

Demos Say GOP Economy Drive Hopelessly Bogged

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Democrats tossed out a set of figures today to back up their claim that the republican economy drive has "fizzled and hopelessly bogged down."

Republican leaders, meanwhile, renewed their long dormant efforts to nail down a senate-house agreement on just how much to try to cut President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The house earlier this year formally promised to whack \$6,000,000,000 off that spending estimate, but the senate voted only a \$4,500,000,000 saving pledge.

Democrats in both chambers contended at the time that each figure was far too high.

Error Count Runs High

Some 15,000,000 errors are made each year in names and social security account numbers listed in reports by employers on wages paid to workers for employment covered by the social security act, Paul Weidenheimer, acting manager of the Klamath Falls office of the social security administration announced.

The social security administration keeps a record of wages paid to each employee under the program, and now has records of wages for about 75,000,000 persons. Old-age and survivors insurance benefits payable to workers or their dependents in the future will be based on the records kept by the Administration.

Of the total errors, about 5,400,000 involve only one or two letters in the spelling of employees' names, Mr. Weidenheimer said. The correction of mistakes in this category, while it consumes time, does not require extensive operations. The remaining 9,600,000 errors are made up of the reporting of 3,300,000 names different from those shown on wage earners' account number cards; 5,800,000 errors in listing account numbers; and 500,000 errors in both names and account numbers.

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'Copter Dust Plan Success

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 18 (AP)—Bell Aircraft corporation announced today completion of successful experiments with its helicopter crop duster, a craft especially designed for the dusting of crops and orchards with pest poison.

Lawrence D. Bell, president, said that "intensive field tests" started over a year ago at Yakima, Wash., demonstrated that the crop duster "reduces to a minimum the hazards usually associated" with dusting by air.

The crop duster carries a 400-pound load in two detachable hoppers aft of the cockpit. Rate of application is adjustable, although Bell claims between 100 and 200 acres can be dusted in an hour.

Gay Ruler



Smiling in his royal robes is Baby Kenneth Edward Lowell who was crowned "Supreme King" at the age of five months, to reign over the recent Disabled American Veterans' Kiddie Carnival. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowell, 813 Pine.

Truman Asks Campaign To Stop Crashes

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—President Truman today applauded a "sharp and gratifying decline" in the nation's traffic casualties but called on highway users and officials to reduce still further the "appalling" annual toll.

"We have won a major victory in the campaign against carelessness," said Mr. Truman in an address delivered at the opening session of his second highway safety conference.

Noting that at least 6500 lives were saved last year as measured against "the black record" of pre-war 1941, when 40,000 fatalities occurred, Mr. Truman declared the safety campaign is "well started, but it is by no means done."

"Last year 33,500 men, women and children died as a result of highway accidents, and well over 1,000,000 were injured," he said. "That is a tribute to inefficiency this nation cannot afford to pay."

Mr. Truman urged improvements in the state licensing of drivers. He recalled his assurance at the first conference last year that the federal government has no desire to "encroach on state jurisdiction in this field," but he said congress will "not

sit idly by in the face of a previous national accident toll."

In too many sections, Mr. Truman declared, "the licensing laws are nothing more than revenue measures and their administration a travesty on public safety."

Uniform license systems which eliminate the "dangerously unfit and the dangerously irresponsible from our streets and highways," he said, are a basic weapon in the war on accidents.

Reece Slaps Demo Claims

SPOKANE, June 18 (AP)—"Some democratic apologists" National Republican Chairman B. Carroll Reece said last night in a radio address, "are seeking to mislead the people into believing that the defeat of Democrat Charles Savage in Washington's third district congressional race this month was 'really a popular victory for Mr. Truman.'"

He said the true reason was the open support of "our bi-partisan foreign policy" by the victor, Republican Russel V. Mack of Hoquiam, and the fact that Savage had the support of Henry A. Wallace. Reece asked his audience also to "remember always that Mr. Truman publicly announced his support" of the defeated candidate.

At a news conference earlier in the day, Reece said he did not believe it would make any difference to republican prospects in 1948 if Wallace remained a democrat or launched a third party.

Boeing Ends Superfort Job

SEATTLE, June 18 (AP)—The Boeing Aircraft company has terminated its Superfortress contract with the United States government after building 2766 of the giant B-29s, it announced last night.

The contract, drawn during the war, had called for production of 6289 planes.

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