

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

# Department of Commerce Reports Personal Incomes at \$251 Billion

**ELIZABETH II**—At first glance it would not seem important to the average American home towner that a young woman has assumed the duties of Queen of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth of Nations. But it is important and may have a great bearing on the future of many people in the cross-road towns of this country. It is around this young woman—Elizabeth II—the British people will rally in their last-chance fight against bankruptcy and break-up.

In the last 13 years the empire has been breaking up like a ship drifting in stormy seas. As recently as 1936 the empire was able to pay its way in international commerce. Today, however, Britain is the debtor of the world. And a complete break-down of British economy would be felt in the cross-roads of America.

Britain's present situation is almost entirely due to World War II. To win that struggle she sacrificed most of the money she had saved at the peak of her power when she directly ruled 450 million people. She spent many of her overseas investments to pay for guns and food.

In addition, the war altered the balance of power in the world, making the United States and Russia the dominant powers. Here again Britain becomes important to the United States because she is an ally by history, treaty and language.

So, the new Queen becomes a symbol of unity in the empire and an important figure in the balance of power between the United States and Russia. She is the figure around which the British people will rally. Whether she succeeds or fails is of vital importance to this country economically and politically.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**CONTROLS**—The fight is on. It began when President Truman requested an unenthusiastic congress to strengthen anti-inflation controls and extend the Defense Production Act for another two years—until the middle of 1954.

Again the President slashed out at the Capehart, Herlong, and Butler-Hope amendments which he unsuccessfully attempted to have appealed last session. He also swung a haymaker at congress generally by declaring "most people" already are having trouble paying present prices and congress should devote itself not to legislative formulas for raising prices, but instead to finding ways of moving prices downward.

The President's strong language caused many of the legislators to believe the chief executive was making 1952 campaign material. Controls and inflation are touchy subjects they know from experience. They also know they must take some kind of action that will impress the people in the home towns, but how they will get around the pressure groups, if they do, is another question.

**PERSONAL INCOME**—The Department of Commerce reports total personal incomes of Americans in 1951 was 251 billion dollars, 12 per cent above 1950. The department said that by the end of 1951 total individual incomes had advanced to an annual rate of 257 billion, compared with 238 billion at the end of 1950.

Except for a steady increase in farm income and in government salaries, other phases of the economy reported on showed incomes had become stabilized over the past six months.

The department reported the biggest increase was in government payrolls. They jumped by 33 per cent to an annual total of 29 billion. Farm incomes increased almost 25 per cent to a total of 17 billion. Higher farm prices accounted for most of the increase, the report said, but there was also slightly increased production.

In private industry, payrolls increased from 123½ billion in 1950 to 140 billion. Increased employment and higher wage rates were credited with the increase.

**VETERAN TRAINING**—Since enactment of the original GI bill, 7½ million veterans in the United States have taken advantage of its educational and vocational training provision, a house committee studying new legislation for Korean veterans reports. The bill's educational provisions—by far the most widely used and most expensive benefit—have cost the taxpayers \$12,347,162,546 as of July, 1951.

Subsistence payments to veterans in school amounted to \$6,645,203,670. Educational institutions received \$3,278,046,930 in payment for tuition. Other payments for books and supplies (including tools for veterans in trade schools) came to \$425,911,946.

Although not begrudging the money to veterans, the committee reported "graft and waste plagued the program" and an excessive number of VA employees took bribes, gifts, unusual loans, gratuities, services and ownership in schools.

Under the new bill just introduced in congress payments of all educational benefits will be made in a lump sum directly to the veteran. Single men would get \$110 a month. Married veterans would receive \$150.

**FOREIGN AID**—Fearing congress may severely cut foreign aid funds, the United States has warned European leaders to agree quickly on plans for a European defense force, including German troops, if they want to increase their possibility of getting economic assistance.

Secretary of State Acheson and other administration leaders feel that congress may become stubborn over foreign aid funds if they can not show real progress in European unity and the incorporating of German troops in the defense plan.

The greatest difficulty appears to get French Foreign Minister Schuman and West German Chancellor Adenauer to stop their bitter feud which threatens the whole defense project. There are two main points for their disagreement: (1) France is afraid of a resurgence of aggressive German nationalism once the Germans begin to rearm; (2) West Germany wants assurance that if its troops are to participate in the defense set-up it will have a voice in N.A.T.O. decisions.



The growing movement to draft General Eisenhower for the GOP presidential nominee, got a big shot in the arm with a Madison Square Garden rally. The Texas delegation is shown on its arrival in Penn station in New York. It was estimated over 15,000 people attended the whooping-it-up rally.

### FARM REVOLUTION

## Big Drop in Farm Labor Is Forecast

Increasing use of chemicals on American farms is expected to displace about 3½ million farm workers by 1970, a senate labor-management relations subcommittee said in a recent report.

Conducted by Dr. Francis J. Weiss for the subcommittee, the study reported "we are at the threshold of a new era that promises plentiful food and fiber, but is

also fraught with the dangers of economic and social disruption against which we have to prepare our nation no less than against the dangers of armed aggression."

Weiss' report says chemical and mechanical labor-saving devices will reduce farm workers from the 1950 level of 9,320,000 to 7,785,000—a 17 per cent drop—by 1960 and another 2 million by 1970.



### Budget items

**WHAT** the average citizen may not entirely realize about the huge new budget facing the nation is that 83 per cent of it is for the military. This includes mutual security aid to Europe, primarily military, and care of veterans.

Thus a 17 per cent chunk of the taxpayers' money remains for civilian purposes, including the Coast Guard, which is semi-military, the FBI, Secret Service and other domestic policing agencies of government. While some further pruning may be possible in the civilian branches, especially in regard to the pork-barrel, rivers-and-harbors bill which no congressman wants to cut, nevertheless, the major opportunity for saving, if any is to be accomplished, must be from the military's 83 per cent chunk.

Yet the military have been least cooperative about even the most rudimentary principles of efficient spending.

Take merely the simple question of bidding against each other. One of the great pleas for unifying the Army and Navy was that it would save money; that the two branches of the armed services could pool their buying, not duplicate a list of thousands of items, such as towels, blankets, rope, pulleys, wrenches, all about the same whether used in the army or navy.

This, however, has not happened. Instead of working together on Army-Navy buying, there is now a third competitive service, the Air Force. It is true that much air force materiel is purchased for it by the Army, but efficient, unified buying, as done by a private business firm, just does not exist.

### Keeps Them Guessing

President Truman is holding his political cards so close to his chest that not even his closest associates at the White House know his plans.

Even Charley Murphy, good-natured White House assistant, confessed to a friend the other day: "I don't know any more than the man in the moon whether Mr. Truman is going to run."

Actually, the President seems to enjoy playing a game with both his staff and visitors. At one moment, Mr. Truman will put on a long face and describe in great detail the trials of being President. A frequent remark is: "Two terms will kill any man."

The next minute, the President will casually comment how he is looking forward to a grass-roots campaign in the fall, and slyly watch his guest's startled reaction. This on-again-off-again, keep-er-guessing game was partly behind his final decision to leave his name in the New Hampshire primary. The other reason was the pleas of Democratic leaders in New Hampshire that they would lose their places on the state and national committees if he did not leave his name in.

Best guess of Mr. Truman's intimates is that he is carefully laying the groundwork for a "draft Truman" campaign after the boomlets for all the other candidates have run their course.

### Moscow Feud

Ambassador Alan Kirk, retiring as ambassador to Moscow, has handed in a sensational farewell report that a deadly feud has broken out in the Politburo over who is to succeed Premier Minister Stalin.

Kirk reports that Molotov and Malenkov, the Soviet production boss, are openly vying for power and lining up support within the Politburo for themselves.

Stalin is reported enjoying the spectacle and so far has made no move to intervene or designate his successor. Winner of this grim struggle undoubtedly will be the man who gets the support of Marshal Beria, head of Russia's secret police. As yet, Beria has stayed out of the fight.

### Communist Burma

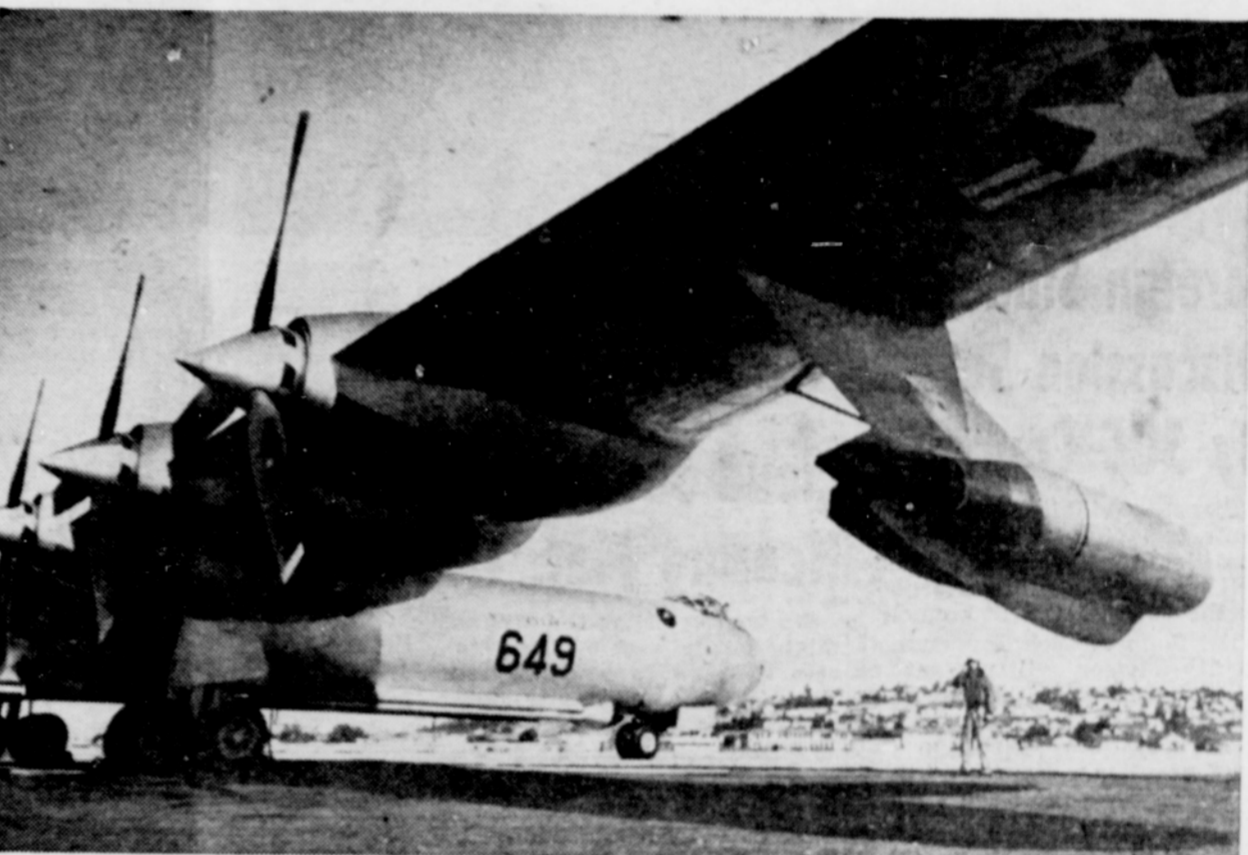
The American delegation to the U.N., alarmed at the threat of Communist attack on Burma, has appealed secretly to the jittery Burmese government to have it ask the United Nations to send a watchdog commission to Burma immediately in order to guard against invasion. Some U.S. delegates, however, think it's already too late and that, by midsummer, Burma will be another Russian satellite.

### Spies in Soviet

The Russians are having Joe McCarthy scared too. The Kremlin is so alarmed over military information leaking to us that it has banned German servants from working for Russians in East Germany, has built high fences around its airfields, has added new restrictions on American military attaches behind the Iron Curtain, has even cut off nonclassified technical magazines from western sources. They're almost as scared as we are.



**SHARE THE SCRIPTURES . . .** The Rev. Frederic W. Cropp, general secretary of the American Bible Society, shows author-commentator Lowell Thomas art work facsimile of the seals which are to be used in the society's annual campaign for funds to aid in the worldwide distribution of the Scriptures. Thomas is honorary chairman of this year's seal campaign, which has for its theme, "Search the Scriptures—Share the Scriptures." The seals, which are the size of postage stamps, are to be affixed to letters and packages to publicize the campaign and to remind the public to fulfill the exhortation in the slogan of the campaign.



**WINGS OF POWER . . .** Another milestone in B-36 intercontinental bomber history is reached as a U.S. air force crew readies for delivery to the strategic air command the last B-36 to be equipped with jet engines at the San Diego division of Consolidated Vultee aircraft. This ship, now designated as a B-36 model, provides the air force with a fleet of completely jet-augmented B-36's capable of speeds in excess of 435 m.p.h. at altitudes eight miles high. The four General Electric J-47 engines mounted in pairs under the wings and the six 3500-horsepower Pratt and Whitney piston engines generate 42,000 horsepower for the big aircraft.



**FIGHTS EXTRADITION IN OSS MURDER . . .** In Pittsburgh, Pa., Aldo Icardi, former lieutenant in the office of strategic service who was accused of involvement in the murder of his superior officer while on a secret mission in Italy during World War II, reads the news story that told of Italy's attempt to extradite and try him for the murder. Icardi said through his attorney that he will fight extradition. Also involved is Carl G. Lodolce of Rochester, New York. He will probably fight extradition too.



**DISCUSS RANSOM TO HUNGARY . . .** Secretary of State Dean Acheson (right), shown with Senate armed services committee member Senator Wayne Morse (R., Oregon) before he testified before the committee in closed session about the paying of \$120,000 to Hungary for the release of four American fliers who landed by mistake behind the Red border last December. There have been rumbles of criticism against our state department for acceding to the Hungarian request.



**REGATTA QUEEN . . .** Chic James rides the waves at Miami after her selection as queen of Miami's 38th annual Biscayne Bay regatta. The Biscayne regatta is the oldest consecutive run annual regatta in the United States. Chic will reign over all ceremonies.



**CRUEL TO BOXER . . .** Lightweight heavyweight boxer Bob Satterfield filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Iona Satterfield (above), charging cruelty. His attorney asked for an injunction to keep her from hitting Bob.

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