

STATE'S BUDGET UP 51-2 MILLION

Most Additional Expenses Will Go for Increased Salaries.

By SHERLEY UHL

State government expenses during the next two years will increase by at least 5½ million dollars over those of the current fiscal biennium; the 1945-47 Indiana budget revealed today.

Introduced in the house, the budget showed the following biennial cost comparison:

1943-44: \$82,839,380.

1945-47: \$88,523,610.

These figures do not include millions of dollars scheduled for appropriation by the present legislature.

Increased Salaries

virtually all of the estimated expense boost will go for increased salaries and operating costs necessitated by wartime inflation.

In fixing the final budget recommendation, the state budget committee pared more than 35 million dollars off of departmental and institutional requests. Department and institution heads had asked for a total of \$123,000,000.

The over-all hike in state personnel services costs averages 13½ per cent, the budget statement said. A relatively low \$888,900 public improvement fund was described as "the irreducible minimum that should be authorized by this session of the general assembly for repairs and very minor improvements."

Bulk of the budgeted increases went to the state's charitable, benevolent, penal and educational institutions. More than 4 million dollars additional was recommended by the state.

All Branches Participate

The various other departments, divisions, boards and commissions received about 1½ million more in expenses for 1945-47, with practically all branches participating in the increase.

On the basis of these stabilized budgeted items, if no additional money were appropriated and no unexpected receipts taken in, the state would have an estimated 37 million dollars in the general fund at the end of the next biennium. This compares with the 41 million dollar surplus now at hand.

Other Bills Ask Money

None of the estimated introduced today take into account a rising tide of appropriation bills now flooding the legislature. Already, legislation proposing the appropriation of more than 40 million dollars has been submitted to the house.

Thirty million of this, however, is requested for a vast state soldier bonus plan which undoubtedly will be defeated by Republicans who believe service allotments are purely a federal government affair.

But this still leaves something like 10 million dollars in G. O. P. sponsored measures, many of which probably will flow freely through the Republican-dominated legislature.

Thus, it appears that some new revenue-raising method will have to be devised by the Gates administration in order to preserve the general fund. Recently, approval of an increased liquor tax was announced, but the four million dollars annually provided by this new levy is to be applied to a post-war construction fund.

Persistent administration reports predict additional revenue measures, one of which may be a two cent a pack tax on cigarettes.

Budget estimates also include a \$600,000 dollar increase in expenditures from the motor vehicle highway fund. The standard school tuition support schedule remains at 42 million dollars.

Announced by Budget Director Anderson Ketchum, the 1945-47 expense account was introduced in the legislature by Reps. James M. Knapp (R. Hagerstown) and Robert Heller (D. Decatur).

ROCKEFELLER PLEADS FOR CHURCH REBIRTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (U. P.)—John D. Rockefeller Jr., reiterated his world war I plea today for a revitalized church to offer moral stability to the emotion-shattered masses.

Rockefeller said the people did not find in the present day church "the recognition, the association, the guidance and the inspiration which they need and have a right to expect."

In a dinner address last night opening the New York Protestant council's drive for \$800,000 operating funds this year, Rockefeller proposed a reborn church built on religious spirit rather than formalities.

Gambling Lid Is On to Stay, Remy, McMurtry Promise

The town will remain "closed tight" with any gamblers functioning strictly on the quiet.

Such was the edict today of Safety Board President Will H. Remy, whose hand-picked police chief, Jesse McMurtry, replaced former Chief Clifford Becker Tuesday.

Mr. Remy said the new police administration would carry out a "quiet, persistent anti-vice program" with no ballyhoo. He said police vigilance over suspect taverns and other establishments would henceforth be "steady and methodical."

Wasn't Always So

He hinted that such had not been the case in the past under former chief Becker, who possessed a colorful flair for leading sensational gambling parties.

Becker, however, instituted his hard-holed crack-down at the behest of Mr. Remy, the town's foremost anti-vice crusader.

Of late, Mr. Remy has intimated

Bill Proposes Budget Bureau For Indianapolis

By KENNETH HUFFORD

C. F. SCHMIDT DIES; ACTIVE AS CLUBMAN

C. Frederick Schmidt, president of the Indiana Automatic Sprinkler Co., died today at his home, 244 S. 1st st., Beech Grove.

He was a member of Oriental Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, the Athenaeum Turners, the Culver Club and a former member of the Building Owners and Managers association.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, Exeter military academy and Culver military academy, he was 58. The body is at the Flanner & Bulchanan mortuary.

Survivors are his wife, Zola Harlan; his mother, Mrs. John W. Schmidt; a sister, Mrs. Marguerite Gorski, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and a niece, Miss Emily Fox, Buffalo, N. Y.

36 IN EVERY 1000*

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 (U. P.)—Declaring the venereal disease rate for troops in continental United States has risen to 36 per 1000 men, Lt. Col. Thomas H. Sterberg, army service forces venereal disease control officer, has announced that all infected servicemen will be treated before discharge.

FINNS MAKE DEBT MOVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (U. P.)—

The measure specifies that the director shall have had at least five years' experience in public financing matters and in the administration of large public budgets.

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Also introduced in the house was a bill that would empower the Indianapolis city council to fill any mayoralty vacancy in the event of the mayor's death or resignation.

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