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U. S. Ends Fiscal Year Nearly \$754,000,000 In Black

First Surplus In Years Registered By Treasury Under Truman's Figure, However

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder announced today that the Government finished the 1947 fiscal year Monday with a budget surplus of almost \$754,000,000.

That was approximately \$500,000,000 less than President Truman had estimated on April 19 and \$400,000,000 below the figure set under President Coolidge exactly 20 years ago.

It was the first surplus in seventeen years and it broke up a string of deficits that ended under President Hoover and continued under Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Truman.

At a news conference after the surplus, which represents the amount that Government has received in excess of what it has paid out, Snyder said that the surplus was the result of a number of factors...

Net budget receipts totaled \$43,358,328 compared with a Presidential estimate in April of \$42,500,000,000.

Total budget expenditures were \$42,604,328 compared with the President's April estimate of \$41,800,000,000.

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White House Vs. GOP Battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Angry Republican demands that President Truman produce evidence that real estate lobbyists influenced Congress' rent control action exploded a new political battle today between the Democratic White House and GOP lawmakers.

Calling on the President to order prosecution of any lobbyists he considers guilty of "subversive" activities, Senator Wherry, Nebraska, the Republican Whip, said that if Mr. Truman has no concrete evidence to back up his charges "he ought to apologize to Congress."

In his remarks today when he signed the rent control bill Monday, Mr. Truman said the "real estate lobby" had "displaced a ruthless disregard of the public welfare" by attempting to "weaken rent control and to bring necessary aid to housing."

He objected particularly to a section permitting 15 per cent rent increases when tenants and landlords sign leases for all of 1948.

The President asked for a Congressional investigation of what he called the "brazed operators" of lobbyists, contending that "nothing short of a more clearly defined and more effective representative government" than efforts to block programs so essential to the needs of our citizens.

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Leaders Are Encouraged At Progress \$500,000 Campaign Off To Good Start

Mercy Hospital campaign officials reported today that contributions so far total \$101,921, nearly \$100,000 more than the goal set for the drive by this date. The total goal for the campaign is \$500,000.

Meeting at the Hotel Charlotte at a luncheon, the leaders of the Men's Division and the Business and Advance Gifts Divisions made their initial reports, showing that these three groups have received 20.1 per cent of the total goal.

Major H. H. Baxter, general chairman of the campaign, and W. D. Wilson, assistant general chairman, told the leaders that the report was very encouraging.

The Men's Division, which has a goal of \$300,000, reported today that it had received \$125,000, or 42 per cent of the Division goal.

The Business Divisions reported \$45,897 had been received. This is 23 per cent of the \$200,000 goal.

The Advance Gifts Division, headed by John D. Shaw, reported \$31,024, or 15.5 per cent of its total goal of \$200,000.

The Men's Divisions, the No. 1 Division headed by Falson S. Kuester reported \$96 received so far, or 21 per cent of its goal.

The No. 2 Division, headed by George F. Jones, reported \$125, or 6.2 per cent of its goal.

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Police To Crack Down On Swimming In The Raw Nude Bathers Plague Cops

By TOM WATKINS Charlotte News Staff Writer. Fighting the maling waters of the Catawba River in the nude these Summer nights may be fun for some people, but it's definitely a headache to the County Police Department.

Incident exposure is of course, a violation of the law. But catching the violators in sixteen feet of water is something else. Besides, some of the offenders are young.

The greatest number of complaints come in over the weekend, on Saturday and Sunday nights. There have been a few instances when the swimmers didn't wait for night.

Quite a number of reports of general immorality also have been received by the county police force, but the majority of calls concern nude bathers.

The police can't be everywhere at once and the swimmers are not concentrated in any one place.

It seems that the river bridge construction has been a favorite spot. Residents of that area have become rather alarmed over the situation here.

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May Try For Cut GOP To Decide About Tax Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican leaders approached a decision today on a windup legislative program in which they may try again to cut taxes.

They probably will put off until next year, however, final action on universal military training, Federal education and a long-range housing program.

The top question before the Republican lawmakers at a conference Monday was whether to attempt to repeal the vetoed \$4,000,000,000 tax reduction bill.

Last minute news counts apparently left little doubt about the Senate's ability to override possible new Presidential legislation.

In an apparent bid for the vital Democratic support needed to pass the bill, Chairman Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, of the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, promising prompt consideration of a community property tax proposal.

General Democratic Senators have taken the stand that they will not support the income tax cut unless the bill contains a provision lowering husband and wife to split their income to take advantage of lower tax brackets.

A move of this kind, taking an additional \$400,000,000 out of revenues, might lay the Republican-sponsored bill open to new Democratic "trim saucers" over the tax.

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There were ten in formation flying, he told a reporter, but only seven returned on the reverse course.

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Secret Meetings Held Coal Producers Seeking Contract

WASHINGTON (AP)—Major soft coal producers, under pressure of a threatened walkout of 400,000 miners next Tuesday, sought today to agree with John L. Lewis on a new contract with a 35 cent hourly pay increase.

Secret meetings which have been held in the industry for several days are expected to end by the end of the week.

The activity of the operators and their associates indicated there is a 35 cent hourly increase and a reduction in the work day from nine to eight hours.

Northern and Western operators last week reportedly agreed to meet Lewis' full wage demand for a 35 cent hourly increase and a reduction in the work day from nine to eight hours.

Rep. Mundt, Republican, South Dakota, author of the House-passed measure now before the committee, also urged speedy action. He told the Senate that "Russians and others are spreading malicious lies about us every day."

Republican leaders have indicated they may pigeonhole the Mundt bill until next January and rely on the \$1,000,000,000 appropriation passed by the Senate to carry on the cultural program, including the Shortwave Radio "Voice of America" broadcasts.

Marshall told the committee that the Senate-approved appropriation figure is too small, representing only about one-half of the money needed to carry on the program.

This sum will certainly not enable the Department to carry on the information activities at a level which is commensurate with the importance of the program, the Secretary said in a prepared statement read to the committee.

Montgomery Hits At Talk Of War

CANBERRA (AP)—Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, told newsmen today that he would not "subscribe to talk that another war is inevitable."

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He said that Gen. MacArthur had invited him to visit Japan when he leaves Australia and that he was looking forward to meeting MacArthur early in August.

Britain To Launch Economic Program LONDON (AP)—Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison said today that the British Labor Government has announced a three or five-year plan in an effort to get the country through its economic crisis.

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Russians Turn Down Recovery Proposals

By JOSEPH E. DYAN The three-power Foreign Ministers' Conference on the Marshall proposal ended in failure today when the Russians refused to agree to join in a co-operative international effort for European economic recovery.

The French Government immediately announced that France and Britain would pursue a study of the Marshall aid-to-Europe program.

Before the conference was terminated, Foreign Minister A. L. M. Molotov declared that British-French proposals relating to U. S. Secretary of State Marshall's suggestions would lead to a division of Europe. He also announced proposals would "lead to no good results."

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ST. LOUIS (AP)—The muddy Mississippi river appeared to have reached its crest here today after smashing four main levees yesterday and routing thousands of persons from their homes in nearby Illinois communities.

The river remained stationary at 103, a 108-year high, and Harry P. Waghren, U. S. meteorologist, said it was expected to stay there before dark.

While the worst of the flood appeared to have passed, the situation southward as far as Cairo, Ill., remained critical.

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Island Capital Held Briefly By Convicts

MANILA (AP)—Thirty-two heavily armed escaped convicts last night seized control of Calapan, capital of Mindoro Island, but military police reinforcements restored order today after a bitter gun fight in which 10 convicts were killed.

Gov. Conrado Morante of Palawan telegraphed Malacanang Palace that he had the jail breakers had been captured, nineteen still were being held in Calapan. Morante, along with Calapan Mayor, Filomeno Sumaco, the city police chief and Congressman Raul Luterio, were detained by the escapees but were not held as hostages.