

Senate Likely To Concur in Defense Appropriations Bill

Washington - (UPI) - The Senate appears likely to concur in all but a few details to the \$47 billion defense appropriations bill passed by the House.

By a 410-1 vote Wednesday, the House approved the bill which accounts for almost half of the entire \$98.8 billion federal budget for the fiscal year beginning Monday.

The subcommittee already is at work on the Senate version. But Senate action is not expected to come until after the fiscal year begins. Final passage of the bill after the start of the year is not uncommon, and Congress already has given the Defense Department authority to

Nuclear Test Ban Said Up To West

Moscow - (UPI) - Russia indicated today that agreement at the Moscow nuclear test talks will depend entirely on what the United States and Britain propose.

spend at current levels until the new budget is approved. One of the changes the House version is in funds for the controversial RS70 strike plane. The Senate might well act to speed work on the plane, although the House went along with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara in all but writing off the 2,000-mile-an-hour bomber.

All U.S. bomber production stopped last year, and Defense Department critics have questioned abandoning the manned bomber to rely solely on missiles. The bill's manager, Rep.

George H. Mahon (D-Tex.) told the House, however, that other possible supersonic bombers were under study. He said Congress probably would be asked for money next year to build one final-type manned strategic aircraft for addition to the bomber fleet now dominated by the obsolescent B52.

The lone dissenter to House passage was Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.) who said he had no real objection to the bill but cast his "no" vote to call attention to "the seriousness of deficit financing."

"We haven't got the money," he said.

Mr. Miller was walking down a street in Omaha when he was stricken, Mrs. Miller was informed. He had made his home for many years in the Nebraska city, where he was in business.

There was no immediate damage estimate. Damage from the April 25 blaze was placed at \$145,000.

ROTC Building at University Damaged

Eugene - (UPI) - Investigators today sought the cause of the second blaze in two months at the ROTC building on the University of Oregon campus.

A fire at the same building on April 25 was said to be of incendiary origin. Another fire broke out in the building late Wednesday night, and flames shot high into the air. The alarm was turned in about 11:35 p.m. and firemen battled the blaze for about 1 1/2 hours.

Post Offices Often Robbed

Chicago - (UPI) - An average of 120 holdups and burglaries occur every month in post offices, and an average of 12 persons are arrested every day for stealing mail from letter boxes, reports Henry B. Montague, chief postal inspector.

His staff initiated 90,248 criminal investigations during the past fiscal year. As a result, postal inspectors arrested 4,983 persons for thefts of mail, 1,513 for possession of stolen checks and other goods, 538 for post office burglaries and 32 for post office holdups.

become a lucrative business because of the tremendous number of checks in the mail," says Montague.

One recent case involved 35 persons, most of them related by blood or marriage, who traveled between Oklahoma City and California stealing and cashing checks deposited in mail boxes.

Moscow Circus School Trains Performers

Moscow - (UPI) - Thirty-seven years ago the Soviet Union established a school of circus arts and now a boy who acts the fool in class with enough ability has a chance of graduating as a first class clown.

That's what Oleg Popov, one of the nation's world famous clowns, did 10 years ago and now he is one of the most honored graduates of the Moscow Circus school.

The fame of this modest-looking, yellow brick school has spread far and wide and foreigners - mostly from Asia and Africa - have been coming to Moscow to learn cascading, tumbling, juggling and walking on a tight rope.

It's serious work. And the school, which has a student body of 400 and a faculty of 56, has to turn away many would-be performers.

"Our purpose is to turn out cadres (personnel) for the circus and the variety theater," said Director Alexander Voloshin, using a typically Soviet turn of phrase.

"As a matter of fact, since the school was established in 1926 it has turned out some 2,000 performers, about 65 to 70 per cent of the nation's circus and variety artists. Some people said a circus wouldn't succeed in those years, but it did."

The school now accepts students of all ages - from tots to adults. The children come for a seven-year course, and the adults from three to four years. Many of the children are sons and daughters of performers, and all have to study reading and writing and arithmetic as well as the circus ring.

"I decided I want to be an animal trainer when I grow up," said one little boy with a crew-cut and a smile, "because I liked the trainers I saw when I went to the circus."

A 10-year-old girl in pig-tails and a severe brown school uniform smiled sheepishly and said "I just got interested in being an acrobat by looking at the television."

Refresher Course
Ajax Bukana, 42, a performer from Ghana, is taking a one-year refresher course at the request of Ghana President Kwame Nkrumah before becoming head of his national circus.

The two-year-old school building which now houses the school is built around a circular arena and a rectangular gymnasium. It cost \$555,000 to build.

On a typical day the circular ring is always busy with students turning circles in the air, balancing on somebody's shoulders, being thrown into the air in difficult contortions, or standing upside down on the end of someone's outstretched arm.

The school's graduates can look forward to some security in their careers.

Voloshin said they get jobs in variety groups or in the 50-odd circuses throughout the Soviet Union.

Potato Inspection Fee Cut Proposed
Salem - (UPI) - Reductions in some potato inspection fees were proposed today by the State Agriculture Department.

The new fees proposed would be 2 1/2 cents cwt. for fresh potatoes; 1 1/2 cents cwt. for diversion potatoes; and 1 1/4 cents for platform inspection of processing potatoes for determination of grade at established stations.

The fees on fresh and diversion potatoes would be reduced 1/4 of a cent, and the fee on processing potatoes 1/2 cent.

Other fees on the schedule would not be changed, the department said. The new rates are slated to go into effect July 15.

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