

OLEOMARGARINE REPEAL LINKED

Billion Pared From President's Budget Deficit

House Committee Lowers Boom On Several Offices

House May Receive Bill In Two Weeks

Washington, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The house appropriations committee has knocked some \$1,200,000,000 off President Truman's anticipated deficit for fiscal 1951, it was learned today.

However, committee sources acknowledged their big appropriation bill, due for house debate two weeks hence, so far hasn't come any closer than about \$4,000,000,000 toward balancing the budget.

President Truman in presenting his budget, anticipated a deficit of \$5,133,171,372 for fiscal 1951.

The committee is not yet through with the spending bill, which is being wrapped into one package this session for the first time in history.

A measure carrying approximately \$29,113,000,000 has been okayed by an executive group of the full committee. The bill covered items on which the president has requested \$30,326,000,000. On Monday this tentative bill goes before the full committee in an effort to clear it to the house by the following Monday.

The bill does not include large items such as foreign aid and fixed accounts, including interest on the national debt, which sent the president's total budget up to \$42,438,757,000.

But it embraces the biggest departments which do the bulk of the government's spending job, including the defense establishment. And it also includes most of those places where congress stands any chance of making sizeable economy reductions.

The bill also ignores the fact there may be tax revisions before the end of this session of congress which will throw the budget further out of line. President Truman's deficit was based on expected revenues of \$37,306,000,000.

Committee members indicated the defense establishment was left pretty much as requested except for travel allowance and similar items. The whole establishment, they said, was knocked back about \$189,000,000 from the president's request for \$13,208,000,000. Of this \$25,000,000 came out of the navy.

Other figures reported by committee members compared with the budget included: Treasury, \$2,753,000,000, down \$58,000,000; agriculture, \$764,000,000, down \$35,000,000; civil functions (agency engineers), \$675,000,000, down \$159,000,000; independent offices, \$8,024,000,000, down \$434,000,000; interior, \$621,000,000, down \$48,000,000; state, justice and commerce departments, \$1,110,000,000, down \$74,000,000, and labor and federal security, \$2,271,000,000, down \$191,000,000.

Russia Challenged To Discuss Peace
Berkeley, Cal., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson warned the Russians the United States "wants peace, but not at any price" today and challenged the Soviet to enter into a seven-point program to end the cold war.

Speaking to an audience of 8,000 inmates in men's gymnasium at the University of California, Acheson warned the Kremlin that the United States cannot begin any negotiations until convinced of Russia's good intentions.

"We are always ready to discuss, to negotiate, to agree," he said, "but we are understandably loath to play the role of international sucker."

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Bend, Dallas Victors In High School Meet
Eugene, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Bend eliminated Seaside 43 to 40 and Dallas polished off Scappoose 60 to 46 today in the consolation round of the 32nd annual Oregon state class "A" high school basketball tournament.



ARE YOU THERE?—For the ninth time, Claude D. Noble, Detroit amateur magician, tries to communicate with the spirit of Clarence Darrow at the spot where the famed criminal lawyer's ashes were scattered in Chicago in 1932. He got a ninth consecutive no answer. Actually, Noble expected none; a pet with Darrow was made in 1938 calling for repeated attempts at contact in an effort to debunk spiritualists who claim they can communicate with the spirit world.

Child Star Quits Screen Career To Live Normal Life

Hollywood, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Tiny Lora Lee Michel left her lucrative screen career to begin catching up on the "happy, normal life" a judge said she has missed.

The nine-year-old actress played with other children in juvenile hall, completely unconcerned that her days as a \$100-a-day starlet were over.

Judge A. A. Scott made blonde Lora Lee a ward of his juvenile court and made it clear that the only acting she might do in the future would be for her playmates—and not for a camera.

After conferring with the girl's foster parents yesterday, the judge said:

"Lora Lee has missed many beautiful things that should be a part of childhood. I intend to see that she gets them. She definitely will not act in another picture while under my jurisdiction."

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michel, the retired actress' foster parents, agreed wholeheartedly with Scott's decision.

The strange case of the "poor little rich girl" came to Judge Scott's attention for a second time this week when she ran away from her home with the Michels Monday night.

McCarthy Accused By State Department
Washington, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The state department today angrily accused Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) of disrupting conduct of U. S. foreign relations with "baseless allegations" against John Stewart Service.

In the hardest hitting answer made thus far to McCarthy's "communist" charges against the state department, Deputy Undersecretary John E. Peurifoy called the senator's attack on Service "a shame and a disgrace."

Long Bitter Fight Seen In Bergman Custody Suit
Hollywood, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Dr. Peter Lindstrom struck back today at Actress Ingrid Bergman's suit for custody of their 12-year-old daughter Pia by planning a legal fight which likely will be long and bitter.

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Big Mo Skipper Faces Court Martial

2 Other Officers Will Be Tried In Separate Trials

Grounding Of Vessel Cause Of Hearings

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The navy today ordered courts martial for the captain of the battleship Missouri and two other officers in the grounding of the Big Mo in Hampton Roads last January 17.

Capt. W. D. Brown, skipper of the Big Mo when she went aground. Cmdr. John R. Millett, operations officer, and Lt. Cmdr. Frank G. Morris Jr., the navigator, will be tried in three separate trials at Norfolk beginning March 27.

Open To Public
The navy said the trials will be open to the public and the press.

Rear Adm. Allan E. Smith, commander of the cruiser force of the Atlantic fleet, announced the decision today.

"In view of the facts brought to light by the court of inquiry," the navy said, "Rear Adm. Smith will bring to trial by general courts martial the following officers: Capt. W. D. Brown, USN, commanding officer; Cmdr. John R. Millett, USN, operations officer; Lt. Cmdr. Frank G. Morris Jr., navigator."

Charges Withheld
"The formal charges and specifications to be served on these officers and upon which they will be tried will not be made public prior to the convening of the respective courts," Smith said. "The individual officers concerned, however, may release the charges and specifications in their respective cases at their own discretion."

Man Drowns In Lake; To Drag For Remains
Lakeside, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Wayne Stone Lake, 23, was drowned Wednesday night when an outboard motorboat in which he was riding capsized in Devere arm of Ten Mile lake. Stone Lake, home less than two weeks after five years service in the army, was a son of Matt Stone Lake, resident of North Lake.

Douglas Port of Portland was with Stone Lake and reported to Coroner Brewer Mills that Stone Lake started to swim for shore, about 300 feet, and had covered about two thirds of the distance before he sank. Port clung to the overturned boat and his cries attracted Dr. Earl Drumm, North Bend, from his lake shore home. Dragging for Stone Lake's body was started this morning.

Morse Has Proposal To Boost Income
Grants Pass, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) has a proposal to increase government income.

He told the Grants Pass Rotary club at a noon luncheon yesterday the United States should adopt a tax program which would develop more business on which taxes are paid. That also requires repeal of "nuisance taxes" as a trade stimulant, Morse said.

Oregon's junior senator warned against isolationism, declared his opposition to socialized medicine and expressed the belief that the long-range future of the United States would be decided by this generation.

Return Of Leopold Up To Parliament
Geneva, Switzerland, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Exiled King Leopold III announced today that he will let the Belgian parliament decide whether he shall return to the Belgian throne.

In a formal statement, read to the press by his secretary, Leopold said he would "bow to the decision of parliament."

If parliament decides to call him back to the throne, Leopold said, he would "consider that everyone should bow to that decision."



YOUTHFUL HELPERS—Two refugee sisters, Eva, 5, and Alena, 3, who recently fled with their parents from a Communist country, appear at Archbishop John J. Mitty's office in San Francisco to help him appeal for contributions to the United States Catholic Bishops Fund. Eva and Alena were brought here under the program financed by the Bishops Fund, for which Archbishop Mitty is trying to raise \$200,000. The national goal is \$5,000,000 to help displaced European persons.

Crommelin Ordered To Go On Furlough At Salary Reduction

San Francisco, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Navy Capt. John G. Crommelin will continue criticizing the armed forces general staff even though the war hero furloughed on half pay.

"I'm not going to throw in the sponge," he said yesterday on learning that Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews ordered a disciplinary crackdown.

More Engagements
"I still have six or seven more speaking engagements. If I back down on anything I've said, you will know I have been given the stiffest punishment imposed on a navy officer, short of a court-martial, in 24 years. Under military law, the secretary of the navy may furlough any officer on half-pay without a court-martial and without explaining his reasons."

Although Matthews did not explain the reason for his order, it was obvious that it was for Crommelin's criticisms of the general staff.

For playing a leading role in last fall's "admiral revolt," Crommelin was "banished" to San Francisco.

Nevertheless, he continued to speak out against what he called "Prussian Pentagon policies." He was ordered last month to cease his criticisms. He responded by quoting only the words of other armed forces officials in speeches that were critical of the general staff.

Pay To Be Reduced
When the furlough becomes effective April 1, his pay will be cut from about \$700 a month to approximately \$350 a month. He is eligible to retire on three-quarters pay because of credit for his many military decorations.

Crommelin said he believed the furlough was a suggestion that pointed to the "desirability of retiring." His answer to that was:

"I'm not going to retire. I cannot be run out of the navy by any of those people," he said. "A lot of those people back there (in Washington) ought to swap pants with Gorgeous Gusie. That's a fact. No criticism intended."

Little Chance Seen For Housing Aid Bill This Year

Cooperative Plan Defeated In Senate

Washington, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Administration Democrats virtually gave up today in their efforts to get a bill through congress this year providing government aid to housing cooperatives.

The senate, in approving a watered-down version of an administration-sponsored "middle income" housing bill late yesterday knocked out a controversial provision calling for a \$1 billion program of federal loans to non-profit cooperatives.

Co-op Plan Doubtful
Sponsors of a companion bill in the house said they considered it "highly questionable" whether that chamber would approve a co-op program in the face of the senate vote.

The house has been awaiting senate action on the legislation and is slated to take it up next week.

The senate action represented a major defeat for President Truman who had urged congress to help "middle income" families obtain adequate housing.

The administration plan was to make it possible for families in the \$2,000 to \$4,000 income range to join housing cooperatives which could get long-term loans from the government at low interest rates.

Raymond Lewis, 11, Killed In Mishap
Raymond Douglas Lewis, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Lewis, Jacksonville, Fla., was killed today when he was riding and a car collided with the Griffin Creek school bus at 8 p.m.

County Coroner Carlos G. Morris said the boy was coasting down a slight hill near the school when as he came out of a blind roadway his bike struck the front fender of a car operated by Roland Emerson, Griffin Creek.

Young Lewis was being taken to a local hospital when he died. State police said that Emerson was not being held and no charges would be placed against him.

Basic School Fund Warrants Issued
Salem, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Distribution of the last half of the state basic school fund for the 1949-50 fiscal year was completed today when Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry issued warrants totaling \$8,512,442.08 to 1,347 school districts.

The apportionment represented payments to school districts out of state income tax moneys, Newberry said.

Insect Control Set In About 60 Days
Salem, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The largest insect control operation ever undertaken by the Oregon state board of forestry is slated to start in about 60 days, State Forester George Spaum said today.

Nearly half a million gallons of potent DDT solution will be sprayed on as many acres of infested forest lands in the spring offensive against forest infestation.

REMOVAL OF FEDERAL TAXES DUE ON JULY 1

Washington, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—President Truman today signed into law a bill repealing the 64-year-old federal taxes on oleomargarine.

The repealer becomes effective July 1. The measure is calculated to assure housewives cheaper colored oleo but puts close supervision on the way it is sold in groceries and restaurants.

Oleomargarine manufacturers, during congressional hearings, promised that the tax savings would be passed on to the housewives.

Mr. Truman's signature climaxed a drive begun in 1943 which resulted in making the repeal a democratic party platform plank.

Dairy state congressmen argued that lessened restrictions on sale of colored oleo would lead to imitation of butter and would hurt the dairy industry. The repealer was backed by southern congressmen. Cottonseed oil is a major ingredient of oleomargarine.

Penalties Increased
The law carries a clause which increases the penalties which may be assessed by the federal trade commission for violation of its orders. The new FTC penalty section applies not only to oleo violations, but to all fields of business policed by FTC enforcement of anti-trust and fair trades statutes.

Under the old law, the FTC could fine a firm a top of \$5,000 for violation of its cease and desist orders. The new law makes that fine a continuing penalty so that a firm could be fined \$5,000 for each day it persists in a violation.

The new penalty was attached to the law by dairy state congressmen.

State Taxes Unhit
The new law does not affect state taxes on oleomargarine but it does eliminate a long list of tax levies on its sale and movement in interstate commerce.

These federal taxes, levied beginning in 1886, were:

Colored oleo, 10 cents a pound at retail, \$48 a year on each retailer, and \$480 a year on wholesalers; uncolored oleo, one-fourth cent a pound at retail, \$200 a year on wholesalers, and \$6 a year on retailers; and \$600 a year on each oleo manufacturer.

The taxes prompted oleomargarine manufacturers to make oleo which could be colored by the consumer to butter yellow.

Served In Triangles
Under the new law, oleo used in restaurants will have to be served in triangular patties. Sellers also are required to label clearly the product as oleomargarine when sold in groceries.

Residents of 14 states still will be unable to buy yellow oleo. Its sale is prohibited in Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Two other states, California and Nebraska, ban its sale in restaurants.

Six states also have their own taxes on oleo.

Roads Deteriorating Fast, Senator Says
Portland, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Oregon's highways are deteriorating faster than they are being replaced, State Senator Paul Patterson of Hillsboro told the Oregon State Motor association last night.

Patterson, a member of the legislature's interim committee on highways, said that although \$400,000,000 has been expended on the present highway network, the state "faces an expenditure of \$750,000,000 more to bring highways up to an acceptable standard."

"We motorists are going to have to pressure ourselves to pay for these improved highways if we want them," Patterson said. "This means even higher auto license fees and higher gasoline taxes."

Because property "cannot bear higher taxes," the funds must come from users of the roads, he asserted.

Radio Highlights
Radio Station KUIN (1340 kc), Grants Pass, will broadcast the Grants Pass high games in the state basketball tournament at Eugene as long as the Cavemen stay in the race for the first four spots. Grants Pass plays Mac high at 7:30 tonight.

Guardsmen May Deduct Pay From State Taxes
Salem, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—Pay received by national guardsmen for "active duty" in the service of the United States is exempt from the state income tax. Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

In an opinion written at request of Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, Neuner said "active duty" includes full time training, training duty with pay and other full time duty, including participation in encampments and maneuvers, attendance at army schools and service on the national guard bureau.

But pay received for "inactive duty" is subject to the state income tax.

Plane Drops Bombs Over Utah Base; No One Injured
Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Mar. 16—(U.P.)—The air force closed today that a B-50 plane late yesterday accidentally dropped 10 armed practice bombs on Hill air force base. Several buildings were damaged but there were no injuries.

The base public information office said the accident came while two of the big bombers from Castle air force base at Merced, Cal., were making simulated bomb runs over the big Utah base near Ogden.

The B-50 piloted by Capt. Robert Rothrock of Merced made 15 simulated bombing attacks on the base. Instead of dropping bombs, the bombardier triggered an electric mechanism that registered his aim and probable results on a radar device.

On the 16th run, something went wrong, Rothrock reported. Instead of shooting out a radar impulse, the trigger opened the

bomb bay doors of the four-engined bomber and 10 practice bombs dropped down in perfect stick pattern.

Each bomb weighed 100 pounds—97 pounds of sand and three pounds of black powder for a marking charge—plus the steel case.

Seven of the practice missiles landed and exploded in open spaces around the base maintenance headquarters.

But three of the bombs struck warehouses or other structures at the field, making what an officer called "nice holes in the roofs" and causing some damage to material stored inside.

The bombs were dropped at 4:20 p.m.—about 10 minutes after the large shift of day workers at the field had left for the day—so the buildings were virtually deserted at the time.

Rothrock is attached to the 93rd bomb group at Merced.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Cloudy and mild with occasional light rain tonight and Friday.
Temp. _____
Highest Yesterday _____
Lowest This Morning _____
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today, Trace