

L.T. P. G. Tri. Jan. 8-53.

~~XX~~

~~XX~~

~~XX~~ Truman s
President/ calling for
more than seventy-eight billions to cover Uncle Sam's
expenditures for the next year. This the Republicans
describe as "fantastic", and they promise to ^{cut} reduce
it, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ten billion.

That watchdog of the Treasury, Congressman
John Taber, of New York is now the new chairman of
the house Appropriations committee and he says the very
size of the budget is an invitation to cut it.

Senator Taft stated today that so far
~~XX~~ he hasn't had time to study the Truman budget.
But he repeats what he has said before, that federal
spending ~~XXX~~ should be held to seventy ~~XX~~ billion
for the fiscal year. Which would involve an eight
billion ~~XXXXX~~ cut in the new budget.

The most typical Republican reaction
was speaker Joe Martin's remark that this is what he
calls "a phantom budget." That is, it reflects

the judgment of the Truman administration, but is not binding on the administration that will be deciding our financial policy for the next four years. As he put it, it's a budget "based on policies and programs which no longer prevail."

U N REDS

President Truman moves to crack down on American communists in the U N. Recently congressional investigators charged that our people had appointed Reds to the U N., and several resignations followed quickly.

Now the President orders another screening of all Americans hired by the U N. By the F B I, and the divil service. All evidence of Red infiltration to be passed on to the Secretary General of the U N. We to depend on him to fire them. Of course all accused will have a chance to defend themselves - and appeal to the loyalty review board. That board then to send its findings to the Secretary of State. He in turn to pass along word to the U.N. Secretary General.

How will they judge? According to the President's order the criterion will be what he calls reasonable doubt of loyalty. This to covers espionage, treason, advocacy of overthrowing our government by force. But it also takes account of fellow travellers, guilty of sympathetic association with a subversive organization.

Anyone in that category to be barred from our U N staff.

Only loyal Americans in the U N from now - we hope.

BRADLEY

General Omar Bradley doesn't know of any satisfactory plan for ending the Korean war. So states the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in secret testimony ~~xxx~~ before the House Armed Services Committee. This we hear from the chairman of the Committee, Congressman Dewey Short, of Missouri.

General Bradley of course, accompanied General Eisenhower to Korea. Eisenhower at that time said he had "no panaseas" for ending the fighting. And General Omar Bradley feels the same way; says flatly he doesn't know how to end the Korean stalemate; hasn't met anyone who does know.

According to Congressman Short General Bradley did not state whether the military has any plans for using the atomic bomb. The Committee chairman himself is not opposed to using the bomb. "Speaking for myself" he says, "the question seems to be whether the damage be inflicted would be worth the cost." Which seems to leave the decision up to our military leaders."

But he adds that General Bradley did make one important point about atomic weapons. The point - the armament of Western Europe has fallen behind because of what Bradley calls "the dangerous hope" that atomic power alone can win any war. He ~~describes~~ describes that hope as fallacious. And he believes our ~~xxxx~~ European friends should realize they still must depend on traditional arms for their security.

RUSSELL

Here's a philosopher who thinks the atom bomb is over-rated! I wonder what the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki would say to that? Bertrand Russell, patriarch and authority on mathematics, logic and matrimony, is always ready with advice on all subjects - especially politics and international diplomacy. Now he warns us not to count on the atom bomb to stop the Russians.

In the words of this English sage, "there is far too much fuss about the atom bomb. As a matter of fact." And he adds: "destruction of life through the atom bomb would probably be no greater than the destruction of life by older methods."

Bertrand Russell explains that this way: "Indeed, in the old days, when they had the oldest imaginable weapons of war, mortality was greater than it is now. It was mortality through plague, not through weapons. But whole armies just melted away over and over again."

So how would this eminent patriarch and philosopher deal with the international situation? He wants to do it by conference! What another conference! Ah but he wants it attended by people from all over the world "fairly distinguished people" is the way he puts it. The conference to discuss the problem, and then issue a manifesto -- against war. Philosopher Russell adds that his "fairly distinguished people" would not include anyone connected with any political party. Which seems to exclude the Russians automatically since all "fairly distinguished people" in the Soviet Union belong to the Communist Party.

Bertrand Russell is convinced that the West can live in peace with the Soviet Union. The only thing necessary being, according to him, "a little more reasonableness" on both sides. Alas, here's the catch. He doesn't tell us how to make fanatical Communists reasonable. After all, isn't that the real crux of the matter? For the behavior of Russia follows from the belief that Marxism is the absolute truth,

and that one day all nations will be Communist.

A 12' motor launch... or ship goes
down... official states that
the ship, overloaded with a cargo of wine, apparently
went under the pounding of the heavy waves. The
captain has been picked up by a rescue boat but nearly
all of the passengers are missing.

A late bulletin tells of a passenger ship going down ten miles off the coast of Korea. Some two hundred passengers lost. A Korean official states that the ship, overloaded with a cargo of rice, apparently sank under the pounding of the heavy waves. The Captain has been picked up by a rescue boat but nearly all of the passengers are missing.

SUB FOR CRASH

One search for a lost plane in Idaho is over. An Army pilot who baled out of his fighter has been located; "alive but injured". Lieutenant William Janes, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was in a formation of planes flying between Utah and Montana. The other's received a report that a heavy storm lay ahead. They turned back. Lieutenant Janes failed to hear the report and kept on going.

Suddenly he lost control, and the plane went into a tail spin. The pilot jumped and came down on a hillside near the Idaho-Montana border.

His face was cut and bruised in getting out of the cockpit. He spent a cold night, alone on the hillside, but rescuers were on the way. An ambulance picked him up, and carried him to safety.

Still no news of that transport down somewhere in the eastern corner of Idaho.

STORM

A violent storm, churning up from the Gulf of Mexico, has caused widespread damage at Sarasota, Florida. Gales, estimated up to a hundred miles an hour, roared through the city. Five pleasure boats capsized and sank. Plate glass windows shattered. Awnings and signs ripped away. Also a number of tourist trailers overturned.

The wind at its most violent passed through Sarasota in about ten minutes followed by a tropical downpour.

Telephone lines are down. And uprooted trees are blocking the highways.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Damage is estimated at around a hundred thousand dollars.

So far no casualties have been reported.

SUB FOR LAST PARAGRAPH OF STORM

The highest winds passed through Sarasota in about ten minutes; causing damage estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. At least seven persons injured and a hundred or more families homeless, with the Red Cross rushing aid.

NOR'EASTER FOLLOW STORM

Meanwhile, an even worse storm is going on at the opposite end of our eastern seaboard. New England getting a nor'easter -- the worst in five years. Already two feet of snow have fallen in parts of New England - others having driving sleet - an ice storm, plus ice - causing many accidents. Almost all schools in Massachusetts are closed; cars and buses unable to move.

At Logan, Airport, in Boston all planes were grounded when the instrument landing system failed. Most trains are late. One broke down, fifty passengers stranded.

At sea fishing boats are in distress; calling for aid. A Norwegian tanker, in trouble, got a tow. Twelve deaths so far - due to this storm, which we are told will last until tomorrow, with another foot of snow in the meantime.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Some comments on a parliament for the free nations of Western Europe - if they ~~we~~ unite and form one: diplomats of Western Europe agree that their parliament should be composed of two houses, a lower house like our House of Representatives; members elected directly by the people, each nation to be represented according to population.

The idea propounded is that there be a minimum number of ~~XXXX~~ seats for each nation - to prevent very small countries from being overwhelmed.

What about colonies? Should colonial populations be included in deciding the ratio of representatives? If so a ~~we~~ great colonial power like France would have a big edge over say Germany. For the Germans no longer have any colonies.

After our revolutionary war we had the problem of building a nation from thirteen separate states. And we solved the problem by giving each state the same number of Senators, while deciding the composition of the lower House on the basis of

population. In this way, we guaranteed equality for the smaller states in the upper ~~xx~~ chamber, but giving the more populace states a greater voice in the Senate.

And now Western ~~XXXXXXXX~~ European statesmen are discussing all this -- just as our Founding Fathers did one hundred and seventy-five odd years ago.

SUB EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Winston Churchill has arrived in the British West Indies. The Prime Minister arriving by air - in President Truman's plane, the Independence. The flight covering more than a thousand miles from Washington to Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. Churchill was greeted by his wife and daughter who had flown several days ahead. They are all at the home of Sir Harold Mitchell. Two weeks to relax in the West Indies sun, and then back to London.

KARACHI

More rioting in Karachi. The trouble in the Pakistan capital seems to be taking a more sinister turn. It all began with students, demonstrating, and calling ~~xx~~ for a reduction of college fees. Last night we heard about a pitched battle between students and police, with the army restoring order.

But tonight's dispatch from Karachi says the mobs are on the streets, and now are reported to be Communist led. Reds egging on the rioters.

Mass battles are reported, crowds raging through the streets of the fast growing booming city of Karachi. Shops looted and burned. A power station set ablaze. Windows of public buildings smashed. Traffic brought to a standstill.

A United Press dispatch says some fifteen persons have been killed in the rioting; a hundred more injured.

One radio message reports that the authorities are unable to control the situation. Police said to be standing guard only at the most

dangerous trouble spots, apparently waiting for the mobs to exhaust themselves. With Red agitators urging the rioters to loot ~~th~~ and burn. So far the government has not put the Pakistan metropolis under ~~the~~ martial law. But it will unless the trouble blows over.

TEXAS BORDER

A Texan claims that Texas is really smaller than we think. J. B. Walling is a representative in the Texas State Legislature, who for two years has been checking the Texas-New Mexico ~~ex~~ border. And he announces that the boundary, as shown on the map is sixteen miles out of place. That is, the map incorrectly gives Texas a strip of land that really belongs to New Mexico. The error made by an old-time surveyor, back in Eighteen Fifty-Eight. Says Walling: "The survey proved that the old-time surveyor had never ~~gone~~ gone into the field at all but just put marks on the ~~ex~~ map in his office."

This wise Texas State Legislator, Mr. Walling, is not going to take it on himself to establish the true boundary. Uh Uh! For as he puts it - that would finish my chances of ever holding public office in Texas again. Which is the least that might happen -- Texans being as they are.

But he does ~~not~~ get a reward for his efforts. He ~~is~~ has just bought up a thousand ~~more~~ acres

of unclaimed land. Described as rolling prairie.

As a result of his boundary study he picked this up for five bucks an acre. All within sight of an oil field too. Wells of liquid gold just a few miles away.

So he reckons there's oil ~~xxxx~~ under his land too.

Right now he's getting ready to drill for it. Down

Nelson,
there, in the state that turns out to be not as big

as they thought it was.