

Budget-Cutters Start Search For Place To Trim Ike's Program

At Least \$1 Billion Cut Goal of Ranking New York Republican

Washington—(AP)—Congressional budget-cutters of both parties began searching today for places to trim President Eisenhower's record \$71.8 billion spending program for the new fiscal year.

Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.) ranking GOP member of the House Appropriations Committee, set as his goal a slash of at least \$1 billion and possibly as much as \$3 billion.

Committee Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) declined to pick a figure as yet but promised to trim out of the budget—biggest ever in peacetime—"everything we can." Cannon has branded the budget "unconscionable."

Bridges Praises Humphrey
In the Senate, a key GOP appropriations figure, Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) praised Treasury Secretary George M.

Humphrey's call for reduced spending and promised, "If I can find a way to cut this budget, I'm going to do it."

The economy drive—an annual affair in Congress, not usually crowned with much success—got under way with an official blessing from Mr. Eisenhower. The President conceded at his news conference Wednesday that \$70-plus billion is a lot of money to take out of the economy through taxes to pay for government spending.

The President said he agreed with Humphrey that Congress should cut his budget if the lawmakers can find a place to save "another dollar." It is "their duty to do it," he said.

Doesn't Say More
Humphrey recently told a news conference "there are a lot of places" where the budget might be reduced. But he steadfastly refused in daylong ques-

tioning by appropriations committee members Wednesday to pinpoint even one.

"He indicated it should be lower, but he did not say where it could be cut," Taber commented.

at the close of the committee session. Cannon complained after

Humphrey's appearance that the committee is "just as much at sea as we were before we heard

Secretary Humphrey. He didn't point out where we could cut the budget one cent."

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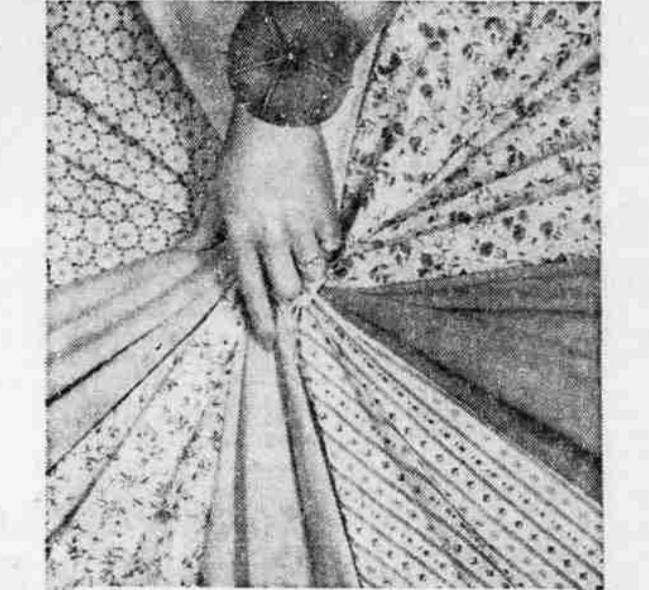
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Mass Feeding Program for Refugees Is In Three Parts

More than \$2,000 raised by the local Red Cross "Tag Day" drive last December was among \$2,957,818 collected by the American Red Cross nationally during its recent campaign for Hungarian relief.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is acting as relief-distributing agency in Hungary.

The ICRC civilian mass feed-

ing program in Hungary has three parts, according to the monthly ARC reports. One is a daily ration of 100 grams of powdered or condensed milk and one capsule of cod liver oil for 173,000 children under six-years-old.

Another is a hot meal daily to school children from six to 16, starting with 50,000 pupils in early December and increasing to 150,000 by the end of the month, the report said.

Third part of the program is distribution of food parcels to persons in distress. They include families whose homes were badly damaged or destroyed, disabled and aged persons and families with more than four children.

The ICRC has warned that food in Budapest is not expected to last beyond mid-January and that contributions from the outside are needed.

The League of Red Cross Societies is now caring for 20,000 refugees in 10 camps in Austria. The number of refugees was expected to increase to 35,000 by Jan. 1. The League is an affiliate of the ARC.

Under an agreement with the Austrian government, the league is handling food, clothing, comfort articles and camp equipment along with medical and nursing care. For this purpose, Red Cross supplies, continuing to flow to Vienna from all Parts of the world, are being placed in a common pool and allocated as needed, the report said.

Total poundage of clothing collected by the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, for Hungarian relief, exceeded one ton.

Grant Transferred To Washington Job By Forest Service

Jay F. Grant of Rogue River National Forest has been promoted to a position on the staff of the chief, forest service, Washington, D.C.

He will become assistant director of the cooperative forest fire prevention program, a nation-wide activity sponsored jointly by the forest service and state foresters. It is identified by the Smokey Bear emblem.

Grant has been in charge of timber and range management on the Rogue River forest during the past year. He is a native Oregonian and a graduate of Oregon State college, receiving degrees in education and forestry.

His early forest service assignments were in Minnesota and Illinois. In 1937 he returned to the Pacific Northwest, serving in the Willamette and Olympic forests before coming to Medford. He served four years with the Army during World War II.

Leave About Feb. 15

Grant is married and the couple has a daughter, Sandra. The family plans to drive to Washington, leaving Medford about Feb. 15.

Howard G. Hopkins will succeed Grant and will be in charge of timber management and re-creation in the Rogue River forest. He attended Washington State college from which he was graduated in 1933.

Hopkins started his forest service employment on the Wallowa forest in Oregon, later serving on several other forests in the Northwest. He worked in the office of the chief, forest service, and also was assigned to the George Washington forest in West Virginia as assistant supervisor. In 1945 he transferred to the Siuslaw forest as district ranger at Waldport, remaining there until the present assignment.

Hopkins is married. His wife and two daughters will accompany him to Medford about Feb. 25.

Items Sought for Fire Victims Here

Friends of the Arthur G. Hanson family, whose residence at 863 Marshall ave., Medford, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, said today household furniture and clothing would be accepted for the family. They said Hanson had no insurance on the home, and the only thing saved from burning were a few kitchen articles.

Those wishing to donate may do so by telephoning Vernie Martin at 2-9050 or calling or leaving items at 763 Marshall ave. or Wall's radio and television service, friends said.

Paprika is being cultivated with some success in south Louisiana. Prior to World War II the United States imported upwards of \$10 million of the spice in each year.

Coast Delegation Voices Desires

Portland—(AP)—The Oregon Highway Commission wound up a two-day session here yesterday, hearing delegations from coast towns and the Oregon Roadside Council.

The Roadside Council urged action in protecting natural scenery and limiting roadside signs. Commissioners said new legislation would be needed for them to have power over such matters.

A delegation from Tillamook county urged relocation of the Bay City-Garibaldi section of U.S. 101, improvement of the Little Nestucca secondary highway, and construction of a new bridge on the Netarts secondary highway across the Tillamook river.

W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, told the delegation that all money available has been allocated for the area under a two-year plan adopted last year.

The commission heard R. J. Bettendorf, manager of the Port of Astoria bridge at Astoria was "far from dead."

He said groups in Oregon and Washington are still working on plans and legislation, hoping the money market will loosen.

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