17-Billion Dollars, War Cost, Means Dollar a Second Since Columbus

If a printing press had begun turning out dollar bills at the rate of one a second when Columbus first landed in the New World and had continued to produce at the same rate ever since, the amount would still be three billion dollars short of the sum required to pay the estimated expenses of the United States Government for the next fiscal year, states the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in discussing "visualizing the cost of rearmament" in the current issue of "The Guaranty Survey," its monthly review of business and financial conditions in this country and abroad.

Comparisons like the foregoing, and similar ones cited in this article, applied to the outlook for Government finances in this country, are not made here for the purpose of criticizing defense expenditures, for it is but universally conceded that rearmament is essential, and modern armaments inevitably cost huge sums of money, "The Survey" continues. These comparisons are not mere statistical curiosities. Their implications have a vital meaning for every American citizen.

66 Times Around Earth

And to continue the comparisons in an effort to help visualize the cost of rearmament: If seventeen billion dollar bills were laid end to end, they would stretch for a distance of 1,643,187 miles, or sixty-six times around the earth at the equator. The amount is literally astronomical, for the same dollar bills would form six strands extending from the earth to the moon, with more than two billion dollars to spare.

Seventeen billion popular-priced automobiles costing a thousand dollars each could be purchased with the same amount, one car to every eight persons, or every two families, in the United States. Placed bumper to bumper, these cars would cover a distance equal to approximately sixteen times the distance from New York to San Francisco.

Seventeen billion dollars would pay for the building of 335 battleships of the type of the "Missouri" and "Wisconsin," now under construction at a cost of $50,700,000 each, or would be more than twenty-two times the present United States battleship fleet and more than eight times the number of battleships now in service in the major navies of the world, exclusive of our own.

Seventeen billion dollars means an average of $129.11 for every man, woman and child in the United States, or more than $500 for each family of four.

The Interest

The annual interest on seventeen billion dollars at 2½ per cent, amounts to $425,000,000, or what it cost to run the entire government fifty years ago. To earn this interest, the 48,400,000 employed workers of the country would have to work nearly two days each year at five dollars a day; and to pay the principal each one would have to work seventy days at the same rate.

When the effects of past and prospective expenditures on the national debt are considered, the results are even more staggering. A billion ranks the legal limit of the debt of any one billion dollars has just been enacted, and there is little doubt that the actual debt will reach or exceed this sum before the present armament program is completed. To produce enough money to pay a debt of the amount today, the dollar-a-second printing press mentioned in the foregoing would have had to begin work more than a century before the birth of Christ.

Economic Boon?

Yet there appears to be a tendency in many quarters to regard the defense program as not only a military necessity but an economic boon as well, as if a valid excuse had finally been found for the temporarily easy habit of governmental borrowing and spending that the people of the United States have formed in recent years.

Such a fundamentally false view of the situation is likely to lead to loose fiscal policies at a time when the exact opposite is urgently required in order to do the imperative job of rearmament in the most efficient and economical way. Rearmament may, for a time, stimulate employment and increase the national income, but in the end it must represent not a source of wealth but an enormous economic burden to the American people. If this necessary burden is to be prevented from having permanently harmful results, it must be held to a minimum by the exercise of the most rigid economy in non-essential expenditures. And it must be recognized and shouldered now, not at some indefinite future time.

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Sewer Requested To Aid Building

A short sewer at the southern end of Grant street was asked by the Leinbach-Humphrey Company in a letter to the City Commission Monday night.

Rex Humphrey pointed out that his company plans to build 10 homes on 20 lots owned on Smith street, and 15 homes on 34 Bird street lots between Pierce and Grant.

Sewers on these two streets now drain toward Woodward avenue and are inadequate, City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the Commission. An interceptor on Grant would remedy the problem, he said. Because the land ownership is concentrated, Egbert recommended that the Leinbach-Humphrey company be required to pay its share of the cost in advance, about $2,000. The city's share, including that for Pierce school frontage, would amount to 40 per cent of the total.

The proposal was approved.

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A Chance to Go to School

Although they are handicapped physically, Frank and Johnnie are going to school like "other kids" do. But the majority of crippled children are unable to attend school. They need braces and steel supports for physical rather than their arms to fit their backs and legs, and facilities for physical therapy are needed urgently. Funds raised from the sale of Easter Seals now in progress will help to assure for every crippled child in Michigan equal opportunities for the education given the physically normal child.

This annual seal sale is conducted by the Society and its local county units to finance their work for "A Better Life For Our Crippled Children." Seals are available from members of the Birmingham Rotary Club.

Aids Defense

Not as war pilots, but as instructors, women civil and military defense, says Anne Rhodes, one of the first women pilots in recent commercial history, has induced women pilots could help cadet pilots their first 75 hours of instruction, she suggested.

Idea Behind Fantasia Is 'Music Is Fun'

DETROIT—Walt Disney's "Fantasia," now in its seventh week at the Wilson Theatre, is dedicated to the proposition that good music is good fun.

A non-musician himself, Mr. Disney had long felt that many music lovers either had stopped at the average person's full enjoyment of music by creating an atmosphere of awesome bewilderment about the whole thing. They have been inclined to "explain" music appreciation in such a way as to drive many persons away from the concert hall.

Accordingly Mr. Disney and his artists set about putting music before the public as a means toward entertainment, laughter and rhythm. They infused a Beethoven symphony with imaginative humor and made of a controversial Stravinsky composition a densely ecstatic but readily understandable experience.

Mr. Disney doesn't pretend to have put the one and only correct interpretation to the eight works which comprise "Fantasia." They merely presents the images which the music brought to his mind and the minds of those who worked with him.

In order that as many persons as possible may enjoy this absorbing, controversial and downright musical experience, the Wilson Theatre has established low price tickets for children and for all men in uniform of the U. S. Army, Navy and Air service.

State Leads in Apple Juice

Michigan shares with New York state the national leadership in canning and bottling apple juice, according to a survey recently at a conference at Michigan State College. One of the speakers, Dr. R. Mottern of Philadelphia, described by-product usage as "notes that putrefy made from dried apple pomace apparently has found a new use in lubricating drills boring new oil wells. He also described possibilities of obtaining wax from apple peelings.

4 O'CLOCK every Wednesday is the deadline for turning in Your classified "Want Ads."

Speakers Named For Town Hall

Maurice Evans, one of today's greatest actors, will open the Detroit Town Hall at the Fox theatre, early in October for the Thirteenth Season of the Friday Morning Series of Twenty Lectures.

The extraordinary list of speakers already contracted for include Alexander Woollcott, author, world traveler, radio star and lecturer; Ilka Chase, famous for performances on the stage, screen and radio; George S. Denis, dramatist, author of New Faces of 1934 and founder of the Theatre of the Air; Rex Stout, author of the "Nero Wolfe" mystery stories; Quentin Reynolds, famous foreign correspondent and author of "Only the Stranger"; Major George Fielding Eliot, military expert and radio commentator; Dr. Harold Laski, famous English author and lecturer; and Dr. Frank Crane, whose name will be announced later, to follow the friendly charming world impressions of Christopher Morley.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. In Chancery. Suit pending at the Village of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of March A. D. 1941.

Present, Hon. Arthur Webster, Circuit Judge.

In pursuance of the Statutes of this State and the Rules and Orders of this Court, notice is hereby given to the creditors of Mary Ann Patterson, deceased, late of the Township of Waterford, in said County, that we will meet at the office of the Probate Judge in the Village of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of April A. D. 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of examining and adjusting all claims and demands against said deceased, and that six months from the 24th day of March A. D. 1941, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment.

And further Ordered, That notice be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR WEBSTER, Circuit Judge of Probate.

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Mental Telepathy Explored in Book At Public Library

By LINDO MOORE

Do you shout "Fake! Humbug!" at the very mention of "mental telepathy" and "clairvoyance"? Or do you come back with that story about the dead Great-aunt Eliza suddenly just knew one evening that Uncle Ned was caught in a train wreck, 3,643 long pooh-poohs from relatives turned to convince you that Uncle's telegram arrived saying he wasn't much hurt and confirming the wreck story. It's a rare family that hasn't one such tale. Of course, it was just coincidence, you think, and leave the subject—skeptical, and just a little uncomfortable.

Social Scientists are not content to leave it. They have been experimenting for a number of years, trying to decide whether the human mind can learn anything of the external world in any way except through the channels of the known senses. Some of results of their work appears in Pratt and Greenwood's book, *Extra-Sensory Perception*. Such experimentation —especially that of Duke University—has already caused a critical uproar. The present volume makes stiff, but interesting reading on a controversial subject of modern psychology.

Union Now With Britain, by Clarence Streit. Developing his now famous theory of union amongst the democracies of the world, the author advocated union between Great Britain and the United States. This he feels would stop the war, and check the spread of dictatorship.

Pan American, by Carleton Beals. A suggested program for a unified western hemisphere based on closer trade ties and an enlarged "good neighbor" policy.

Technology and Society, by McKee Rosen. The changes that machines and recent mechanical inventions have brought about in American life.

Magic is a Bottle, by Milton Silverman. True, dramatic stories of pep drugs and the men who discovered them. Beginning with opium, the range includes barbiturates, vitamines and sulphanilamide.

Stories and Genres, by Harold Keith. How to play more than a dozen popular games. Included also are short histories of the sports.

Life in Everyday Life, by Harriet Goldstein. The principles of art as applied to everyday problems, from house and store decoration to hair-styling.

Spring Symphony, by Eleanor Painter. Novel based on the lives of Robert and Clara Schumann.

Billy Squire, by C. Blackburn Miller. Humorous reminiscences of the author's father.

The Bread Take No Home. Murder mystery with a satirical comedy background.

A conscience stricken thief who took an automobile in Spartanburg, S. C., reported the theft to an officer in a radio cruiser before a complaint was filed by the owner of the vehicle.

Lays 2 Problems Before the City

Charles S. Kinnison, who last year built a new home on Northlawn avenue at the southwest corner of Birmingham, laid two problems before the City Commission Monday night.

At the first, he said that tests has shown a heavy concentration of iron in the water delivered by city pipes to his home, the figure being 3.2 parts per million. He is on a dead-end main and he asked whether more frequent flushing would correct the trouble.

His second request concerned a bridge over the Rouge near his home. A guard rail is needed on the south side, "I am afraid some one will go into the river," he declared.

The south side of the bridge is outside the city limits of the dashing lane runs through the dead center), and Kinnison was told to seek relief from the County Road Commission.

An exceptional Negro soldier is Sergeant Hansen Outley, former chief of staff of the army of Liberia, now serving with the 349th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.

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