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## Industry to Foot Bill

In an unusual document combining his report on the state of the nation and his budget message recommending a budget for the next fiscal year only slightly more than \$4 billion out of balance, President Truman today asked congress for legislation to pave the way for such amicable labor-management relation as will raise the national income to a figure which will assure the national government to meet its current expenses and start whittling away on the national debt out of tax revenues and the cash balance now in the treasury.

He anticipates a possible reduction of the national debt from \$275 billion to \$271 billion by these means during the coming year, but to further that objective he recommends against any further tax reductions.

As regards the military situation, the president advocated reduction in the strength of the army and navy to two million men during this calendar year, urged the replacement of veterans by new recruits and draftees and, in order to insure such a force, asked extension of the selective service act beyond its expiring date of May 16. These recommendations follow the lines of the army and navy staffs for orderly demobilization. He reiterates his earlier foreign policy statements and supplemented them by advocating all-out support of a United Nations commission to control and safeguard the development and use of atomic energy.

As was expected, Mr. Truman laid particular stress upon the critical labor situation and his suggestions for dealing with it. He declared the ability "of labor and management to work together, and the wage and price policies which they develop, are social and economic issues of first importance," which the government can help to solve by developing machinery that will "assist labor and management to resolve their disagreements in a peaceful manner and reduce the number and duration of strikes."

He declared higher wages and lower prices for manufactured commodities to be the keynotes of a program to put the nation on a higher economic plane, and said that industry must carry the principal burden of such a program, explaining that most industries and most companies "have adequate leeway within which to grant substantial wage increases."

Elaborating on this theory, he said: "Good wages means good markets. Good business means more jobs and better wages. Substantial wage increases are good business for business because they assure a large market for their products; substantial wage increases are good business for labor because they increase labor's standard of living; substantial wage increases are good business for the country . . . because capacity production means an active, healthy, friendly citizenry enjoying the benefits of democracy under our free enterprise system."

In further explanation of this theory, the president claimed that it would put us on a production level "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." He admitted, however, that such a condition "is not true now for all companies, nor will it ever be true for all, but for business generally it is true."

He did not explain what incentive such a program of increasing costs and lower prices would hold for the investment of idle capital at this time, nor who would foot the losses and destruction of small businesses ruined by inability to compete with big business.

Addressing himself to the immediate threat of current strikes to the reconversion program, the chief executive had no solution to offer other than his fact-finding proposal with its provision that strikes be held in abeyance pending investigation. Industrial peace, he said, must be achieved through collective bargaining "with government assistance but not government compulsion." Business, in the president's opinion, "is a public trust and must adhere to national standards in the conduct of its affairs. These standards include as a minimum the establishment of fair wages and fair employment practices."

The president admitted that labor also has its responsibilities, but would not cite what they are or specifically what they should be. He did confess that labor, "which must become progressively more secure, attains increasing political as well as economic power," an admission which is all too apparent throughout Mr. Truman's entire speech.

## Power Without Responsibility

CIO steel workers have quit their jobs and paralyzed reconversion and industrial reconstruction efforts for an increase in wages of 3 1/2 cents an hour. They originally demanded a raise of 30 cents an hour, then reduced it to 19 1/2 cents, then the president's "fact finding" board recommended an increase of 18 1/2 cents, which the unions agreed to accept. The United States Steel company offered 15 cents an hour increase, which it stated was all that it could pay without an increase in selling prices to offset the increase in wages. The latter was denied under the administration's formula that wage increases must come out of profits, even if there were none, and the steel companies rejected the compromise.

Steel and other industrial wages are the highest in history but the unions want the same "take home" wages they secured under war conditions, which included overtime wages. In other words the demand is for 56 hours wages for 40 hours work. The same union demands figure in the other mass strikes such as the General Motors, which also offered 15 percent increase, with the guarantee that overtime would actually increase the "take home" pay—which with the great demand for all basic products would probably materialize. That was and is the incentive of the 40 hour week formula.

The unions have power without responsibility, thanks to our one-sided labor laws and these strikes, instigated by left wing labor leaders, seem designed as preliminaries for displaying their power to tie up the nation and perhaps for seizure of political power—part of the world wide effort of Communists to dominate government. Certainly the bus and telephone strikes, without real issues, were a gesture along this line. The union power is being used to get unprecedented wage increases and perhaps as in France political control will be next attempted in the campaign.

Perhaps the British were wise in electing a labor government, because that entails a responsibility to a nation, lacking in American labor organizations. British labor cannot very well strike against itself without stamping its regime a failure. As long as our labor leaders have power without responsibility, the strike merry-go-round is likely to continue.

## Needle Club Guest

Pleasantdale — The Aloha Needle club with 18 members present were entertained at the home of Mrs. Green. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sweeney near Dayton.

Church Librarian Named Unionvale—Mrs. Louis Magee was elected librarian of the Unionvale Evangelical Sunday school at the annual election.



## Kimmel Says Japs' Greatest Mistake Was Pearl Harbor

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel testified today the Japanese made their "greatest mistake" by attacking the American fleet at Pearl Harbor and failing to put the base itself out of commission.

In his sixth day before a senate-house inquiry committee, the former Pacific fleet commander, said it was probable no attack would have been attempted if the American ships had been sent back to the west coast.

Rep. Gearhart (R., Calif.)

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Hearse Solves Housing

West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 21—E. T. Sarman arrived here from Bainbridge, Ind., in a hearse, but made it clear today he's vacation—not graveyard—bound.

He said he bought the vehicle to cope with the housing shortage during his trip.

"I put a bed in it in case I couldn't find a hotel room, and I had to use it, too," Sarman said. "It was very comfortable."

### He Gets Around

Circle, Mont., Jan. 21 — To "small world" department: Sgt. Orville Larson ran into one brother, Sgt. Walter Larson, in Germany last May. A few months later he met his other brother, Cpl. Robert Larson, in Japan.

### A Long Line

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21—Customers softened their gripes somewhat as they queued up before butter counters here at week's end—it seemed worth the trouble.

Police officer Harry Ludington had reported a woman telephoned from Tacoma asking if police thought she would have any chance buying butter if she drove the 160 miles to Portland.

### Extension Night Classes Opened

Registration for general extension night classes for adults will take place Monday night and Wednesday at the senior high school. Seven courses are being offered for college credit for those desiring additional units. These include: natural history of Oregon, teaching of elementary school science, art education, Oregon history, small house planning, twentieth century literature, and first year Spanish. Students may register for any of the above courses for non-credit.

Registration is still open for those desiring to enroll for the class in radio speech and production which met for the first time last Thursday. The second meeting will take place in the basement of the city library on Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Milk Price Occupies Seattle's Attention

Seattle, Jan. 21 (AP)—Continuing efforts by dairymen and the OPA to arrive at an increased price for milk, five meetings of milk producers and OPA officials are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in this area.

Wednesday schedule is Issaquah, 10 a.m., Carnation, 1:30 p.m., and Snohomish, 8 p.m. Conferences will be held Tuesday at Enumelaw at 1:30 p.m. and at Kent at 8 p.m.

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## MACKENZIE'S Column

Madrid, Jan. 21—American motion pictures are having a marked effect on Spanish life, and by the same token are destined to play their part in international relations—facts which impose on Hollywood the obligation of seeing that nothing which might damage is exported.

To the Spanish public the Hollywood movies are the reflection of a utopian way of life. America is the enchanted land of wonders and plenty.

One very noticeable influence of Hollywood is on feminine hair dress, makeup and fashions. The women of Spain, who are among the most beautiful in the world, are copying American filmdom. American music also is being introduced in this manner, as well as American dancing—including jitterbugging.

However, the thing reaches deeper than that. The folk of Spain are intensely interested in American automobiles, in our modes of travel, in the magic contrivances we have for the kitchen, and in labor saving equipment for our business offices.

And the interest isn't merely academic. The Spanish are excellent copyists. They make adaptations of many things they see in pictures.

American movies are preferred in Spain. Last year 133 American pictures were released here and these were 62 percent of all the films shown in the country. It's interesting to note that Mexican films released are increasing. According to available records two Mexican pictures were shown here in 1944, 13 last year and the forecast for this year runs to 50.

Spain herself produces an average of 40 pictures a year, but the industry still has far to go in development, which was hampered by the civil war of 1936-39 and the ensuing world war. However, this country is doing a magnificent job of sound retraining. This involves the substitution of Spanish dialogue for English and is difficult, since it calls for the synchronization of the English language lip movement and the Spanish language.

Of course the exchange of pictures should develop better acquaintance among the various peoples, and this in the long run should help international relations. Unfortunately, however, some American pictures shown in Europe give a false impression of American life and morals.

For instance some types of gangster pictures are wholly untrue and misleading. Pictures showing wholesale marital infidelity also create decidedly bad ideas about American morals.

In short, a lot of highly imaginative and over sophisticated pictures which citizens of the U.S.A. take in stride as utter fiction are accepted abroad as true. This type of picture can do more damage in a year than all the diplomats can repair in a generation.

And the moral of all this is that the selection of pictures in America for foreign consumption should be most carefully made.

## Port Coordinator Wanted in Portland

Portland, Jan. 21 (AP)—Mayor Earl Riley's port development committee was asked today to endorse plans for a central waterside lumber terminal and appointment of a port coordinator.

A ten-man sub-committee named last August also recommended study of a direct Portland-Alaska shipping line, committee chairman Hillman Luedemann reported.

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## Southern Pacific Announces Streamline Cascade Trains

Plans for progressive streamlining of Southern Pacific's Cascades, premier sleeping car trains on the Portland-San Francisco run, and addition of a pair of diesel-powered daytime streamliners to the same route were revealed today by A. T. Mercier, president of the railroad. The new coach streamliners will be called Shasta Daylights.

In his official announcement, made at the luncheon meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mercier said: "As soon as designs can be completed, orders will be placed for three-car diner-lounge units for the Cascades, similar to the luxurious and unique triple units now in the San Francisco-Los Angeles Larks. Streamlined sleeping cars will also be added when such equipment can be delivered by manufacturers.

"We hope the new Cascade cars can be ready for service early in 1947. In the meantime, it is our intention to improve the present running time of these trains as quickly as heavy traffic subsidies sufficiently to permit faster schedules.

Mr. Mercier called special attention to the three-car combinations now in service in the Larks, after which the Cascade triple units will be patterned. These spacious dining and lounging accommodations—first of their kind—consist of a full-length dining car, full-length lounge car and kitchen car. The lounge and dining units form one continuous room, more than 131 feet long, with a clear view from one end to the other. The design, exclusive to Southern Pacific, provides for maximum seating for meals and maximum lounge space at hours other than mealtimes.

The Shasta Daylights, Mr. Mercier said, will be the first new trains under the company's post-war improvement program. It is the aim to have them in operation by the end of the year.

either in the furnace room or in wiring under the operators' booth, and virtually destroyed the theater and seriously damaged the living units above.

Tenants including small babies all were taken out safely by the Juneau fire department and soldiers. W. D. Cross, building owner, said the loss would run into "thousands."

Australia is about the area of the United States.

## Council of Hospitals Meet

The Oregon Council of Hospitals will hold an all day meeting Thursday at the Marion hotel with registration starting at 9 o'clock and Sister John of the Cross, president, Oregon Council of Churches.

Leader of the morning round table discussion will be Frank J. Walters, past president and delegate at large of the American Hospital association with hospital costs to be the topic. A luncheon will be held at noon.

Miss Henrietta Doltz, RN, department of nursing education at the University of Oregon, will be the leader for the afternoon round table discussion of nursing problems. Miss Lillian McDonald, RN, superintendent of the Salem General hospital, will preside. The nursing problem falls into three classifications, students, how recruits may be obtained, stipends to be offered and how to help needy students; graduates, why they are hard to obtain and how to attract them to hospital positions and the counseling and placement program of the American Hospital association.

A business session at 4 o'clock will conclude the program for the day.

## Coliseum Theater At Juneau Burns

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Coliseum theater and 26 apartments above it were swept by fire yesterday.

The blaze, confined to the Coliseum building, broke out

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## Air Travel Leaders Convene in Boise

Boise, Jan. 21 (AP)—In preparation of today's start of a two-day meeting of the northwest aviation planning council, air travel enthusiasts from the Pacific northwest began landing here yesterday.

Gov. Arnold Williams will address the first meeting in the state house of representatives chamber on the subject "Why the Northwest Originated Aviation Planning Councils."

General Chairman Harry L. Yost said about 400 delegates from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia and Alberta will be on hand for today's opening session.

The wood thrush sings each song twice.

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