, advising that WPA employees must pay their federal and state income taxes if

their incomes fall within the requisite brackets.

All single men whose earnings are \$1,000 or more and married men or heads of families whose incomes are \$2,500 or more are to make their federal returns the same as all other income producers, and if a man is single with an income of \$800 or more and married or head of a family with an income of \$1,500 or more he is to make his state return.

The letter says that copies of it are being sent to all administrative and supervisory employees, and that project engineers, supervisors and foremen are being instructed to post copies of it on all project premises.

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Polk County Cage Tourney Feb. 13

Perrydale—The basketball tournament for the Polk county high school "B" league will be held at the Oregon College of Education gymnasium Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Teams will draw for opponents one-half hour before the first game on Tuesday.

Game schedules are as follows: Three games February 13—7 p. m., 8 p. m., and 9 p. m. Four games February 14—10 a. m., 11 a. m., 8 p. m., and 9 p. m. Two games February 15—10 a. m., and 8 p. m.

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