

BILLION-A-WEEK SPENDING AHEAD

Budget Taking Half of U. S. Income for War Is Drafted by FDR.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today is drafting a war budget for expenditure of more than \$1,000,000,000 a week—upwards of \$52,000,000,000 a year—for 1942 offensive war against the Axis.

It is a vast sum almost incomprehensible to many persons. But it is not nearly so big as the job of organizing to spend it.

We are now devoting about 23 per cent of our national income to war efforts.

The new program is for diversion of \$5,000,000,000, which is 50 per cent of the estimated national income, to war expenditure in the fiscal year which will begin July 1 and end on June 30, 1943.

Cut Non-Defense Spending

Over and above that sum will be the cost of non-war government which in the current fiscal year will amount to approximately \$6,000,000,000.

A Congressional economy committee has been clamoring for a reduction in non-defense spending and it has the support of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morganthau Jr.

Mr. Roosevelt promised at his press conference yesterday that non-defense spending would be reduced. But few here believe it can or will be cut by as much as \$3,000,000,000.

Therefore, on the basis of a \$50,000,000,000 war budget plus something for other governmental costs in the next fiscal year, the 12-month bill to present and future taxpayers will be approximately \$53,000,000,000.

That compares with approximately \$80,000,000,000 which has been spent by the Roosevelt Administration since June 30, 1933, which was the beginning of the first complete fiscal year after Herbert C. Hoover left office.

Consider New Bill

Plans for the next fiscal year dwarf those for the present fiscal period. Last January Mr. Roosevelt estimated that in the current fiscal year he would spend \$17,485,000,000, of which \$10,811,000,000 would be for national defense. That program was expanded last June to an overall expenditure figure of \$22,169,000,000, of which \$15,500,000,000 would be for national defense.

Spending is proceeding at approximately that rate on the basis of returns for the first six months of the fiscal year, which are as follows: Expenditures, \$11,242,000,000; receipts, \$4,123,000,000; net deficit, so far, \$7,049,000,000.

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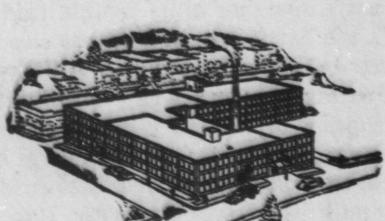
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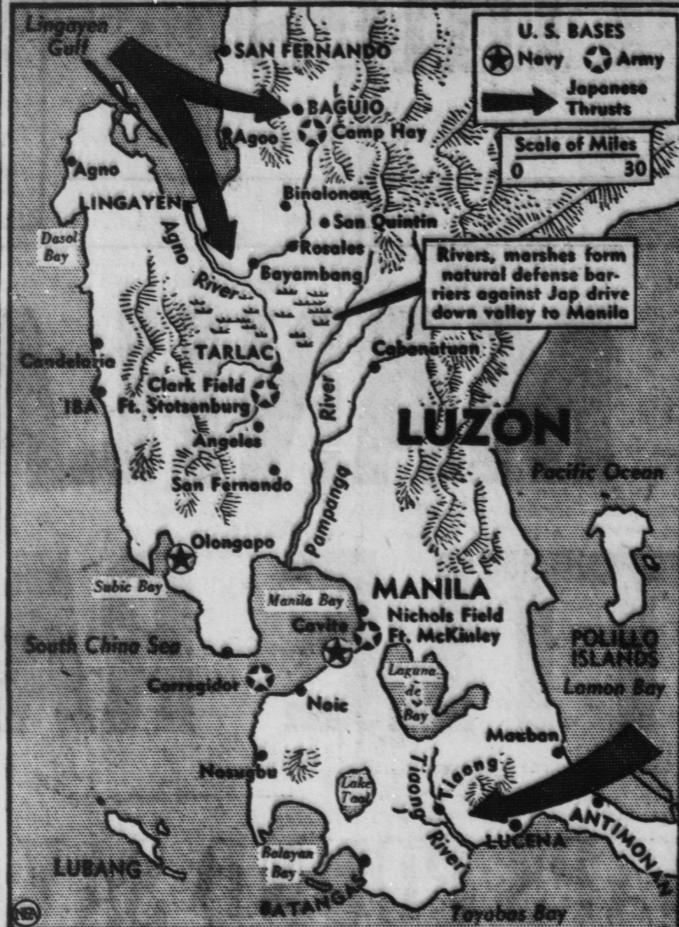
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SPECIAL RITES TO MARK 1942

'Watch' Services Starting Tonight Arranged for Several Churches.

Special church services will mark the celebration of the New Year tonight and tomorrow in Indianapolis churches.

Several churches will hold "watch" services, starting late tonight and continuing into 1942 makes its appearance. Others, such as the Roman Catholic Church, will continue with the regular series of masses and services that are conducted on Sundays.

At Billings General Hospital at Ft. Harrison, the very Rev. Henry F. Dugan, chancellor of the Indianapolis Diocese of the Catholic Church, will celebrate a high mass at 5:45 a. m. tomorrow. The chorister group from St. Catherine's Church, directed by Paul Egger, will sing.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Ainslie Kirchhofer, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, will give the New Year charge to the congregation of the All Saints' Cathedral in a special service at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Communicants of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 25 S. Ritter Ave., may receive Holy Communion immediately after midnight or at 7:30 a. m. tomorrow. Midnight services at the church will begin with hymns at 11:30 p. m.

Pray for Nation

Prayers for our country and its leaders will be offered at a New Year's prayer and Communion service tonight in the North Methodist Church, beginning at 11 o'clock.

The altar of the church will be illuminated with candle light, and organ music will be provided by Mrs. J. Russell Paxton. The elements of the Lord's Supper will furnish the altar and Dr. C. A. McPhee, pastor of the church, will administer the sacrament.

Observe Communion

"Watch Night" will be observed in the East Park Methodist Church tonight with a special Holy Communion service.

The choir will sing the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri, Gloria in Excelsis, the Sanctus with Preface and the Doxology. Following the Communion, the Youth Fellowship will present a program "A Watch-night Service of Commitment."

Refreshments and games will be held in the church dining room and at 11:45 p. m., the congregation will reassemble in the church auditorium when a final dedicatory service will be held, ending at midnight.

Services at 3 P. M.

Rabbi Elias Charry will conduct a special New Year's Day service at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the Beth-El-Zedeck Temple. The service is being held this year in accordance with President Roosevelt's proclamation to make New Year's Day a day of prayer for the nation.

Plan Open House

Open house will be held tomorrow by Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Blair Harry, 4725 Park Ave. Dr. and Mrs. Harry have extended a general invitation to members and friends of the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, 47th and Central Ave., of which Dr. Harry is pastor.

The open house will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. and the couple will be assisted by their daughter, Ruth, and son, William.

Mrs. Rex Thomas will be in charge of the dining room and Mrs. Floyd Church, Mrs. Harry Gause, Mrs. Holden Leftoff and Mrs. Henry Hoss will pour. Assisting will be Miss Henrietta Perdue, Miss Minerva Long, Miss Mary Alice Claycombe, Miss Mary Jo McGuire, Miss Marjorie McWilliams, Miss Betty Wilson and Mrs. Vernon Perdue.

The Board ordered Police Chief Morrissey to enforce the no-parking ban.

DRIVER, PASSENGER INJURED IN COLLISION

An auto collision caused injury to two girls and a boy at Sherman Dr. and Stanton Ave. last night.

Those injured were LeRoy Dillon, 18, of 1753 Olive St., driver of one of the cars, and his companion, Miss Charlotte Simpson, 18, of 2324 S. Grove St., and Miss Allene Hampshire, 21, of 3013 Leeds Ave.

Methodist Hospital reported today that none was hurt seriously.

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Wants a Gun



CITY WILL HAIL 1942 'AS USUAL'

Some Will Dance, Some Will Dine; Parties On Schedule.

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much, because I want to be sober enough to listen to the news broadcasts."

"I'll probably be in the Army by this time next year, so I am going to enjoy this New Year's Eve."

"Friends are visiting us and we'll always do."

"At City Hall, one public figure pointed out that one New Year's celebration calls for another, saying: 'I'll go over to So-and-So's house, and drink up his liquor. He drank up mine last year.'

Others at City Hall expressed their New Year's plans thus:

"I am going to a party in Southport. We did the same thing last year."

"We're having a family party. It always breaks up early. We do that every year."

A county official said:

"We'll have a party at home again this year."

Others at the Courthouse spoke thus as they looked to the arrival of 1942:

"My family will cut down something on hilarity this year. I think we ought to, because of war conditions. We don't know what's coming."

"I think people should relax all the more during war time and try to have a good time while they can. I don't see how sitting quietly and brooding over the war will help matters any."

"My boy friend and I are going to a dance, the same as other years."

"I see no reason why people should not observe New Year's the same as in other years, according to their standard of living."

Others in Indianapolis planned New Year's observances as follows:

DRUG STORE CLERK—"We're going to dance at our club, the same as last year."

CARPENTER—"I hope to make it a quiet evening at home."

WAITRESS—"One of the other waitresses and I will go to the usual party with friends."

BUSINESS MAN—"I am going to bed at the usual time because I start taking the inventory at the warehouse the next day. I know from experience that an inventory is extremely hard to take after a big celebration."

SALESMAN—"I am going to let myself go. I had a nephew on Wake Island, and I don't know what happened to him. I have another nephew in Iceland and a brother in Camp Shelby. I feel the need of a let-down."

Key to Caucasus

The move seemed certain to give Sevastopol, under fierce Nazi attack more than two months, some relief, and might lead to the lifting of the siege if the Soviet forces continue westward across the difficult mountain terrain.

Kerch, Crimean gateway to the Caucasus, and its rich oil fields, was captured six weeks ago by the Germans at the height of their eastward advance.

At that time, the Nazis described Kerch as "a naval base equal to none" and said the city and its fortress were an important key to the Caucasus.

City Engineer M. G. Johnson said he was studying the possibility of moving the Shadeland Dr. bridge at Fall Creek downstream to Indiana Ave. as a temporary substitute until a new bridge can be built.

The Shadeland bridge has been closed to traffic because of construction at the Indianapolis Water Co. dam at Oakland. It is in good condition, however, and might be used at Indiana Ave., he said.

If plans to re-route Shadeland Dr. to the northeast are carried out, the Shadeland bridge will no longer be needed. Construction of a new span at Indiana Ave. has been delayed indefinitely pending a flood control project on Fall Creek which has not started yet.

Offers Training For Defense Jobs

A SPECIAL SHORT business course will get under way Jan. 5 at Central Normal College at Danville to help meet urgent demands for secretarial workers in defense industries. Use of calculating, mimeograph, ditto and multilith machines will be emphasized along with regular typing and shorthand courses.

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