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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Air Force Gets Huge Chunk of Budget

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force was reported today to be getting a 17 1/2 percent slice of a total \$40,700,000,000 appropriation budget requested for the Defense Department in the next fiscal year.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Restoring part of the value of the dollar you earn — or at the very least, halting the shrinkage in the value of the dollar you save — will be one of the big tasks to be tackled by the financial wizards in the coming year.

The dollar now buys scarcely more than half as much in goods and services as it did before World War II.

People now past their working years find their pre-war savings shrunken — sometimes to the point of poverty.

The inflation that brought this about seems at least to have been halted.

The problem now is to protect the value of the dollar and try to restore some of its lost purchasing power.

Leading financial figures are at work on this problem today. Most recognize that government fiscal policies played a leading role in bringing on the inflation that shrank the dollar.

William McChesney Martin, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, says that returning financial controls to a "free market" system, and away from too much government manipulation, should do the trick.

But he outlines two "serious financial problems" of the coming year: 1. "The prospect of a substantial deficit in the federal budget," and 2. "The recurrent task of refunding large amounts of maturing government securities."

Both of these could start inflation up again, and thus further cheapen your dollar.

But the National City Bank of New York, in its December letter out today, says both could be avoided, and that actually the dollar's value can be improved if government agencies will reverse present fiscal policies.

The bank wants the Federal Reserve to...

BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

We have a good many men holding high public office in this land of ours who ought to have their heads examined.

A specific example of which is Rep. Hoffman, a Republican legislator from Michigan.

Yesterday he came out with the statement that Congress should limit the amount of editorial space that any newspaper would be allowed to give to a candidate in a political campaign.

Come, come, come, Congressman! Don't you think that's going just a bit too far? In fact, having had a day to think it over, aren't you about ready to admit that you put your large foot in your mouth?

The constitution of the United States, which has been upheld by every high court in the land, which has been respected by Congress and presidents alike for, lo, these many years, guarantees you, and all Americans, the right of free press. In other words, newspapers, radio stations, magazines and other publications dealing with the events of the world and the nation.

Apparently, Congressman, you are willing to chuck all this in the rubbish box and settle for a government monopoly of the press. Apparently you are willing to give up your right of free speech, your approach to the people, your only medium of public correspondence in favor of allowing the government to say how much you can say.

Did you have anything of this nature to say at the last election when you were appealing to the people of the Fourth District? When you were asking the people of Allegan, your postoffice address, to support you? Did you, as the victor, personally castigate the newspapers who supported you in your successful campaign?

I doubt it!

Shortlinded, small minded, petty little public pop-offs like you seldom have any more hindsight than you do foresight. And in your case your lack of foresight comprises quite a goodly part of your post office make-up.

Careful, Congressman! You're rapidly reaching that point where you take the privileges of your office to advantage. You may make the headlines with a statement like you made. But you won't make many friends among thinking people.

The only example you can think of, of course, to substantiate your wild statement is that John Knight, editor of the Free Press in Detroit, had given a lot of editorial space to Eisenhower after said editor had

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Taft and the rest of us will find out promptly how much weight he still carries with his fellow Republicans if he tries to block Gen. Eisenhower's appointment of Martin P. Durkin as secretary of labor.

Durkin, like any other man named for a Cabinet job by the President, cannot take it unless the Senate approves. And when his name comes up for consideration in the new Republican-controlled Congress, Taft could fight him and through him, Eisenhower.

That would provide an early test between the general and the senator. A victory for Taft would, in effect, be Taft telling Eisenhower: "Brother, if you want to do business, you're going to have to do it through me."

Durkin, a 56-year-old Democrat who voted against Eisenhower, is a leader of the AFL, which also opposed the general and called for the full repeal of Taft's own labor legislation, the Taft-Hartley labor law.

BRUCE BLOSSAT

More and more responsible statesmen and business leaders are coming to realize that the free world is approaching a crossroads in its economic affairs.

When Western Europe was flat on its back after World War II, the United States responded with the Marshall Plan, as it had to if the Communists were to be kept at bay. Through that boldly conceived program of assistance, the European countries rebuilt their economies and put down the threat.

The Marshall Plan was designed as a four-year program to end July 1, 1952. In mid-course the Korean war broke out, however, spurring the great western defense effort under NATO. And so aid to Europe has continued, though now all but a fraction is direct military assistance and the remainder indirectly serves military ends.

Even had there been no NATO requirements, it is clear that foreign economic aid would have gone on beyond the 1952 deadline originally set. Today's assistance, though styled militarily, is in considerable degree economic.

The question of how long to continue such aid is a problem that brings the West to the crossroads. In the stage when European nations were in fact recovering from paralysis, the wisdom of the plan seemed obvious. But Europe today has left that stage behind.

The problem now is different. Europe for the most part is producing well, but it is not eroding its way. For one prime reason — it cannot find adequate outlets for the goods it makes. So it cannot pay for all the things it must import.

Before the big war, Western Europe traded with Eastern Europe. The Iron Curtain and the West's own restrictions have kept that commerce to a trickle. But our friends abroad have not yet discovered the trade substitute

Truman, Stevenson to Mull Demo Future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adlai Stevenson and Harry S. Truman meet in the White House today to mull the future of the Democratic party in search of its future.

The accent will be on the future but uppermost in the two-day talks between the President and the man he tried hard to make his successor will be the question: "What happened to the Democratic party in the 1952 election which Republican presidential nominee Dwight Eisenhower won by a landslide?"

Stevenson, governor of Illinois and defeated Democratic candidate for president, is flying to Washington from Atlantic City, N. J., after attending memorial services for the late CIO President Philip Murray.

The Truman-Stevenson meeting almost certainly will help define just what role Stevenson will play in the Democratic party's future. Party Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell told a news conference yesterday — his first since the Nov. 4 election — he believes Stevenson must continue as standard-bearer but said he does not know just how to describe his duties.

"The active titular leader" was the expression Mitchell used when he was smilingly replied to a question as to whether Stevenson would be the active or titular head of the party.

Mitchell said he intends to remain as party chairman "on an indefinite basis" and plans to travel the country meeting state and local Democratic leaders. As the minority party, Mitchell said, the Democrats will place greater emphasis on its members in Congress. Party policy will be expressed in Congress but "won't necessarily originate" there, he said in explaining his concept of the Democratic National Committee as a sort of clearing house between Democratic legislators and others outside the federal government who are "responsible voters" in the party.

Stevenson is due in Washington by commercial plane at 5:28 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for his first meeting with President Truman since his White House briefing on the diplomatic and military situation shortly after his nomination.

They will have dinner tonight at the White House with Mrs. Truman and then begin the first of their discussions on ways to revitalize their party.

Stevenson will spend all day tomorrow at the White House, except for such engagements he may make, talking with the President, his staff and others and attend a farewell dinner for the Cabinet tomorrow night before spending his second night at the White House. He is flying back to Illinois Friday morning.

Reuther Foes Plan Fight

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP) — Forces opposing Walter P. Reuther's apparently successful drive to win the CIO presidency pledged anew today against giving up without a convention fight.

Reuther seemed assured of sufficient votes to win in his open contest, but a group of CIO unions backing 64-year-old Allan S. Haywood, now the CIO's executive vice president, refused to quit.

The maneuvering for the CIO presidency continued as the convention turned into an open contest for the late Philip Murray, the CIO president whose sudden death on Nov. 9 touched off the scramble for his job.

Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, the unsuccessful Democratic nominee for president, was the featured speaker scheduled for the memorial session this afternoon.

Despite protests from the Haywood camp against any chances for resolving the CIO leadership scrap without an open convention ballot, it still was regarded as possible that an agreement could be reached with Reuther granting concessions in return for Haywood's bowing out.

Convention voting on new officers is scheduled for tomorrow.

There was talk that the Haywood group was dickering with the 45-year-old Reuther to get the best "peace" deal possible — that is, the best possible working arrangement for the Haywood faction with Reuther installed as CIO president.

Many of the union unions backing Haywood feared possible domination of the CIO by the big CIO United Auto Workers, which Reuther heads, if he wins the top CIO job. Peace efforts were reported centering around possible changes in the CIO constitution to guard against any such auto union domination.

Published reports that Haywood was ready to bow out for Reuther were stoutly denied.

Murder Trial In Second Day

ROSEBURG (AP) — The first degree murder trial of Thomas S. House, accused of drowning his wife in the bathtub of their home here, went into its second day Wednesday.

The body of his wife, Ethel House was found by neighbors near the bathtub. House was found nearby bleeding from what police said were self-inflicted razor wounds.

A Portland psychiatrist, Dr. Gerhard Haugen, testified Tuesday that House was sane on Oct. 8 when Mrs. House died.

John H. Horn, House's attorney, said he would attempt to prove there was a suicide pact between House and his wife.

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