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TAX NOW AND SPEND LATER

If THE CONGRESS of the United States is alert to its grave responsibilities, it will follow a policy of taxing now and spending later.

In normal times, the reverse procedure works satisfactorily Congress likes to wait until all appropriations are approved to find out how much money is going to be spent. Then it scratches around for the necessary revenue.

necessary revenue.

The situation is different now. The first consideration is to guarantee adequate revenue and assure a balanced budget, so that further inflationary deficit financing will not be necessary. But almost as important is the need for limiting other inflationary pressures by upping individual and corporation income taxes and boosting excise taxes. That should be done promptly, for every week of Congressional

delay will encourage mass consumer buy-ing to avoid higher taxes.

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As soon as the should then turn to the President's spending requests, with the slanding of non-decleras, spenditures the slanding of non-decleras, spenditures the first order of business. By following that procedure. Concress the sherve two ob-pectives: 10 and immediately apply the slanding translation of the slanding to the slanding translation of the spendial yill can immediately apply the slanding translation. But so the spendial yill concress is realistic about enforcing economy instead of merely pay-ing ill-pservice. But a surplus would not be a calamity. On the contrary, it would have a further defiationary effect that would be of incalculable value in main-taining the stability of our national econ-ony.

THE STRAINS IN RUSSIA

WALLACE CARROLL, executive editor of the Winston-Salem newspapers and consultant to the U. S. Government on psychological warfare, put into plain words the other day an idea that should play a bigger part in our military and diplomatic planning.

"The strains within Stalin's slave em-"The strains within Stain's save empire are greater than the strains among the free nations." Mr. Carroll told members of the Winston-Saleff Business & Professional Women's Club, and citted this as one reason why Stailn will probably not risk war in the near future.

Mr. Carroll, recently returned from a tour of special duty in occupied Germany, observed that "From the free city of Ber-lin, which is under Allied control, you can peek behind the Iron Curtain to see how great are the discontent and opposition to Communist rule."

Shut off from adequate and accurate in-ormation about Russia and still mindful of Russia's huge effort in World War II, imericans are often inclined to think of

the Soviet system as a tight, efficient bureaucracy that can do a better job of preparing for war than can a democracy. In a sense, this is true. Dictatorship makes it easier to co-ordinate a nation's effort in one big orderpite. In a dit, does not have the inherent fiestbillity that enables a democracy to adapt itself to the needs of the moment. More important, there are bound to be cracks in the Russian atructure, cracks that we can only speculate on since the Iron Curtain cuts off our vision. There were cracks in Mussolinit's dictatorship, in the Japanese military dictatorship, in the Japanese military dictatorship, but we did not discover them until those systems began failing apart under the military and economic blows of the World War II Allies.

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We must never underestimate Russia. But we will make an equally grievous mistake if we conjure up the vision of an unbeatable opponent and permit that vision to color all of our thinking and all

ON FIXING RESPONSIBILITY

THERE are several reasons why President Truman is saddled with most of the blame for heavy Federal spending and inflationary Federal deficit financing.

One is that it is the duty of the President to send a budget to Congress. Hence, the President is in the position of advocating the spending of money.

Another is that it is much easier to pin sponsibility on one individual than on responsibility on one individual than on several hundred individuals. Hence, the President comes in for all the criticism he has merited on his own, plus much that properly should be directed elsewhere— more specifically, at the Congress.

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We mention this again today (we have have hamered away at this point many times) because it is more important than ever before for the people of its responsibility for Federal budgetary practices during the coming national emergency. It is more important than ever before because there is a strong likelihood that all the braw "pay-as-we-light" word will be forcotien, and that we will wind up with still more inflationary Federal deficit financing.

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that must leep new taxes. Remember that the President can only gak for a balance budget. It is the Congress that must achieve a balanced budget. Blame Mr. Truman all you will for being a spendightf. You have ample evidence to support the charge. But in the final analysis, the spending of money, the levying of new taxes, and the balancing of

revenue and expenditure is the responsi-bility of the Congress.

You can hardly register your opinion with all 435 members of the House of Representatives or all 96 members of the Senate. But you can certainly make your wishes known to your Congressman and your own two Senators. If you fail to do so, it la your own fault.

THE \$64 QUESTION

IN WASHINGTON a few days ago, Mo-bilizer Charles Wilson talked straight from the shoulder with a group of Sen-ators. Shrewd Senator Tobey, the New Hampshire Republican, asked the Meilizer a big question, one that has puzzled practically everyone concerned with for-eign affairs.

Said Tobey:

"if America has got to go ahead with her rearmanent, why does Russia give us time to prepare? Why hasn't she already at-tacked? What's Charlie Wilson's opinion on that?"

Wilson replied: "That's the \$64 ques-

Tobey remarked: "You're a \$64 fellow."
That was sufficient, evidently, to loosen
up the Mobilizer, who then answered:

"Well, it incre was one thing Russia found to admire in us 'uring the last war, it was our tremendous prodective capacity. The was the state of the control of the control

If our confidence in our productive power equals Russian respect for it, the future will be much brighter.

William T. Polk In The Greensboro Daily News

NO PLACE FOR HUSHPUPPIES

OUR GUESS is that the inquiry had Charile Parker, director of advertising of the North Carolina News Bureau, stumped. The question came from London: "What is the favorite dish of your state?" The inquirer who ran a chain of restaurants wanted "the authentic recipe". As far as we know, there isn't any "favorite dish" in North Carolina. Suggestions, the news story says, have ranged from "chitterlings to angel food, with a vote for hushpupples". They sound like foolishness to us.

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a vote for hushpupples". They sound like folishness to such as a little of the guzzlers of prohibition corn liquor who would take a swallow, gasp, groan, gurgle, huff, puff and asy between big gulps of air: "Best drink I ever tasted." Hushpupples we suspect of being amuggled into North Carolina by some literary folks. Sure, we have some mightly good food fown here. But we don't make a fine art of is and combine it with business as they do in New Orleans, for instance. Fact is hat when we make something extra good re are more inclined to eat it or—in the mas of old Nash County apple brandy, one with the wind, we reckon—drink it, has sell it.

60 the best food is hard to find, im-

recipes are even tougher to locate. John Jones in Warren County, say, knows he cures his hams over hickory and sassafras smoke but he can't tell you how he gets Christmas knows that she makes her bucka little potato water through an art handed down to her long ago but she can't tell anybody what weights and measures are

anybody what weights and measures are used or how to get the right results. North Carolina's favorite dish? You can find many a lordly food from Cherokee through Porsyth and Guilford to Hatteras, but we doubt if anybody ever isolates North Carolina's "favorite dish" or ever learns how to make it when he finds it.

We don't know too much about the present day methods of dealing with the questions and problems of children, but it seems to us that when we were small, onf was either too little to know, of genous but to know better.—Hartwell (GdJ)

Take due note of the number of the legislature now in session at Austin. It's the 52nd, which means that Texas has already had 51 of them, and has, somehow,



'Sure-I'm In Favor Of A Free Press'

See Here, Mr. Roberts

THIS is an open letter to Mr. Coleman W. Roberts and our legislators now serving from Mecklenburg County:

Mr. Roberts, I did not receive one of your questionnaires on the automboile inspection law, for the purpose of detecting cars that are dangerous not only to the driver, but to to all persons on or off the highways.

I am writing this letter not only to you, but to our legislators and all citizens who might be or become interested in your program, which is progressive at least.

However, I am absolutely against the passace of any such inspection law, though I agree with you 100 per cent that something will have to be

our highways.

First, when any person is arrested for any of the traffic law violations, that person should be made to appear in person before the court for a hearing, which is a person before the court for a hearing, violators go down to the Police Department and ruu violators go down to the Police Department and ruu a cash bond equal to the amount of the cash penalty that would be imposed by the judge.

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Report Says China To Lure U.S. Into War On Mainland

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Eisenhower Wins Congress To His Side Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Future Of Foot Soldier

WHILE Ike was stressing the importance of sea and air power, GOP Rep. Carroll Reece of Tennessee inquired if he wasn't "minimizing" the importance of the foot sol-

"I don't want to be understood at any time as mining the responsibility and ability of the doughboy."

without him. The Air Force and the Navy get the cheers, but the doughbors get the white crosses in the ground. Air and the Air

Capital Lowdown

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