

Meat-Axe With A Dull Blade

THE Republicans have more than enough votes in the 80th Congress to pass any piece of legislation requiring no more than a simple majority.

Yet, despite its majorities in both houses and the discipline it has been able to maintain, the GOP has failed so far to accomplish its first objective.

Appropriations Committee Chairman John Taber claims that the GOP is now in sight of its original goal—a \$4 billion reduction in the Federal budget—having looked \$4.3 billion off appropriations so far.

This, however, is by no means the whole picture. If the Senate follows the recommendations of its appropriations committee it will restore almost a billion of the

cuts passed by the House. And beyond that is the fact that the Congress has, while it was slashing existing appropriations with one hand, added new money with the other.

As of this reading, it appears that the Government will actually spend more money in the next fiscal year than the President originally requested in his budget message.

The Republicans, of course, are not due any particular blame, except, perhaps, for their continued insistence that two and two doesn't really make four.

It will be interesting to see what political capital the Republicans can make out of the honest Republican effort to reduce Federal spending, or the Democrats out of their failure to do so.

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THE TRI-COUNTY NEWS serves the remote mountain counties of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey, and may be classified as a small weekly newspaper. But it can also be classified as a journalistic David, having taken on an Industrial Goliath and left it stunned and prostrate.

The News began its crusade in the early days of the war, battling on behalf of the mica mines largely concentrated in the mountain areas of North Carolina.

When the war cut down imports from India, however, and the demands of radio, radar and electronic equipment manufacturers were greatly increased, Government scientists began casting about for a dependable method of grading domestic mica.

Editor Henry, however, knew that the device had been perfected and believed it would work. He launched his campaign

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The Ban On Union Propaganda

OUR mail regularly brings us a clipping issued by the National Association of Manufacturers regarding a bill which would prohibit the mailing of any material contained therein for or in charge.

It seems likely, therefore, that the courts will nullify that section of the Taft-Hartley Act when the test case finally winds its way through the appeal process.

The bakers of Paris refuse to bake bread if no flour is used. That is the case for the populace here and there as well as for the baker, it will bravely eat cake if it must.

The Platypus combines mammal and bird with more than a slight suggestion of fish, being the only thing of its kind in all nature, outside of a political platform.

We can even remember when some radio comics who are now accepting plaques for being good were good.

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