

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Truman Submits Record 'Peacetime' Budget of \$85 Billion to Congress

THE BUDGET—"A heavy burden . . . the price of peace". With these words President Truman attempted to describe his proposed budget of \$85,444,000,000 for the fiscal year which begins July 1.

This proposed budget is an increase of almost \$15,000,000,000 over the current fiscal year which ends June 30. And it is not far from the record World War II spending of \$100 billion in the 1945 fiscal year.

As outlined by the President, more than three-fourths of the total would go for national security programs, including \$51,100,000,000 for the armed forces, \$10,800,000,000 for foreign aid, \$1,700,000,000 for atomic weapons, \$811,000,000 for defense production and economic stabilization, and \$339,000,000 for civil defense.

The military expansion program, as outlined by the President, would include increasing the armed forces from 3,600,000 to 3,700,000 men, the Air Forces from 90 wings to 143, increase the Army's 19 divisions to 21, add another 16 major combatant vessels to the Navy's 392, build up to 16 large carrier air groups, and increase the Marine Corps from two to three divisions.

All of this, of course, is the proposed plan, depending upon approval of congress. At this point that approval is unlikely, because it would mean another increase in taxation.

Adoption of this budget would mean a deficit of \$14,446,000,000 for the next fiscal year unless congress approved the \$5,000,000,000 tax increase already requested by the President. But this is an election year and congress will be even more economically minded than in the past.

Congressional debate over this proposed budget during the next few weeks is likely to be bitter. And it will end with congress slashing it as much as possible. At the present moment there is no indication of how much they will cut it. The defense items may be cut some, but the greatest slashes will be foreign aid and less necessary domestic items.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—Aging but still dynamic Winston Churchill accomplished his mission to the United States. That mission can be best summed up in his own words as he concluded his speech before a joint session of congress.

He said: "Bismarck once said that the supreme fact of the 19th century was that Britain and the United States spoke the same language.

Let us make sure that the supreme fact of the 20th century is that they tread the same path."

It was the third time in a decade that Churchill had addressed a joint session of congress. His speech was well received and it was evident he had accomplished much in bringing about greater cooperation between his country and the United States. Announcements of policy agreements, the transfer of vital materials from one nation to the other, and accord on military matters in Europe after a series of meetings with President Truman and other high officials, also indicated the successfulness of his mission.

The British leader also promised that Britain would help defend Western Europe against Soviet aggression. And he cautioned the United States "above all things" not to give up its atomic weapons without an iron-clad guarantee of peace.

FARM PROGRAM—The federal farm programs, of vital interest to home towns across the nation, will cost approximately 7 per cent more next year because of a government need to encourage greater crop and livestock production, President Truman said in his budget message to congress.

According to best estimates the greatest part of the cost would be for price supports, soil-conservation payments, and wheat-export subsidies.

The President reported the price-support program is being used to encourage farm production by keeping support prices of cotton, corn, wheat, soybeans, milk, wool, and several other commodities at 90 per cent of parity.

The budget calls for \$256,500,000 for payments to farmers who carry out approved soil and water conservation practices, \$70,000,000 for subsidies to farmers who co-operate with the government's sugar-control program, \$182,000,000 for wheat export subsidies, and \$75,000,000 for rural telephone and electrification loans.

EGYPT—The killing of an American nun in the Suez canal zone brought the conflict between Great Britain and Egypt for control of that vital waterway into sharp focus for most of this country. She was identified as Brigitte Ann Timbers, 52, of New York. She served in Egypt since 1947.

The British charge Sister Anthony was slain by Egyptian terrorists. Cairo newspapers, however, said she was killed by British bullets. She was slain during a four hour battle between British soldiers and terrorists.

KOREA—Another week dragged by and still no important progress was reported in the Korea peace talks. The United Nations command did offer to reconsider an important phase of its armistice prisoner-exchange demands if the Communists would say how many civilians they intend to return to South Korea. In effect, the U.N. dropped its demand for an equal one-for-one exchange of Red prisoners.

There was no progress on the airfield question that has been holding up negotiations. The Reds insist on rehabilitation of airfields during an armistice. The U.N. command has opposed it.

Meanwhile, at home, Senator Taft called the Korean War unnecessary and useless and said it could have been prevented if the United States had stayed in Korea and rearmed the South Koreans after World War II.

He also said he would make a truce in Korea if he were President because "even a stalemate truce is better than a stalemate war."



Gov. Earl Warren of California, a "native son" candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, may be the key to the coming national convention. Should he throw his influence to either Taft or Eisenhower it could be decisive for that candidate. If the two top men should become deadlocked, he could be the compromise candidate. He is shown here talking to Guy Gabrielson, GOP National Committee chairman. Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco stands behind them.

U.S. BABY BOOM

Population Increases 2.5 Millions Yearly

According to a statistical bulletin issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the United States may soon break all world's records in population growth. Americans are being born at the rate of 28,000,000 and more each 10 years. It is estimated that by 1962 there will be 181,500,000 of us.

Births in the United States set an all-time record of more than 3,900,000 last year. After subtracting the deaths, the gain amounts to 2,650,000. This reflects, the report said, the increase in marriages after the start of the Korean War.

There is a general trend to break away from the one-or-two-child family that prevailed before World War II, the report adds. Also, there is a general trend in the United States toward earlier marriages.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round BY...DREW PEARSON

McGrath Deal

ONLY cabinet member who has outsmarted the President in his accustomed technique for axing an unwanted member of the official family is Attorney General Howard McGrath. Howard was out of the ring, hanging on the ropes, and given the count of nine. But by some of the cleverest footwork ever displayed in Washington, he managed to scramble back into the cabinet.

Here is the inside story of how he did it. By now, official Washington has become quite familiar with the way Harry Truman eases out a cabinet member he doesn't want. Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug, for instance, was axed by a planted story that he was resigning, following which the President said "no comment" at his next press conference, and Krug knew the jig was up.

Similar procedure was followed with Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. Therefore, when word came out of the White House that the Lamar Caudle hearing had embarrassed the President, shrewd politician McGrath beat the President to the punch, offered his resignation—if he embarrassed the administration.

But Harry Truman, who shies from clashes with people he likes personally, hemmed, hawed, said he had no intention of pulling the rug out from under his friend, did not accept the suggested resignation.

Ambassador to Spain

Nevertheless, he did have Donald Dawson look round for another job with sufficient prestige so McGrath could be eased out of the Justice department without loss of face.

And Dawson soon came up with the ambassadorship to Spain. This seemed a natural. McGrath is one of the top-ranking lay Catholics in the United States.

Shortly thereafter, a carefully planted White House story appeared in the local press that McGrath would go to Spain and that ex-Judge Justin Miller would become the new attorney general.

Naturally McGrath knew exactly what was up. This was the same treatment given Krug and Louey Johnson. Furthermore the McGrath resignation story was followed by a press conference at which the President bluntly refused to comment on the report that McGrath was to go.

All that day, newsmen tried to phone McGrath. Ordinarily easy to reach, he kept ominous silence. However, he was not idle.

Overnight he hauled up two of his biggest guns. One was Cardinal Spellman, who sent a message from Tokyo.

The other was his 84-year-old law partner, Senator Francis Green of Rhode Island.

Truman in Reverse

Meanwhile, Matt Connelly, though ordinarily lukewarm toward AG and in favor of appointing Judge Tom Murphy of New York to head a corruption commission, went to McGrath's defense.

That was why the President at the next cabinet meeting suddenly reversed himself, told the surprised cabinet and the surprised McGrath that with the beginning of the new year he wanted them to know that despite the press attack on his attorney general, he was keeping them all on.

Churchill's Wit

Prime Minister Churchill was getting a progress report on the Anglo-American military discussions from his friend and military observer, Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

Referring to the dispute as to whether NATO should adopt Britain's new automatic rifle or the new American Garand rifle, Field Marshal Slim reported: "So far we haven't made much progress. Both guns are good and it's difficult to decide which one to adopt."

Churchill listened patiently, nodding his head in agreement. "It's my guess," Field Marshal Slim continued, "that we'll finally adopt a rifle that contains the best features of both models. It'll be a bastard rifle—half American, half British."

Churchill's eyebrows shot up. With an air of solemn gravity he said: "My dear Marshal, aren't you being a trifle careless with your words? Have you forgotten that I, too, am half American, half British?"

Merry-Go-Round

Latest Washington gag: "The only thing the Democrats have to fear is—fur itself." . . . Orville Morrison, president of the Sunroc Company of Glen Riddle, Pa., has a remedy for Washington's influence racket. He suggests that all bidders on government contracts be required to file an affidavit that they haven't done any favors for, or spent any money to entertain federal procurement officers (who award contracts) or their relatives.

More Taxes Asked

President Truman, in his annual economic message to congress, asked for a tax increase of about \$5,000,000,000. However, administration leaders in both the house and senate expressed the opinion that there was little likelihood of him getting it. The President also asked for tighter price controls, a check on private spending, greater productivity, and a return to pay-as-we-go government financing in the coming year.

THE HOME TOWN REPORTER IN WASHINGTON BY WALTER SHEAD, WNU Correspondent

Ike's Chances

UNLESS Gen. Dwight Eisenhower repudiates his statement of January 8, taken by his backers as a "go" sign, and returns to this country in time for a pre-convention campaign, the chances against his obtaining the GOP presidential nomination must be something like a 100-to-1 shot.

For despite all the organization work his enthusiastic supporters can do for him and his personal popularity throughout the country, the convention machinery, even down to the keynoter will be in the hands of his opposition. Convention nominations are made by the politicians and NOT by the voters. And if General Ike means what he said in his statement he will not lift a hand to obtain the nomination. Here is what he said:

"Under no circumstances will I ask for relief from this assignment in order to seek nomination for political office and I shall not participate in the pre-convention activities of others who may have such an intention with respect to me." The only loophole he leaves is that he will accept the nomination next July which he considers would be "a duty that would transcend my present responsibilities."

The only manner in which General Eisenhower would get "relief" from his present assignment would be for him to ask for relief, which he says he will NOT do under any circumstances, or for President Truman to recall him, which the President said he would NOT do unless the general asks to be relieved. So there we have an impasse.

Will He Return?

The hope of some of his backers that the general will return to this country probably in March, is born of what will be a determined effort to recall him for some such reason as testifying before a congressional committee, in an attempt to stamper him into making a definite commitment. However, those who know him best declare he will sidestep any such attempts to get him to return here in violation of his determination to stick to his job in Europe.

Indications today are that the keynoter at the GOP national convention may be none other than Gen. Douglas MacArthur, staunch supporter of Senator Taft, and no friend of General Eisenhower. Thus the convention may be treated to the spectacle of one national hero, MacArthur, pitted against the other national idol, Eisenhower, with MacArthur seeking to electrify the convention in favor of Senator Taft.

The Senate Lineup

One bit of evidence as to how the GOP politicians, who will control the convention, are lined up behind Taft and Eisenhower was the vote on the successor to the late Kenneth Wherry as GOP senate floor leader. Twenty-six senators voted for Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, backed by Senator Taft, and 15 voted for Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, backed by the Eisenhower forces, led by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Duff of Pennsylvania.

Sen. George Aiken of Vermont has raised the question of just where General Eisenhower stands on such questions as labor, agriculture, health, education, conservation and the St. Lawrence waterway. And Senator Aiken is one who could be presumed to be in the Eisenhower camp. This query from Senator Aiken is likely to grow into a chant before many days have passed and General Eisenhower if he does come home, will face a veritable barrage of brickbats or, as President Truman suggested at a press conference, the rotten egg and tomato throwing of partisan politics.

Reluctant to Run

President Truman at this same press conference didn't make it any easier for Eisenhower, and fed fodder to the Taft camp when in answering a query, he opined, with a mischievous grin, that he had always thought the general was a Democrat until he read his formal January 8 statement. So the general's backers have a grim campaign ahead of them without any help from their candidate, unless he reconsiders and nullifies his formal statement; unless he decides his job in Europe is ended prior to July and asks to be relieved.

SPORTSCOPE By Joe MAHONEY

2,085 POINTS THAT'S HOW MANY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CAGERS SCORED LAST SEASON TO SET A NEW SCHOOL RECORD. WALTER JOHNSON STRUCK OUT 4 MEN IN ONE INNING! OH-OH! ...HE FANNED THE FIRST THREE BATTERS BUT THE CATCHER DROPPED THE THIRD STRIKE ON THE LAST MAN AND HE REACHED FIRST BASE SAFELY. JOHNSON THEN PUT THREE PITCHES PAST THE NEXT HITTER!

SPORTLIGHT Two Couples Doing Great in Sports By GRANTLAND RICE

ALONG the road known as "the cash and glory trail" there are two couples doing California who will very likely get by financially through the year ahead. They should break better than even.

One is Leo Durocher and Laraine Day. The other is Ralph Kiner and Nancy Chaffee Kiner, his bride.

Durocher, the Giant leader, is picking up in the general neighborhood of \$50,000. The chances are his wife, Laraine Day, is doing even better. The two have been offered a fancy handout for a television skit, working together, which they can't use at the moment. In addition to which taxes would leave them working practically for nothing except exercise. Exercise is important but a poor substitute for cash.

The two Kiners, Nancy and Ralph, are riding the top waves. Ralph is picking up \$65,000 a year as the home-run hitter of both leagues. He is practically the only reason Pittsburgh fans have been coming to the Pirate park. It can be different a year or two from now when Branch Rickey begins to use his magic.

Nancy Chaffee is one of the better younger tennis players we have around. She happens to be an extremely charming and attractive young lady, just as Laraine Day is. The Kiners have also been offered a well-paying TV spot, but have decided to wait until next year. Ralph has been building a new home at Palm Springs and it won't be any hut. The Durochers can look forward to a big season. Leo is defending the National League pennant won in a miracle finish. Laraine Day has all the TV engagements one young lady can handle.

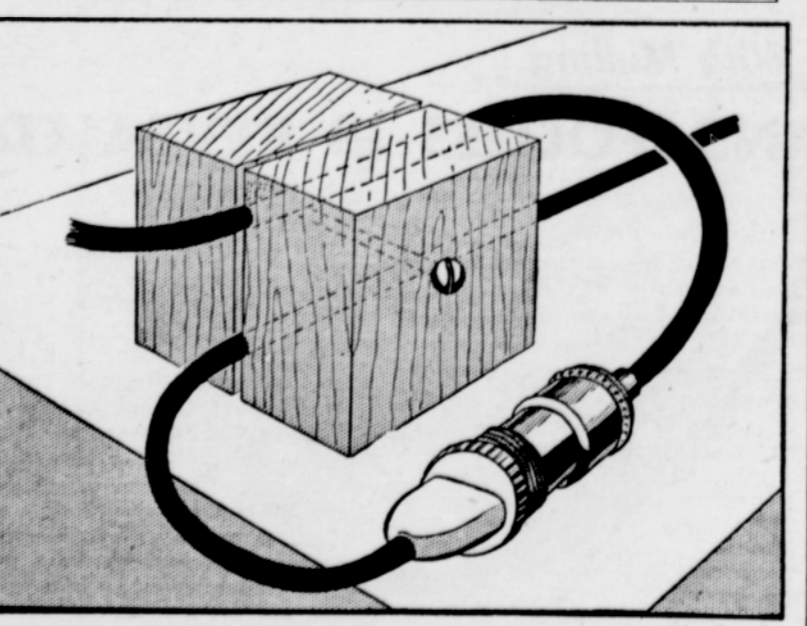
The Case of Ralph Kiner

Ralph Kiner is a rather remarkable young man. He is now only 29 years old. He will be 30 next October. He came to the Pirates in 1946 direct from the Navy Air Force and has led his league or tied for leadership in home runs ever since. He has been baseball's main slugger ever since he really got warmed up.

In the last six seasons Kiner has contributed 257 home runs to the list. He will never approach Babe Ruth's total of above 700, but he should continue to lead both leagues for several years. In the last five years he has averaged between 47 and 48 homers, which isn't feather duster swinging.

Kiner is something more than a good hitter. He is also a 75 golfer and a pretty good tennis player. He

HOW TO FIX-IT BY HAROLD ARNETT



TO PREVENT EXTENSION CORDS FROM BECOMING DISCONNECTED, CLAMP THE TWO PIECES TOGETHER WITH WOODEN BLOCKS. THIS IS VERY USEFUL WHEN USING A VACUUM CLEANER.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

T.V. Hint It is not safe to slide a magazine into the space between the bottom of the table model television set and the table. This shuts off air from the vents in the under side. Accumulating heat is dangerous so allow for free ventilation.

Yum, Yum Cider Cider in a glass pitcher becomes something special when you add a few unpeeled apple slices sliced across the apple, to the drink. Some hostesses add mint leaves, too.

Removing Crease Do you have skirts that still show a crease where the hem has been let out? If so, take a cloth, rub it over a piece of soap, then rub the cloth along the crease in the skirt. Wipe off excess soap, press with a warm iron, and your crease is gone.

Sharpening Scissors Scissors, forever getting too dull to work with, will become sharp enough in a jiffy if you cut a few strips of sandpaper with them.

Ironing Hint You'll leave no lint when you're pressing out the crease in a let-down skirt if you use tissue paper to iron on instead of a damp cloth.

Cabbage Salad Cabbage salads are favorites. They are easy to prepare and they contain valuable vitamins. Best of all they are kind to a tired budget.

Vegetable Cookery Don't stir air into your vegetables while they're cooking. Just add a small amount of boiling water if they threaten to burn.

Fat Ready Fat is ready for frying cooked food when a 1-inch cube of bread browns in it in 40 seconds.

Storage Bins Vegetable storage bins often take on the stale odor of onions. Clean the bin thoroughly with baking soda on a damp cloth, rinse with clear water and dry. The soda removes the odor—leaves bin fresh, clean, and sweet-smelling.

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Blend well shortening, sugar, add egg, beat well. Stir in ALL-BRAN, milk; soak until most moisture is taken up. Sift flour with baking powder, salt; add to first mixture, stir only until combined. Fill greased muffin pans 3/4 full. Bake in preheated hot oven (400° F.) 20 min. Yield: 9 medium or 12 small muffins.

Spicy Bran Muffins: Mix 1 tsp. butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon. Sprinkle over unbaked muffin batter.

Fruity Muffins: Add to flour mixture 1 tsp. grated orange rind, 1/2 cup diced dried apricots.

Honey-Nut Muffins: Put 1 tsp. honey, chopped nuts, meats in each greased muffin cup; add batter.

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