

JFK Expects Deficit Spending

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy labeled the last budget of Dwight D. Eisenhower inaccurate and told Congress yesterday to expect two more years of spending in the red.

Kennedy's special budget message to Congress—by omitting defense proposals—did not detail all the expected deficits for fiscal years 1961 and 1962. But the combined total evidently would reach \$5 billion, raising the national debt to record heights.

Residents Panic As Quake Hits Sicilian Cities

MESSINA, Sicily (AP) — Messina and Reggio Calabria, twin cities in disaster, were rocked yesterday by the worst earthquake since the one that destroyed them both in 1908.

Walls cracked, cornices came crashing down, thousands fled in panic into the streets, but after the earth stopped heaving not a single casualty was reported.

This city of 192,000 population, a humming port and industrial center, was the hardest hit by the series of nine jolting quakes that began before noon and lasted more than 90 minutes.

Officials at Reggio Calabria, a port of 60,000 on the Italian mainland seven miles away across Messina Strait, reported less serious damage. But the panic there was the same.

Many jumped into automobiles and tried to honk their way through streets jammed with other cars and terrified pedestrians.

Capsule Hurlled 115 Miles High

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —The old reliable Redstone rocket hoisted a mock man-in-space capsule 115 miles high yesterday, demonstrating that apparently it is ready to boost aloft a human astronaut.

The success could help clear the way for an American to ride a Redstone on a brief suborbital flight within six weeks. However, officials cautioned against over-optimism on this timetable, emphasizing the manned flight depends on several more tests.

Walter Williams, Project Mercury operations director, said the space capsule must undergo more helicopter drop and flotation tests.

Kennedy Releases \$1 Billion Benefits For Unemployed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy uncorked \$1 billion in "hard-working dollars" for the jobless yesterday and the government reported unemployment spreading into new areas.

The President signed a bill authorizing up to 13 more weeks of unemployment pay to those who run out of benefits.

"These dollars will be hard-working dollars," he said. "They will be spent almost immediately—for food, for shelter, for bare necessities. These dollars will flow into our stores, into our factories, onto our farms."

Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg immediately began signing agreements with state officials who will act as paymasters.

First checks under the emergency program are expected to go out in about two weeks to 700,000 jobless workers immediately eligible. Payments under the different state systems vary widely, but the checks will average \$30 to \$35 a week.

Within the next year, Kennedy said, the program will provide benefit payments to an additional 2.5 million workers who are expected to exhaust their rights because of prolonged unemployment.

Apalachin Man Appears

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — James V. La Duca, 48, of Lewiston, Apalachin figure and one-time labor union officer, appeared unexpectedly yesterday and surrendered to answer a federal indictment charging payoffs in labor negotiations.

SEATO to Strengthen As Communists Advance

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization military chiefs, faced with an explosive crisis in Laos, vowed yesterday to strengthen the alliance's fighting power to halt communism aggression in Southeast Asia.

President Kennedy awaited Soviet reaction to his appeal that the Communist-backed offensive in Laos be halted to clear the way for international negotiations.

Premier Khrushchev reached

Moscow after an 18 day tour of agricultural areas but there was no official comment on Kennedy's plea. A British Foreign Office spokesman said the Soviet Union had promised "serious and urgent" consideration of Britain's proposal for an immediate cease-fire to be followed by negotiations.

SEATO military leaders made an open show of solidarity, apparently intended to squelch reports there had been bickering among the eight member nations. Close cooperation is necessary, their communique said, to "safeguard the freedom of the peoples of the non-Communist states" in Southeast Asia.

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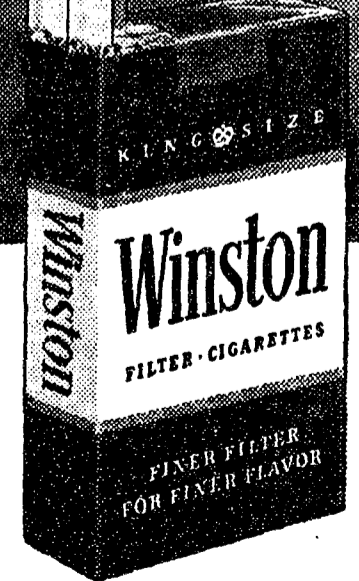
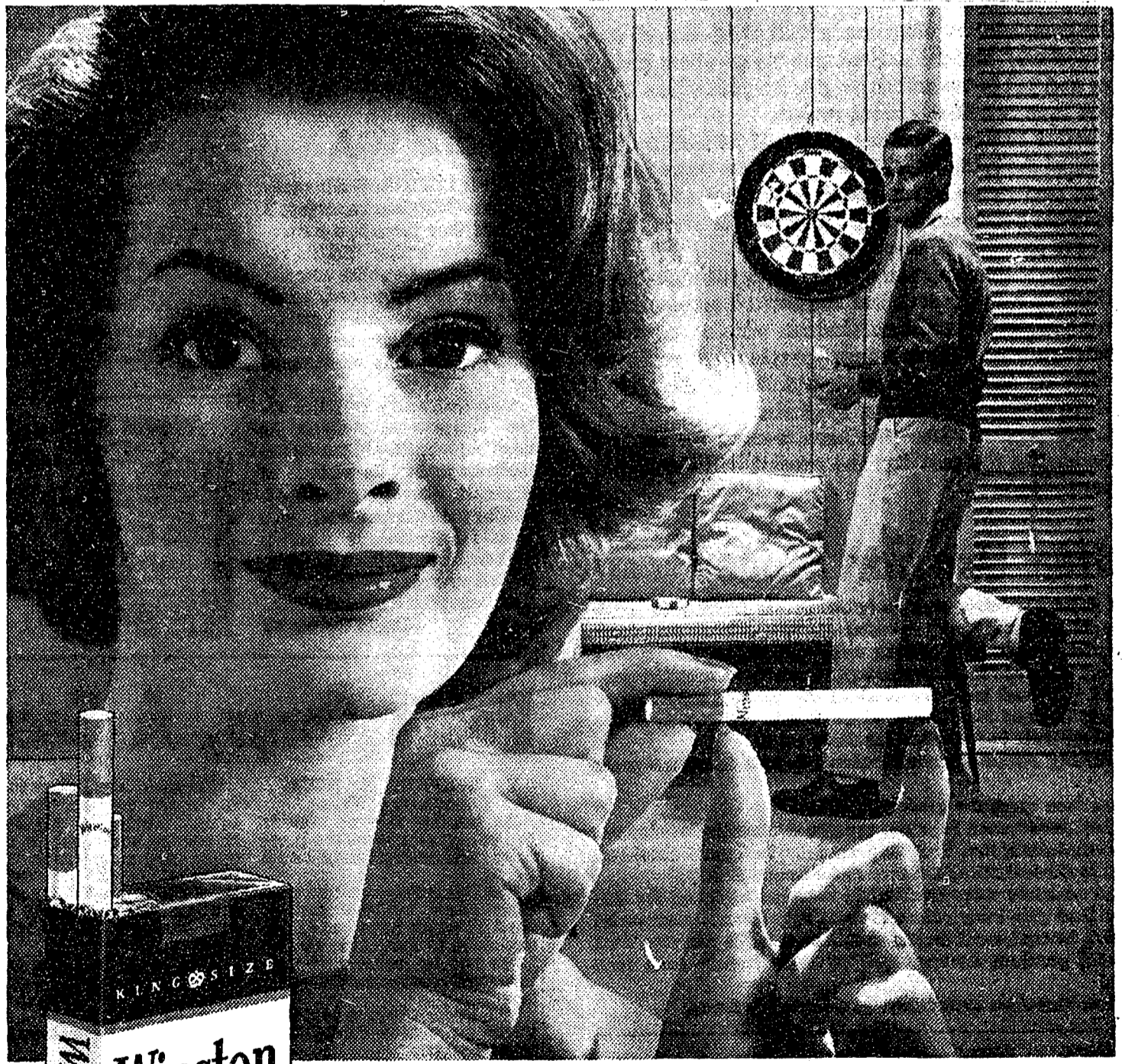
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