

TUESDAY, MAR. 1, 1949

Congress—

## House Committee Votes \$11,333,627,586 for Treasury, Postoffice

Urges Increase of 1500 in Internal Revenue Workers to Enforce Income Tax Collections

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (UPI)—The House Appropriations Committee today approved an \$11,333,627,586 Treasury and Post Office supply bill, and recommended increasing the internal revenue staff to enforce income tax collections.

In new direct annual appropriations for fiscal 1950, the Treasury department would get \$1,027,608,403 and the Post Office \$2,045,200,500. The Treasury also has \$8,260,809,633 in fixed-charge permanent appropriations.

Largest fixed-charge items are \$5,450,000,000 for interest on the national debt and \$2,160,000,000 for income tax refunds.

Urges More Employees

The House's committee recommended the hiring of 1500 additional employees in the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Secretary of Treasury John Snyder had asked for 7000 more workers. But the committee said it did not believe the bureau would be able to find more than 1500 additional qualified personnel. It also expressed the opinion that the average citizen tries to make an honest income tax return.

The committee said it hopes Congress will increase postal rates to put the Post Office Department on a more nearly self-sustaining basis.

Direct funds recommended by the committee were \$419,598,223 more than the two departments got in fiscal 1949, but \$99,845,846 less than requested by the Budget Bureau. Most of the increases over last year are for salaries and additional workers.

Includes FFC Fund

One Treasury item is administration of trust funds totaling \$3,886,152,586 for such things as old-age and survivors insurance and unemployment compensation.

The House committee included in the bill \$25,400,000 for administration of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., and \$950,000 for administration of the Export-Import Bank. These amounts come from income and are not appropriations.

Expressing fear over an "alarming increase" in the use of marijuanna, the committee recommended the full \$1,560,000 for the Bureau of Narcotics.

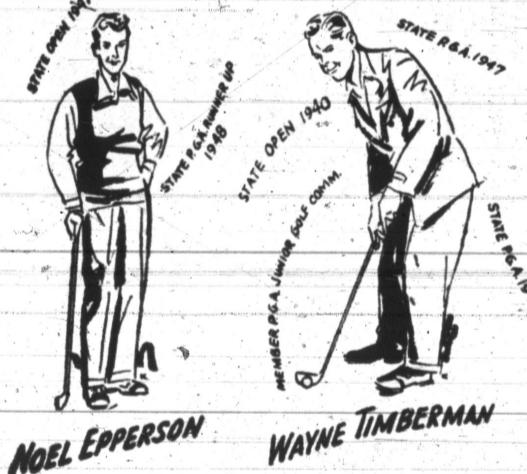
It proposed that the secret service be permitted to add 33 more agents to its staff of 333. The larger force is necessary, it said, to combat a sudden increase in counterfeiting and to reduce the backlog of check and bond fraud cases.

Funds recommended for the Coast Guard would increase its overall strength of officers and men from 21,880 to 23,000. At the same time, the committee expressed the view that the Coast Guard has too many high-ranking officers in comparison with its enlisted personnel.

Elsewhere in Congress:

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10:00 a.m. Women's Session  
11:00 a.m. Women's Session  
3:00 p.m. Men's Session  
4:00 p.m. Men's Session

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10:00 a.m. Junior Golfer's Session  
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3:00 p.m. Open Forum  
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**Social Security**  
The House Ways and Means committee still has to be convinced that President Truman's new help-the-needy program is necessary. The committee opened hearings on the President's proposal yesterday.

### Foreign Aid

Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.) said his Senate Foreign Relations Committee may approve a token cut—"25 million or so"—in proposed administration spending for foreign aid. The committee is considering legislation to extend the European Recovery Plan for 15 months. The administration has asked \$5,550,000,000 over that period.

### Oleo

The House Agriculture Committee opens hearings on legislation to abolish federal taxes on oleomargarine. Rep. August H. Anderson (R., Minn.) told reporters the fight is "entirely over color." He said the oleo people insist on coloring their product yellow "to make it look like butter."

**Hoosier Faces Death in Ohio**  
COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 1 (UPI)—Leister Nichols, 42, Akron, Ind., today was scheduled to die in the electric chair at Ohio State penitentiary Friday night for slaying an elderly minister, unless he is granted executive clemency.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio said he was undecided what action he will take. The U. S. Supreme Court on Feb. 7 denied Nichols' appeal from the death sentence and set the execution date.

Nichols was found guilty of first degree murder in the fatal shooting on May 6, 1947, of the Rev. Mr. Lewis Whitaker, 76, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God in West Newton.

**Shilling Services To Be Tomorrow**

Henry W. Schilling, Marion County resident most of his life, who died yesterday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lula Toom, Acton, will be buried in Washington Park following services at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Robert W. Stirling funeral home. He died at 80.

He was an employee of the Advance Independent Electrotype Co. and a member of the Bridgeport Masonic Lodge.

Survivors also include another daughter, Mrs. Ethel Plummer, Indianapolis; a brother, Charles Schilling, Ben Davis; a sister, Mrs. Louise Witt, Cumberland; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

### Rites for Hayes' Kin

BOSTON, Mar. 1 (UPI)—Funeral services will be held at Fremont, O., tomorrow for Sherman Otis Hayes, 60, of New York, grandson of former U. S. President Rutherford B. Hayes. He died in a Boston Hotel Sunday.

### Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU  
—Mar. 1, 1949

Sunrise..... 6:18 Sunset..... 5:37

Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a.m. trace  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1..... 3.81  
Excess since Jan. 1..... 3.81

The following table shows the temperature yesterday in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	72	52
Boston	72	52
Chicago	74	54
Cincinnati	74	54
Cleveland	72	52
Denver	45	29
Florida	79	68
Fl. Wayne	50	40
Indians (City)	74	54
Kansas City	74	54
Los Angeles	60	40
Minneapolis-St. Paul	72	52
New Orleans	82	62
Omaha	74	54
Oklahoma City	75	55
Omaha	27	18
Phoenix	42	32
San Antonio	69	49
San Francisco	54	49
St. Louis	71	51
Washington, D. C.	70	50

Plane Fares Lower

NEW YORK, Mar. 1 (UPI)—Pan American-Grace Airways cut air passenger rates to several South American cities today, saving travelers up to \$25 one-way and \$45 a round trip between New York and Buenos Aires.

**Today's Weather Fotocast**



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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—A fresh blast of icy Canadian air is expected to lower the mercury still further by tomorrow morning as most of the nation already shivered in sub-freezing temperatures. New England will have temperatures as low as 10 degrees. In the Midwest, temperatures generally will remain in the low 20's.

## Seek Money to Build New Church

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