

The President's State of the Union message has so many quotable phrases it's not easy to pick one. Such as-- not burying anyone--or allowing anyone to bury us. Another:-- "this administration here and now declares unconditional war on poverty in America." And--"let this session of Congress be known as the session which did more for civil rights than the last hundred sessions combined."

How about this one? "There is no inconsistency in being prudent--and being frugal."

As for prudence the president says he intends to spend what he thinks is necessary--to keep America strong, support our friends abroad--with food, money and technical assistance; push our space program--with the determination to place a man on the Moon before the decade is over; --but he won't support the demand for--a thirty-five hour work week.

As for prudence allied with--frugality, he feels we can safely slow down on development of atomic weapons-- so he's ordering a twenty-fiver percent reduction of what is

called "enriched uranium", the explosive material--that goes into nuclear bombs.

He also says he is making so many economies in our federal government--that he proposes a smaller budget than was anticipated. Less than--ninety-eight billion dollars. Five hundred million less--than the Kennedy budget. That would be about one half of one per cent less.

POVERTY FOLLOW JOHNSON

Some are remarking about a verbal similarity--
between Lyndon Johnson and Franklin Roosevelt. F.D.R.
spoke of "one third of the nation ill-fed, ill-clothed and
ill-housed." Lyndon Johnson speaks of "one-fifth of all
American families with incomes too small to meet their
basic needs."

He says while one-third of all Americans needed
urgent help--a generation ago, now it's down to one-fifth,
and that he tells us is one fifth too much.

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from Southerners--who don't like the Civil Rights part
of today's address.

As for Congressional reaction, most Republicans are saying they like the speech--with a few reservations. Take ~~xxxx~~ the question of --economy in government. While Halleck of Indiana applauded Mr. Johnson--at that, later the House Republican leader told newsmen--he hopes the President really stands firm for economy. But he's afraid this may not be possible if the President pushes ahead with as he puts it-- "too many projects that cost too much."

The Democrats have fewer doubts. Senator Mansfield of Montana says:--"brave, hard-hitting," and that it's now up to Congress.

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CANDIDATES

As for the Republican presidential candidates,
says Senator Goldwater: "I think he has out-liberated
every liberal since Nineteen Thirty ~~Two.~~ ^{Two.}"

ROCKEFELLER

The Governor of New York today made two moves that have a bearing on his chances for the G O P nomination. He told his State -- and the nation -- that he will not call for a tax increase this year. Nor will he slow up his drive -- for civil rights.

The second Rockefeller move -- concerns his chief Republican rival. The Governor's office making the claim -- that the race for the nomination is now neck and neck between Rockefeller and Goldwater.

CUBA

The British and American governments agree on one thing with regard to -- the sale of busses to Cuba.

London and Washington, admitting frankly -- that relations between the two western allies are not as cordial as they were. There's even speculation about the effects on next month's conference -- between Prime Minister Douglas-Home and President Johnson.

British officials are pointing out -- that there's nothing the Prime Minister can do about it because a private firm made the deal -- with Castro, and Number Ten Downing Street has no authority -- to prevent the shipment of the four hundred busses to the Red dominated island off Florida.

This issue comes up -- at a sensitive moment. Election year -- in the United States. With Cuba sure to be a key issue -- with the candidates already discussing it. The kind of thing the British Prime Minister would like to prevent -- if only he could.

ALGERIA

One of the biggest mass trials of recent years--
is under way in Oran, the Algerian seaport--where anti-
government rioting has been going on. Demonstrations
against the Ben Bella regime. Battles with Ben Bella's
police.

Now three hundred defendants are being charged
with--counter-revolutionary activities; such as waving
French flags and shouting that Algeria was better off-
under the French.

MALAYSIA

The dispute over Malaysia in the Far East came up in the U.N. today. The Indonesian delegate, charging --aggression by the Malaysian Federation. He says that planes from Sarawak and North Borneo--are flying over the Indonesian part of that vast East Indian island.

Reconnaissance planes, scouting the terrain--for commando raids by Malaysian ground forces.

The Malaysian reply--it's just the other way around. Sukarno, sending his troops--to violate the Borneo frontier. Pretending to be the victim of aggression--because he wants a pretext for war. War between--Indonesia and Malaysia.

A more hopeful note is sounded--in Manila.

Sukarno for Indonesia, and Macapagal for the Philippines.

Agreeing to work toward a peaceful solution of the Malaysian problem.

YUKON

From Watson Lake in the Yukon--another saga of the north. The hero and heroine of this saga--trapper Bill McDiarmid and his wife, Maggie. With a strong supporting performance--from Bush pilot Bob Harrison.

On December Fifth, Bill and Maggie left their cabin--on snowshoes, bound for Smith River, sixty miles away. A blizzard wiped out the trail, and soon they were lost--in the Arctic wilderness of the Yukon. Wandering through the snow--since the first week in December. Trying to conserve their food, but finally it gave out. When Bill's feet froze--Maggie pitched a tent--and they huddled together in near despair.

Bush pilot--Bob Harrison, knowing his friends had set out for Smith River--finally spotted their snowshoe tracks which he followed to the tent where Bill and Maggie were huddled just in the nick of time. Lost for a month ⁱⁿ the snowy, Arctic Yukon.

WEATHER

If you happen to live in the States from western Iowa to Eastern Ohio--the weatherman says--more snow; another four inches--by tomorrow.

Driving conditions from Iowa to Ohio--are called "critical". Many side roads--impassible.

In the Rocky Mountains, north of Denver--hail some say--as large as golf balls, accompanied by pyrotechnics--lightning and thunder.