

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Ike announces that he will ask congress to POSTPONE excise and corporation tax cuts scheduled to take effect the first of next April.

He tells his news conference that the BUDGET DEFICIT makes the request necessary.

WELL, if you're going to SPEND, you've GOT TO TAX. Especially when you're already in debt up to your ears.

(UNDER present law, corporation tax rates will drop five per cent on April 1, 1955. Excise taxes—that is to say, sales taxes under another name—on liquor, tobacco and some other items are due to be returned to pre-Korean war levels on the same date.)

WORLD of the future note: A General Electric scientist says in New York that SOLAR batteries of silicon probably will furnish enough power someday for household uses in sunny areas.

Two questions:
1. When is someday?
2. What if you're in the middle of the week's wash and the sun goes under a cloud?

IN THIS nation that spends approximately two-thirds of all the money raised by local taxation for schools, I wonder how many of us can name offhand—without looking it up—the eight fundamental rights of the individual guaranteed by the constitution in the so-called Bill of Rights, which included the first ten amendments to the constitution as originally ratified?

Here they are:
1. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of the press and of the right to petition.

2. The right to keep and bear arms.

3. The right to be free from the quartering of soldiers in your home without your consent.

4. The right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

5. Guarantee against being held to answer for a capital crime without indictment by a grand jury, or being put twice in jeopardy of life and limb for the same offense, or being compelled to testify against yourself, or to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

6. The right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury.

7. The right to a jury trial in case of minor and well as major debt.

8. Guarantee against excessive bail, excessive fines or cruel and

Is That So?

Who am I?
Among my big family, some are accomplished underground gardeners and dig 65 feet for water. Some are undoubtedly the world's greatest architects. Some sightless ones practice chemical warfare.

Our great mother is, perhaps 50 times the size of each of her 30,000,000-member, one-generation family. We can do what no man can: control the sex character and bodily structure of our young, producing whatever is immediately needed for the welfare of our colony.

Teeming by the billions, we are seldom seen—and then usually only a comparatively few of our favored royalty, the princes and princesses, who alone can fly.

The queen-mother, confined with her smaller escort in a cell from which she can never escape, may live from 5 to 50 years. During that time she may lay an egg every second—around 20,000,000 a year! She is attended by servants; they bring her pre-digested food, caress her,



groom her, occasionally nip her, and as her eggs drop, rush them off to be stored in chambers above. Should she cease laying, her children do not feed her; she dies of starvation; her corpse is devoured; and a new egg-producing machine installed.

Among our 1,800 kinds, some unusual punishments.

(The other two of the ten original amendments to our constitution have to do with construction of the constitution and with the rights of the states.)

IT IS worth remembering that the battle for these fundamental rights began back in the eleventh century in England in the reign of Henry I. It is worth mentioning, I think, that the first Henry, who was a son of William the Conqueror, was PREVAILED UPON BY HIS WIFE to grant the people the first draft of such individual rights.

In English-speaking countries, you see, women have been taking part in politics for quite a span of time.

contain workers who build structures 40 feet high. If man, in proportion, built as skillfully, he could erect a building as high as Mt. Everest with chambers four times as high as the pyramids of Egypt. Yet the workers are blind.

Some Have No Heads
Up to 16 per cent of our population may be soldiers; they are blind, some have no heads as such, and an extra-heavy, horn-like covering. They are fed pre-digested food because they have no eating apparatus. Should an enemy attack, these soldiers without hesitation rush to the fight, sacrificing themselves.

Because none of us can digest our main source of food which is dead wood, some workers cultivate well-tended mushroom gardens underground; others have one-celled parasites living in the hind gut which change the cellulose of the wood into digestible sugars. This sugar-like material the workers give to the rest of the colony.

I am: A. an ant; B. a locust; C. a termite; D. a cockroach; E. a bee; F. a wasp.

I am C., a termite.
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New Tree Farms To Be Dedicated
Dedication ceremonies for four new tree farms will be held this evening at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

The event will follow at dinner meeting in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, starting at 7:30 p.m. A considerable number of SOCTFA members and others interested in the forest industry in southern Oregon are expected to attend.

New tree farms include those owned by Medford corporation, William Schmidt, J. W. Fitzgerald and the Sams Valley Irrigation association.

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Ranger-Naturalist



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