

BUDGET

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**President Nixon's "new improved" budget for fiscal 1970 - was made public today. It calls for four billion in spending cuts - that is cuts from the budget originally put forward by President Johnson. More than half of the projected savings - to come from Welfare and Defense programs, including one provision that chops from ten percent to seven percent - an expected increase in Social Security benefits.**

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**Ultimate goal - according to Budget Director Robert Mayo: to produce a five point eight billion budget surplus -- largest since 1951. This to serve as "a major factor" - in the government's war on inflation - said Mayo. Adding: "We mean business."**

*Across the Atlantic - Britain's new budget was made public today. As presented to the House of Commons - another bitter pill for hard-pressed Britons; including among its provisions - an additional eight hundred million dollar tax bite. Chancellor of the Exchequer Roy Jenkins asserting the country must spend less and save less - if it is ever to bring its economy back into shape.*

*In the same vein - Jenkins also announced that the Labor Government will soon introduce - a tough, new anti-strike bill. This an effort to put an end to the wildcat walk-outs - that continue to plague the British economy. In effect - an open challenge to the British trade unions. And they up to now have been the Labor Government's chief support.*

## SEA OF JAPAN

*Somewhere in the Sea of Japan off the coast of North Korea - one of our aircraft is missing - still. A day long search for that downed Navy reconnaissance plane - with thirty-one aboard failing to disclose a single trace of its whereabouts.*

*What happened exactly - and why - still a mystery. Through it all though - the North Koreans have been claiming they blasted the plane from the skies. Asserting the craft was attacked - "after infiltrating deep into Communist air space."*

*Meanwhile, military sources in Washington confirming that the Navy plane was apparently shot down by Mig jets. Insisting, however, that the plane stayed at least fifty miles from the North Korean shore - at all times. The White House adding that President Nixon is carefully studying details of the incident - while the search goes on.*

VIET NAM

War news from Vietnam tells today of an enemy setback - one of the worst of the current spring offensive. The result of a disastrous human wave assault - on U.S. "patrol base Diamond Three" just across the border from Cambodia.

The idea - obviously - to achieve a surprise victory. But the guerrillas failed to reckon with U.S. listening devices. These picking up an estimated six hundred Viet Cong - crawling toward American positions under cover of darkness. Then - the lights were turned on. American air and artillery support - coupled with small arms fire - stopping the attackers cold.

A later check of the battlefield - disclosing at least two hundred and thirty-eight enemy dead. American losses - thirteen.

## MINOT

*Here at home - on the flood front - the snow-gorged Mouse River roared like a lion today. Forcing the evacuation of nearly a third of Minot, North Dakota's total population of thirty-five thousand.*

*At nearby St. Paul, Minnesota - the swollen Mississippi was also nearing another record crest; with the city's residents bracing themselves - for an expected three days battle with "Old Man River." While downstream in Wisconsin - thousands more were joining the rush to safety; raising the number of homeless to about twenty thousand in the upper Midwest.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*The White House again - it was Ladies Day today at President Nixon's regular weekly Cabinet meeting. The First Lady - Pat Nixon - and other Cabinet wives - sitting in as their husbands discussed affairs of State. For the most part - we hear - the ladies following policy perhaps best expressed by Mrs. William Rogers, who said she had planned to - "keep silent and listen hard." Although they can all make up for it tonight - when it comes to swapping "shop talk" with their husbands.*

*By the way - reporters and photographers were permitted to record the scene for posterity. Entering the Cabinet room - during a discussion of pollution. However, President Nixon assuring the newsmen: "It's only coincidental."*

ARVADA

*From Arvada, Colorado - comes the story today of a pint-sized hero. Four year old Sean Schadler - out driving with his mother - Mrs. Jeanine Schadler - when they hit a sudden spring snowstorm.*

*Mrs. Schadler's car skidding off the side of the road - she and her son taking refuge overnight in a nearby cabin. Mrs. Schadler walking back to her car the next morning - slipped and hit her head on a rock. That's where little Sean - "did his thing."*

*The youngster quickly donning his cowboy boots - racing to his mother's side. When he was unable to revive her - walking four miles through the heavy snow. Finally reaching another cabin - where he informed the occupants: "My mother's sick in the snow."*

*Rescue completed - Mrs. Schadler safe in a hospital - young Sean finally admitting his feet hurt - and no wonder. Big enough to be a hero - Warren - he was*

*still too little to tell which boot went on which foot.*

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*He had put 'em on backwards.*



## WASHINGTON

*Ray Bliss's first speech as Republican National Chairman was at a national conference of Republican women, four years ago. Today in Washington - his last speech in that post - again before a national conference of Republican women, where he scoffed at the charge - that reportedly led to his ouster; the charge that he failed to measure up - to the expected "public image" of a political leader.*

*Ray Bliss saying: "I don't have the voice of Enrico Caruso - or the charisma of Clark Gable." But together - he told the Republican women - together "we have won some mighty important elections." And now that it's over - no need to feel "sorry for me" - said he. Adding: "I feel like I'm getting a ten-ton load off my back."*

*That should be pleasant -- getting a ten ton load off your back. Said Ray Bliss - "Oh my aching back!"*