

# Truman Puts \$3 Billion Top Limit On Extra Funds For Preparedness Outlay

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—President Truman has put a top limit of around \$3,000,000,000 on the extra money the armed forces can ask right now for preparedness, a ranking official said today.

The man, who asked not to be identified by name, said the president based his decision on help of the military's own request on the assumption that war is not inevitable and in any event will not break out soon.

He said the president told the chiefs of the armed forces in laying down the top figure that he wants "a peace program, not a war program."

Earlier, White House officials had

forecast a top of about \$4,000,000,000. The possibility remains that items not of a direct military nature may be added.

**New Ships**

One such proposal is the building of new merchant vessels which could be converted into troopships; but even if a ship program is adopted, the official said, it will not be near the \$1,500,000,000-size mentioned in some preparedness discussions.

1. The new program—stressing an increase in trained men through the draft and universal military training—would help assure peace by showing Russia that the United States is capable of acting to stop communist aggression.

2. It also would be within the spending limits that Mr. Truman thinks the nation can bear without the threat of sharp inflation and full-scale wartime curbs—rationing, price ceilings and manpower controls.

The official said the president is determined to dovetail preparedness program and foreign aid spending into other government operations in such a way as to hold the inflationary impact to a minimum.

## High School

*News and Comment*  
By MARY LOU CASE

The only night performance of the student body play, "The Black Flamingo," will be given tonight in the high school auditorium. At 8 p. m. the curtains will part to disclose the Black Flamingo Inn, with its ramshackle walls and furniture. The play centers around the chimney, on which is painted a dark flamingo, supposedly having formed there as the walls cracked.

The KUBS quintet furnishes the music before the play and again before the second act. Charles Brightman, Marilee Crawford, Donald Quick, Neil Olson and Maurice Dorman compose this group. Thomas Upington provides the violin music throughout the play.

Parents and Patrons will have the first look at the home economics sewing classes' clothes on April 14. On that date a style show will be held in the auditorium and the results of the last semester will be modeled by several home ec students. Also on the modeling program will be several kindergarten age youngsters modeling the work of the advanced sewing classes.

Karl Smyk's band will furnish the music for the Spanish club fiesta this Friday night. The fiesta is masquerade and the unmasking will take place at 10 p. m. Prizes for the prettiest, best characterization, most horrible and the like will be given away during intermission.

Next year's leaders of the Staunton Chess club were elected at the meeting of the club, Tuesday night. President Stuart Oliver will hand the gavel over to Diland Shipley. Other officers will be Bob Braden, vice president; Rosemary Murray, secretary; and Barbara Swanson, treasurer. Stanley Kendall and the Henley High Chess club were guests at the meeting.

An affair for the mothers, the Tea Teller's spring tea, is now taking its place as an annual event. April 29 is the date planned for this year's tea with President Collette Schroeder and Advisor Louise Kelsey arranging the plans. It is hoped by these leaders that every mother in school will turn out for the tea.

## Bang's Disease Row May Die Out

TILLAMOOK, April 1 (AP)—A dairy industry leader here reports the farmers opposing slaughter of cattle under a Bang's disease control program may not continue the revolt.

Ben Mills, president of the Tillamook Farmers Protective association, said yesterday those opposing the state law had conferred with directors of the Tillamook County Creamery association.

Mills said "if a satisfactory" program can be worked out the group may abandon its plan to test the state law requiring slaughter of infected animals.

He did not say what the group considered a "satisfactory" program.

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He will represent the state at a regional meet at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2, against speakers of 11 western states.

Norman Goetze, Hillsboro, was second and Richard Rawlinson, Enterprise, was third in the contest yesterday.

The six district winners competing included James McDowell, Salem, and Joseph Wright, Grants Pass.

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## Dishwasher Buys Town For Himself

LANGELOTH, Pa., April 1 (AP)—Gus Barbusch owns this community today and its 3000 residents have every hope of avoiding the fate of a "ghost town."

Gus, an immigrant who got his start in the United States as a dish washer 36 years ago, bought the town yesterday for a reported several hundred thousand dollars.

A resident of nearby Burgettstown, Gus said he learned that things were looking pretty dark for Langeloth after the American Zinc

and Chemical Co. decided to close its plant there.

The chemical plant, Langeloth's principal industry, had provided 800 jobs and a \$9000-a-day payroll. The company said the process in use had become obsolete and the plant wasn't worth rebuilding.

Gus—who through the years gradually acquired a store, restaurant and hotel building—went to the Burgettstown National Bank and obtained a \$200,000 loan, the largest it ever advanced to an individual.

Gus then bought the zinc company, including 261 homes, community hall, church, school, sportsmen's clubhouse and park.

Now Gus has plans for finding a new industry to move into the empty plant. He also wants to build a baseball diamond.

"It could only happen in this country," Gus said with a smile. "My plan is to run a good town."

## Grog By Drink Petition Set

SALEM, April 1 (AP)—A preliminary initiative petition to permit sale of liquor by the drink was scheduled to be filed with the state department here today.

The bill—sponsored by the state Federation of Labor and the Oregon Hotel association—would legalize such sales in hotels, restaurants and clubs, and on airplanes, steamships and railroads.

All liquor sold by the drink would have to be bought from the state liquor commission, and it would be subject to an additional tax of 25 cents a quart. Dispensers would pay \$500 a year license fee.

It could be sold only by places

which serve meals, but the liquor could be served in any room in such an establishment.

If sufficient signatures are obtained, the measure would appear on the general election ballot next November.

## Klamath Man With Army In Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN HACHINOHE, Japan—Cpl. Thomas P. Cray, 20-year-old paratrooper of Klamath Falls, Ore., is now serving with the 11th Airborne division in Northern Honshu, Japan. Cpl. Cray is currently working as an armor-artificer and is assigned to Service company, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, stationed at Camp Haugen, Hachinohe. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cray, reside at 4121 Altamont drive.

## Wallace Backers Slate Meeting

PORTLAND, April 1 (AP)—Members of the Wallace-for-President committee from Oregon's four congressional districts will convene here Saturday to organize a new party.

The "new party"—that is what the supporters call it instead of "third party"—will be named at the meeting. "Progressive party" is the term chosen in most other areas.

To place another party on the Oregon ballot, signatures of 16,734 registered voters must be obtained.

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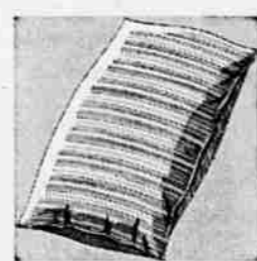
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