

Eisenhower Says

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balance, the Treasury Secretary said:

- 1. By raising more taxes.
 - 2. By cutting expenses.
- "Well, of course we don't want to raise taxes," he said. "We want to reduce taxes. To the way left is to cut expenses."

The President himself had launched the program with word that he and the Cabinet members wanted to bring up points of interest to every family. He got up and went over to a big basket crammed with letters—said they run 3,000 a day in an average week at the White House.

And he picked out one he said was "challenging," from a Paw-tucket, R.I., housewife who has four children. From it he read excerpts.

She said the sums involved in government operations and balancing the budget are so huge "I really find it almost impossible to grasp them." The President said he has the same trouble.

"I wonder how you ever know where to begin," the letter said. "Won't you please explain to me in words I can understand just how you are going to have our money keep its value and at the same time make our country strong and secure."

Eisenhower said he picked that letter because it brings up the great problem of security and its cost. He went on to say that the government has gone into debt in seventeen of the last twenty years. "Borrowing cheapens money," he said. "That is like water in your coffee."

At that point, the President asked Humphrey to tackle the question in more detail. Humphrey did, with charts to help out.

The deficit, Humphrey said, has got to be stopped. And Eisenhower chimed in that "of course, George, we know we are going to stop it."

He said he has promised the people they are going to be secure and that the expensive establishments are going to be operated as economically as possible.

"You are going to get one dollar's worth," the President assured his audience, "for every dollar we spend. I am going to keep that promise."

Eisenhower reverted to the question of security and peace at the very end of the unprecedented program.

"Our effort," he said, "is to secure peace, and prosperity in peace."

Right at the beginning he had referred to his projected meeting next month with Prime Minister Winston Churchill of England and the Premier of France. He said he is going to Bermuda to talk over with "some of our friends" problems of preventing a modern war and a new Munich.

"But remember," he cautioned, "in these vast problems that affect every one of our lives, there is no thought that you can cut the

knots you must untie them slowly and laboriously." Four Cabinet members joined the chief executive in this precedent-breaking TV production. Carried by all networks to an industry estimated fifty million viewers, the show marked a change from the era of the "fireside chat" to the age of the "video round table."

Wednesday night's premiere production flashed on the screen smack on schedule at 8:30 p.m. (Dallas time) after the participants threaded their way through a mass of cables on the floor of a conference room-studio adjoining the President's office.

Eisenhower spoke first — "Good evening, everybody."

He said he and his colleagues would discuss "points of interest" — especially of interest to the security of the family.

The President was seated at a desk and from time to time he leaned across it presenting a full-face picture on the TV screen.

TOO MUCH NOISE CAN CAUSE AN AVALANCHE



Texas Congressmen Have Trouble Pleasing Voters

Like colleagues from other parts of the country, Texas congressmen are having trouble pleasing constituents who want taxes cut, but don't want services curtailed.

Recent newsletters the Texans have written to their home districts reflect thought over the budget situation that is second only to peace-or-war as a subject of discussion on Capitol Hill.

"I am setting up a file on the requests I receive not to cut funds for this, that and the other," said Rep. Omar Burleson of the Abilene-Anson district.

"It seems most of us are for cutting funds which affect the other fellow, but not for expenditures for those things in which we are particularly interested. Usually letters and telegrams start off with 'I am for economy, but—'"

Rep. Frank Icard of Wichita Falls, pointing to an economy move to reduce soil conservation funds by 55 million dollars, during consideration of the Agriculture Department appropriation bill, wrote: "There was an effort in the House to seriously cripple the soil conservation program. This was defeated, however, in an extremely close vote of 201 to 196."

Rep. W. R. Poage of Waco, writing about the debate on the same bill, which totaled 712 million dol-

lars for the Agriculture Department, made this comment:

We Must Accept

"I think we must all accept some reduction of the items in which we are interested, but I don't think agriculture should take more than its share of the reductions."

The Secretary of Defense has advocated a five billion dollar cut in funds for the Air Force.

"We all recognize the importance of balancing the budget," said Rep. O. C. Fisher in a statement carried in the Congressional Record.

"We all are aware of the need for relief from burdensome taxes. But we also recognize that if the worst comes to the worst it is imperative that we have the most powerful air force in the world."

"There are many places to cut in this very desirable economy program without clipping the wings of the most important branch of our military services. There is a lot of waste that can be eliminated. It would be a tedious task to document it, but there is little doubt but that the votes of most of the 435 congressmen on budget-cutting issues have been influenced by the presence or absence of big federal programs, projects or installations in their individual district."

Most of the flood control projects in Texas, as elsewhere, were trimmed from the amounts which officials planned before President Eisenhower took over.

Unhappy with the reductions, delegations from several parts of Texas came here urging congressional committees to make an exception in regard to their particular projects. There were similar groups from many other parts of the country.

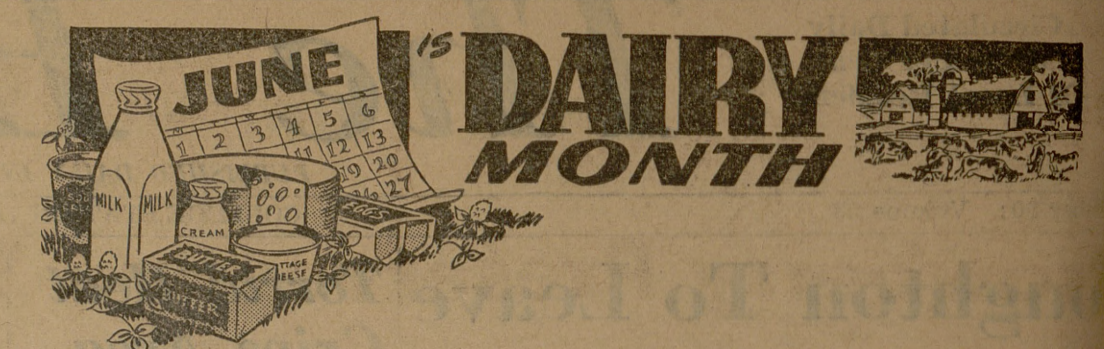
Came To See

A county judge from the Texas gulf coast, accompanied by his county engineer, came up to see if he couldn't get some funds to help drain flood waters from lowlands in his area.

"Everybody else seems to be doing it," he said, "so I thought we might as well. We have a good case."

He learned, however, that Congress first has to authorize a project before it can provide funds to actually do the work.

In light of tightening purse strings he will have to be lucky to get his project authorized in less than a year or two, and obtaining federal dollars be still farther away in the future.



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Committee Hears Voting for Minors

WASHINGTON, June 4—(AP)—It was an unusual Senate hearing.

Often these congressional hearings drag on for weeks, taking thousands of words of testimony. This one, on a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to permit 18-year-olds to vote, lasted less than ten minutes.

Witnesses, many of them with an ax to grind, usually beg to be heard. Here there were so few—one, to be exact—that the chairman, Sen. William Langer (Rep.) of North Dakota, asked for volunteers. And, by golly, he got one!

But let's start at the beginning: Langer and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Dem.) of Minnesota introduced resolutions calling for the amendment to give the vote to 18-year-olds. Getting the Constitution amended is a long process, and in the past similar resolutions have got nowhere.

But the first step is a hearing. So a Senate judiciary subcommittee took the first step.

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (Dem.) of West Virginia, who is sixty years old, said he's for the bill, and always has been, but he asked to be excused.

Senator Humphrey, who is forty-two, sent word he would write out why he favors the amendment.

Only one veterans' organization, Amvets, responded to an invitation.

Its legislative director, Rufus H. Wilson, was there. He is twenty-six.

Wilson said the natural argument is, "if a man is old enough to fight he's old enough to vote." But Wilson said the argument is far broader than that. The kids are smart he said, and—

"In the thinking of these youths could well lie the preservation of our national ideals."

"Anyone else have anything to say on this?" Langer asked.

Whereupon a young man with a pipe bounced out of a chair, and said he had just dropped in to listen, but he wouldn't mind saying a few words.

So he said a few words.

He said he was Philip Wilder, an associate professor at Wabash College in Indiana, and that there has been considerable agitation for a lower voting age out his way. The Indiana Legislature, he said, has favored giving the vote to 19-year-olds, but the decision isn't final.

Wilder, who is twenty-eight, is all for lowering the age bar. "It will help the general conduct of the nation's political life," he said.

It seemed it might be a good idea to ask a couple of the 6,700,000 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds if they wanted to vote. But there weren't any in the committee room, so the meeting broke up.

Callicott Named Texas Instructor

AUSTIN, Texas—Colonel James M. Callicott, artillery expert recently returned from Ankara where he served as a member of the American Military Advisory Commission to Turkey, is the new Senior National Guard Instructor for Texas, according to an announcement this week by Colonel M. E. Jones, Chief of the Texas Military District.

He succeeds Colonel H. McE. Pendleton who recently retired from active military service.

NCAA Opens Investigations

KANSAS CITY, MO., June 4—The NCAA will open three-day investigation Thursday into infractions of regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers said the subcommittee on infractions is meeting here to prepare its mid-year report for presentation to the membership committee in July.

The subcommittee is charged with investigating any "reasonably-substantiated" charge from a responsible source relative to violation of NCAA regulations.

Byers said the subcommittee would treat all cases before it confidentially. Announcements of action will come later from the 17-member policy-directing body of the NCAA.

The subcommittee is composed of Frank N. Gardner, Drake; King Hendricks, Utah State; Ralph W. Agler, Michigan, and Byers.

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