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It Could Have Been Worse

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, stepping forth in the role of the advocate of sound public financial policy, certainly has caught the Republicans in an embarrassing position with his review of our fiscal situation and prospects.
It was more, fiscally speaking, for the Republican Congress to hand out a \$5 billion income tax cut while voting record peace-time expenditures in face of the President's warnings that these operations would lead to deficit financing. Mr. Truman has now supported his own prophecy with a statement that Uncle Sam will spend \$42,200,000,000 in the present fiscal year and faces a deficit of \$6,000,000,000.

defence again as a result of the extraordinary defence foreign aid and other expenditures of the last year combined with tax relief. Mr. Truman has a reason and a right to call the Republicans to account in this matter, as he is doing.
Fortunately for the Federal budget and Mr. Truman's budget-balancing prestige, the Republican Congress ran out of time and energy to take favorable action on all the legislation which he demanded. At the recent special session, under Truman pressure, it added substantially to the Federal bill by voting \$55 million for construction of the United States headquarters and passing a bill which calls for \$800 million in mortgage insurance. However, Congress passed over other items which would have knocked the budget forty ways from Sunday.
Let's see, Mr. Truman wanted the Taft-Hartley-Wagner bill, entailing huge outlay for public housing and slum clearance. He called for Federal aid to education at \$300 million annually. He demanded extension of the pay bill for Federal employees, expansion of the social security system, upping of the minimum wage, restoration of \$50 million for power and reclamation projects, ratification of the international wheat agreement, and a price control program that would have created a new army of Federal employees.

Cloud On Spy Ring Inquiry

SOVIET RUSSIA has now produced an American spy, identified as a Naval officer who until recently was attached to the United States Embassy in Moscow, and American officials have branded the story as a fake designed as counter-propaganda to the Russian spy ring disclosures in Washington.
We are less concerned about the Russian frame-up than the growing confusion in the investigation conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee. In its case far from completely developed, the Committee apparently has run out of witnesses and revelations, as indicated by the Committee's decision to adjourn until Sept. 7 in order to give its investigators time to develop new leads.
Beyond that, the Committee itself is concerned about some aspects of the evidence or testimony it has developed thus far. Its uncertainty was revealed yesterday when it recalled one of the defense witnesses, Alger Hiss, for a review of his testimony. Hiss, a former member of the State Department, now is head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a position that he was ever a member of the Communist underground in Washington has made a strong impression on some members of the Committee and observers at the spy ring hearing.

nesses at this time and it was announced the accuser and accused will be brought together Aug. 25. The question arises why this was not done earlier, and why such double-checking of stories was not made in other cases. The Committee's conspicuous failure on this point is one large cause for public skepticism over its disclosures. It is one more demonstration that the investigations have devised neither a fair nor an efficient method of procedure in their hearings.
Indeed, the Committee's habit of conducting prosecutions in public with little or no regard for the rights of the accused, the Un-American Inquiry to constant danger from a backfire. That threat now is manifest in the spy ring case. Alger Hiss is one of several prominent individuals whose disclosures of information to the Soviet Union have shaken confidence in the stories of Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed former Communist spies.

No Escape For Us On The Moon

WHILE pursued the other day by those three Furies, war, worry, and words, we came across a note about Dr. Dinmore Alter, director of Griffith Observatory, here in Los Angeles, that brightened our outlook for a few minutes.
Dr. Alter is arranging for visitors at his observatory to take a short trip to the moon. Of course, this is not a real moon servicer. All they do is to fold like the plain earth-folk they are into ordinary earth-chairs and first thing they know Dr. Alter, by means of a telescope and other necessary equipment, sends them on a close-up-look at the barren crags and craters of the moon.
The moon is an unfriendly sort of satellite, they discover; day's it hotter by some one hundred degrees than the earth. Street in July and nighttimes the mercury goes hurtling down to an icy 200 below. There's no air, not the kind we know; there's no water, no edible vegetation. But best of all there's no Berlin, no Mrs. Kosenkina, no Stalin, no Truman, no Dewey, no Wallace.
Very peaceful. Very hot and very cold, but very peaceful.
It's possible that is, until you get to considering information from another eminent scientist named G. Edward Pomeroy.
Mr. Pomeroy, one of the founders of the American Rocket Society, says that people will visit the moon within the lifetime of some of the younger of you who are reading this. Why? Competition, he says, for a vantage point to wage a war. If we get there first, he says, we could set up V-2

launching platforms and have the world at our mercy. If some other country got there first our atomic bomb wouldn't be worth much.
It'll be a while yet before anyone makes the trip. At its closest the moon is still 216,420 miles away from the earth. Navigation, measurement of speed, and speed of the rocket are big problems. For instance, two-thirds of any rocket sent to the moon now would have to be used to stop fuel. But we'll get there sooner or later, Mr. Pomeroy says.
Recently a Ferdinand man was vacationing in the North Carolina hills. In the middle of his first night, four "banxy" chickens flew into his room. Half asleep he sat up, with a pillow until the chickens found their way out of the window. Next morning he declared enthusiastically: "Had a swell sleep. Think I'll spend all my vacation here, only saw four mosquitos and a few chickens."
Add what we like about the South: "Possum captured in Fayetteville Post Office." —Greensboro Daily News.

'Now, About Your Grades In School . . .'



People's Platform

Water At 3 Cents A Cup
CHARLOTTE
It is so ordinary that few people take notice of it. It is the common, penny here, penny there mind that eventually brings impressive personal reward at the expense of those who are often obliged to patronize him. It will take any man many hours to show me, in addition or in imitation that it has become necessary, with no other avenue of escape, to charge three cents for something which God intended to be free and abundant for all classes of people at all times.
—W. LOCKLEAR
518 Louisa Avenue

Letters To Foreign Lands

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.
I WOULD be much obliged if you could spare me a little of your valuable space for the publication of this letter.
In the past eighteen years it has been my job to have traveled in most every part of the world. During that time I have collected many thousands of names and addresses of people who wish to correspond with people on the American Continent.
At first, it was my intention to correspond with a chosen few of this enormous list. I now find, under the pressure of business, that it is impossible for me to keep up with the list. So I am appealing to readers of your paper who would like to write to people in other parts of the world. Please write to me at the following address. I will then forward to them lists of people of the same age in any country in the world.
—SIDNEY V. GERMAN
607 Market St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

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Editors, The News:
I would like to know that at least some of those people called before the several investigating committees of the Congress did indeed betray their New Deal faith by giving up their innocent people will never again be able to hold responsible those whose names were mentioned in connection with the investigation.
Of one thing we are sure, however. One class is fast becoming the most vicious. One class is fast becoming the most vicious. One class is fast becoming the most vicious. One class is fast becoming the most vicious.
—P. L. LINDESEY

Good Work For Charlotte

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Editors, The News:
THE Charlotte Group of the American Association of Social Workers, wish to congratulate you and your staff on the very effective publicity which the News gave to the recent proposal for the sum clearance law and removing other health hazards in this city. We feel you have rendered an invaluable service in this regard.
—MRS. H. H. SIMPSON,
Secretary, Charlotte Group,
American Association of Social Workers

Dr. Pearson's Barkley Jokes About His Domination

WASHINGTON
SPEAKER JOE MARTIN and Sen. Alben Barkley are on the offensive in the House and Senate respectively. Speaker Martin is on the offensive in the House, and Sen. Barkley is on the offensive in the Senate.
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and after the trial, he shook hands all around and joked with the officers who had tried the case. It is curious on the other hand, that Capt. Owen was seeking the services of Capt. Hilford Owen, the Research Laboratory's commanding officer, another Annapolis grad, who was accused of stealing a Navy generator. But apparently he did not get out of the Navy's clutches "instantly." A Navy doctor, Capt. John Edward Stedman of Bethesda Naval Hospital, had been convicted of stealing the generator. Even so, he had only one hour and 30 minutes.
The naval court, however, turned Capt. Owen's case over to the military court. This is a "disgraceful and avoidable" death of the defendant's sanity. If normal procedure is followed, the Captain will see his discharge—probably soon.
NOTE—Both Capt. Owen and Cmdr. Hird were able to buy new Buicks at dealer's price through Waldo Anderson, a Detroit promoter who was seeking the contract for the Naval Research Laboratory for manufacturing precision tools. It is hard to see how the Buick deal was arranged, especially by the naval court-martial. Curtis is not an Annapolis man.

Summer Welles Divided Allegiance

TWO weeks ago I expressed the opinion that we had reason to be gravely concerned because of the support given by the unaffiliated Americans to the Progressive party when it was known that "the Communist Party" was to control the party machinery.
I have received many protests from the Progressive party. I am a professor in a leading Eastern university. He says: "As a member of the Progressive party, I have participated in the drafting of the Progressive platform through full and friendly discussion among patriotic and public-spirited citizens. It was dictated by no one."

HOPE ABANDONED
Three years ago many of us hoped that the Soviet Union would be able to do its own interest to co-operate through the United Nations in economic reconstruction on the people of both democracy and Communism. The contrary has proved to be the case. The Soviet Union has been pursuing a policy of imperialism far more than that of the United States. It serves the same purpose as the friendly respect in which it was held by the masses in the democratic world.
The danger lies in the fact that the United States is being taught by the Soviet Union in our schools and universities. The Progressive party was created as a result of a "run of the mill" Socialist in Italy.

Joseph & Stewart Alsop Meaning Of Kosenkina

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THE case of Madame Kosenkina, a Russian spy, is a case of a woman who has been dead, or in the slave labor camps in Central Asia or Siberia or in a Soviet concentration camp. The case is a case of a woman who has been dead, or in the slave labor camps in Central Asia or Siberia or in a Soviet concentration camp.
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