

# U. S. Ends Fiscal Year With Big Budget Deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam today winds up his 1959 fiscal year with the biggest peacetime budget deficit on record. The exact amount of red ink won't be known for several weeks.

President Eisenhower forecast a deficit of \$12,900,000,000 in his January budget message to Congress. Budget Director Maurice H. Stans told a Senate committee last week the figure may be several hundred million dollars lower.

A smaller deficit would mean that tax revenues have exceeded the 68 billion dollars predicted in January. There is little chance that spending will be shaved much, if any, below the budget message figure of \$30,900,000,000.

In any event, the deficit will be more than twice as big as any previously recorded in peacetime. The old peacetime high was \$4,425,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, when government spending was increased to offset the depression. The all-time high deficit was about 57 1/2 billion in fiscal 1943, in the early days of World War II.

For President Eisenhower, fiscal 1959 brings the fourth deficit in six years.

The 1959 fiscal year, which begins at midnight, will almost surely produce a brighter picture. There might even be a sizable surplus if the new economic boom follows the course now foreseen by government economists.

Eisenhower asked Congress to authorize fiscal 1960 spending of \$77,000,000,000. He predicted revenues of \$77,100,000,000 and a precarious budget surplus of 70 million dollars, contingent on higher gasoline tax and postal rates which Congress isn't likely to put into effect.

The administration now exceeds that spending will be above the January forecast. However, revenues are expected to be higher too.

Congress still is working on the 1960 appropriations but has shown a reluctance to vote spending plans much higher than Eisenhower's blue-print. The legislators however, are balking at administration requests for a higher federal gasoline tax to finance road-building and for higher postal rates.

The whopping deficit in fiscal 1959 compares with a \$2,900,000,000 deficit a year ago. Last year's recession cut into fiscal 1959 revenues. More important, anti-recession spending programs, a bigger defense budget and larger farm subsidy outlays boosted spending by about nine billion dollars over fiscal 1958.

# "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY'D LIKE A LITTLE EXERCISE WHILE I'M TAKIN MY BATH."

# Speakers, Like Umpires, Never Commit Mistakes

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speakers of the House of Representatives, like umpires in a baseball game, never make mistakes.

They go strictly by "The Book" and "The Book" is never wrong. Any errors it might contain have become virtues through petition.

"The Book" quotes many famous personages to support the theory that speakers of the House should stick by their predecessors' decisions, right or wrong.

On the flyleaf of "Cannon's Procedure," one of a series of publications that constitute "The Book" is this exchange from "The Merchant of Venice":

"Bassanio: And I beseech you wrest once the law to your authority: to do a great right, do a little wrong."

"Portia: It must not be. 'Twill be recorded for a precedent, and many an error by the same example will rush into the state."

Or, as Speaker Champ Clark stated it on January 8, 1916: "It is better to have some kind of a rule, than no rule at all."

Vice President Thomas Jefferson put it this way on April 7, 1800: "It is more material that there should be a rule to go by than what that rule is."

Speaker Frederick H. Gillett summed it up in these words on April 3, 1922: "It is extremely important that precedents should be followed."

"Cannon's Procedure," together with "House Rules and Manual" and some 10 thick volumes of "Precedents," make up "The Book" by which the House operates.

They date back to March 4, 1789, when the first Congress met and Speaker Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania started establishing precedents.

The tens of thousands of pages contain the answer to just about every situation that may confront a speaker.

The job of finding the precedent belongs to Lewis Deschler, parliamentarian of the House. Deschler or an assistant sits alongside the presiding officer at all times. They can scent a knotty problem in the making and never fail to have a formal ruling ready, with ample precedent to back it up.

It's a rarity for anyone to question a formal ruling by the speaker.

In the past few decades, "The Book" records that only one speaker made a mistake, and several years later the House decided it was not a mistake after all.

Nicholas Longworth of Ohio was the speaker involved. He made a ruling which the House didn't like and he was overruled on an appeal.

Several years later, the same problem arose and Longworth reluctantly ruled in accord with the earlier House decision.

Then the House decided its earlier decision was a wrong and Longworth had been right all along. It overruled his second decision and upheld his original position.

# Church Smiles At Old Rules

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (AP) — Women's clothing was a matter of concern to Methodist church leaders 175 years ago.

Among the rules adopted at the organizational meeting of the Methodist Church in America in 1784 was this one:

"Give no tickets to any till they have left off superfluous ornaments. Allow no exempt case, not even a married woman. Give no tickets to any that wear enormous bonnets, ruffles or rings."

This was mentioned in a report Monday by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts of Nashville, Tenn., at the annual meeting of the Southern Jurisdiction Methodist Historical Society.

Another item that brought smiles was one of 12 rules adopted in 1784 for young preachers.

"Converse sparingly and cautiously with women, particularly young women," the preachers were told.

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# Professor Given Present Of Brains Of Three Whales

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a whale of a present—the full sense of the word—but it made Dr. Arthur V. Jensen a mighty happy man.

His windfall consisted of three whale brains.

Dr. Jensen is assistant dean and associated professor of anatomy at the New York Medical College. For a long time one of his dearest wishes had been to get hold of a whale brain.

That isn't easy. Lots of whales are still being caught but nobody bothers with the brains. Their commercial value is nil. Worse still, it's a terrible job to get them out.

A year ago Jensen gave a lecture to the Lions Club at Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., about his research on brains of various animals. He mentioned casually that almost none had been done on the whale brain. He said he wished he had a chance.

The Lions Club concluded that if Jensen wanted to study a whale brain, somebody ought to get him one.

Members scouted around and were told that the whaling industry wasn't likely to fiddle around with such a project.

Undismayed, the Lions wrote to fellow clubmen in Tonsberg, Norway, headquarters of several Norwegian whaling fleets. Back came word from Carsten Bruun, owner of the whaling vessel Pelagos: "Yes, sir, we'll get your professor a whale brain."

And the Pelagos crew did too. The complete skulls of one female and two male whales arrived here Thursday in huge wooden barrels, courtesy of the Norwegian government and Norwegian America shipping line.

# Actor Tried Early Suicide

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Six weeks before actor George Reeves committed suicide, his fiancée wrestled the death pistol away from him and fired two shots into his bedroom floor, the police have been told.

The police said Monday the report came from a woman friend of Miss Leonore Lemmon, New York cafe society figure who has said she was engaged to marry Reeves, television's Superman. Miss Lemmon is now in New York.

According to the account, Miss Lemmon said she joked about Reeves' trying to commit suicide, they struggled over the gun and she fired twice to show "what it sounds like."

Just before the fatal shot early June 16, Miss Lemmon told others in the actor's house. "He's going to shoot himself."

# Medics Mull Siam Surgery

NYSSA, Ore. (AP) — One-day-old Siamese twins were dispatched to Portland, Ore., this morning, where doctors hope to learn whether they can be surgically separated.

The pretty, apparently healthy twin girls—joined at the abdomen—were born to an Idaho farm couple Monday in Malheur Memorial Hospital.

Charles Smith, hospital manager, quoted the doctor who delivered the twins as saying they were "joined extensively."

"They seem well-formed in all other respects," Smith said. "They're nice-looking kids."

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Stubblefield of rural Parma, Idaho. The father is 25 and the mother 24. They have three other children, the oldest a boy aged 4. Mrs. Stubblefield has had a history of multiple births on her side of the family.

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# Fair Attendance Shows Decline

PORTLAND (AP) — Attendance at the Oregon Centennial Exposition was down to 7,764 Monday.

That is less than half of the previous Monday's attendance of 15,701.

Centennial officials said one of the reasons for the lower attendance was the light crowds attending the Country Music Show. It has drawn only a fraction of the crowds which filled the arena for the Ice Capades, the previous show.

# EARTH'S SPEED

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FORT SCOTT, Kan. (AP) — The nation's youngest Republican state legislator, Tom Van Sickle, 22, of Fort Scott, is the new executive secretary of the National Federation of Young Republicans.

Van Sickle, elected state representative from Kansas' 18th District last November, was named to the post by Ned Cushing of Downs, Kan., Monday.

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