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TREASURY DEFICIT MOUNTS

Official figures issued by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey reveal that the government's deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 was for more than estimated and totals \$9,389,000,000, and as Humphrey says "emphasizes the need for continued strenuous efforts to get our fiscal house in order."

The deficit is the highest in U.S. history, except for the two world war periods, more than double the 1952 deficit and shows what a task the Eisenhower administration has in its efforts to balance the budget. And congress is not cooperating by fighting Ike's cuts in defense and interior spending which are being vigorously opposed by the democrats.

Humphrey warns the public not to expect miracles. He said: "Difficulties of this size cannot be cured overnight. To bring this situation under control will take many months of vigorous cooperative effort on the part of the administration, the congress and the people."

Congress is cooperating by cutting down the huge foreign aid plan, but balking on trimming the big defense appropriations. The deficit emphasizes the necessity of extending the excess profits tax for six months as asked by Ike. Taxes cannot be reduced without slashing expenditures wherever possible in the effort to reach a balanced budget.

The nation's expenditures for the fiscal year were over \$74.6 billion, its receipts \$65.2 billion, and the national debt has climbed to over \$266.1 billion.—G. P.

CONGRATULATIONS, SENATORS

The Salem Senators have won the first half championship of the Western International league and clinched a spot in the postseason playoffs.

This will be a series with the second half winner unless the second half winner is Salem, in which case a playoff with the Western league champion is possible. In any event Salem fans will witness a post-season playoff in which the Senators will compete for further honors.

The Senators looked very good in their preseason tilts and local hopes were high as the regular schedule opened. However, the Senators soon settled deep into the second division. They were in tenth place two months ago and it looked like the old war cry "wait till next year" would have to be resorted to here.

Then the Senators found themselves and began to rise, with 15 victories in the last 17 games, all but five of which were on the road. It was a remarkable showing and Salem fans, who've never had so much as a half interest in the pennant before, are happy.

Now a final word. With better baseball weather overdue, let us show our appreciation with better attendance than we have given the club up to now. Continuance of league baseball in Salem will depend upon it.

WHY THE OUTCRY?

We find ourselves unable to join in the general outcry against a four-cent letter postage rate, possibly because we are old enough to remember what other things cost when the letter rate was two cents.

To refresh the memories of younger persons, a working man received a dollar and a half a day, a white collared salaried man about \$50 a month in the heyday of the two-cent letter postage rate in the early years of the century. Other things were on a comparable basis.

The price level has since been hiked at least 400 per cent and some things ten-fold, yet postage is up only 50 per cent. Naturally the post office department runs an enormous deficit and probably would even without all the free stuff it carries for other government departments. Why wouldn't it? How can anybody carry a letter from here to New York for three cents and break even?

Postmaster General Summerfield's four cent letter postage proposal is one of many things the federal government needs to do to get itself on a sound, solvent basis. We dislike seeing things we have to buy increased in price as much as the next chap, but we won't protest an increase as obviously justified as this one.

DOUGLAS IMPEACHMENT FIZZLES

While we still see no sense in Justice Douglas' puzzling stay of execution for the Rosenbergs, we welcome the promptness with which a house subcommittee squelched Georgia Congressman Wheeler's abortive move to impeach Douglas.

The committee listened to Wheeler, who is not a lawyer, argue his point, then told him he had made no case and no impeachment was in order. The subcommittee chairman told him: "I'm afraid that as a layman you have not fully comprehended the depth of these charges in a legal sense which we lawyers know and understand."

But an ordinary layman should understand that an erroneous ruling on a legal point, if such it was, constitutes no "high crime" or even a "misdemeanor." If a judge could be impeached for this no judge would remain in office six months.

Wheeler's move was a publicity seeking device, and it succeeded, though what good this kind of publicity does anyone is beyond the average person's comprehension.

Millions of Trees For Windbreaks

Farmers in the state of Oregon planted nearly four million forest tree seedlings during the period 1949-1953 for windbreaks, reforestation and Christmas tree plantations.

This total just about equaled the Christmas tree harvest during the same period.

Douglas fir was the favorite tree with a total of 1,421,300 shipped from the nursery. Port Orford cedar was also in big demand with a total output of 800,000 seedlings.

Other species in the higher brackets included white and noble fir 370,000; ponderosa pine 348,000; Sitka spruce 272,000.

and black locust 167,000. Marion county residents planted the most trees during the four year period with 531,000 seedlings. Multnomah was second with 343,000, followed by Clackamas with 327,000 in third place; Lane county was fourth with 290,000 and Coos fifth with 271,000. Least active of the state's 36 counties was Wheeler with only 400 seedlings planted during the four years.

MANILA FLOODED
Manila (AP)—Torrential rains and high tides flooded large areas of Manila Thursday as a roaring typhoon skirted the island cluster off the northern Philippines.

The huge storm with winds of 145 miles an hour at its center was headed toward Formosa.



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Trouble With Vacation Is You Have to Brag About It

By HAL BOYLE

Hometown, U.S.A. (AP)—One of the worst things about a vacation is the fact that when you get back home you have to brag about what a swell time you had, whether you really did or not.

Wilbur Peeble, America's average man, decided this year he simply wouldn't do it.

So the first thing he did on returning to work after his vacation was to climb up on his desk and call out:

"Fellow employees! Will you please gather around! I have an important message."

The surprised office staff immediately clustered around his desk, including the boss, Leroy J. McFumble, who had been standing at the door and scowling at employees late for work. Mr. McFumble always did this on the days he himself got in on time.

"Ordinarily a man wastes the first week he gets back from a vacation answering questions about where he went and what he did," said Wilbur. "Nobody really cares what kind of a vacation he had, but everybody thinks it is polite to ask."

"So I am going to save you all that breath by telling you here and now about my vacation. That way we can get the whole subject over in five minutes."

"I had a lousy vacation. Trellis Mae, that's my wife, and I stayed at a place called Quagmire Heights-by-the-Sea. It is run by a retired bank robber, judging from the prices."

"The food was so awful that Trellis Mae went to bed for a week after the first meal. It rained all day 11 of the 14 days we were there. The only book in the hotel library was 'The Bobsey Twins at the Seashore.' I read it four times, and then began to dream about it at night."

"One day I played golf with a stranger, and he suggested a small side bet of \$5 a hole just to make it interesting. This only cost me \$45, as I decided not to play the second nine holes."

"The other two days I went swimming. The doctor says my sunburn is healing nicely, but I warn you that if you slap me on the back you lose a friend."

"We took some color photos, but I don't intend to make you look at them. Looking at somebody else's vacation snapshots is about as exciting as staring through a restaurant window at other people eating."

At this point the office employees broke into applause.

"Now, are there any questions?" asked Wilbur.

"Y-y-yes," said a stenographer. "Isn't one of your eyes discolored, Mr. Peeble? Did you meet with an accident?"

"It isn't discolored," said Wilbur, drawing a deep breath. "It's a black eye. No, I didn't bump into a door in the dark. I got it from a waiter."

"This waiter spilled a plate of soup on my white dinner jacket. When I got ready to leave the whole hotel staff stood there in line with their

DANGER TO FISHERIES

Astorian-Budget

It is of course good news that Ice Harbor dam once again has been rejected definitely in congress. It has happened so often that we no longer get as concerned as we used to do when Ice Harbor measures are introduced.

The supporters of Ice Harbor are persistent, and undoubtedly are counting on the probability that its opponents will relax their vigilance one of these years and let an item slip through to get it started.

Eternal vigilance is going to be the price of safety from this never-dying threat to the Columbia river fisheries.

DIM VIEW OF NEWBRY

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

When Earl Newbry announced last week that he would be a candidate in 1954 for the Oregon governorship he said he was seeking the state's highest office because he "sought to lower the traffic death and accident tolls." We had assumed it was his responsibility as secretary of state to do that job. And how as governor he would better accomplish it we fail to see. It's a good campaign pitch, though. Almost as good as being in favor of motherhood and the U. S. Marines and being opposed to communism.

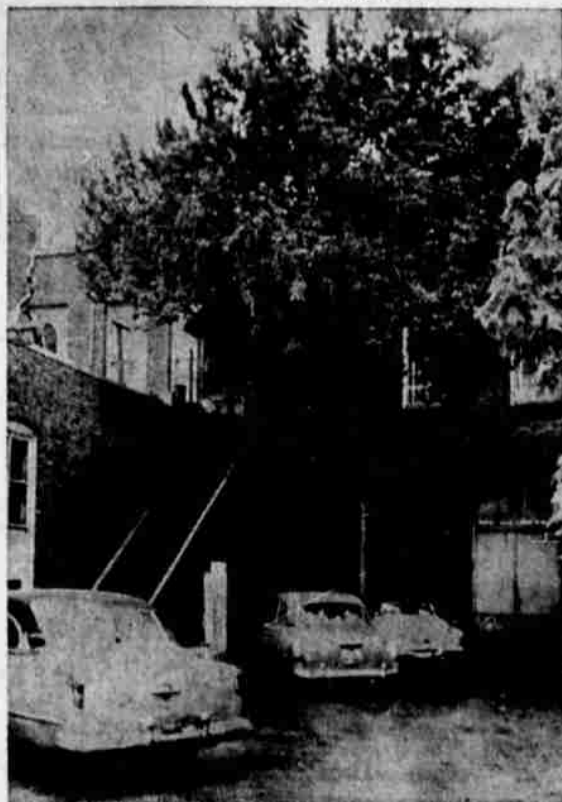
NEUROTIC SQUIRRELS

San Fernando, (AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., may need a psychiatrist to cope with 30,000 San Fernando valley squirrels which are chewing up telephone cables.

Officials said the squirrels chew away protective lead sheathing on cables because they are "adolescent and neurotic."

One of Canada's most exclusive clubs is the Kainai Chieftainship restricted to 35 members, all honorary chiefs of the Blood Indians of South-western Alberta.

CONTINENTAL ASPECT



Seen in this alley between Chemsaketa and Court streets in the block bounded by Commercial and Front is this scene with a continental aspect. A stairway from an upper floor leads to the shady courtyard where a large cherry tree cast its shadow over iron sheeted doors and windows formed by a bygone architecture.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

East German Revolt Gives America Great Opportunity

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — When German crowds faced Red people's police in East Berlin, threw rocks and logs into the tracks of tanks, burned the pictures of Stalin, one complaint they hurled at their Red masters was "Butter."

East Germany long has been the food bowl of Germany. West Germany, with its heavy industrial population, depended on East Germany which overflowed with wheat, milk, butter.

But under Red rule East Germany's food wealth has been: 1, siphoned off into Russia; 2, trampled in the mud of discouragement by Soviet farm quotas. Last winter in Berlin I talked with refugee after refugee who had left family farms owned for centuries — all because communist quotas were impossible to meet. So crowds in the street, fighting Soviet tanks with bare hands, sticks and stones, taunted their Red rulers with: "Butter!"

Heaven-Sent Moment

Two facts should be obvious from the above: A. Now is the time for the Eisenhower administration, elected on the pledge to do something behind the iron curtain, to act. In speech after speech, both John Foster Dulles and the president himself declared the static policy of the Truman administration, said the cold war should be ended by stirring up peoples behind the iron curtain.

B. The United States has on hand 246,561,000 pounds of butter acquired at the taxpayers' expense, which probably cannot be dumped on our own market without ruining farmers and which will not keep indefinitely. Eventually butter gets rancid. A modest amount of this surplus would give the Reds the heebie-jeebies.

Berlin is a city in which it is extremely difficult to prevent people from passing back and forth between east and west. I have crossed back and forth into the Soviet zone a dozen times. Several thousand people cross back and forth daily on their way to work.

If the Russians refused to admit into East Germany a gift of free butter from the U.S.A., it would be a simple matter for the giant U.S. radio station in Berlin, RIAS, to announce that East Berliners could come across the line and get it.

The same could be done with excess wheat, now stored away in decrepit ships in the Hudson river. A million loaves of bread require a relatively small amount of wheat. Yet a million loaves of bread in Berlin right now might take East Germany permanently out from under the iron curtain.

DEAD WALL OF INACTION

However when American relief agency officials have approached Secretary of Agriculture Benson on these problems they have got nowhere. Secretary Benson is a most sincere and religious gentleman. Twice when an American relief agency chief has called on him regarding the disposal of our giant stores of surplus food, the Secretary of Agriculture has asked him to bow his head in prayer. But he has given no answer about releasing a small

part of our surplus food. Last week, certain farmers wanted to donate wheat themselves to help send a million loaves of bread to embarrass the Reds in Berlin. But Harold Stassen could not even be reached on the telephone to say whether his Mutual Security Administration would help pay the ocean freight.

In the past, mutual security has helped out with the ocean freight when individual Americans contributed to relief abroad. But Stassen would not even take telephone calls, though repeated efforts were made to reach him.

OTHER SIDE OF YALTA

Meanwhile people behind the Iron Curtain are still smouldering, still hoping for some token of support. Free elections are supposed to be guaranteed them under the Yalta pact. So far, we have taken the raw end of Yalta. Now we have an opportunity to push the other end in a way which will cause great embarrassment in Moscow, Great encouragement in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, East Germany, Rumania.

The above is written by one who two years ago went to the Czech border to help release freedom balloons to the Czech people. Those balloons, carrying mere messages of friendship, stirred up the nation, caused a Czech freedom train to bolt across the borders, unquestionably contributed to current ferment. If mere leaflets scattered from balloons can do this, imagine what a million loaves of bread and a few tons of surplus butter could do in Berlin!

Ex-Quaker Wilson

Most interesting, also perhaps the most important battle involving any one cabinet member, is that of General Motors' Charles Erwin Wilson, who as secretary of defense has the rough, tough job of commanding — and tangling with — the armed forces.

A good many civilian secretaries of war, navy and defense have tried to ride herd on the admirals and generals, but invariably have ended up either on their ear, or eating out of the brass hats' hands. Louey Johnson, for instance, bucked the armed forces and was fired. General Marshall and Bob Lovett, who followed him, capitulated.

Wilson started by practicing what his Quaker grandmother used to say to him: "Erwin (she always called him by his middle name) thou hearest me but thou dost not heed."

When he first took office, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, dropped in to tell Wilson that he would brief him on certain days of the week at a certain time. The new secretary of defense promptly replied that he didn't need to be briefed, but would call Bradley in whenever needed.

"You know, all those fellows want to do in their briefing," Wilson told a friend, "is to condition you so that you will do something that is wrong."

In this case, Wilson misjudged Omar Bradley, one of

Salem 29 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

July 1, 1924

Strict enforcement of regulations regarding use of city water for irrigation had to be the rule until the water shortage was over. In some sections of Salem homes were without water for drinking.

Aerial postal service across the continent had been launched. In San Francisco M. N. DeYoung, publisher of the Chronicle, mailed a first letter to President Coolidge.

Howard Ramp's store at Brooks and several nearby dwellings were reported afire. A strong afternoon breeze was fanning the blaze and the entire town was threatened.

Definite decision to move Linfield college from McMinnville, where it has been established for more than 60 years, had been made by the board of trustees in a meeting at Baptist headquarters. (It was later cancelled.)

Salem playgrounds were opened with about 300 boys and girls in attendance.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, who had resigned as president of Willamette university because of ill health, agreed to take a year's leave of absence and then resume the presidency on a five-year contract. During his absence the university was to be administered by Dean George H. Alder, and a committee of faculty members.

Loganberries, raspberries and blackcaps had been delivered to Salem canneries and showed that the intense heat of last Sunday did more damage than was anticipated.

About 1,500 members of Catholic churches in Portland, Salem and Mt. Angel had attended the denominational convention held at Shaw on Sunday.

Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges had appeared in vocal numbers on the program of the Salem picnic held in Portland. Attending from here were Judge George H. Burnett, Judge P. H. D'Arcy, Teresa D'Arcy, Mrs. Ira Babcock and Abbie Farrar.

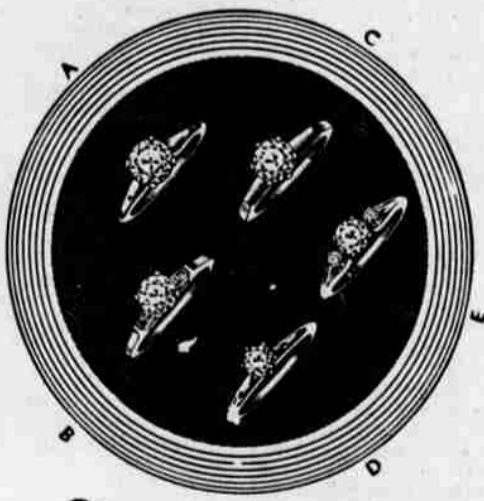
Dense smoke from forest fires had been responsible for grounding of the tanker Stockton at Point Wilson in Puget Sound.

the most sincere and idealistic men in the armed forces. However, the new secretary has been trying to cut red tape on a lot of things and may come out on top in the end. No system whereby a paper has to be signed by 17 different people is any good, Wilson says, because you can't fix responsibility on one person.

While Wilson's defense budget is the biggest in government and therefore has the most fat, the problem is to pick the fat, not the lean, and some budget pruners are pretty good at getting the two mixed up.

"However," says the new secretary of defense, "I think the change to the Quaker-and-Indians approach may confuse them."

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