

Budget Due Easier Path Than Taxes

Prospects Seem Bright Congress Will Give OK Despite Economy Move

By the New York Times Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—President Truman's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, expected to total more than \$82,000,000,000 will reach Congress Monday with the prospect that, despite economy moves, it will fare better than a companion request for about \$5,000,000,000 in new taxes.

Opposition to higher taxation, mounting steadily in both parties, gained impetus from the fact that the president's program, not yet made in detail, does not propose enough in the way of new taxes to eliminate an indicated deficit at the end of the fiscal year of \$12,000,000,000.

Members of Congress, who received the president's annual economic report Wednesday, have a pretty clear picture of what he will say in his budget message Monday when they get their first look at the five pound, two ounce budget.

Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic House leader, conceded Sunday that he thought the administration was right in asking for more taxes but was "frank in stating that I doubt if a majority of the members of Congress will vote for additional taxes."

Even more bluntly, Representative Halleck of Indiana, a House Republican leader declared that "In spite of Truman's request, we are not going to have additional taxes in this session of Congress."

Discussing the congressional outlook with McCormack on the National Broadcasting Company's televised American Forum of the Air, Halleck said that with \$71,000,000,000 in revenue anticipated from present taxes, he would "like to cut the cloth to fit that pattern."



PAT M. NEFF.

PAT NEFF DIES AT 80 FROM HEART ATTACK

WACO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Pat Morris Neff, Texas 28th governor and one of the most outstanding political and church figures of the state, died Sunday. He was 80.

Mrs. Neff said the former governor complained of a pain in his shoulder Saturday night. At 8:30 a. m. Sunday she went to his bedroom and found him suffering a heart attack. By the time a doctor arrived at 9 a. m. Neff was dead.

Funeral services will be held here at 3:30 p. m. Monday at First Baptist Church. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery here.

Until his retirement as president of Baylor University on Jan. 1, 1948 Neff was known throughout the Southwest for his political influence. He was a staunch prohibitionist, a devout Baptist and throughout his life worked tirelessly for anything he thought would benefit his beloved Texas.

Even after his retirement Neff refused to put aside his public contacts. As president emeritus of Baylor he maintained an office at the university—"so I can talk to people and meet my friends."

He also kept a law office in downtown Waco, although he had

no active practice after leaving Baylor.

"I like to explain that the office is to keep them from arresting me for vagrancy," he quipped once.

Neff was a large man, imposing in appearance. His shock of iron-gray hair topped by a wide-brim black hat stood out in any crowd. He always wore a stiff, white wing collar, with a black string tie.

Only about two weeks ago there was a rumor in Waco that Neff was considering another campaign for governor.

"Absurd," Neff said when questioned by reporters, but he obviously was pleased that there was such a rumor.

Neff liked to boast that in all his life he had never touched alcohol, tobacco, coffee or tea.

U. S. Senator Connally, an old friend and classmate of Neff, often credited Neff with "drinking nothing stronger than Brazos River water."

Neff began life as a farm boy in the blacklands of Central Texas. He was born on a farm near McGregor, Nov. 26, 1871, the

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Hundreds of A Emptied by G

ISMALIA, Egypt, Jan. 20 (AP) backed by a cordon of tanks, cleation of this Suez Canal city Sunday of an American nun in a convent.

Hundreds of Egyptian families longings, were driven out of the pected guerrillas were arrested.

Gen. Sir George Erskine, British canal zone and a close friend of the thony, called the slaying an "atrocity" and declared:

"I shall consume as much of my life as I want I will take more of the world."

Violence also flared in Cairo, reported killed and 15 policemen were outside Faud secondary school.

The students refused to disperse to stop a demonstration in protest against the slaying last week. They threw stones at the

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son of Noah and Isabella Shepherd Neff.

His first glimpse of Baylor University was from his seat on a wagon load of cotton he had driven the 17 miles from McGregor to Waco. He used the income from that load of cotton—raised with his own hands—as the start for his school expenses. He graduated from Baylor with a bachelor of arts degree in 1894. He received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1897 and the master of arts degree from Baylor in 1898.

His first public service was as an Arkansas school teacher, in the '90s. Then he returned to Texas and opened a law office in Waco. He was elected to the House of Representatives from McLennan County in 1901. He served in the House four years, the last two years as the youngest speaker of the House.

In 1906 he was named prosecuting attorney of McLennan County. He was a stern advocate of law enforcement. During his four years as prosecutor, he put nearly \$25,000 in the county treasurer—over and above his salary and expenses—from fines and court costs.

In 1921 Neff decided to campaign for governor. It was a precedent-breaking race. He spoke from three to seven times a day, reaching every county in the state by every means of transportation "from a mule to a flying machine." He thrived on a diet of watermelons, buttermilk, and invective.

Joseph Weldon Bailey led Neff by 2,522 votes in the first primary and Neff captured the runoff with 264,075 votes to Bailey's 184,702.

For his second term as governor he defeated Fred S. Rogers 318,000 to 195,941.

His most widely-publicized administrative acts were the declaring of martial law for 47 days to suppress oil field lawlessness at Mexia and throughout Limestone and Freestone Counties and to handle the railroad strike at Denison. He forced the legislature to stay in special session continuously until it had followed the constitutional mandate to redistrict the state.

Starts Park Plan.

He originated the state park movement and appointed the first state parks board. A tract of land donated by his mother was the first state park.

Texas Technological College at Lubbock and the College of Industrial Arts and Industries at Kingsville were established during the Neff administration.

When he retired as governor in 1925, Neff left his successor, Mrs. Miram A. Ferguson, a white flower, a portrait of Woodrow Wilson and a Bible opened at this marked verse: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

This Bible has remained as Neff's personal legacy to all succeeding governors.

Neff re-entered public life with his appointment to the National Board of Mediation by President Coolidge in 1927. In 1929 Governor Moody appointed him to the state railroad commission. He served there until he was elected president of Baylor in 1932.

The nation was in the midst of the depression and Baylor's finances were at low ebb. Neff brought the university out of debt, the student body jumped from 1,200 to 4,000, the area of the campus was doubled, numerous new buildings were built and the Baptist school's endowment was vastly increased.

He was a trustee of Baylor for 25 years before becoming president.

Neff for many years was moderator of the Waco Baptist Association, from 1927 through 1929 he was president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was one time a vice president of the Anti-Saloon League of America, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in Texas,

a Shriner and a member of the Waco Rotary Club.

Neff married Miss Myrtle Mainer, a college classmate at Lovelady, May 31, 1899. The couple had two children, Mrs. Frank Wilcox of Waco, and Pat Neff Jr., Houston attorney.

Dr. White said classes at Baylor would be dismissed Monday in tribute to the former president.

"Governor Neff's going so suddenly is a tremendous shock to us all," Dr. White said. "He gave Texas an administration of high principles and he redeemed Baylor from virtual bankruptcy to a condition of strong stability.

"He is the last of a group of giants who blessed this state in so many ways."

In Washington, Senator Connally commented:

"Pat M. Neff had a distinguished career in Texas as a lawyer and public official. I was associated with him as a student at Baylor University, at the University of Texas at Austin, and as a member of the Texas Legislature.

"I placed him in nomination when he was elected speaker of the Texas House. He was my beloved friend.

"I had close associations with him as an attorney in the active practice of law. He was a man of great ability and was one of the most talented and eloquent orators that Texas has ever produced.

"I am inexpressably shocked and grieved at his sudden passing."

AUSTIN, Jan. 20 (AP).—Governor Shivers Sunday made the following comment on the death of former Governor Neff:

"Pat Neff's name has long been synonymous with outstanding Christian service in governmental education and civic life. His course was always one of firm courage and high purpose.

"Texas has lost not only a revered elder statesman, but also a notable symbol of integrity in the conduct of public affairs."

Blaming Industrialists For War 'Historic Lie'

WUERZBURG, Germany, Jan. 20 (AP).—West German Justice Minister Thomas Dehler said Sunday night it was a "historic lie" that German industrialists were responsible for World War II.

"As the son of a butcher, I have no interest in defending the 'chimney barons' (industrial leaders)," Dehler told a meeting of his rightwing Free Democratic Party.

"But I must sharply reject these accusations. Hitler alone is to blame for the second World War."

Taft to Back General If He Is Nominated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP).—Senator Taft of Ohio said Sunday that if General Eisenhower is Republican candidate for the presidency, "I will support General Eisenhower."

He told interviewers on a television program that if Eisenhower were president and he in the Senate the two could reconcile their policies.

After saying he would support Eisenhower, Taft turned to the reporters and asked: "I might ask whether you know whether he will support me if I should be nominated?"

Pickets Ordered Away From Steel Factory

ALIQUIPPA, Pa., Jan. 20 (AP). Pickets were ordered withdrawn Sunday from the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation plant in this western Pennsylvania city, clearing the way for immediate resumption of work by 13,000 employees idled by a short shutdown.

Tony Vladovich, president of the Aliquippa local of the CIO United Steelworkers, said the