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The federal budget for the next fiscal year - a record breaker. President Eisenhower presenting figures that give a total - of seventy-one billion, eight hundred million dollars. That much to be spent by the federal government in twelve months - most of the money for national defense. The Air Force, for example, getting a big hike - though not as much as the Air Force thinks it needs.

The new budget arouses - prompt argument in Congress. Democrats criticizing the administration - for an increase of spending all along the line. Republicans retorting - that, while the figures ~~break~~ break all records, it's a balanced budget, in the black. With a surplus forecast - of one billion, seven hundred million. Continuing the Eisenhower record - of three balanced budgets in a row.

There's talk - that Congress may make reductions, with cuts here and there. With Republican Congressman Taber of New York thinking - that figures might be trimmed. ~~So that~~ the surplus - might come to three or four billions.

EISENHOWER - NATURAL GAS

President Eisenhower advised Congress, today - to re-enact the controversial Natural Gas Bill. Which - he vetoed last year. The President, <sup>then</sup> saying he approved of the purpose of the Natural Gas Bill. But - was vetoing it because of the "arrogance" of some lobbyists.

His recommendation, <sup>today</sup> however, was not received with any too much enthusiasm of the legislators who backed the measure last year. Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas telling newsmen - that the White House backing will have to be stronger, if the legislation is to be revived. Today's budget message merely saying that the President still approved of the "objectives" of the bill.

CONGRESS - RACKETEERING

A Senate investigation into racketeering in Labor unions, began today - and, promptly, ran into a challenge. Chiefs of the Teamsters Union - questioning the validity of the inquiry.

Which is being held by the Permanent Investigating Sub-Committee of the Senate. But that Sub-Committee, argue the ~~Lab~~ Union leaders, is a branch of the Senate Government Operations Committee. Which deals with government affairs - and has nothing to do with private activities, like those of Labor unions.

*— next Monday —*  
This inauguration - there won't be any wild scramble for hats. No last minute rush - on the hat stores.

Last inauguration, President Eisenhower broke tradition by wearing a black Homburg - instead of the customary silk topper. Hundreds of dignitaries - caught by surprise. Expecting to wear toppers - but they couldn't high-hat the ~~President~~ President. Hence the rush to the hat stores - which hadn't enough black Homburgs to go around. Some last minute customers - having to go all the way to Baltimore - to procure the necessary headgear.

Today, well in advance of the inauguration, the White House announced - the President, once again, will wear a black Homburg as he rides in the procession along Pennsylvania Avenue. So the dignitaries have plenty of time - and, anyway, they could guess the President would wear the same kind of hat he wore four years ago. And, moreover, many of them have the black Homburg left over from the last time.

So - there'll be no inaugural hat problem.

## SUBMARINE

A submarine - to be refueled. The Nautilus - to get a new supply of power. ~~Inter~~ Interesting - because the Nautilus is an atomic submarine, our first.

Well, a little atomic fuel will provide a huge lot of power. Which the Nautilus has proved - abundantly. Launched - a couple of years ago. Navigating - for a total of fifty-five thousand miles. Much of it - under water. Refueling not needed - until now.

We are not informed how much uranium went into the original fuel supply of the atomic submarine. But guesses have been - not more than a few pounds. ~~But~~, Even so, a certain

amount of power still remains in the "uranium core". <sup>They're putting in</sup> ~~beginning~~

a new "core" before the old one becomes completely exhausted.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has given his full endorsement - to the "Eisenhower doctrine." Admiral Radford saying - the presidential plan would, in his words - "practically eliminate the chances of war" in the Middle East.

This advice was given at a secret session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee last week. Now - made public.

At the hearing, the Admiral was questioned about the military strength of the United States, as compared with Soviet Russia. And gave his opinion in the following words: "We still have a definite superiority over the Soviet Union." And added - the superiority <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ probably a little greater than it was a year ago.

## HUNGARY

China's Red Premier arrived in Budapest, today.

Bringing an endorsement of the government of Poland - for the Red puppet regime in Hungary. Before leaving Warsaw, Chou En-lai praised the new semi-independence in Poland, but warned the Poles - to keep in close connection with Soviet Russia.

The Chinese Premier got a big welcome from the puppet officials in Budapest - but the attitude of the Hungarian people is another matter. The capital city, today - decorated with posters on building walls. Announcing - a new revolt in ten days. Hungarian freedom fighters telling the people - "stand by for January Twenty-Sixth."

Even before the posters appeared, rumors went spreading through Budapest - that a new rebellion would begin in February.

*Such are*  
~~some of~~ the reports - reaching Vienna.

## HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

In Congress, today, Representative Omar Burleson of Texas - called for an immediate halt of the admission of Hungarian refugees into this country. Saying - the administration has "usurped" authority, in bringing in the refugees.

Which follows a statement by Senator <sup>Olin Johnston</sup> ~~Stewart Johnston~~ of South Carolina, who told newsmen - he believes a "substantial number" of Communists have slipped into the country as refugee Hungarians.

However, the administration is going ahead with plans to ask Congress for authority to admit more Hungarians. More - than the twenty-one thousand, five hundred already authorized.

## BALTIC STATES

A newspaper, in West Berlin, prints a portentous account of the state of affairs in the Baltic States. Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia - which the Soviets incorporated within ~~their~~ their own boundaries. We've been hearing of anti-Russian discontent in those countries. But this is the most extreme - thus far.

Nearly half the people of those Baltic states - in open revolt. The country sections, outside the cities, in control of rebel bands - joined by swarms of deserters from the Russian Red army. Russian troops - not venturing out of the cities, in less than battalion strength.

"Small units of Russians are wiped out, or desert to the Baltic ~~in~~ guerrillas," says the Berlin newspaper.

Which adds an account given by a refugee, recently arrived from the Russian city of Minsk. Saying - that, some weeks ago, bands of Baltic rebels "invaded" Russia proper/  
Advancing as far as the outskirts of the important city of Minsk.

## PALESTINE

The U.N. Secretary General declares - that Israel must withdraw from all Egyptian territories it occupied. Including - the Gaza Strip. Dag Hammarskjold calling that - "preliminary and essential" for a settlement.

Today, he told the U.N. that the Israelis have notified him - their forces would be out of the Sinai Desert by Tuesday next. But - said nothing about evacuating the Gaza Strip.

( The United States delegation at the U.N., today, gave its full backing to the Hammarskjold view. Israel's refusal to give up all the territories it seized - considered an obstacle in efforts to get any kind of peace agreement. )

## YEMEN

The kingdom of Yemen - getting outside aid in its clashes with the British. A dispatch from London states - the remote country in southwest Arabia has been getting Soviet weapons. <sup>and</sup> ~~It~~ is now importing - German experts, to teach soldiers of the Yemen how to use the modern armament. Also - the familiar talk of "volunteers." But we hear - that the "volunteers" going to the Yemen are Egyptians! <sup>R</sup>New developments in the quarrel between Yemen and the British at Aden, who control a number of desert principalities in those parts.

## KASHMIR

Things take a new threatening turn - in the dispute over Kashmir. Which legended land of romance is claimed by both India and Pakistan. *Each holding part of it.*  
*India* ~~is~~ *occupying the lovely Vale of Kashmir.*  
In Karachi, ten thousand Pakistani students - in a demonstration against India, ~~burning~~ *today burned* Indian Prime Minister Nehru - in effigy. The students - addressed by Pakistan Prime Minister Hussein Suhrawardy, <sup>who</sup> made reference to the fact that the problem of Kashmir is before the United Nations. And then added - in ominous terms;-"If the U.N offers no satisfactory solution of the Kashmir problem, Pakistan will be left free to take ~~SWAX~~ its own course of action - come what may," said he.

Word from Kashmir is that both Pakistan and India are massing soldiers along the line <sup>now</sup> dividing the province. An arbitrary line <sup>more or less</sup> dividing Kashmir into equal sections. Today's dispatch adding: "It appears that the dispute might erupt into violence at any time."

The Moslem state of Pakistan demands a plebiscite.

Letting the people of Kashmir decide - by voting. But this - India rejects. Kashmir has - a large Moslem majority.

## TOSCANINI

Tonight, the world of music is mourning - Arturo Toscanini, one of the musical giants of this era, The far famed orchestra conductor - succumbing to a stroke while asleep. At the age - of eighty-nine. A monument - of longevity and creative activity in great old age.

His career as an orchestra conductor began when he was nineteen. He conducted a performance of "Aida" in Buenos Aires - in Eighteen Eighty-Seven. A world famous career, and it lasted until Nineteen Fifty-Four. When Toscanini conducted his last concert - with the NBC symphony orchestra. X Sixty-eight years - of incessant work in the art of music.

The last opera he conducted was Verdi's "Falstaff" at LaScala, three years ago. Which - was eminently fitting. The composer Verdi - also a phenomenon of long creative life. Verdi having written "Falstaff" - when he was eighty.

So now the world of music bids farewell to Arturo Toscanini - who made so much of so many years.

## RAILROAD

Between Buffalo and Cleveland - "the longest, most modern line of electronically-controlled double track in the world." A new exploit of railroading - now inaugurated.

The New York Central, at a cost of more than six million dollars, has installed - a centralized control of traffic. Trains operating - ~~■~~ under constant observation from the central point, at Erie, Pennsylvania. No railroad employee can throw a wrong switch. *For they are all* ~~that~~ controlled electronically.

Nor can an engineer fail to obey a stop-signal - because his train would come to an ~~■~~ automatic stop.

Thanks to electronic science, the Central is able to operate between Buffalo and Cleveland, with two tracks - instead of the previous four track system. Speed limits for freight trains - increased from thirty to sixty miles an hour. Passenger trains - able to make the run of one hundred and sixty-three miles, at eighty miles an hour.

The new system put into operation, today, with ceremonies at Erie, Pennsylvania. Where the electronic

safeguards were described as providing - the safest line of  
tracks in the world.

A British peer of the realm has just returned to London - from Hollywood. Giving his impression - of the gals of American movieland. His Lordship - made a study of the ~~actresses - the~~ beautiful stars and starlets. So what does Baron James Nugent think of womanhood in Hollywood?

He gives his impression - in a string of adjectives, as follows: "Brittle, spoiled, invariably selfish, and excessively dull." Girls, how do you like that?

British women, says ~~the~~ <sup>Jimmy -</sup> Baron - are much superior.

And he adds - he's going to get married. To a British wife?

Not at all. His Lordship - engaged to an American girl. Whose name - he does not reveal. But he adds, hastily: "Not an actress - she comes from an extremely good family."

~~Hewys -~~ <sup>Love extremely!</sup> Well, there's nothing like ~~a~~ good family, with a

large bank account, good investments, stocks and bonds. If - you know what I mean.