

USSR DEFENSE BUDGET IS CUT

Chief Spending to Be for 5-Year Plan.

MOSCOW, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Soviet Russia's budget for the current fiscal year will cut post-war defense expenditures nearly 60 per cent.

Principal expenditures will be made for the new five-year plan.

Finance Minister A. Gam Zverev told 1300 delegates of the Supreme Soviet that income was estimated at \$30,400,000,000 rubles and expenses at \$19,300,000,000 rubles.

The official rate of exchange of the ruble is about five to the dollar, but the black market rate is about 10 to the dollar, and the diplomatic rate about six to the pound.

71 Billion for Defense

Last year's budget provided 137,800,000,000 rubles for defense but only 128,200,000,000 were spent because of the sudden ending of the war. This year's defense appropriation is 71 billion rubles.

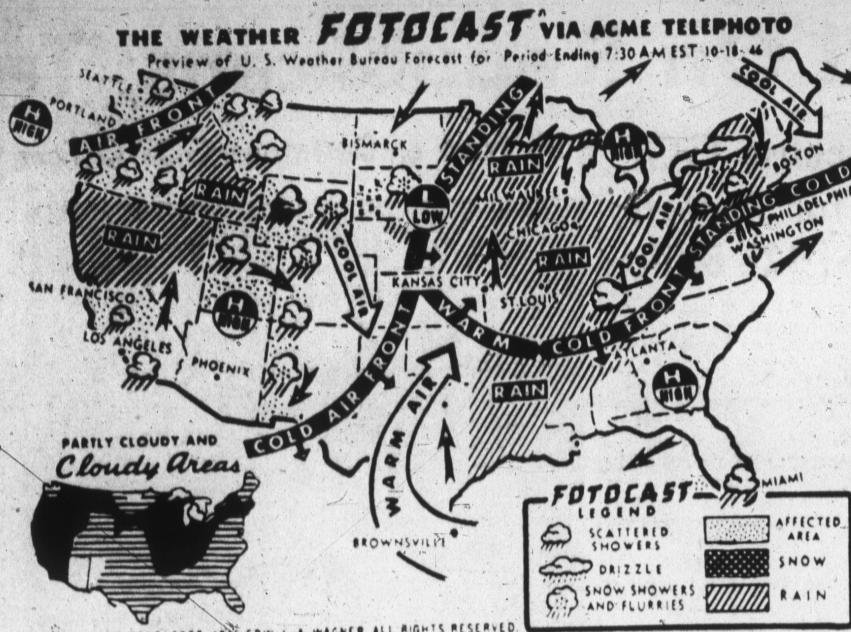
The new budget provides an increase in wages, pensions and stipends of \$800,000,000 rubles.

Other large expenditures planned are for industry, 102 billion, social welfare and culture, 83 billion, and the loan for domestic war bond repayment, 6 billion.

RE-ELECT DR. BLAKE AT BAPTIST PARLEY

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Dr. George Blake, head of the history department at Franklin college, continued to head the Indiana Baptist convention today following the closing session of the convention's annual meeting here yesterday.

Mr. Blake was re-elected as president, to be assisted by the Rev. George Dick of South Bend as vice president.



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NATIONAL 24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY: Showers will develop over large areas of the nation according to the forecasters, particularly along the frontal system that extends from New England through the middle Mississippi Valley to the Central Plains.

A temperature and humidity front is forecast for the Northern Plains states, Lakes region and northern New England as a cold Canadian air mass moves into these sections with the advancing frontal system which is moving 20 to 25 miles per hour.

Michigan and northernmost North Dakota will have fair weather and mostly clear skies Thursday night. The rest of the nation will have overcast or partly cloudy conditions.

The showers west of the Great Divide will result as moist, warm South Pacific air flows inland and intermingles with cooler air flowing

southeastward from a high pressure center in western Canada.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau
All Data in Central Standard Time

Oct. 17, 1946

Sunrise . . . 5:57 | Sunset . . . 5:08

Precipitation: 24 hrs. end Jan. 1 . . . 6.93

Deficiency since Jan. 1 . . . 6.93

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	68	47
Boston	70	55
Chicago	70	52
Cincinnati	72	51
Cleveland	73	51
Detroit	64	37
Evansville	77	52
Fl. (Wayne)	72	54
Indiansapolis (city)	69	52
Kansas City	66	52
Las Vegas	79	59
Miami	55	40
Minneapolis-St. Paul	48	34
New York	68	54
New Orleans	66	57
Omaha	66	43
Pittsburgh	71	55
St. Louis	68	50
San Francisco	64	49
Washington, D. C.	70	52

STATE PARK HOTELS GRANTED RATE HIKE

Visitors to Indiana state park hotels today faced a possible 50-cent raise in daily rates.

Robert F. Wirsching, state parks director, said today the conservation commission had granted managers the increase from the present \$4.85 maximum rate, which includes lodging and meals.

Mr. Wirsching indicated the rates probably would not be raised to the new authorized maximum of \$5.35 unless warranted by rising costs of food.

URGES OPA TO END SUGAR RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Rep. Alvin F. Weichel (R. O.) urged OPA today to stop rationing sugar immediately.

In a telegram from Sandusky, O., he said OPA is exporting American-owned sugar to foreign countries.

LYNCH PROBE ASKED BY CHURCH COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—The Federal Council of Churches joined Georgia church organizations today in demanding legal action by the state against the lynching of two Negro couples in Walton county last July.

Residents Find It Nice to Be Able to 'Spread Out a Little'

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and married his wife. They have been back in this country about two years. A month ago Mrs. Lucas' mother came to the United States to be on hand when Kathleen arrived.

Since her arrival Mrs. Cummings has been just too busy to make up her mind about America. But she said it seemed to be a fine country.

In a month or two, as soon as Kathleen can travel, the Lucas' plan to return to New Zealand, where Mr. Lucas will go into business with his father-in-law, who is a manufacturer of jewelry.

Back Door Complaint

"I'm going to get out of this situation," he said.

The only complaint the families have against their new home is the absence of back doors. Trash and garbage have to be put out the front door, and if you want to hang out laundry on the line out in back you have to walk out the front door and around the whole line of houses, Mr. Lucas said.

Waiting for Grocery Store

Mr. Floyd DeLay, another resident of Thindall Towns, said "we are having a lot of fun living out here."

Wives of veterans who live in the apartments get together in the

BYRNES OPTIMISTIC OVER PEACE PARLEY

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hope" that the Big Four foreign ministers would accept peace terms drafted at the conference.

The secretary conferred with President Truman for 45 minutes.

Commanded by President

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said later that Mr. Truman found Mr. Byrnes "in good spirits and optimistic." Mr. Ross said the President felt Mr. Byrnes had done "an excellent job" in Paris.

Secretary Byrnes' optimism was in contrast to the pessimism voiced in the final hours of the Paris conference by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov. Mr. Molotov said in Paris that Russia would ask the Big Four ministers to revise many of the Paris decisions.

Mr. Byrnes will make a 30-minute radio report to the public at 9 p. m. (Indianapolis time) tomorrow. He will speak over the NBC network. State department officials said other networks also may broadcast the speech.

Truman Trip Non-Political

Mr. Ross said Mr. Truman would not have any political engagements while in New York for the United Nations address, according to present plans.

"This is not a political mission in any sense," Mr. Ross said. He added, however, that the President may make other engagements for the same day in New York in connection with the assembly meeting.

EARLY MEAT PRICE LEVEL-OFF FORECAST

Supply and demand principles will operate to return meat prices to ceiling levels within four months, former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota said during a brief visit here yesterday.

Mr. Stassen, regarded as leader of the Republican party's "progressive" wing, blamed the meat crisis on the "truly weak" leadership of the Democratic administration in Washington. He forecast the current upset condition of the livestock markets would prevail for a week or so and that prices would then level off.

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