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Truman Submits Record 'Peacetime' Budget of $85 Billion to Congress

THE BUDGET—"A heavy burden . . . the price of peace". With these words President Truman attempted to describe his proposed budget of $85,444,000,000 for the fiscal year which begins July 1. This amount does not include a five to six billion dollar atomic energy expansion program which the President said would be sent to congress in the near future.

This proposed budget is an increase of almost $15,000,000,000 over the current fiscal year which ends June 30. And it is not far from the record World War II spending of $100 billion in the 1945 fiscal year.

As outlined by the President, more than three-fourths of the total would go for national security programs, including $51,100,000,000 for the armed forces, $10,800,000,000 for foreign aid, $1,700,000,000 for atomic weapons, $811,000,000 for defense production and economic stabilization, and $339,000,000 for civil defense.

The military expansion program, as outlined by the President, would include increasing the armed forces from 3,600,000 to 3,700,000 men, the Air Forces from 90 wings to 143, increase the Army's 19 divisions to 21, add another 16 major combatant vessels to the Navy's 392, build up to 16 large carrier air groups, and increase the Marine Corps from two to three divisions.

All of this, of course, is the proposed plan, depending upon approval of congress. At this point that approval is unlikely, because it would mean another increase in taxation.

Adoption of this budget would mean a deficit of $14,446,000,000 for the next fiscal year unless congress approved the $5,000,000,000 tax increase already requested by the President. But this is an election year and congress will be even more economically minded than in the past.

Congressional debate over this proposed budget during the next few weeks is likely to be bitter. And it will end with congress slashing it as much as possible. At the present moment there is no indication of how much they will cut it. The defense items may be cut some, but the greatest slashes will be foreign aid and less necessary domestic items.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED— Aging but still dynamic Winston Churchill accomplished his mission to the United States. That mission can be best summed up in his own words as he concluded his speech before a joint session of congress.

He said: "Bismarck once said that the supreme fact of the 19th century was that Britain and the United States spoke the same language. Let us make sure that the supreme fact of the 20th century is that they tread the same path."

It was the third time in a decade that Churchill had addressed a joint session of congress. His speech was well received and it was evident he had accomplished much in bringing about greater cooperation between his country and the United States. Announcements of policy agreements, the transfer of vital materials from one nation to the other, and accord on military matters in Europe after a series of meetings with President Truman and other high officials, also indicated the successfulness of his [illegible]

[illegible] in the Suez canal zone [illegible] and Egypt for control of that [illegible] of this country. She was identi- [illegible] of New York. She had served in Egypt [illegible]

[illegible] Anthony was slain by Egyptian terrorists. [illegible] said she was killed by British bullets. She was [illegible] between British soldiers and terrorists.

[illegible] week dragged by and still no important progress [illegible] Korea peace talks. The United Nations command [illegible] an important phase of its armistice prisoner-ex- [illegible] the Communists would say how many civilians they [illegible] return to South Korea. In effect, the U.N. dropped its demand for [illegible] one-for-one exchange of Red prisoners.

There was no progress on the airfield question that has been holding up negotiations. The Reds insist on rehabilitation of airfields during an armistice. The U.N. command has opposed it.

Meanwhile, at home, Senator Taft called the Korean War unnecessary and useless and said it could have been prevented if the United States had stayed in Korea and rearmed the South Koreans after World War II.

He also said he would make a truce in Korea if he were President because "even a stalemate truce is better than a stalemate war."

Gov. Earl Warren of California, a "native son" candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, may be the key to the coming national convention. Should he throw his influence to either Taft or Eisenhower it could be decisive for that candidate. If the two top men should become deadlocked, he could be the compromise candidate. He is shown here talking to Guy Gabrielson, GOP National Committee chairman. Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco stands behind them.

U.S. BABY BOOM

Population Increases 2.5 Millions Yearly

According to a statistical bulletin issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the United States may soon break all world's records in population growth. Americans are being born at the rate of 26,000,000 and more each 10 years. It is estimated that by 1962 there will be 181,500,000 of us.

Births in the United States set an all-time record of more than 3,900,000 last year. After subtracting the deaths, the gain amounts to 2,650,000. This reflects, the report said, the increase in marriages after the start of the Korean War.

There is a general trend to break away from the one-or-two-child family that prevailed before World War II, the report adds. Also, there is a general trend in the United States toward earlier marriages.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round
BY...DREW PEARSON

McGrath Deal

ONLY cabinet member who has outsmarted the President in his accustomed technique for axing an unwanted member of the official family is Attorney General Howard McGrath. Howard was out of the ring, hanging on the ropes, and given the count of nine. But by some of the cleverest footwork ever displayed in Washington, he managed to scramble back into the cabinet.

Here is the inside story of how he did it.

By now, official Washington has become quite familiar with the way Harry Truman eases out a cabineteer he doesn't want. Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug, for instance, was axed by a planted story that he was resigning, following which the President said "no comment" at his next press conference, and Krug knew the jig was up.

Similar procedure was followed with Defense Secretary Louis Johnson.

Therefore, when word came out of the White House that the Lamar Caudle hearing had embarrassed the President, shrewd politician McGrath beat the President to the punch, offered his resignation — if he embarrassed the administration.

But Harry Truman, who shies from clashes with people he likes personally, hemmed, hawed, said he had no intention of pulling the rug out from under his friend, did not accept the suggested resignation.

Ambassador to Spain

Nevertheless, he did have Donald Dawson look round for another job with sufficient prestige so McGrath could be eased out of the Justice department without loss of face.

And Dawson soon came up with the ambassadorship to Spain. This seemed a natural. McGrath is one of the top-ranking lay Catholics in [illegible] carefully [illegible] Cardinal Spellman, who sent a message from Tokyo.

The other was his 84-year-old law partner, Senator Francis Green of Rhode Island.

Truman in Reverse

Meanwhile, Matt Connelly, though ordinarily lukewarm toward AG and in favor of appointing Judge Tom Murphy of New York to head a corruption commission, went to McGrath's defense.

That was why the President at the next cabinet meeting suddenly reversed himself, told the surprised cabinet and the surprised McGrath that with the beginning of the new year he wanted them to know that despite the press attack on his attorney general, he was keeping them all on.

Churchill's Wit

Prime Minister Churchill was getting a progress report on the Anglo-American military discussions from his friend and military observer, Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

Referring to the dispute as to whether NATO should adopt Britain's new automatic rifle or the new American Garand rifle, Field Marshal Slim reported:

"So far we haven't made much progress. Both guns are good and it's difficult to decide which one to adopt."

Churchill listened patiently, nodding his head in agreement.

"It's my guess," Field Marshal Slim continued, "that we'll finally adopt a rifle that contains the best features of both models. It'll be a bastard rifle—half American, half British."

Churchill's eyebrows shot up. With an air of solemn gravity he said:

"My dear Marshal, aren't you being a trifle careless with your words? Have you forgotten that I, too, am half American, half British?"

Merry-Go-Round

Latest Washington gag: "The only thing the Democrats have to fear is—fur itself," . . . Orville Morrison, president of the Sunroc Company of Glen Riddle, Pa., has a remedy for Washington's influence racket. He suggests that all bidders on government contracts be required to file an affidavit that they haven't done any favors for, or spent any money to entertain federal procurement officers (who award contracts) or their relatives.

Automobiles Will Outpace War as Killer

NEW YORK — The automobile will outpace war as a mass killer of Americans early this year, when its fatality toll will exceed for the first time in history the total of the nation's military dead since 1775, unless the new year starts with a marked decline in traffic deaths and Korean casualties increase greatly in the meantime, the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies has reported.

At the end of the first year and a half of the Korean conflict on December 25, military deaths in all U.S. wars since the Revolution started had reached approximately 1,004,000, according to the Association's comparative study of war and traffic fatalities. The automobile killed its millionth victim on December 22. Its toll on Christmas Day, when the Korean war was 18 months old, was approximately 500 over that historic mark, 3,500 below the all-time total of war deaths but 56,500 higher than the tally of 944,000 motor vehicle fatalities at the start of the Korean war on June 25, 1950. In the same 18 months the Department of Defense has reported about 17,800 U.S. military deaths in Korea.

Catching Up

Barring resumption of full-scale war and far greater American casualties in Korea or a huge reduction in the motor vehicle toll during the next few weeks, the automobile will soon overcome war's head start of 125 years in which 530,000 military deaths had occurred before the motor age claimed its first victim just before the twentieth century began, the Association declared. At the 18-month mark of Korean hostilities, traffic fatalities were occurring seven times faster than those of war, claiming in one day as many American lives as the total lost in one week's fighting in Korea.

The historic death race between these two mass killers toward their respective million marks ended with war claiming the li[illegible] known soldier, [illegible] last Septem[illegible] will [illegible] deadlier of [illegible] stroyers of American lives.

"Americans must face the fact that the automobile is a bigger killer of their sons and daughters than our wars," said Thomas N. Boate, public safety director of the Association and acting manager of its accident prevention department, in commenting on the study. "The new year should witness the most determined effort ever made by the nation to reduce the tremendous loss of life in highway accidents.

"An even greater safety movement than that which sought to delay the death of 'Victim X.' the millionth traffic fatality, must be launched immediately to save lives that otherwise will be lost because of carelessness and law violations by drivers during 1952. During the Christmas holidays, just after the millionth automobile death occurred, traffic fatalities dropped about one-third compared with the previous year. While the most intensive traffic safety drive in history did not prevent the death of 'Victim X' in 1951, it probably delayed it and also has provided the foundation for a bigger, stronger campaign by all states and communities this year in a nation which is more fully conscious of the menace of traffic accidents than ever before."

Gold Star Mother Finally Gives in to Draft Board

CHICAGO—A gold star mother, worn down by repeated draft board calls, and classified as 1A, announced that she was ready to go if they still wanted her.

Mrs. Joe Willy Riley, 35, said that she had received repeated notices from the draft board and had thrown them all away until the most recent one.

The last one, mailed to Joe Willy Riley, ordered her to report for induction.

Describing herself as middle-aged, Mrs. Riley says, "My efforts to find a job have failed because I'm more than 35. Yet the government thinks I'm good draft material. I've given both my sons to the service. What more do they want?"

Born in Grenada, Miss., Mrs. Riley says she was named Joe Willie after a grandmother, Joanna, and an uncle, Willy.

"I retur[illegible]ed all the draft notices," she said, [illegible] Marking them 'no such person' or 'I'm a mother' but they keep send[illegible] me draft orders. I'm ready to g[illegible] they want me."

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