

TRUMAN'S BUDGET DRAWS FIRE

In This Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE President, whose job under the constitution is to SPEND the money, today suggests a 1948 budget of 374 billion, and indicates in his message that he thinks he has done right well in cutting it to that figure.

The (Republican-dominated) congress, whose constitutional job is to FIND THE MONEY TO BE SPENT, howls like a wounded wolf when it hears the figure. Its leaders assert (for publication) that the President's sights are set MUCH too high.

THERE is another point of difference. The President says (for publication) that he thinks taxes should be cut very little, if at all. Go on taxing till it hurts, he advises (for publication), and use the money to pay off debt.

Several Republican leaders in congress have announced (for publication) that they think income taxes should be cut as much as 20%. Others, somewhat more realistic, have suggested at least 10%.

THERE is a slight weakness in the pay-off-deft program outlined by the President. His estimate of income for fiscal 1948 exceeds his estimated outgo by only 202 million dollars. That seems a mere trifle in the way of pay-off for a nation that is already a quarter of a trillion dollars in the hole.

ALMOST anyone who has taken intelligent note of the drunken-sailor spending of the past decade and a half will feel that opportunities for saving are almost limitless. Even at that, though, economy isn't as easy as it looks.

If you will analyze carefully the President's 1948 budget, you will observe that slightly more than half of it (overly 19 billion) is allotted for defense costs and veterans' benefits.

These aren't going to be so easy to cut.

THE President gets in two excellent points in his budget message.

He urges congress to re-enact the excise (sales) taxes on hard liquor, beer, wine, furs, jewelry, night club bills, etc. that are scheduled to expire on July 1 of this year. These taxes, he points out, roll up a total of about a billion and a quarter a year.

He adds that postal rates ought to be upped enough to write out the present third of a billion deficit in the postal service.

IT is this writer's more or less hard-boiled opinion that in a nation whose debt now exceeds a quarter of a trillion dollars it will wound NOBODY more deeply than he can stand and still live to go on paying pretty stiff taxes on his beer and whiskey, fur, jewelry, NIGHT CLUB, etc. bills. If these expenditures bear down upon us more heavily than human flesh can stand, we can always CUT THEM OUT.

If our debilitated systems call inexorably for relaxation to offset the drains of modern living, we can fall back on reading good books and walking in the beautiful countryside. It is quite possible that the restorative effects of such recreation will be at least as great as going on a bender at a night club and absorbing the ensuing hangover.

It doesn't seem unreasonable in a great and rich nation that we might even put up with getting our postal service at cost instead of the current third of a billion UNDER cost.

IN estimating the President's budget and the comment thereon, you must remember that in Washington today both Truman and the members of the congress are talking WITH REPUBLICANS PRESENT. A lot of what they say is said for effect on the voters. (It is an unfortunate fact that in our democracy too many voters form their judgments on what is SAID rather than on what is DONE.)

When the committees get down to business in executive session, the consideration given to taxing and spending will be much more realistic.

You can paste that in your hat.

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Bill Hits Industry-Wide Bargains

Bank Deposit Figures Go To New High

Bank deposits in Klamath county's three banks have reached an all-time high of \$34,492,590, while figures from other financial institutions in and near the county likewise overshadow those of past years.

Recreation Head Hunted

The city recreation department is now on the hunt for a new director to take the place of E. E. Hambrick, whose resignation is effective February 1.

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Marshall Rests In Islands



HONOLULU, Jan. 10—Gen. George Marshall, new U. S. secretary of state, is shown relaxing in civilian clothes at the Fort De Russy beach area in Honolulu by reading. He is spending several days there before proceeding to Washington to take over the new post. He was recalled from China by President Truman.

Craft Unions Still Out

Building crafts of the A. F. of L. continued to stay off the job Friday of the ABC and E contractors as the carpenters' strike went into its fifth day.

3 Car Pileup Brings Arrest

A three-car auto wreck last night at East Main and Wantland resulted in the arrest of Loris E. Goerges, 29, of 2524 Reclamation, on charges of having no vehicle license and reckless driving.

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Streamliner Service For Basin Delayed

The Southern Pacific's streamliners, the Shasta Daylights, originally scheduled to start running through Klamath Falls the first of the year, will not make an appearance until late summer at the earliest.

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Netlayer Boat Spots Volcano

SEATTLE, Jan. 10 (AP)—A second volcanic disturbance in Alaska's Aleutian islands was reported today by the navy, which said 9387-foot Mount Shishaldin on Unimak island was erupting with such violence that it showered ashes two inches deep on the village of False Pass 20 miles away.

Minimum Pay Boost Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—President Truman's twice-stated bid to boost the national minimum wage brought from Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) today a proposal to shove it up 35 cents to 75 cents an hour.

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WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 9) — 46 Min. — 50
Precipitation last 24 hours — 3.74
Stream year to date — 3.74
Last year — 8.38 Normal — 5.17
Forecast: Partly cloudy today, with light showers generally clear Saturday.

Airport Gets Beacon Light

Noting complaints by United Air Lines that small planes have been cutting ahead of the Mainliners while landing and taking off at the city airport, the city airport commission has agreed to hook up a beacon warning light with the United office and order all pilots to give way to the big ships.

Ball Seeks To Prevent Big Strikes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Senator Ball (R-Minn.) today introduced a bill that would break up industry-wide bargaining between unions and employers.

Biggest Air Show Starts

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10 (AP)—Between 1500 and 2000 army, navy, marine and privately owned planes roared in unison today for the opening of the 15th annual all-American air maneuvers, described as the biggest air carnival in aeronautical history.

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GOPs Blast Reckless Spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Congress received from President Truman today a government spending program aggregating \$37,328,000,000 for the year beginning July 1. He said revenues would be about \$202,000,000 more than that if income taxes are not cut.

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