

Neuberger Reviews Facts to Help Understand Ike's Budget

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Certain basic facts must be known in order to understand President Eisenhower's new \$77 billion budget.

One is that the President has tailored his administration's program for the nation to a rigid pattern based on what his advisors guess Federal revenues will total during the period which starts July 1, 1959, and ends on June 30, 1960.

Thus, a mythical, "balanced" budget is achieved on paper, a year and a half before it is possible to actually balance the books on income and outgo, or to determine how a wide variety of factors affect the nation's economy and revenues.

Expected Income

This inflexible framework means that sums spent for various governmental services and programs—including national defense—are pared to the level of expected income for a one-year period, without full recognition that the government of the United States is a continuing and con-

tinuous operation. Is it realistic to appraise the needs and resources of a nation with growing population and an expanding economy on such a restricted basis?

Also, the President claims that his budgetary ceiling can not be pierced without inflation as a result. However, it is essential to remember that taxation and public spending are merely the means by which total national productivity is divided between the public and private sectors of the economy.

Today Federal taxes, expenditures and debt are less, when compared with the value of the gross national product, than at the end of World War II.

Quotes Figures

In 1945, our gross national product was \$213.6 billion and budget expenditures \$98.4 billion or 46 per cent. In 1957, gross national product had risen to \$440.3 billion and budget expenditures had declined to \$69.4 or 15 per cent. Obviously, the share of total national output going for public purposes has declined. This

decline in the amount of total productivity devoted to public uses dramatically illustrates the increased inflationary impact of factors other than government spending. It cannot be said that the 15 per cent "tail" is solely responsible for wagging the entire dog.

This does not mean that balancing of income and outgo is without advantages. Floating of government bonds to secure funds not covered by receipts, when accomplished through commercial banking channels, creates potential credit inflation.

Interest and service charges involved in bond financing add to the cost of the project. These costs benefit directly only the lenders. One result of the administration's tight money policy has been to raise by 8 per cent, some \$600 million, the amount in the Budget needed to pay bond interest in 1959.

Growing Assets

We live in a nation with both a growing population and a growing economy. This eases the necessity for new taxes. Given normal growth in our economy, the Federal budget could expand by \$3 to \$4 billion annually with no change in the tax rates and no increase in real weight on individuals.

Increased governmental revenues created by normal growth provide considerable scope for improvement of public services and additional investment in programs for resource development.

In some cases the equalizing of income and outgo requires new taxes or charges. Such proposals require political courage on the part of elected officials and personal sacrifice by their constituents.

But taxes are what we pay for progress and security in civilized society. The budget should be considered in this light—as a means for weighing opportunity costs, the cost of giving up one thing so as to do something deemed of greater importance.

In areas closely affecting the state of Oregon, the President's budget is woefully deficient. Let me quote from the Washington Post, a newspaper which backed him in 1952 for the White House:

"The President would cut off Federal support of the general home-mortgage market through the Federal National Mortgage Association in the face of an increasingly tight market in home-building funds."

Industry Reliant

With Oregon's key lumber industry heavily reliant on residential construction to provide a market for 75 per cent of its product, it can be seen how this omission in the President's budget strikes hard at our local payrolls. Lumber and housing are inseparable twins.

The budget furnished no construction funds for Green Peter Dam on the Santiam, which is ready to be erected. Money for these and other projects will have to be appropriated by Congress over the President's objections or else we acquiesce in the neglect of innumerable undertakings essential to national welfare and development of Oregon's economy.

The position of the Administration on budget-making is not new to Oregonians. They will recall that we in Oregon have had to secure many projects without help from the President.

In past years the President's budget likewise skipped funds for beginning vital and necessary developments like John Day, Cougar and Hills Creek dams, deepening the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river, dredging Gold Beach harbor, and other Oregon undertakings.

Refers to 'Spenders'

The President has repeatedly referred to his determination to thwart what he describes as Congressional "spenders." Apparently he refers to elected representatives who support legislative objectives different than his own. Doubtless this will launch much partisan political maneuvering over the budget.

But cold, hard statistics compiled by the impartial Congressional Quarterly refute accusations that Democrats are "reckless" in approving funds.

Here are President Eisenhower's fiscal-year budget requests ever since he entered office and the sums provided by Congress during his first six fiscal years in office, with budget requests and the amount voted by Congress in that order:

1954, \$59.1 billion requested, \$52.9 billion voted; 1955, \$65.6, \$54.5; 1956, \$62.4, \$59.9; 1957, \$65.9, \$66.9; 1958, \$71.8, \$66.8; 1959, \$73.9, \$72.4; 1960, \$77.0, ??.

Over the six-year period, Congress has appropriated \$24.1 billion less than the President asked.

The Medical Roundup

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Heredity Influencing Multiple Sclerosis

One of the puzzling diseases of this world is multiple sclerosis. We doctors have no idea of the cause. Recent very careful studies have failed to reveal any virus.

Now, Drs. R. P. Mackay and N. C. Myrianthopoulos of the University of Illinois College of Medicine have studied a number of identical and non-identical twins, at least one of whom had the disease. If identical twins always have the disease together, while non-identical twins rarely have it together, this strongly indicates a hereditary factor.

The evidence obtained by Drs. Mackay and Myrianthopoulos now suggests that there is a hereditary influence. This is suggested also by the discovery that multiple sclerosis is from 20 to 33 times more prevalent among relatives of persons with multiple sclerosis than it is in the general population.

Recent studies by the Public Health Service have shown that in the United States multiple sclerosis is more commonly found in the northwest, northeast, and Great Lakes regions than in any other parts of the country. No one knows why this is, or why multiple sclerosis occurs most often in a cool climate.

The Live Vaccine For Polio Is Excellent

As I have said several times in this column, a "live virus" polio vaccine has of late been tested extensively in Africa. It is given to children in the form of a pill. Now, I read in Science News Letter for Dec. 6, 1958, a statement of Dr. H. Koprowski, director of the Wistar Institute of Philadelphia who says that all tests of the new vaccine indicate that it is safe, and that it is more powerful than the Salk vaccine. It should have much more lasting effects than does the Salk vaccine because the virus used is alive—but much weakened. It produces a real polio infection but only a very mild one.

Already some 275,000 children and adults have been immunized, and now 75,000 more children are being fed the vaccine. So far, among the protected children, not one case of infantile paralysis has been reported! Most of the work has been done in the Belgian Congo. This is wonderful news. It suggests that, within the next few years, polio can be wiped off the face of the earth.

Palliative Operations For Cancer Can Lengthen Life

I recently read a report by Dr. H. E. Lockhart-Mummery, of London, who reported the cases of 268 patients who had undergone palliative operations for cancer of the rectum. A palliative operation is one in which the tumor cannot be gotten out, or gotten out entirely. Perhaps an artificial anus is made up on the abdomen so that the patient will not die of intestinal obstruction.

As Lockhart-Mummery said, "We were surprised to find that 24 of the patients

lived more than five years after their operation." Others survived for an average of 20 months.

As the doctor went on to say, often, if a patient with inoperable cancer is relieved of his pain, he will live on for from two to five years.

Help for Mentally Depressed

At a recent conference in New York, Dr. H. V. Agin, of Brooklyn, reported a gratifying response from the use of a new drug, as yet called only JB 516. Sixty per cent of the patients on whom it was tried were helped. The drug appeared to be definitely better than amphetamine, to which it is related. Another drug that was said to have helped a considerable percentage of depressed patients is phenylhydrazine. I hope persons will not write me for these drugs, because they must be given by an expert, and the effect must be watched by him.

New Help for Skin Diseases

At a recent meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology, several members reported excellent results in the treatment of so-called skin mycoses. These are diseases of the skin due to molds or fungi. The drug used was griseofulvin; it acted well in some of the cases in which a mold keeps growing on the edges of the finger-nails. The drug must be given by a skin specialist.

Dr. Alvarez new booklet on menopause and hysterectomy may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa. Dr. Alvarez regrets he cannot answer requests for information or attempt to diagnose by mail.

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Bids Called for Stockpiling Rock

Salem—The State Highway commission will receive bids in Salem March 3 for furnishing approximately 10,250 cubic yards of crushed material in stockpiles for later use by the state, it was announced Friday.

The material will be used in maintenance operations on the Antioch rd.-Trail section of the Sams Valley and Crater Lake highways, a distance of 13.13 miles.

The work is scheduled for completion by early summer.

Interim Group Study of Indians Requested

Salem (UPI)—Appointment of an interim committee to study Indian problems in Oregon is provided in a Senate joint resolution introduced Friday by Sen. Harry Boies and Rep. John Kerbo, Democrats from Klama th Falls.

Composition of the committee would be two senators appointed by the president of the Senate and two House members named by the speaker, with the remaining five to be appointed by the governor. Of the five, three would be members of Oregon Indian tribes.

Future Farmers of America Week Being Observed in County

Three Jackson county chapters, consisting of approximately 180 members, will be marking national Future Farmers of America week from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28.

Chapters of Eagle Point, Phoenix and Crater High schools participate in a program which produces the farmers of tomorrow.

The founders of this program recognize that future farmers must have experience and training because today's successful farmer is both a scientist and a businessman. By training youths at an early age, they become firmly established in a farming program.

National FFA week is observed each year during the week in which George Washington's birthday is celebrated. George Washington was one of the first to practice contour planting, crop rotations and other soil conserving methods.

Learn by Doing

Through a variety of activities, Jackson county FFA members learn by doing and, through various leadership programs, prepare to take their places in community affairs.

The Eagle Point chapter, for example, is developing a city park in Eagle Point. Chapter members have planted lawns, made tables and benches and have prepared parking spaces.

The chapter also aids in promoting the sale of one of the important farm products in the county by maintaining milk dispensers in the sawmills and one in Eagle Point High school.

All the chapters are participating in the Oregon Centennial celebration by repairing wagons for the Jackson county 4-H club covered wagon trip to Corvallis this summer.

Phoenix FFA chapter is the youngest of the three and started in the fall of 1956. Its main activities are wood-cutting and pine-cone picking.

Freshmen vocational agriculture students and FFA chapter members are planting shrubbery around the agriculture class room at the high school. One of its current projects is making self-feeders for a rancher in the area.

Funds for the new Crater High school sports stadium is the aim of the Southern Oregon Farm Festival days being planned and cosponsored by the Crater FFA chapter and the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce. If the stadium fund is not completed next year the money will be given to some other worthy organization. Tentative plans call for a tractor display, several dances and concession stands.

A charity activity of Phoenix chapter is donating boxes of food and clothing to needy families at Christmas time.

Crater FFA chapter is the largest chapter in the county, and the second largest in the state. It started with 40 members in 1951 when the chap-

ter was founded. As the school grew so did the chapter and now has about 100 members.

The large chapter has a wide range of activities, including a parent-son banquet, agricultural information for farmers, sponsors four television shows a year, and a radio program each week. It owns and operates its tractor and maintains a chapter farm next to the high school as does Eagle Point.

Has 39 Members

Eagle Point chapter was organized in 1955 and has 39 members.

All the chapters have judging teams which enter lively contests at Jackson county 4-H and FFA fairs.

National FFA organization started at Kansas City, Mo., in November, 1928, after many years of vocational agriculture students' organization in the state and local communities. The FFA has 377,922 active members, 8,993 local chapters located in farming areas throughout

the 49 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

FFA members learn how to take part in meetings, to speak in public and conduct various chapter activities. Many FFA activities are designed to stimulate the boys to do better work in vocational agriculture. The advancement through degrees is based on achievement in farming.

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