

Unhappy Fiscal New Year Begins For Many Agencies

WASHINGTON (AP)—It was an unhappy fiscal new year today for more than a score of government agencies.

They started off the new government year of 1960 not knowing where their next million—or billion—dollars was coming from. But they had assurance that they would get it sooner or later, and they had definite plans on how to spend it.

They are the agencies whose budgets for the new year had not been acted on finally by Congress when the old government year faded out last midnight. Among them are some of the biggest spenders in government, like the Defense Department and the International Cooperation Administration.

Rather than leave them technically penniless, Congress rushed to their rescue Tuesday with its traditional "stopgap" appropriation bill.

This provides money for the month of July only, normally at the rate of about one-twelfth of what would be available if the 1960 budget bills were not snagged on Capitol Hill. In the case of the Defense Department, for example, this is a little over three billion dollars and will finance normal activities for one month.

These temporary measures are nothing new. Congress has been enacting them for years when it reached the sudden realization late in June that a lot of bills financing the year starting July 1 were still kicking around.

Tuesday's measure was passed with the customary cautions against excessive spending and with a mild rebuke to the Senate voted by the House.

Statistics compiled by the House Appropriations Committee show that the House had cut about \$1,173,000,000 from new funds requested by the President for the new year, but that the Senate had added approximately 682 millions to the House figures.

Huge Education Assistance To Be Paid By Government

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ST. LOUIS (AP)—Local and state governments must overhaul their tax laws to produce more money for public schools. Even so, says a group of experts, the federal government will have to pay a big part of the bill for quality education.

A committee on tax education and school finance, which has been studying the problem for the National Education Assn., said poor education is a national problem, no matter where it is found.

The committee will report its findings to the NEA convention here.

The convention Tuesday almost unanimously supported a proposal that the various state groups send a flood of telegrams to their congressmen asking support of the Murray-Metcalf bill.

That bill would provide federal grants to the state of \$25 for every child between the ages 5 to 17.

The money could be spent for school construction or teachers salaries or both.

Several delegates from Virginia opposed any federal aid program. Delegate Harold Bell said it seems incongruous to him to "send a dollar to Washington to get 60 cents back." However, the Virginia Teachers Assn., a Negro organization, voted for the proposal.

Some Southern delegates are reported to be afraid that there might be an attempt to write into the Murray-Metcalf bill a stipulation that funds would be withheld from states which had not integrated the races in their public schools.

The special tax committee said local communities are the most inefficient tax collectors.

It said there should be: A fair and equitable assessment of property. Removal of unrealistic state limitations on the amount of tax money which a community can raise. A study of such exemptions from property tax as those given to veterans.

Dr. John K. Norton, professor emeritus of Teachers College, Columbia University, said poor education cannot be considered strictly a local problem.

"A book publishing company in New York, for instance," he said, "can't sell many of its books in Mississippi because Mississippi can't afford to buy them. The best way to stimulate the economy in the South would be to insure the people of the South a better education."

Lads Whipped In Courtroom

TAVARES, Fla. (AP)—Nine teenage boys had smarting bottoms today as mementoes of a trespassing foray and their subsequent visit to the court of County Judge W. Troy Hall Jr.

Hall, an ex-Marine and father of two girls, gave the boys, 17 and 18 years old, their choice Tuesday of going to jail for 90 days or taking a whipping in the courtroom.

They chose the whipping. The room was cleared of spectators except for court officials and Emmett Peter, a newspaperman.

Eight fathers and one mother stood with the boys when Hall asked if the parents would whip the boys themselves or let them go to jail.

"I for one would rather punish my boy right here," one parent said. The others nodded agreement.

A deputy sheriff provided a leather belt four inches wide. The boys were led to a desk singly and received 20 to 25 blows each. Hall rapped his gavel when he thought each had had enough.

"They were not token spankings," Peter said.

When it came the mother's turn, the judge asked if she would prefer to have a man do it. She insisted on swinging the belt herself.

Studio Bans Judo Match

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—TV star Wayne Preston's studio has forbidden him to fight a judo match with lawyer Arthur Crowley.

Warner Brothers notified Preston and his agent such a bout would violate several clauses in his contract.

Crowley, 34, 5 feet 9, said earlier, that he and Preston, 28, 6 foot 4 star of "Colt 45," had agreed to settle an argument by fighting Japanese style at 6:30 p.m. today. Crowley said they wagered \$1,000 on the outcome. The argument arose Sunday night at a party at Lance Reventlow's home.

Preston's only public statement so far: "I don't know anything about it."

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