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FOR DEFENSE ONLY-NO FRILLS

PRESIDENT TRUMAN left small ground PRESIDENT TRUMAN lett small ground for disagreement yesterday when he told Congress that "the sensible and honest thing to do now is to tax ourselves enough, as we go along, to pay the financial costs of defense out of our current

income."
The President was asking Congress for an increase of \$10,000,000,000 in the nation's tax bill to meet the cost of the defense program. The area of disagreement will not be found in the use of tax money for all necessary expenses of the national defense program. There are few who will disagree that we should and must pay to the limit of our ability to meet that will an eed.

vital need.

But there is a definite reason to question many of the items of non-defense
cost that go into the making of the staggering \$71,800,0000 budget of the United
States Government for the year. A determined effort on the part of the Administration to reduce to a minimum all
non-defense costs would go far to build
a new confidence in our Government and
to stimulate public morale.

Although there has been lip service to

economy, there has been no assurance that it will be practiced. As a matter of fact Mr. Truman in his State of the Union message again called for enactment of a number of Fair Deal projects that can by no stretch of the imagination be considered essential to the preparedness

The President indicated that the \$10,-The President indicated that the \$10,-000,000,000 tax hike sought, yesterday was not all that he would sak of the present Congress. There have been broad intimations that an additional \$6,000,000,000 or more will be requested in a future message.

And that request is certain to bring on the fireworks. Senator Byrd, foremost of the economy advocates, is convinced that at least \$7,000,00000 can be cut from the budget and if so the presently-requested \$10,000,000 would meet the full demands of the defense effort.

The ten-billion-dollar increase will hit all of us in the pocketbook, hit hard. If that's what it takes we'll pay and pay with good grace. But we aren't interested in the frillia and its up to the Congress to see that we don't have to pay for them.

ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION SCHOOL Naval District took part in the school. Speaking along with General Modge. Rear Admiral R. W. Hayler, commanding the Sixth Naval District, said that "economic mobilisation is of ever-increasing importance to the nation's welfare." And Ceneral Hodge declared that the military forces are merely the "cutting edge" with home front industrial know-how of the utmost importance to national safety.

THE importance of the Field Economic

Mobilization School held here for the
past two weeks was emphasized by Gen.
John R. Hodge, commanding the Third
Army, as he spoke at the concluding event
of the school. General Hodge pointed out
that "we can't mobilize the Armed Forces
unless we also mobilize our Industry,
economy and science."
Arrangements for the school were made
by the Chamiber of Commerce and the
Charlotte Board of Education and Charlotte gained distinction from the fact that
this was the smallest city in which nucle

a course was held.

E. A. Terrell Sr., representing the Cham-E. A. Terrell St., representing the Chamber of Commerce, was chalman of the school, and his son, Major E. A. Terrell Jr., was in charge of the arrangements for the military, having been ordered to active duty for the purpose. Others of the Chamber of Commerce also had an active part, Civilians representing industry and education in the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee and officers from the Third Army, the 14th Air Force and the Sixth

utmost importance to national safety.

Our own defense needs and potential
was outlined by speakers during the
school as well as the needs and ablite
of our potential allies and a degree of information was presented about the
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Those attending the course, civilian and military, left with a far better understanding of our own national situation and specific information about the part that they and their organizations will have in the development of our defenses. The school was definitely worthwhile and Charlotte was fortunate in having been selected as the place at which it was held.

AN OLD COMPLAINT

IKE the veteran Rep. Robert F. Rich of Pennsylvania who, during his long tenure of the U. S. House of Representatives, rose regularly to sak "Where's the money coming from" every time an appropriation bill was voted, we return to an old—and oft-mentioned—topic: the failure to allow full credit for medical expenses on individual income tax returns.

turns.

Here, it seems to us, is the epitome of inconsistency. The Truman Administration has insisted all along that what this nation needs is a system of compulsory health insurance so that everyone will be able to efford all the medical care he needs. Yet that same Administration is not at all concerned that the istration is not at all concerned that the little people in this country pay their medical expenses, and then pay income

taxes on that money, up to 5 per cent of their gross income. (You can deduct medical expenses over the 5 per cent

In other words, a-man who has a gree income of \$5,000 gets no income tax cree unless his medical expenses for the year are more than \$250. On that first \$250, he pays the doctor, and then he pays Uncle Sam full income tax on the amount he paid the doctor.

If Mr. Truman wants to help people pay their medical bills he ought to ask Congress to change the law to permit deductions of all legitimate medical ex-penses. Like Rep. Rich, we propose to bring up the subject every income tax season until someone does something

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR

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THE chiliness of this morning was more
than sufficient to cause townspeople
to greet one another with shivering,
stamping of feet and various expressions
designed to inform the listener just how
cold it was and how the speaker was
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"Cold enough for you?"
After some meditation—break meditation
—we have decided that most of us are
rather negligent in our verbal recognition
of the weather. Surely we can do better
than "Cold enough for you?" others have.
Consider, for instance, Beaumont and
Fletcher, Elizabethans, who first gave the
"cool as a cucumber" simile to cirilization.
Their actual phrase was "Gold as a cucum-

Their actual phrase was "cold as a cucum-ber". Try that on for size: "This morning

was cold as a cucumber.

Then there was Shakespeare, who found in object "cold as any stone".

Our favorite cold-weather simile, though,

was created by Robert Herrick within the context of a child's grace:

Here a little child I stand

"Here a little child I stand
"Heaving up my either hand.
"Cold as paddocks though they be ..."
It isn't that 'cold as paddocks' is particularly expressive; what intrigues us is the question: what sort of paddocks'. Are the little child's hands as cold as a pasture, one meaning of paddocks' Cold as a cort of sledge for carrying stones, another meaning? Cold as a total of the cold as a tot

From The Charleston News & Courier

BIG TAXES FOR LITTLE MAN

THERE is to be another huge tax in-Thence is to be another huge tax increase, as recommended by Mr. Truman,
a national sales tax probably would be as
fair a way as any to collect it. Persons
in the higher brackets already are paying most of their income to the Federal
Government. A sales tax would get money
from everybody, with the person who
bought the most being required to pay the
most.

The danger of a national sales tax is that, once enacted, it probably would be here to clay, War on the war, intercontrol of the control of t

lower tax brackets." Mr. Truman's Council of Economic Advisers says. "These are the brackets in which the great bulk of the trumpme is located."

In addition, the Council says there must be new excise taxes be new excise taxes—which really are sale taxes on specific items—and new corporation taxes. Corporations have to pass most of their taxes along to consumers, so cor-poration taxes really are indirect sales taxes.

The day is rapidly approaching when

nat, once enacted, it probably would be received to sky. War or no war, international raise og international caim, a sales tax in out at the money from Americans to tanne "big government". Our history moves that very few taxes are ever resided or reduced. Usually they are raised. The practical effect of the Truman tax ogram will be similar to a sales tax. In the particular size the main in the street "lil pas,"

Ill pas, ""by far the largest part of the additional remuse must come from the middle and the man of most particular to the passe where the real money is—among the rank and file.

Winter Of Our Discontent



Tom Schlesinger

Willis Smith On Red Probe Committee

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HE SENATE this week voted \$75,000 for a broad
investigation of Communiam in America to be
did by a seven-man Judiciary subcommittee on
urity headed by Pai McCarran (D-Nev.).

Willis Smith admits even his wildest dreams while pursuing the "Communist menace" in North Carolina last Pail didn't include a yeat on a key Red inquiry group. And the Senator credits not his achievements during the campaign but his longtime friendship with McCarran for the fact he is the only freshman among the group of seasoned investiga-

The money chiefly will permit the subcommittee to take a far-reaching check into Administration ting of the Communistr-control law, and to in-ntigate subversives in and out of the Government.

"I don't think I'm unduly suspicious," Smith de-ared. "I think we should use every effort we can clean out the Communists.

"But," he added, "I don't want this investiga-tion to degenerate into punishing those who merely have slight differences of opinion from the usual order. And I'll add my weight to see that it doesn't."

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Other members of the group are: Eastland (D-Miss.): O'Conor (D-Md.): Perguson (R-Mish.): Jenere (R-Ind.): and Watkins (R-Utah).

NITITHER Smith nor Senator Clyde R. Hoey claim any great muchrating inclinations. But both Tar Heels are now in strategic positions to embarrass a much-harried Administration if they wish.
Smith, by his committee assignment, has discussed the irudificual freshman-thoughted to as a member of a powerful Red inquiry body.
As for Hoey, the Senate this week also voted to continue the work of his subcommittee and sagmined to the seek of t

or from last year's appropriations. Hoey is noted for his let-the-chips-fall-where-ny-may attitude Perhaps—always in the back or his not is the thought that the investigating subcom-tice he heads, a branch of the Senate Expenditures mmittee, is a successor of the World War II com-ting which President Truman headed when he was

e contracts.

We're mainly interested in finding out whether small businessman is getting the run-around,"

Hoty said

"But were also keeping an eye on unnecessary spending by Armed Porces agencies." the Senator continued, pointing out that there was much buying beyond our needs during World War II.

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what we have to watch for."

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Drew Pearson's

Merry-Go-Round

"In some instances where projects are nearing upletion, it may be necessary to finish because too at a loss may be sustained by abandoning or leavthem in unfinished state."

"Non-essentials" Hoey defined as "any Govern-it service we can do without." In a similar vein, Smith explained his feelings

"I think all non-defense items that possibly can be alid aside for the present should be done so. We don't know just where our economy is going with the impact of war expenditures. We should first spend all we can afford on the defense of national integrity.

"I was much opposed to the proposed budget in-cluding items that were of a socialistic nature." Typical expression from the House side came from Representative Hamilton Jones, who declared:

"I feel that the President's budget can be cut as to non-essentials. We have to concentrate our spending necessarily these days on Armed Porces, and domestic services must suffer for our national good."

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THE ENTIRE North Carolina delegation favors free L \$10.000 insurance for the OTs, as recommended as the control of the OTs, as recommended as a means of economy, and quoted Tar Ried Linday C. Warren, the comptroller general.

The Government would have saved \$157 million The Government would have saved \$157 million in effect instead of the optional NSLI under which in effect instead of the optional NSLI under which service men were able to obtain insurance at bargain rates. Warren said.

SMITHS new administrative assistant, Robert E.

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Tex.) Times.

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The real one-woman-in-a-million is the woman wears a pair of shoes till they are worn out.—

State Board's Statement

School Situation RALEIGH
THE STATE BOARD of Education, at a meeting here on
Thursday, issued the following
statement:

Budget Figures
The State Beard of Education has requested appropriations of approximately 3184,000,
000 for 1951-32 and 3167,000,000
The Advisory Budget Ontmission recommended roughly
\$22,000,000 for 1951-35 and \$82,
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SCHOOL BUSSES

III. According to the information available to the State Board, 459 local units next year and 320 will be added in 1923-23 to relieve over-crowding of buses and to take care of the new and enlarged transportation. The State Board requested the additional drivers required the state of the additional drivers required by this seriously needed expansion priations recommended by the Budy this seriously needed expansion provide 207 less but drivers than will be required next year and 270 years of the state of the drivers presently driver. Yet it continued to ride in dangerously of the state failed to provide drivers to continued to ride in dangerously overloaded busses or lacked transportation allogether solely because the state failed to provide drivers that state failed to provide drivers the state failed to the state failed to the state failed the state failed to the state failed the st the state failled to provide drivers for busines actually available GASOLINE AND OIL Board present by the state of the sta

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