

President Eisenhower told Congress, today - to slash one billion, three hundred million dollars from appropriations the White House has requested. About half of that would come out of that record breaking budget of seventy-one billion, eight hundred million. In addition, the President told Congress that an Army item, for five hundred and sixteen million - could be postponed for a year. Which would bring the total savings up to one billion, eight hundred and fifty-eight million. All of which would lay the foundation for a tax cut. Especially considering - that the U.S. Treasury expects a surplus of one billion, eight hundred million for next year.

The President stated all this in reply to a Congressional resolution passed in March, requesting Mr. Eisenhower - to suggest reductions in the budget. Today's reaction in Congress - immediate. Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas - predicting a tax cut, effective January First of next year.

CANADA

The Canadian government makes an official statement in the case of E. Herbert Norman, the Canadian Ambassador to Cairo, who committed suicide earlier this month. The statement shows that, in Canada, Norman was listed for ten years - as a Communist. But was cleared of the charge - in Nineteen Fifty.

This comes from Canadian Minister of External Affairs, Lester Pearson, replying - to criticism in the Montreal Gazette. ^{in that Montreal paper} Articles/- accusing the Canadian government of blundering in the Norman affair.

Lester Pearson states that, while a student, Norman had associated with Communists. His ideological beliefs, in Pearson's words - "close to some brand of Communism." ^{that} But/he abandoned - his Leftist views.

In Nineteen Forty, the Secret Service of the Canadian Mounted Police reported Norman - to be a Communist. With no change of that - until Nineteen Fifty. When a report by the Royal Canadian Police cleared the diplomat. Saying - that the derogatory information was "either a case of

mistaken identity. Or - unfounded rumor."

We now learn that the Senate Internal Security Committee in Washington got its information from the Nineteen Forty Canadian Security report - listing Norman as a Communist. On which was based - the charge of Communism against the Canadian Ambassador to Cairo. The suicide following ^{with} ~~and~~ Canada protested ^{ing} angrily to the United States.

From today's declaration at Ottawa, we get the impression - that the Committee in Washington had the Canadian Security report of Nineteen Forty, listing Norman as a Communist. But not the Nineteen Fifty report - clearing him.

SOLDIER

The verdict of the court-martial over in France -
guilty. Convicting Private Vito Sala of Brooklyn - of desertion.
Sentence - five years in prison.

This is the strange case of ^{the} ~~a~~ American soldier who
^{went AWOL from} ~~deserted~~ the U.S. Army in Germany, in World War Two. Said to be
suffering from "anxieties", psychiatric symptoms. His defense -
that he suffered amnesia, forgetting who he was. Whereupon he
joined the French Foreign Legion - and won honors for heroism
against the Reds in Indochina, at Dien Bien Phu.

Today's court-martial verdict is based on a point of
military law. If, at any time, he was aware that he was absent
without leave - he was guilty of desertion. The defendant,
Sala, testifying that he did become aware of his true identity, a
long time before he finally surrendered to U.S. Army authorities.
Failing to do so earlier, because he was - too confused.

JORDAN

King Hussein of Jordan, today - named a Chief-of-Staff for the Arab Legion. Which crack unit - is about the only effective military force the little kingdom has. Major General Ali Hayyari - taking the place of Major General Ali Numwar. The latter ^{now} a fugitive in Syria. ^P All of which is accompanied by word - of an attempt, last weekend, to overthrow King Hussein. A Leftist plan - to take over the control of Jordan. The Chief-of-Staff of the Arab Legion - involved in this. Getting away - when the scheme failed. So now the Arab Legion has a new commander - loyal to the King.

ISRAEL

The U.N. Truce Organization is calling - for a
cease-fire on the border of Israel and Syria. Where there was
a gun-fight between Israeli and Syrian troops, today. The
two parties exchanging shots - without casualties, apparently.
Each side - blaming the other.

Earlier, there was a similar scrap on the border of
Israel and Jordan.

RUSSIAN - ATOMIC

Soviet Russia - staging another atomic explosion, on Tuesday. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission calls it - "one of the largest" in the current series. The fifth - since April Third.

Yesterday, Japan reported - radioactive rain. Which came, apparently, from the scene of Red atomic tests, somewhere in Central Asia.

Today, we hear of a Japanese proposal - made to a U.N. Sub-Committee in London. Calling - for a registration of all plans for atomic testing. Projected explosions - put on record, ~~in advance~~ five months in advance. *I wonder what difference it would make - to know in advance?*

FRANCE

The French transportation walkout - climaxed in a blaze of violence, today. A thousand Communist-led subway strikers - battling the police. The trouble included - a sit-down strike, on the sidewalk. Which continued - with a wild fracas . The rioters - hurling a barrage of paving stones. The police - using clubs, tear gas, and streams of water from fire hoses.

The end of the strike - set for midnight. Concluding-
a two-day demonstration ^(emphasizing) ~~during~~ workers' demands for higher wages.

ETNA

On the island of Sicily, a series of explosions all day long. The news dispatch saying - it's like blasts of artillery fire. Thundering out - one per minute. In other words, Mt. Etna - on the rampage again.

That far famed volcano - bursting, today, in a new eruption. Belching - fire, smoke, ashes and molten lava. Balls of incandescent rock - hurled six to seven hundred feet in the air. Fiery rivers of lava - moving down the mountainside. Villagers at the foot of Etna, preparing to leave their homes, if the lava keeps coming.

Mt. Etna, a terror since the days of classical antiquity, is reputed to have taken a million lives - in ~~some~~ five hundred recorded eruptions. In Sixteen Sixty-Nine ~~alone~~ one hundred thousand people were killed. Half the city of Catania destroyed.

In recent years, a system of warning and evacuation has eliminated most of the danger to the people. But an eruption of Etna, like the one today, can create enormous

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damage. ^{with} rivers of incandescent lava stream ^{ing} down - through
villages and orange and lemon groves.

BOMBER

A Brooklyn judge, today, gave a verdict - in the case of George Metesky, the "Mad Bomber." Declaring him - insane. And ordering him - to the Matteawan State Hospital.

Brooklyn Judge Leibowitz based his ruling on a report from psychiatrists. Saying the "Mad Bomber" was demented, and was dying from tuberculosis.

But Metesky faced a charge in Manhattan, as well as in Brooklyn - after having planted fifty ~~bombs~~ bombs all over the metropolis. Manhattan Judge Mullen - ruling that he was mentally capable of standing trial. The Manhattan Judge basing his verdict on the same medical report as the Brooklyn Judge - but coming to a contrary conclusion.

So now, after the Brooklyn verdict of insane - it remains to be seen whether or not the "Mad Bomber" will be put on trial in Manhattan.

EX-CONVICT

At Suffield, Connecticut, "Machine-gun Kos" fired his last two shots, today. One - killing an FBI agent. The other - killing himself. Ending - one of the biggest manhunts in the history of New England.

Francis Kolakowski - nicknamed for a boyhood habit of constructing home-made machine-guns. Wanted by the police - for a payroll robbery and the murder of his wife. "Machine-gun Kos" - taking refuge in the home of a sister of his. Who notified the police.

They called on the fugitive to surrender, and two law officers entered the house. One, FBI Agent Richard Horn - the victim of a bullet fired by the murderer. Tear gas bombs - thrown into the house. But, "Machine-gun Kos" turned his pistol on himself. The end of another ^{manhunt} ~~manhunt~~ staged by the FBI.

BOY

There's a hunt on, all the way from the Middle West, to Texas - for the fourteen year old son of the Italian Consul at Chicago. A diplomat - with a title, Count Barattieri. The lad - Vittorio, having vanished on Tuesday. ^PThe latest clue - a taxi driver's report that he took ^{14 year old} Vittorio to a Chicago railroad station - where the agent refused to sell him a ticket to Miami, because of his age. Then the taxi man drove him to an airport - ~~but there is no record~~ and left him there. But there's no record that the lad bought an airplane ticket. The supposition being now - that he might be hitch-hiking his way. ~~It~~ Possibly - to Texas.

Count Barattieri says that Vittorio was having trouble with studies in school, - and was fascinated by Western stories. The cowboys - in Texas.

BOYS

At Goshen, Indiana, four high school boys - have, ^{to} been banned from going along on a class trip to Washington. The reason? The way they raised forty-three dollars and fifty cents - to spend on the trip. Did they rob a bank or something? Not at all - and I don't see why they're being penalized. From what the news dispatch says, they were just four enterprising young business men - with a novel idea.

Larry Miller's father had an old automobile, which he turned over to Larry - after taking the motor out. Whereupon Larry, together with Schoolmates Rex Rhinehart, Donald ~~Eckelbarger~~ Eckelbarger and Donald Goss, hauled the aged chassis to the driveway of a gasoline station. Where they offered passersby - a chance to hit the old auto with a sledge hammer. Two whacks - for twenty-five cents.

Just ~~how~~ ^{how} they figured anybody would pay money for this - I don't know. But, maybe, the people relieved a sense of deep frustration - by slamming a car with a sledge hammer. Anyway, at the rate of a quarter for two smacks - the boys

raised thirty-three dollars and fifty cents. After which - they sold the wreckage to a junk man for ten dollars.

Well, you might think they'd get a medal for that, and I don't know why high school Principal Thomas Starr objects. But, anyway, the four lads will have to go before the School Board, and give a good excuse. Or - they won't make the trip to Washington.

BASEBALL

The beginning of the baseball season, this year, has been scrambled a bit. One single game, on Monday - with President Eisenhower pitching out the first ball. A regular assortment of games - on Tuesday. ~~And, only one game played, ~~at the stadium~~~~ yesterday. So now - today. Which, in some ways - provides the most notable beginning of all. ^P The Milwaukee Braves - playing their first game at home. ~~The start of activities at the Milwaukee Ball Park.~~ Milwaukee being - the hottest, wildest, most uproarious baseball town in the country. In the art of music, there are three famous "B's" - Bach, ~~Be~~ethoven and Brahms. In Milwaukee - beer, baseball and the Braves.

12 Today, His Honor, Mayor Frank Zeidler, spoke up - giving his prediction. Every baseball season begins - with experts picking the ~~winner~~ winners. Burgomeister Zeidler - making an official Milwaukee prophecy. For the first division in the National League, he names - the Braves, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, St. Louis. "Hoch" - and also "Prosit."

So how did Milwaukee do today? *They did okay.*
~~They will have the figures later~~

FOLLOW BASEBALL

~~Remarkably well~~ → beating Cincinnati by a score of one to nothing. Burdette - hurling the neatest kind of shut-out.

But what about Milwaukee's hated rivals - the champion Dodgers? They beat the Pittsburgh Pirates - six to one. Ancient Sal Maglie - invincible. ^{Henry} The venerable barber would have had a shut-out, except for an error.

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ANNOUNCER: - And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.:- Henry, your request for me to recall something, reminds me that I owe a bow - in the direction of Texas. I made a careless mistake in telling - what cowboys do with cactus to feed the cattle. V. B. Edens, of Plano, Texas, sends me a postal card saying: "Please be advised that the cowboys do not feed the sharp, needle-like spines of cactus to the cattle. They burn the spines off the cactus, and then the cattle eat them, minus the needles." For a fellow who once owned a ranch in the sage brush and cactus of Southwestern Colorado, that was an unpardonable slip.

And so long until tomorrow.