

House Committee Cuts \$38 Million From USIA

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Overriding a last minute plea from President Eisenhower, the House Appropriations Committee today whacked \$37,900,000 from the 144-million-dollar budget of the U.S. Information Agency.

The committee then dealt a blow of similar proportions at the State Department's \$227,714,552 new money budget for the year starting July 1. The State Department figure was chopped to \$180,382,743, a cut of almost 21 per cent.

Senate Group To Investigate U.S. Finances

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—A large-scale investigation of the nation's financial condition, including taxes, interest charges and debt, was voted unanimously by the Senate Finance Committee today in a surprise move.

Chairman Byrd (D.-Va.) said it would be "one of the broadest investigations ever undertaken by Congress." The staid Finance Committee usually sticks with legislation and only rarely gets into the investigation picture.

The probe appeared to have political overtones. Some Democrats on the committee said it would center on "tight money" and described it as the answer to President Eisenhower's call earlier this year for a study of monetary and fiscal policies.

The President asked that this be made by an independent commission. Republicans have introduced bills in the Senate and House to set up such a body, but they have been stalled in Democratic-controlled committees.

Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee said they had confidence any probe conducted by Byrd would be "objective" and "responsible."

The Virginian said the investigation would get under way with public hearings as soon as a staff could be selected. He said it probably would run until January.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey will be the first witness to be followed by William M. Martin, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Sen. Martin (R.-Pa.), senior Republican on the committee, strongly endorsed the investigation.

'Derby Trip' To Ft. Knox Called Off

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Brucker today yielded to House criticism—although calling it "distorted"—and called off an Army-paid congressional visit to Ft. Knox, Ky., May 3-4.

In cancelling invitations sent to more than 100 members of four Senate and House committees, Brucker said the "serious purpose" of the trip had been "distorted by being associated with the same weekend as the Kentucky Derby."

Two House members yesterday accused the Army of extravagance and of trying to influence consideration of the Army's budget by arranging a demonstration of armored strength at Ft. Knox during the day and a half prior to the blue-ribbon horse race at nearby Louisville, Ky., on May 4.

Rep. Mahon (D-Tex), chairman of a House subcommittee handling military appropriations, described the proposed trip as a "seductive Army bobble" that could "possibly cost the Army 100 million dollars in reduced appropriations."

Rep. Burdick (R-ND) called it an "extravagant excursion arranged for one purpose and one only—to please congressmen."

House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was reported today to have sent word to Brucker that he thought his Derby reference was a "poor exhibition of public relations."

Hungary Invites UN to Make Tour

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 12 (AP)—The Communist government of Hungary today invited UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to visit Budapest "at any time convenient for him."

The Hungarians last fall had refused to admit Hammarskjold when he sought to go there to investigate charges of Soviet interference in Hungary's internal affairs.

There was no immediate indication whether the secretary general now would accept the invitation.

•New Zealanders consume an annual average of 216 pounds of meat per person as compared to 161 pounds per person in the United States.

Nimr, Party Discuss Jordan Premiership

AMMAN, Jordan, April 12 (AP)—Abdul Halim Nimr, extreme Arab nationalist, conferred with ranking Jordan politicians tonight to determine whether he should accept a call to form a new government.

Nimr, 40, deputy premier, defense and interior minister in Premier Suleiman Nabulsi's outgoing Cabinet, is a member of the National Socialist party, which Nabulsi leads. King Hussein fired Nabulsi Wednesday.

Not Asked Formally

Nimr has not yet been formally asked by the King to set up a government, but was approached indirectly to find out whether he could do so.

This already is the longest political crisis in Jordan's history. As it continued, an atmosphere of expectation swept through Amman and other Jordan towns.

Nimr—"tiger" in Arabic—held a long conference this afternoon with members of his National Socialist party. He was reported to be talking also with leaders of other political blocs.

Union Employs Relations Firm

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—A New York-Washington firm today took over Teamsters Union public relations at a fee of \$200,000 for the first year, and disclosed the program may be continued for additional years at the same annual retainer.

The union has been under fire since its president, Dave Beck, refused to answer questions from the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee and other top union officials were indicted on various charges.

Beck invoked the Fifth Amendment in declining to tell Senate probers several weeks ago about his admitted personal use of some \$300,000 to \$400,000 in union funds.

Use of Nuclear Arms

GOETTINGEN, Germany (AP)—Eighteen leading nuclear scientists announced today they are opposed to West Germany's arming itself with atomic weapons.

Doctor Advises 'Safer' Tobacco

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP)—A New York physician today said the waxy coating on tobacco leaf is a main source of chemicals in cigarettes reported as causing cancer.

This coating can be "dry-cleaned" off, as one of four steps toward "safer cigarettes," said Dr. Ernest L. Wynder of the Sloan Kettering Institute, New York.

He made three other recommendations: an effective filter, reducing the temperature at which cigarettes burn, and moderation in smoking habits.

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Suez Costs Set at \$11 Million

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 12 (AP)—The UN reported today its mission headed by Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler cleared the Suez Canal of sunken obstacles for less than 11 million dollars. It said the full cost was covered by loans in hand from 10 countries.

A UN spokesman meanwhile declared, in comment on a syndicated Joseph Alsop report to

the contrary, that "no concession was made by the UN to the government of Egypt" in a recent understanding on deployment of the UN Emergency Force.

Saudi Arabian Memorandum - Sheikh Abdullah Al-Khayyal, Saudi Arabian delegate, sent Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold a memorandum declaring that the Gulf of Aqaba and approaches were Arab "territorial waters implying no freedom of navigation through them."

He said Israeli efforts to use

the waterway and give it international character would encroach on Saudi Arabian sovereignty and threaten territorial security and so would be opposed. He asked that the memo be relayed to all 81 UN members.

Israeli delegate Abba Eban asked Hammarskjold to get an answer from President Nasser to Israel's question whether Egypt still claims to be at war with Israel and thus entitled to bar ships from the Suez Canal and the gulf.

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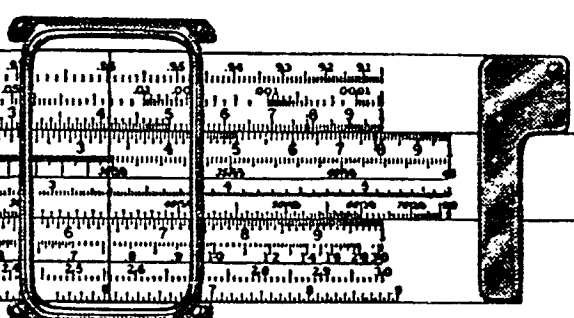
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