

BUDGET

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produced today -

New President Kennedy's budget, The text alone, ~~40~~ four hundred pages long! With an appendix of a thousand, one hundred and ninety five pages.

The contents on a similar scale. The figures involved in government spending - unimaginable. Ninety-eight billion eight hundred million dollars.

e/2 The reaction to it on Capitol Hill is along party lines. Most Democrats, calling it - "progressive" Republicans saying there should be drastic controls on spending.

The big issue - that deficit of almost twelve billion dollars. Dirksen of Illinois criticizes the President for seeming to imply that -- "the bigger the deficit, the better." Byrd of Virginia and Anderson of New Mexico, Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee - believe Mr. Kennedy should think again, before he goes through with his tax ~~xx~~ plan.

COMMON MARKET

There is mystery tonight - about De Gaulle's intentions. Till now, the President of France has been consistent - in his attitude toward British entry into the Common Market, saying Britain must only come in without qualifications. Or as an associate member - with concessions for the Commonwealth.

Does De Gaulle really want the British in at all? It would seem, in view of today's motion by the French delegate in Brussels, that the negotiations may be broken off.. De Gaulle, making that proposal despite the opposition of Belgium, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg and West Germany, who want Britain - in the Common Market.

KHRUSHCHEV

When Khrushchev looks pleased with himself and Albricht looks apprehensive - you might suppose the boss of the Kremlin is laying down the law to his puppet. Today Khrushchev put on quite a performance - at the Berlin Wall. With Ulbricht much concerned that something might happen to the boss. A pot shot from West Berlin for example.

Khrushchev at Check Point Charlie, smiled, waved, and mugged for the cameras, even shook hands with two American officers at the check point.

Performance over, climbing back in his car - and driving off. That wierd Wall still there.

ITALY

The joint communique issued in Washington today - calls for an international nuclear force, under Nato control. Italy's Premier Fanfani, agreeing with President Kennedy - that national atomic arsenals would make the situation in Europe more dangerous. The old fear that has existed in Washington - since President Eisenhower's first administration. Fear that one nation might touch off - a nuclear war.

Another point agreed on today - Messrs. Kennedy and Fanfani saying - that our Jupiter missiles may be pulled out of Italy. Polaris missiles - aboard submarines in the Mediterranean will be enough.

NEWS

Everyone in the news business will be interested in the following. The oldest adage of journalism is that a news man has a right to keep confidential the source of a story. That's on trial in London. Reporters Reginald Foster and Desmond Clough of the London Sketch, ordered by a parliamentary tribunal to say where they got their information - about convicted Communist spy William Vassall. Both news men refusing.

Their defense - freedom of the press. The London parliamentary tribunal now to decide.

Before we have an audience with the Dalai Lama - talk with him about the fate that has befallen his country, first something about the trip, you make to reach the place where the Dalai Lama now lives in exile. As I explained in my last, Dharamsala is an Indian military cantonment in the western Himalayas, only a few miles from Kashmir, and Tibet is just over the range - quite a range, the Himalayas. Swargashan, "Heavenly Place" that's the name of the hilltop near Dharamsala where the Dalai Lama resides. To get to his Heavenly Place you have to go through, oh, at least a bit of Purgatory.

The journey from Delhi to Dharamsala is like stepping back into the pages of Kipling. In Delhi one of the Dalai Lama's chief advisors, Tsepon Shakabpa, loaned me his bedding roll, and escorted me to the railway station. Have you ever seen the railway station in one of the larger cities of India? No sight like it ~~is~~ on earth. A milling throng of

walking, running, squatting, sleeping men and women of a dozen races, and all sorts of costumes. Everybody with big bundles. Vendors of food, porters with foot lockers and bedding rolls on their heads. What a scene for Cinerama.

The train? The same that have been criss-crossing India since the days of the British Raj. Only now the windows have heavy iron bars - to protect you from robbers and dacoits. The sliding door of your compartment is armored, too, with heavy bolts so you can lock yourself in.

You open your bedding roll, spread it on the bunk, stretch out, and off you go rattling through the night, following the old Grand Trunk Road, along which Kipling's Kim had his adventures.

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Out at dawn at Ambala in the Punjab, not far from Amritsar, city of the Sikhs. A chunky man with a moon face strides up and says "Remember me?" He identifies himself as Tsewong Namgyal, our Tibetan interpreter when Lowell Jr. and I made our journey to

Lhasa in Nineteen Forty-Nine. I hadn't recognized him - he's so fat -- from Indian beer, he says. A thrill to find I am to be escorted to the Dalai Lama by the same Tsewong who was along on the most interesting journey I ever made.

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Up from the Plains of India we climbed in a jeep. And now we are high in the Himalayas at Swargashan, the Heavenly Place, all set to meet the Dalai Lama.

Tomorrow night, if the news permits I will tell how the Tibetan ruler-in-exile looks now, and what ~~he~~ he tells me about himself and his people. Now, from the Heavenly Place I return you to America, to God's Country, to Dick Noel.

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CIGARETTES

In the old days, at Cripple Creek - you would pull out your sack of Bull Durham or Duke's Mixture and roll your own - maybe with one hand.

According to the President's budget many still do, for Uncle Sam takes a cool million in taxes - from the sale of cigarette paper to those who roll their own. had been all set to succeed Macmillan - when and if the Socialists won over the Conservatives in the next general election which many British observers believe will be soon. The odds were that he would be Hugh Gaitskell, long the head of the Labor party. Now, there is sure to be a new struggle for power. And the Conservatives are likely to win. All because of the passing of the Labor Leader - a young man, only fifty-six.