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Trimming the Budget

Over almost solid Republican opposition the House of Representatives Tuesday night asked President Eisenhower to point out when and where "substantial reduction can be made in his record peace time \$71,800,000 budget for the fiscal 1947-8 budget. The roll call vote was 218-178, 10 Republicans voted with Demo-

To offset House action, the conference of Republican senators approved a resolution calling on congress to cut Ike's budget "wherever possible, consistent with the security of national defense." Republicans termed the unprecedented House action "buck-

passing and an abdication of responsibility."

At his press conference Wednesday President Eisenhower said he would be as helpful as possible but that it is up to congress to determine how and whether the administra-tion's budget could be cut substantially.

Ike went on to say that it is congress which authorizes specific projects and provides the money to finance them and for that reason it is up to congress to decide where cuts should be made. He suggested that congress move to eliminate the Post Office Department deficit by providing greater mail revenue.

All this is political shadow boxing. Both the President and the Democratic congress shy from slashes because every cut makes enemies for the party that does the slashing and the country's welfare is sacrificed to politics and pork barrels. In this they guess wrongly for the electorate, from grass roots to Wall Street clamors for budget cut.

Ike would retain his popularity by repeat-ing his tactics of four years ago and again lead in budget trimming. The Democratic congress has the votes and the know how and has the advance promise of the President's co-operation.

The Hoover Commission on Reorganization of Government composed of leading publicists, scientists and industrialists of the nations, after exhaustive research and study has shown how government costs can be re-duced some \$8 billion annually.

Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has shown how budget costs can be reduced at least \$5 billion. Other congressmen have favored a 10 percent blanket cut in appropriations all along the line.

So there is no need for congressional appeal to the President for what it can do it-self by trimming out dead wood in bureaucracy-but balks on doing it .- G. P.

Honor Well Placed

Salem people have known for a long time that one of their number, Gardner Knapp, was an outstanding citizen. But mainly their recognition has been a silent one, until now, when they heartily applaud statewide recognition that was given him Thursday night in

Mr. Knapp, who has long been among the foremost in the service of education, especially in the primary and secondary schools, and whose activities have extended beyond the local scope, received the Education zen of the Year Award from the Oregon Education Association.

He is among those who see in citizenship an obligation to accept its duties, burdensome though they are at times, without thought of compensation, except the conscience of something accomplished for the community and the state.

Mr. Knapp has been a member of the Salem School Board for eight years and is now its chairman. For two years he was president of the Oregon School Board Association, and, in the words of State School Superintendent Rex Putnam, "provided the leadership for its growth and expansion." He was one of the Oregon delegation to President Eisenhower's White House Conference in Education in 1955, and state chairman of the follow-up conferences in Oregon last year. He has mem-

All of these are high honors for one who falls in the category of noneducator. Among his many other activities are the YMCA and the Boy Scouts. For the Scouts he has served as president of the Cascade Council executive

TV Nerve Tension

Hal March, director of the \$64,000 television quiz show, Tuesday night made what he termed the most important announcement ever made over television—that the top prize

was being upped to \$256,000.

Moreover, the additional prizes are "plateaus." If the contestant misses after he has reached \$64,000 he keeps this big prize nevertheless. If he wins its double, \$128,000, and misses on the \$256,000 question, he keeps

It would be interesting to know what the reaction is on the millions in the television audience, favorable or unfavorable. Certain-

ly it isn't all favorable. Like the other quiz contests for high stakes it's a good show, but sometimes the strain on the contestants is so terrific that the audience suffers with them. Robert Strom. year-old science and mathematics prodigy who won \$64,000 Tuesday night, has so far taken it all in stride. But when he goes out now for that \$256,000 prize what will it do to his nervous system? Some of the children who have preceded him have been under severe mental pressure.

Adult contestants, perhaps more than chil-dren, suffer under the strain. Charles Van Doren, Columbia University professor who won \$143,000 on another quiz show, highest ever recorded so far on TV, and then lost \$14,000 of it when defeated by Vivienne have to contac Nearing, a woman lawyer, was visibly shaken BBC, London. when he faced dethronement.

The tension isn't all among the contestants. The sponsors suffer too. That's why the \$64. 000 show upped the take. Another sponsor or two on other shows were putting out more money, and moving ahead in TV audience

RAY TUCKER

Eleanor's List Has Rocked Demo Cart

WASHINGTON-As usual, Eleanor Roose velt has rocked the Democratic applecart again, this time by listing her favorites among prospective candidates for the 1960 Presidentnomination. Few politicians and influential leaders on Capitol Hill

agree with her choices. Mrs. Roosevelt, who is still the party's great lady and a popular figure, omitted two names which are always mentioned in professional speculation. They are Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. In fact, none of her group RAY TUCKER comes from below the Mason and Dixon Line.

Naturally, she left out twice-beaten Adlai Stevenson and his running mate, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Another for-gotten man in her calculation is Governor Averell Harriman of New York, presumably because he will be 68 years old in 1960. But he and Kefauver are expected to try again for the top honor.

Eleanor Roosevelt's Favorites

Answering a reader's query in her monthly magazine column, she suggested former Governor and Ambassador Chester Bowes of Connecticut, Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michi-Senator Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania and Governor Edmund Muskie of Maine. She added that there were "many more" eligibles, but she did not name them.

Her omission of Kennedy is regarded as surprising, for the 40-year-old Bay Stater is one of the most discussed, promising and refreshing men on Capitol Hill, according to his colleagues. He barely missed out on the Vice Presidential nomination last year, which was a lucky break for him.

Senator Kennedy Rated as Liberal

The convention support of so many Southern delegates seems to negate the suspicion that his religion is an insuperable handicap. Moreover, it is believed that the bigotry which so disgraced the Hoover-Smith clash in 1928 has burned out.

Kennedy suffers none of the collateral liabilities that hurt "Al" even among those who recognize the New Yorker's administrative executive talents-a Tammany background, a brown derby, a premature demand for prohibition repeal, and an affected rather than a natural East Side accent. A World War II hero, Kennedy is the son of a distinquished and wealthy Bostonian, former Am-bassador Joseph P. Kennedy,

The Massachusetts Senator is rated as a liberal, but no radical. In his recent Life article, although severely critical of his party advocated no basic principles that would offend economic conservatives of either party. Although he assailed what he regards as a lack of firm Administration policy in the Middle East, he voted for the Eisenhower Doctrine, which the business and financial interests in his area support.

Colleagues Recognized His Ability

Kennedy might appeal to the elements of the electorate which the Democrats must recapture-namely, the mass urban vote. Although city folk have shown a Democratic bership in the National Citizens Council for trend in local and state elections, they Better Schools. they plumped for Ike in 1952 and 1956, and the White House is making every effort to hold them for Nixon or some other nominee in 1960.

Kennedy's colleagues recognized his ability when they named him chairman of a committee to select and honor our five greatest Senators. He was a "natural" because of his historical research for his best-selling volume, "Profiles in Courage."

Senator Johnson has gained stature and friends from the balanced leadership he has given Senate Democrats, especially in view of the politico-economic differences between the Morse-Humphrey and the Byrd-Russell factions. Indeed, largely inspired by Eleanor's guesses, there is quiet talk of a Johnson-Kennedy ticket, or a Kennedy-Johnson slate. A Texas Massachusetts combination would as suredly have a comprehensive appeal, with the further note of novelty.

For Quick Reading

What's My Line?

Eamonn Andrews, panel moderator of the "What's My Line" TV show in Great Britain, lists occupations that have never come along to plague John Daly and his American panel -as yet, anyhow!

Here are a few a pork-pie raiser, chucker-outer, bluebottle breeder, hare controller, skeleton beater, winkle washer, sagger maker's bottom knocker, haggis mixer, ship's husband, brandy snap curier, and a wuzzer.

These are real occupations, mind you! A pork-pie raiser, for instance, is a cook of sorts and a winkle washer works in a fish establishment. For further information you'll have to contact Eamonn Andrews, care BBC, London. —Bennett Cerf in Louisville Courier-Journal.

JAMES MARLOW

Ike Handles Press Meets With Ease

WASHINGTON UP - After 10 presidential news conferences President Eisenhower, who was awkward and stumbling in his

early meeting with the press, has developed case, speed and He's still long-

ences at times le still goes in He still goes in for pious plati-JAMES MARLOW tudes and ringing generalities that some close of banality. But in the perilous quicksands of these conferences he have decrea-

an excellent job of staying clear of careless or impulsive answers that would embarrass him or the government or cause needless Restraint in Talking

The one quality which has shone through all his conferences is restraint in talking of people, problems or events. This restraint may turn out to have been his greatest contribution to the presdency and history.

Never Acts Like Boss

These conferences have given him a priceless chance to create in the minds of the people an impression of him as a reasonable, patient, decent man of good will. And, judging from his great popularity, he has succeeded.

Through all his conferences he has so consistently followed three policies that they look less like a state of mind than the result of deliberate decisions made before im a priceless chance to create

deliberate decisions made before he ever held his first White House news conference Feb. 17, 1953. These three policies are: he al-most never says "no comment" to a question; he has carefully re-frained from personal attacks on others; and he never acts like a boss.

Overprotected 'Child'



DAVID LAWRENCE

Hammarskjold Must Perform Well in Mid-East or Peace Gains Will Be Wiped Out

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desk-pounding type I would rather persuade a man to go along."

MONKEY BUSINESS

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (b-lf you want to liven up your home, try raising a couple of young monkeys, advises Mrs. A. H. Stuckey.

Of Chee Chee and Jerry — the monkeys that livened her home—she reports.

They re hungry—"just silly about cooked cranberries, and they love apples, grapefruit and sweet polatoes and milk and chewing gum."

They're ecanomical — "they' don't waste a crumb of food."

And they're affectionate—all you have to say is "give me a kiss."

ON CIVILIZATION

Civilization consists more of consideration and respect for others than of ability with mechanical gadgets. —Sherman County Journal.

FASTER FLIGHT?

Did you ever see a faster flight from the law than is being mads. Did you ever see a faster flight the rail and telegraph communicafrom the law than is being made by teamster union leaders? —See time to be himfling ever evel radman County Journal.

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Only Ninnyhammers Neglect NIS. Maluda Graham Howard, who had given sandwiches to Herbert Hoover as a boy and was crowned Oregon Queen at the 1935 Champoeg festival, had died at the age of 97.

HAL BOYLE

Robert Mitchum's Ambition: Be Laziest Man on Earth

NEW YORK A —Bob Mitchum me back on a horse now is at the said ambition for an actor.

He doesn't want to play Hamlet. The unspoiled savage," and who

He doesn't want to play Hamlet. He doesn't yearn to be a director or a producer. He doesn't pine to have the movies: He doesn't pine to have the world of television at his feet. He simply wants to be the laziest man on earth—if you take what he says seriously, which might be a mistake.

"I just hang around the house HAL BOYLE until 1 go broke." he said, "and then I go to work.

"That's a dismal thought so early in the morning. (It was 11:30 a.m.) Life always looks better in the cool of the evening. Tax-Exempt Role

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Tax-Exempt Role

"The role I'd really like to play is a tax-exempt one in which I merely phoned the studio—and didn't have to show up on the set at all."

Robust Robert is resting up after completing a Twentieth Century-Fox film, "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison," in which he plays a Marine stranded behind Japanese lines with a nun (Deborah Kerr).

Despite his pretense of laziness,

"that I'm not getting enough sleep, "Do I exercise to keep fit? Sure. I try to breathe regularly, But no one can say the guy isn't responsible in his own way. He's had the same wife for nearly 17 years. He's buying annutities for his three children.

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Despite his pretense of laziness, Mitchum has played in 111 pictures in 15 years, including tures in 15 years, including then you can try to please the others."

An Amateur Hobo

Ike Sees Danger

Omaha World - Herald

At his press conference (see above) President Eisenhower surprisingly enough, admitted the need for slowing down Government spending.

He did not admit there were unnecessary items in his budget, but he did say that perhaps some of the projects could be paid for over a longer period of time. That would ease the inflationary pressures, he said, by cutting immediate spending.

Before that he had been an amateur hobo, a professional fighter, a writer, and an aircraft worker. He said the aircraft job left him with an allergy to metal, and the Hopalong Cassidy films an allergy to horses.
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