

Treasury, Post Office Bill Cut; Benson Sees Ag Surplus Rise

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—Congress wrapped up and sent to the White House today its first big money bill of the year, and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex) proclaimed: "We have saved \$80,363,000 for the tax-

payers in the first of the 15 annual appropriations." The \$3,884,927,000 bill, to finance the Treasury and Post Office departments and the tax court, was \$80,363,000 smaller than President Dwight D. Eisenhower had asked.

While the reduction was only two per cent, it symbolized the uphill struggle Eisenhower is in for in his effort to get all, or nearly all, of the \$71,800,000,000 he plans to spend in the year beginning July 1.

His newest appeals in support of the budget, voiced in a speech to the nation Tuesday night and in his news conference yesterday, developed little if any effective response.

Other bills nearing final action are carrying cuts averaging eight per cent under White House requests, and even deeper slashes have been predicted for some items like foreign aid which are yet to reach either the House or Senate.

The Treasury-post office bill was dispatched to the White House—"put it on roller skates," Johnson jokingly suggested to Senate clerks—after the Senate accepted a minor House amendment.

The total included \$691,467,000 for the Treasury, a cut of \$22,364,000 under White House figures; \$3,192,000,000 for the Post Office, a cut of \$58,000,000; and \$1,460,000 for the tax court, with no cut.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill) predicted that the Post Office will call for more money before the year is over. To that, Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, replied: "I will not look with sympathy on any supplemental request."

The House Appropriations Committee meanwhile approved a \$78,470,285 bill to operate the House and related agencies during the year beginning July 1.

This total represented a cut of less than three per cent from overall requests, as compared to the eight per cent average cut made in previous bills.

Franke Launches Third Atomic Sub

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—Undersecretary of the Navy William B. Franke came here today to launch what he called the first of the "assembly line" atomic submarines, the USS Skate.

In a speech prepared for the ceremony, Franke said the launching of the Skate—third of the nuclear powered undersea craft—marks the end of the era of research and prototype development.

The other two—the Nautilus and Seawolf—also were built at the yards of Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. The Skate, said Franke, "will soon be considered the conventional attack submarine."

Franke said the Skate has a "power plant proven by experience with the Nautilus and while smaller than the Nautilus, she will be capable of similar record-setting achievements."

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WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson today predicted a further pileup of costly farm surpluses if yesterday's House vote to junk the major part of the Eisenhower administration's soil

bank program is allowed to stand. "Surpluses will again pile up at the expense of our taxpayers," he said.

Benson denounced the House action, in which 38 Republicans joined 154 Democrats, as "false economy." Voting against the surprise move to cut off the 750-million-dollar acreage reserve part of the soil bank program after this year were 141 Republicans and 46 Democrats. Thus the tally to end further soil bank subsidy payments was 192-187.

Spoke to Committee
Benson addressed his words to the House Agriculture Committee, but he was aiming them at Senate ears, since the next move is up to that chamber.

"If the acreage reserve is not permitted to function for 1958 crops," he said, "there is every likelihood that surpluses will pile up still further, rather than diminish."

Sees Support Rise
Benson added that if land retired into the soil bank this year is returned to production next year, the cost of government price supports "will in all probability be greater than would have been the cost of the acreage reserve for 1958 basic crops."

Benson contended the acreage reserve plan, in which farmers are paid to refrain from planting crops of which there is already an abundance, had not been given a fair chance.

Demonstrations Quelled, Haitian Government Says

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, May 16 (AP)—Haiti's army headquarters announced tonight that all anti-government demonstrations have ended and calm prevails in the country after two days of high tension.

An Army spokesman said, however, that soldiers were still trying to reopen the main coastal road into the seaport city of St. Marc, 45 miles north of the capital.

Britain Reports Slight Fall-Out From H-Bomb

LONDON, May 16 (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan declared today the radioactive fall-out from Britain's first hydrogen bomb explosion was "almost negligible."

He spurned opposition Laborite demands that the series of tests in the Pacific be called off, and declared Britain is now in a much better bargaining position in world disarmament negotiations.

"First indications are that the operation proceeded as planned," Macmillan told a crowded House of Commons. "Scientific records are being collected for accurate evaluation. When these have been received I will then consider what further information I can give to the House. I have nothing to add, except that first indications are that the local fall-out was almost negligible."

He declined to give any further details of the type of bomb which exploded over the Pacific yesterday after being dropped from a four-engine British jet bomber.

The Labor party leader, Hugh Gaitskill, quoted reports from Japan published here saying effects there of yesterday's blast were as great and even more prolonged than those from previous United States tests at Bikini atoll.

Depot at New Cumberland

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The House Armed Services Committee today approved a \$464,000 project for expanding the New Cumberland, Pa., Army Depot for maintenance of Army planes and helicopters for the eastern part of the country.

Blizzard, Floods Rage in West

By the Associated Press

A snarling blizzard dumped up to two feet of snow across the central Rocky Mountains Thursday as northern Oklahoma braced against flood threats and one Texas community counted the dead after the season's worst tornado.

At least 24 died as a result of the weather. The Far West and the Northeast enjoyed fair weather. Thunder-

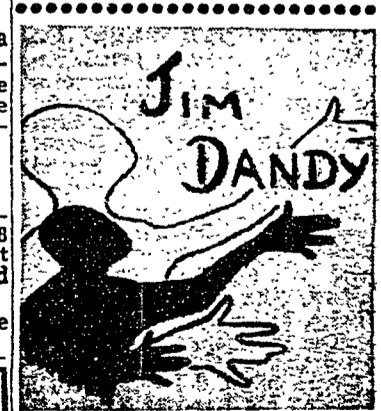
storms drenched scattered areas from the Northern Plains into the Great Lakes region.

The snowstorm, hitting hardest at Colorado and Wyoming, was termed the worst May blizzard in seven years in that area.

Meanwhile, Texas state police set the toll of known dead at 19 and counted 58 persons hospitalized in the wake of the most deadly tornado of the season's

violent weather there. The twister whipped down on the little town of Silverton, some 65 miles southeast of Amarillo, Wednesday night.

Officials at the scene estimated as many as 80 persons were hurt. Not all required hospitalization. Unofficial estimates of property damage ranged beyond three-quarter million dollars.



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House Kills State Plan For More College Aid

HARRISBURG, May 16 (AP)—The House today sounded the death knell for Gov. George M. Leader's proposed college opportunity program in the 1957 Legislature.

It ordered a long-range study of the plan by the Joint State Government Commission, the Legislature's research arm. The Senate was expected to concur quickly on the measure.

House Democrats withdrew opposition to the resolution after the GOP made it clear the Leader program would not be released from the House Education Committee.

"We have no other choice but to act in favor of this resolution," declared Rep. McCann (D-Greene).

Rep. Johnson, Republican floor leader, said the resolution is "our Republican answer to the scholarship program."

"The present thinking of the majority GOP is we would prefer to have the Joint State Government Commission study this question before we act," he added.

The hour-long discussion of the school study resolution highlighted an otherwise non-controversial House session at which 19 bills were passed unanimously and several others were approved over token opposition.

Another resolution passed by the House in a voice vote requests the Automobile Safety Foundation—an independent research agency—to make a study of the Pennsylvania highway system and the Highways department.

The measure was approved without debate. It must also be approved by the Senate.

The Senate gave unanimous approval to a bill that would raise minimum salary scales for teachers in Pennsylvania's 14 state teachers' colleges.

Armstrong Elected Scrolls President

Roberta Armstrong, junior in home economics from Pittsburgh, has been elected president of Scrolls, senior women's hat society.

Other officers are Joan Kreider, home economics major from Lancaster, vice president; Joyce Fullerton, education major from Wayne, secretary; Marilyn Roberts, home economics major from Washington, D.C., treasurer; and Mary Hurley, education major from Canton, historian.

Scrolls has awarded the Mary Jane Wyland Scholarship to Marian Ahlquist, freshman in education from New Castle. The scholarship was awarded for the first time this year. The funds came from Scrolls' annual cookie sale.

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Beck Pleads 5th; Union Man Heard

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—A grim-faced Dave Beck took the Fifth Amendment again and again today at a swiftly moving Senate inquiry marked by these other developments: 1. A Teamsters Union bookkeeper testified he had no idea that Beck was using union funds until Beck paid back \$200,000 in 1954.

Repaid \$370,000
2. The bookkeeper, Donald McDonald of Seattle, disclosed Beck has repaid \$370,000, having sent in \$100,000 within the last two weeks.

3. The Senate Rackets Committee confronted Beck with a list of some 52 ways in which it charged he has "misused his authority, position and trust." The portly Teamsters boss entered a blanket denial but refusing to answer questions on the ground he might incriminate himself.

Business, Labor Allied
4. Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.) declared the inquiry has uncovered "an alliance of big business with big labor with apparently little regard being paid to the rights of union members whose funds were involved."

Kennedy said his remarks were aimed at officials of the Anheuser-Busch brewery, St. Louis; the Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit; Associated Transport Truck Lines, New York; Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California, Los Angeles; and Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.

5. Testimony was given that two writers for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Nard Jones and Douglas Welch, were carried on the Teamsters payroll while writing a life story of Beck entitled "The Driver's Seat."

Caesar Breaks Contract With NBC for Show

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—Television comedian Sid Caesar today ended his 10-year contract with the National Broadcasting Co. His Saturday night show has received low ratings in recent months.

The contract had seven years to go but NBC regretfully let Caesar out. He will finish out the current season which ends May 25.

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