

By FRANK JENKINS

I wonder if you read the tales in the papers the other day about the Russian budget. And, if so, I wonder if you were as much confused as everybody else—including, probably, the Russians.

The story, as given out in Moscow, went something like this:

The Soviet government proposes to spend in 1959 the ruble equivalent of about 177 BILLION DOLLARS. This more or less fabulous sum will be expended for industry, research and social welfare (what is referred to in these days as cradle to the grave security.)

Nothing is said about military spending. The Kremlin communists are quite secretive about that, going on the theory that the less said about it the better. Their expenditures for military purposes are presumed to be tucked away somewhere in the 177 billion total.

So much for what the commies propose to put out.

Let's take a look now at what they propose to take in.

It amounts to a sizeable chunk of dough. They estimate their income at about 180 billion dollars (meaning the ruble equivalent thereof) which will not only balance their budget but will leave them a SURPLUS of some three billions.

And—

They'll accomplish all this without levying any direct new taxes! Pretty neat, is it not?

But wait a minute.

This Russian fiscal system is a good deal like an iceberg. All one sees of an iceberg is what sticks up above the surface of the water. What sticks up above the surface is a very small part of the total.

It's much the same with the Russian fiscal system. A lot of it is HIDDEN.

For example:

In Russia, the government owns everything. If there were a General Motors in Russia, the government would own it. If there were a Ford Motor Company, the government would own it. If there were an A.T.&T. in Russia the government would own it.

And so on down the line. Russia's communist government takes in all the money and it spends all the money.

And—

It keeps the books.

So, you see, it has the inside track all the way 'round.

A word now about Russian taxes.

One would think that in a country where the government owns everything and takes in all the money and pays all the wages there wouldn't be any taxes—just like Papa and Mama, who own the house and pay all the bills and give the children an allowance. Papa and Mama don't charge the children for the privilege of living in the house.

In Russia, it's different. Russia DOES charge the children. It levies taxes on them. It takes the taxes out of their allowance.

In Russia, the government has another cute little trick. It sells bonds to the people. It doesn't really SELL them. It TELLS them.

It tells them how much in the way of bonds they must buy—or else! Even that isn't all. It pays them no interest on their bonds.

And—

When the bonds mature—

The government decides whether or not it will pay back the principal. So far, in most of the cases that have come to light, its decision has been that it won't pay—that Ivan can keep his bonds, but the government will keep the money.

So—

You see—

It isn't too hard for the government of the U.S.S.R. to show a balanced budget—or, if it chooses to put it that way—to SHOW A SURPLUS.

If you wonder how the Soviet government does all these miraculous things it claims to do, the answer is really quite simple. It does it with mirrors.

MT. SHASTA — The two million dollar Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl, which was originally slated to open in October, welcomed skiers for the first time Saturday after 18 inches of snow were recorded there.

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THIS IS BOX CANYON where construction of a dam for recreation and flood control is contemplated. At top is a view of a portion of the canyon where the Sacramento River emerges to Canterra. Below is the actual dam site where the river enters the canyon and makes a jog. The proposed dam site is located about five miles southwest of Mount Shasta. A report to the California Legislature on feasibility of the project is expected when it convenes January 5. —Photo by Peggy Walsh

Box Canyon May Become Water Recreation Spot

DUNSMUIR—Word on the feasibility of Box Canyon Dam as a recreation and flood control project is being awaited by recreationists in southern Siskiyou County. A team of experts from the California Department of Water Resources surveyed the proposed dam site early this month with the view of either recommending or rejecting a detailed study to the Legislature when it convenes January 5.

Construction of the Box Canyon Dam would stem the headwaters of the Sacramento River where it enters a narrow canyon about five miles southwest of Mount Shasta. Use of the canyon walls would allow a 180 foot dam to back up a lake about two and one-half miles into a mountainous area.

It would provide about 10 miles of recreational shoreline, Chairman Pat Hanratty of the Box Canyon Committee for Southern Siskiyou County said. Plans are to ask the state to restrict the shoreline for public recreational use, he said. Engineers have estimated a dam at this spot would provide 40 to 50 per cent control of the river water through Dunsmuir, thus providing this community with flood control. The dam level would be kept constant during the summer months and lowered during the rainy winter months, Hanratty explained.

State men who will issue the feasibility report are Robert E. Foley, supervising hydraulics engineer of the division of resources planning; Carl Plumb, senior hydraulics engineer; and Ed Dwyer, recreation planner with the Board of Water Resources.

The road from park headquarters to the rim was closed temporarily Saturday and Highway 62 was extremely narrow. Park rangers said the road from Annie Springs to park headquarters would also be closed temporarily if there was a heavy Saturday afternoon snowfall. Chains are mandatory for travel in the park. Skiing conditions reported were powder snow. Cars could not get to the rim on Saturday for trail skiing and the warming hut did not open on Saturday morning. The forecast was for more snow.

EIGHT CONSECRATED VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII Saturday consecrated eight bishops, including Vatican Secretary of State Domenico Cardinal Tardini.

Primitive Man Survived; Maybe We Can

WASHINGTON (AP) — Primitive man was less equipped to survive than a skunk — and it's a wonder he ever made it, an anthropologist said today.

Dr. Leslie A. White of the University of Michigan, in a report prepared for the 125th meeting of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, declared: "Man's prehuman ancestors, and primordial man himself, were relatively weak and helpless, compared with many of their mammalian and reptilian neighbors."

"They were neither as strong as some species nor as fleet as others; and they had few protective devices like the turtle, porcupine, rattlesnake, or even . . . a protective odor like the skunk. It is something of a wonder that the first men were able to survive at all in the struggle for existence."

The scientist spoke of this in leading up to his main theme that "The entire human race is in bondage to its culture."

Defining culture as "languages, tools, customs, beliefs and so forth" that grew out of primitive man's development of articulate speech, White said: "Once culture got under way, man was provided with a means of adjustment and control that made life much more secure for him. A million years of nature, and mastery over many other species."

However, he said, "Great cultural advance has . . . brought misery and servitude to a majority of the population."

"Primitive peoples were free and equal, however meager and crude their cultures may have been," he declared. "The great masses of agriculture and domestication of animals reduced the masses of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and elsewhere to serfdom or slavery. . . . The industrial revolution and the conquest of steam created an industrial proletariat whose life was one of unremitting toil, squalor and malnutrition."

And today, he said, the very existence of man is threatened by "the very culture that has achieved so many triumphs for him in the past."

"We are confronted today," he said, "with the greatest crisis in human history. This crisis is not to be defined in terms of the struggle between Christian capitalism and atheistic communism."

"It consists in the threat and prospect of the self-destruction of civilization, and perhaps of the human race, in thermonuclear holocaust."

But White added: "There is, of course, a possibility that global self-destruction may be averted; the threat of ex-

Police Hold Yreka Man For Murder

CHICO — A preliminary hearing will be held here at 2 p.m. January 9 for William A. Cameron, 22, of Yreka, a Chico State College freshman, charged with killing Mrs. Vivian Malone, 50, in a trailer court here the evening of December 22.

Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander F. Cameron of Yreka, is married and has a seven-month-old son. His wife and baby were living with him in the trailer court while he was attending college, authorities said.

Deputy District Attorney Lloyd H. Mulkey Jr. said that an autopsy proved that Mrs. Malone had severe bruises on her arms and a slight concussion, both of which the coroner said had happened before her death.

Officers who arrested Cameron said his clothing was covered with blood. They had found Mrs. Malone's body in the bathroom of the expensive two-story trailer house. Her throat had been cut, they said, and her body slashed. The dog also was found with its throat cut. Officers said Mrs. Malone was the wife of Air Force Master Sergeant Roy Malone who was serving in England.

Mulkey said Saturday that Cameron could receive the death penalty under a California law which makes death mandatory when torture is proved in murder.

Cameron was taken to DeWitt State Hospital at Auburn where he was examined by psychiatrists Mulkey said. He was then taken to Sacramento for a lie detector test, results of which were not revealed.

The events prior to Mrs. Malone's death were reconstructed with the aid of statements from Glenn Becker, 22, a resident of the trailer court who was said to have been on a shopping expedition with Cameron on Monday afternoon. Becker reportedly told officers he and Cameron stopped at the Malone trailer house for a drink and Cameron refused to leave when urged to do so by Becker. Becker was quoted that he left the two alone in the trailer house.

J. Everett Barr, Yreka attorney, has been retained by Cameron's family.

Accident Deaths May Miss Record

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic	451
Fire	86
Miscellaneous	75
Total	612

The traffic death toll climbed faster than pre-Christmas holiday estimates Saturday as millions of weekend travelers toured the country's highways.

The National Safety Council said the toll was ahead of a rate which would produce the 620 deaths it predicted for the four-day holiday period.

But it added there was a "glimmer of hope" the rising number of auto fatalities might fall short of the all-time holiday high of 706 set in a similar Christmas period two years ago.

As usual, speed and careless driving were blamed for most of the killer accidents.

Generally fair and warm weather egged on some motorists to push down on the accelerator.

The council said it based its hopes that no new record was in the making on midnight figures which showed this year's toll at 345 deaths. At a comparable period in 1956 the death count was 364.

The NSC said early Saturday morning figures indicated there was a slow-down in the death rate. At the start of the holiday fatalities rose far above a record-breaking pace.

"These figures are certainly the first glimmer of hope in an otherwise bleak picture. The council hopes we have stopped this ad-

vance of human slaughter on the highways. We hope we now have a chance to avoid hitting the all-time high of 706 dead in 1956," the spokesman said.

An AP survey for a nonholiday period, from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 to midnight, Sunday, Dec. 14, showed 341 persons died in traffic accidents, 106 in fires and 105 in miscellaneous type accidents, a total of 552.

Icy Highways Responsible For Wrecks

Icy highway conditions were responsible for two automobile accidents resulting in the hospitalization of one person, it was reported by state police, Saturday.

Shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday, a two-car accident on Highway 68 east of the Lakeview Junction was reported. Jack Harold Freeman, 18, Malin, who was westbound on 66 stated he met three eastbound vehicles which threw slush on his windshield, making it impossible for him to see.

He lost control of his vehicle and it slid onto the shoulder of the road and then across the highway into the path of an eastbound car driven by Robert Embree, 44, Route 2 Box 814, Klamath Falls. The Freeman automobile was totally demolished and a passenger, Ronald Kalina, 19, Malin, was injured.

Kalina was removed to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance and was treated before being released.

At 2:55 Saturday afternoon, John Henry Crosson, 47, 435 Cottonwood Street, Vacaville, California, suffered severe head lacerations when struck by a car driven by Donald Clemens Macken, 46, Orinda, California, one mile north of Collier Park on Highway 97, the state police stated.

The report stated Crosson's automobile slid off the road, and Crosson had climbed back to the shoulder of the highway. Macken, southbound, was unable to stop at the scene of the accident, and when he hit his brakes his car skidded onto the shoulder carrying Crosson back into the ditch. Crosson was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Chiloquin ambulance. His condition was reported as good Saturday night.

Police report that Highway 97 was extremely icy at the foot of Spring Creek Hill, resulting in four other vehicles sliding off the road while attempting to stop at the scene of the original accident.

Airline Strike Negotiators Resume Talks

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Negotiations continued Saturday between Eastern Air Lines and its striking flight engineers and American Airlines and its striking pilots, with little prospect that the two big carriers will get back in business soon.

In Miami Friday night, federal mediator Warren Lane said of the Eastern strike: "We're right at a stalemate. There's no progress that I can report."

In Chicago American officials awaited word from the Air Lines Pilots Assn. on a seven-point formula worked out by mediators and already agreed on by the company.

Beyond asking clarification on some points of the proposed settlement, the pilots' union gave no indication of coming to an immediate decision.

Europe Adjusts Currency To Revive Financial Health

LONDON (UPI) — Britain announced external convertibility for the pound sterling Saturday in a move timed to coincide with a new valuation of the French franc.

West Germany, the Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands announced parallel moves for their own currencies at the same time.

All were scheduled to go into effect when markets open again Monday morning.

All these moves together formed part of a conversion program designed to restore financial health to Western Europe.

"External convertibility" still did not mean that anyone holding pounds sterling will be able to change them into any other currency.

It still fell short of "total convertibility" of sterling.

But it did mean that any foreigners holding sterling as result of commercial transactions will be able henceforth to exchange it in London for dollars or the currency of their own countries.

It was a major step toward complete convertibility and restoration of sterling as second only to the dollar as the currency for international trade.

Cuba Warns Of New Drive

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Cubans were warned Saturday to keep clear of rebel positions as the government proclaimed an all-out drive to wipe out the insurgents.

Army planes are reported to already have bombed the outskirts of Placetas on the main highway east of Santa Clara, where the rebels are lightening a ring around the capital of Las Villas Province.

The two-year rebellion faces its bloodiest turn as government forces struck at heavily populated concentrated districts which until now have been kept out of the range of gunfire.

Chamber Proposes Survey For Hospital

An informal meeting to determine the Klamath Basin's hospital needs and what can be done about them will be held Monday with representatives from a survey group.

The exploratory meeting, explained Chamber of Commerce Manager R. Frank Tucker, will be to discuss "the possibility of making an appraisal study of hospital needs."

Matters to be included in the discussion will be the community's present hospital needs, its possible future needs, how many beds a new hospital should have, where it would be located, how it would be financed, and other matters.

Visiting Klamath Falls for the discussion will be Dr. Mark Blumberg, head of the Medical Economics Division of Stanford Research Institute in Palo Alto and William Royce, director of the institute's Portland area office.

Tucker said the institute representatives would come at their own expense to discuss a hospital need survey — whether they or another group could conduct a survey, how much it would cost, what it should be expected to include and what it could be expected to determine.

Meeting with the representatives will be members of the Klamath County Court, Klamath Falls Mayor Lawrence Slater, representatives of the Community Council, the Klamath County Medical Association, and other civic leaders.

A community hospital program is one of the chamber of commerce's three major projects for 1959. Tucker explained that the Monday meeting, scheduled for the Winema Hotel at 6:30, is to get the program started.



HOSPITAL NEEDS were given a thorough review at the Friday meeting of the Rotary Club at the Willard Hotel. Here, left to right, Charles A. Bailey, program chairman; Mike Balsiger, vice president, and Bill Decker, speaker of the day, look at a hospital survey made for a Washington city. Decker cited the need for a new hospital in Klamath County and called attention to the special Monday meeting at the Winema at 6:30 p.m. to get details on the cost and extent of a possible hospital survey by Stanford Research Institute.



SHOOTING HOURS:
OREGON
December 29
OPEN 7:05 CLOSE 4:43
CALIFORNIA
December 29
OPEN 7:04 CLOSE 4:49