

**BUDGET***L.T.-P.G. Fri. May 8 - '53.*

The administration has abandoned the hope of balancing the budget this next fiscal year.

It so stated today by Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey. There will be a deficit - and Congress may be asked to increase the limit of the national debt.

Secretary Humphrey testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is considering the six billion dollar bill for foreign aid. He said: "I do not believe the budget should be balanced this year. The risk to our national security would simply be too great."

Between sixty-five and seventy percent of government expenditures he explained are for national defense. About half of the remainder is for fixed items, established by law - like interest on the public debt. "That" he argued "leaves only fifteen to seventeen percent of the total budget, which is really subject to reduction, unless you involve security."

~~(The budget presented by ex-President Truman called for a deficit of nearly ten billion dollars.~~

~~The Eisenhower administration has trimmed out about  
four billion. Six billion to go, and they can't cut  
that much more.~~

(Secretary Humphrey says he's disappointed  
that the budget cannot be balanced.) Which, of course  
makes it more unlikely than ever - that there can be  
a tax reduction this year.)

## NEW YORK WATERFRONT

A Senate sub-committee recommends federal prosecution of individuals and business firms involved in the scandals of the New York waterfront. Testimony has indicated collusion between union officials. Racketeers and companies doing business on the docks. They should be prosecuted - says the committee.

The hearings in Washington have been stormy, and that goes for the one today. Chairman Senator Tobey of New Hampshire said the A F of L has done nothing to run the racketeers out of the longshoremen's union. George Meany, President of the A F of L replied that Federation has no power over the <sup>water front</sup> union and its President, Joseph Ryan. The A F of L has threatened to expel the union, unless it reforms and throws out the underworld. But Meany said - the union can go right on doing business, even if it is expelled from the A F of L.

The question at issue is the "shape-up". A system, whereby longshoremen, at the docks, are hired each day ~~by~~ by a union hiring boss. Which, it is claimed, makes them liable to the - kickback. Unless a longshoreman hands over

part of his wages, the hiring boss doesn't pick him for the day's work.

Along the New York waterfront, the union members are having an election today, on the question of the - "shape-up". (But this is denounced as a fraud. They<sup>a</sup>re voting on what is called -- a "loaded question". The one question: "are you satisfied with the present system?" <sup>with</sup> ~~there's~~ no alternative suggested. ~~They don't know what the substitute might be. It's~~ <sup>a</sup> choice between the present system - and the unknown. So they<sup>a</sup>re likely to vote for what they have now - instead of complete uncertainty.

~~That's the way the matter is put by reformers who~~  
<sup>Termed a</sup>  
~~denounce the~~ "loaded question.")



## ATOMIC

Today, an atomic bomb burst over a pine forest, three steel bridges, and a number of buildings. Which certainly doesn't sound like Frenchman's flat - on the Nevada Desert. Not a tree there, except maybe the tall cactus, the Joshua tree. Nothing resembling a river - so why the bridges?

Well, the Atomic authorities wanted to find out what an atomic explosion would do to a typical bit of countryside. So they imported pine trees, and set them up - a patch of woods. And built - three steel bridges on the desert.

The bomb was one of the <sup>most</sup> ~~most~~ powerful ever touched off in this country. The flash, at about noon-time, was brilliant at Las Vegas, fifty-five miles away. The mushroom cloud soared thirty thousand feet.

(~~The scientists are studying what happened to the  
xxx forest and bridges in the desert.~~)

## PRISONER

Immigration officials at New York say that Harry Girth will be deported - the escaped German prisoner-of-war who has lived at Atlantic City for seven years <sup>as</sup> a flourishing businessman.

Girth was one of ~~xx~~ five Germans who still remained at large in this country, after escaping from prisoner of war camps. He got away from Fort Dix, New Jersey, and took the name of Harry Kolmar. Became a house painter, then an interior decorator, <sup>h</sup> building up a ~~xxxxxx~~ prosperous business at Atlantic City.

He became engaged to a local girl. <sup>But</sup> His prospective mother-in-law saw his picture in a magazine article about escaped prisoners-of-war and recognized him. The family of his bride-to-be advised him to ~~xxxxxx~~ surrender, and he did.

He comes from Breslau, <sup>(now)</sup> ~~xxx~~ part of Communist Poland - to which country he'd be deported. He says he'll ~~xxxx~~ make a fight in the courts to stay over

here - and not be sent behind the Iron Curtain.

## SUB KOREAN TRUCE

News from Pan Mun Jom tonight, morning in Korea, tells of the truce negotiators going into another session - with allied representatives presenting their reply to the Red compromise.

The reporters were gathered for what might well turn out to be - the critical session. But the U N gm truce team kept a silence, which the news dispatch tonight calls "tight-lipped". No indication as to whether or not they are accepting the Communist plan. Or maybe rejecting it. Or - taking a middle course. However, the belief is that they <sup>are asking</sup> ~~are demanding~~ for clarification of some of the points.

Earlier, we had word of "cautious optimism" at allied armistice headquarters. Indications that the Communist compromise might merely need a settlement of details - followed, it was hoped, by <sup>(the)</sup> ~~the~~ signing of a truce.

One thing, however, is clear. Our negotiators will accept no compromise under which the Reds might be able to force prisoners of war to go home, against their wishes.



## KOREA-AIR

There was air battle in Korea today - the MIGS making their first appearance in eight days. Two separate dogfights, in which American Sabre Jets hit and damaged three enemy planes.

Suppositions were that the MIGS were staying away - following General Mark Clark's offer of a hundred thousand dollars for the first one turned over to us. The Red Command might be afraid of its own pilots, flying in and surrendering.

But, anyway, the MIGS came down out of the Manchurian sanctuary again today, after a long absence.

## KOREA-BRITISH PILOT

A British pilot gives an explanation of a seeming paradox - the Soviet MIG shows a better flying performance than our American Sabre-jet, but many more MIGs are shot down than Sabre-jets.

Wing Commander J.H.R. Merifield declares: "The MIG is faster, has better acceleration, climbs faster, and has a higher ceiling. In spite of this, he adds, "we are still knocking them down at a ratio of better than eleven to one in our favor."

Wing Commander Merifield is back in London, after a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force in Korea. He has made a report to the London Air Ministry, and in this he gives an explanation.

He says the American jet pilots are better trained, and have better discipline in air battle. They work together more skillfully - and in combat formations. The Red pilots, on the other hand, are not so good in the tactics of the sky fight. Their squadrons - poorly controlled. The pilots don't support each other so well.

So that seems to be the trouble, the Reds ~~are~~  
having - good plane, / bad pilot.

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event, and today American flying was over the area  
and in the night the American command will have to decide  
whether to push or pull.

## INDO CHINA

In Indo-China, the Red invaders of the Kingdom of Laos - have halted their withdrawal. Today, French reconnaissance planes found them at a stand-still fifty miles north of Lubang Prabang. Several days ago, they were at the gates of the city.

The French think the Reds may be regrouping - for another thrust. A push, perhaps to join with the column that made a march toward the border of Siam. They might do that - so as to weather the monsoon in the rich valley of the Mekong River, border between Laos and Siam.

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## COMMUNIST

Here's a novelty - among people who refuse to answer the sixty-four dollar question. Day after day, we have lists of those who refuse to tell a congressional committee whether or not they<sup>a</sup>re Communists. Now - ~~a~~ An American secret agent, a spy, who served ~~as~~ behind the German lines in the second World War.

Philip Martineau, a junior librarian at Williams College, tells how he was parachuted into Germany in civilian clothes - as an intelligent<sup>a</sup> agent of the O.S.S., that cloak and dagger outfit. He says he was in Germany for three months, keeping in radio communication with the French underground.

But, today, at Boston, Martineau refused to answer - is he now, or was he ~~is~~ then, a Communist.

## RECORD

A new altitude, set in England - the highest ever for an airplane. A Canberra jet bomber climbed all the way up to sixty-three-thousand,-six-hundred-and-sixty-nine feet, more than twelve miles. So announced by the royal Aero Club, today.

The record for any kind of human flight was made by a balloon in Nineteen Thirty-Five - more than seventy-two thousand feet. For propeller driven planes, fifty-six thousand feet. The jet beat that by nearly a-mile-and-a-half.

Wing Commander Walter Gibb took off at Bristol in Eastern England - and, when he got away up there, he had quite a view.

"I climbed steadily on a northwesterly course," he relates, "until I got up to fifty ~~xxx~~ thousand feet - off the coast of Ireland. Then I turned southeast, and started climbing again to reach sixty-three-thousand,-six-hundred-and-sixty-eight feet. The last few hundred feet," he says "took an awful long time - and, at the top, I could see the whole of southwest England and all the

Irish coast."

The next thing you know, some fellow will fly so high, he'll be able to see Europe and America at the same time.

## BRITAIN

The Conservative government of Britain has taken a beating in local elections. The labor opposition has won a series of successes in contest<sup>s</sup> for seats on Municipal councils. Which is taken as a setback for Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Those local elections were held throughout the week - with no direct effect on the government in London. But they<sup>a</sup>re considered - a telltale sign of how the political wind is blowing.

~~(In the London area, the Socialists made a gain of one hundred and twenty new council seats. In the provinces, an increase of two hundred and thirty four.~~

~~Most of their gains were made at the expense of the Conservatives. Some - at the cost of the Communists. The Reds made a poorer showing nearly everywhere, and took a bad beating.)~~



## FORD

A dispatch from Detroit gives a clue to what has long been - a mystery of the industrial world. Back in Nineteen forty-one, the Ford Motor Company suddenly changed its labor policy - reversed it completely. A sensation - at the time.

Before that, the great Ford plants had been - non-union. Henry Ford would have no dealings with any labor organization. ~~(That was a fixed Ford policy. But, overnight, he turned completely around, and signed a full scale contract with the union.)~~

~~Here's how unexpected it was.~~ In Nineteen Forty-One, the C I O was driving to unionize the Ford plants. A strike was threatened - to compel the magnate of motordom to sign a union contract. Henry Ford, with his iron will, decided - no, he'd shut down his plants rather than yield. That seemed to be that. ~~(But, when he came back to his office the next morning he told his production chiefs he had decided to sign with the C I O.)~~

So what had happened in the interval? Why that abrupt reversal - overnight? ) The answer is given by the Ford Company - as part of its Fiftieth Anniversary

celebration.

Old archives are made public, and they give a deeply human account - explaining - why Henry Ford changed his mind.

Ford always said the greatest event of his life was - his marriage. Letters, now made public, illustrate that ~~it~~ vividly. The austere mechanical genius as a writer of sentimental notes - with poetry, when he was courting Callie, and for several years after their marriage, he'd send romantic verses. ~~Here are some examples of them~~

~~"Brightest eyes, fairest face, whose name is dear,  
like mine, shall never know my love is near."~~

{ (It's hard to think of Henry Ford composing that lyric, and it isn't sure that he did - though he did send it to Callie.) Custodians of the Ford archives explain that, while he did write verses, he'd often use a quotation from poetry he had read. He'd leave it to Callie to guess whether the poetic expressions were his own, or somebody else's. Playful, mischievous - which you'd hardly expect of Henry Ford. )

During all his great career, he consulted his wife on important problems of industry. She decided many. "He would come home with a troubled mind", says today's dispatch. "Callie would take him into their garden, or for a walk on their twelve hundred acre estate, and Henry would show up at the office with the answer he wanted."

So that's the story of how Ford changed his mind in the labor crisis of Nineteen Forty-One. He explained it later to his production chief, Charles E. Sorensen. The order to sign with the C I O puzzled Sorensen no end. So Ford told him:

"Callie didn't want to see a lof rioting and bloodshed because of the strike."

So that's the solution of the mystery. The influence of a woman - her name, Callie.

Which reminds me, next Sunday is the one that has come to be known as Mother's Day.

Nelson, as Hen. F. Ford wrote:-

Bright eyes, fair face, white had of my dear,

Like Eden it seems when my loved one is near.