

Truman Seeks 'Hit Red' Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—President Truman bequeathed the Eisenhower administration today what he called a tight federal budget proposing to spend about \$78½ billion for "safety and well-being" at home and for combatting the Communist scourge abroad.

Republicans in Congress cried "spendthrift" and vowed to slash the figure. Some mentioned a cut of at least \$10 billion. The vast spending proposal for the 1954 fiscal year starting July 1, 1953, contemplates a big boost in foreign aid and a record peace-time outlay to finance and equip America's growing military force.

The President estimated it would spell a federal deficit of nearly \$10 billion, increasing the national debt to a total of \$274 billion.

Prosperity Assumed

The new budget is nearly \$7 billion less than the one Truman submitted a year ago. At that time he proposed spending almost \$85½ billion in the current fiscal year. But Congress changed some of his plans, and others were altered by failure of the defense program to meet production schedules. So today he estimated that spending for the present year would be about \$74½ billion instead of \$85½ billion.

The budget for next year assumes that present prosperity will hold at present levels, that some taxes now on the books will be allowed to die on schedule, and that the incoming administration will continue foreign aid and military spending at a heavy rate.

GOP protests in Congress included such terms as "fantastic." Those talking of slashes singled out foreign aid as a likely starting point for economizing.

Some Democrats Agree

Both in Senate and House, Republicans who will have a hand in handling money and tax legislation predicted it won't be long before Eisenhower comes along with a much lower budget. Many of them said it ought to be possible to balance the budget and cut taxes at the same time.

Some Democrats joined in the clamor to slash spending.

The House started right in with the reading of the 20,000-word presidential budget message as soon as it met at noon today. The 98 members on the floor chatted and read papers, for the most part, as a clerk droned through the message—skipping plenty of it on the way.

More Federal Jobs With Truman Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—President Truman's new budget calls for 140,000 more federal jobs, the Budget Bureau said today. It estimated the cost at half a billion dollars.

This would bring federal employment to 2,715,000 in the year beginning next July 1 and make the annual payroll \$10,100,000,000. Employment in the present fiscal year totals 2,575,000 at a cost of \$9,600,000,000.

The Budget Bureau said the employment increase—which, like everything else in the budget, can be altered by the new administration—would mostly involve civilian employes of the Department of Defense.

Brodies 'Holding Own'

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP)—The Brodie Siamese twins were reported "holding their own" although still critical today—days after the operation that separated them. Rodney, the stronger, is fully conscious and eating well. Roger Lee has been in a coma since the separation operation.

Ag Courses Offered

A. Leland Beam, director of short courses, will be in charge of two short agriculture courses being offered at the College during January. The first, which started the 5th and extends until today is Testing Milk, Cream, and Dairy Products. The second, which started the 7th and runs until Feb. 4, is a General Farming Short Course.

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Winter Lashes New England

By The Associated Press

Winter lashed New England with its worst snowstorm of the season Friday, sent twisters skipping across Central Florida and drenched parts of the South and West with torrential rains.

The biggest wintry storm to hit Boston in seven years dumped up to a foot of snow on New England with no sign of a letup for another 24 hours.

Power and telephone service was interrupted in some sections of Pennsylvania.

By mid-morning, the snow buried New York state's Hudson Valley, the Adirondacks and Mohawk Valley. Some 15 inches of snow had fallen north of Glen Falls, N.Y., and a foot at Albany and it was still snowing.

From 12 to 18 inches of snow was forecast for New England before the storm peters out Saturday.

Student Draft Outlook Bad

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 9 (AP)—National Draft Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said here today the nation is going to have to "toughen up" on draft deferments, particularly on college students.

The tightening up is not up to him, however, but to the President, Congress and local draft boards, he said.

"I don't issue the regulations. The President never delegated that authority," Hershey told reporters. He said Congress would act "when it has to."

The nation's draft chief was here on an official visit to the state's selective service headquarters.

"Our manpower pool is shrinking," he said. "We have used up two-thirds of it in two years. We will need changes in the next six months to a year but the changes will undoubtedly be gradual."

Gen. Hershey said he favored being tougher on all deferment classes. In the college class, he said, he would favor raising the minimum examination grade from 70 to 75, make a deferment an exception rather than the rule for a graduate student. He said he would also be tougher on undergraduate students the further they were from graduation.

Eisenhower Hits Deficit Budgeting

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower reportedly renewed his opposition to deficit spending today—at almost the same moment that President Truman was submitting a deficit budget to Congress.



Eisenhower

Rep. Couderc, New York Republican, visited Eisenhower and told newsmen the President-elect reaffirmed "he is very much in favor of balanced budgets and against deficit spending."

Couderc said he was confident the Eisenhower administration would work with Republican Senate and House majorities to wipe out waste and duplication and reduce expenditures "to enable us to balance the budget with reduced taxes."

Washington produced other developments today concerning the new Republican administration that takes over Jan. 20.

Sen. Wiley, Wisconsin Republican, told the Senate that Eisenhower has chosen Walter Bedell Smith, head of the Central Intelligence Agency and former ambassador to Moscow, as an undersecretary of state.

There had been no announcement of it from Eisenhower's headquarters here, despite previous reports to the same effect.

Senate May Remove Morse from Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who bolted the Republican party during the heat of the presidential election campaign, today appeared likely to be bumped from two choice committee assignments in the new 83rd Congress.

A tug-of-war over Morse's status as an independent developed as Senate leaders worked to fill out the all-important slates of committee assignments.

Republican informants said privately the probable upshot was that Morse would lose his present seats on the powerful labor and armed services committees and drop to minor committees where his role as the Senate's lone independent would not threaten major GOP strategy.

Sen. Case (R-S.D.) told newsmen the GOP theory is that Morse lacks seniority for committee assignments because he is starting out anew as an independent.

Case said the party takes the position that Morse lost his eight-year seniority as a Republican when he quit the party last fall.

Morse told reporters he plans to appeal to the entire Senate if he is dropped from the two key committees when the assignment slate comes before the chamber next week.

"I am going to try to show that it is the responsibility of the Senate to make committee assignments, not a party caucus," he said.

Morse's predicament arose when the Senate, by voice vote, approved a new plan boosting the size of nine committees and decreasing four others.

Aerial Attack Under Probe

SEOUL, Saturday, Jan. 10 (AP) Air Force and Army investigators Friday examined burned tents, 15 bomb craters and a dud bomb in a U.S. service unit behind the lines where several American soldiers were killed or injured in an air attack but fixed no responsibility for the raid.

One soldier who saw the attack Thursday declared it came from a U.S. F84 thunderjet, but there was no official identification.

Others at the artillery service unit behind Western Front lines near Yonchon said the raid was so swift they could not identify the plane.

An Air Force spokesman said the facts would be made public as soon as it was known definitely if a U.S. plane was involved. Reporters who visited the scene were escorted by officers. Men they talked to were instructed not to speak of the attack.

The raid destroyed, riddled or burned 10 tents and a pre-fabricated building, burned a fuel truck and destroyed a jeep.

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