

## \$5,000,000,000 PROPOSED AS BUDGET FOR EUROPE MARSHALL PLAN INCREASES A FIGURE

### Congress told total bill ZONE DOLLARS WILL HELP BRITAIN

**Electors gave a mandate on Lords**

By H. R. S. Philpott

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MR. HERBERT MORRISON, in moving the second reading in the Commons last night of the Bill to cut the Lords' veto, expressed regret at the absence of Mr. Churchill.

He hoped the leader of the Opposition on the two-day debate of a Bill would soon be offered and said he had looked forward to seeing him there as a "material witness in this matter."

He said the measure—which reduces the power of veto on legislation from two years to one—was a precautionary one. Mr. Morrison said that there was even full warning that they would not tolerate any interference with the will of the people.

"This Bill," he said, "is the fulfilment of that declaration."

**Tory 'neurosis'**

He gave a carefully thought-out and reasoned case for the Bill and said: "I beg the Opposition not to get huffy about it and to get to work to state of affairs."

Tories laughed when he spoke of the freedom of Parliamentary institutions, and of "the liberties of the people."

They cried "Oh!" when he spoke of "our great Parliamentary democracy" of which we are an outstanding example to the world.

Parliament, he said, was discussing an important constitutional issue—the powers of the House of Lords in relation to a progressive Bill. Commons and a progressive Government.

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From ARTHUR WEBB WASHINGTON, Monday

CONGRESS, which will not get President Truman's detailed Marshall Plan estimates for some weeks, was told by Secretary Marshall himself today that they may total between four and five thousand million pounds.

His four-year aid-for-Europe budget is thus between \$5,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000 higher than the Harman Committee's figures—nearly 15 per cent.

**Questioning today**

Leading off the President's drive to secure Congressional support for the Plan before a joint session of the Foreign Affairs Committees of both Houses, the Secretary of State will face cross-examination in public session tomorrow.

One important disclosure, outside Secretary Marshall's statement, was made today by Under-Secretary Robert Lovett.

It was that the Administration thought a stabilisation fund to back up European currencies was an ultimate necessity.

He said no decision had been reached as to the amount, although the 16 nations who met in Paris requested 3,000,000,000 dollars (\$300,000,000).

Mr. Marshall said the present Congress would be asked to finance the four-year plan only until June, 1948, and he estimated something under 1,500,000,000 dollars would be needed between April 1 and June 30 next year.

Following 12 months.

**Zone relief**

He also said that, in addition to the long-term plan, 507,000,000 dollars (\$50,700,000) was wanted immediately to provide interim aid to that people of France, Italy and Austria could survive the winter.

He added that the Army would ask for 300,000,000 dollars extra for Western Germany.

This indicates that the United States is preparing to relieve Britain of dollar expenditure in occupied zones.

These decisions which Congress is called upon to make, Mr. Marshall said, were no less important for the future of the world than those in war years.

**"Only Soviet..."**

The need for American assistance to Europe is real and urgent, and only the Soviet Union, for reasons of its own, does not share this view.

Mr. Marshall said it was impossible to forecast with any accuracy owing to the uncertainties of prices, weather, crops and production.

**Other help**

Mr. Marshall indicated that dollars supplied by the United States could be used to buy supplies in other countries. This, he explained, would protect America's economy from the inflation which might result from concentrated aid.

### NO DELAY IN RATION SCHEME

POTATO rationing was introduced as soon as it was "reasonably certain" that the yield would be down, it was stated last night.

The Ministry of Food took steps to preserve bulk supplies early in September and prepared a scheme for application where necessary.

Queries on the new scheme are answered on Page Two.

### 14 homes for Mrs. Lawton

MRS. TOMMY LAWTON—Cheshire chain-forward—went to Nottingham yesterday and looked at 14 houses.

Not a County P.C. after Tommy's signature is prepared to buy the one sitting in the family.

But it has not yet been decided whether the house will be given to her or to her husband.

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### We faced 14 weeks without potatoes

IF potato rationing had not been introduced, we should have risked facing 14 weeks without any at all, it was revealed last night.

Mr. Percy Harwood, president of the Retail Food Trade Federation, announced that Britain has only stocks to last for 12 weeks at the pre-ration rate of consumption.

We have not to bridge the gap," said Mr. Harwood. "It is far better to have rationing now than to have no potatoes at all."

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**RECTOR REMOVED WREATH**

THE "bonfire boys and girls" of Cockbridge and Hamey, near Lewes, Sussex, actually they are adults who take part in a yearly carnival—last night discussed the Rector of Hamey, the Rev. R. S. H. Ward.

## 4,250,000 tons —still another pits record

### EXTRA TIME TELLS

BRITAIN'S miners in the past week produced 4,250,000 tons of coal—an output which if sustained to the end of the year would achieve the Government's target of 200,000,000 tons.

The week's total (4,000,000 tons deep-mined, 250,000 tons open-cast) is 160,000 tons higher than the output in the preceding week (3,864,300 tons deep-mined, 225,700 open-cast)—itself the best since the five-day week started last May.

The rise in output was announced by Mr. Attlee speaking at the Lord Mayor of London's banquet last night.

An important factor in the improvement reported by the Prime Minister, is the extra time the miners have agreed to work under the arrangement which began to operate last week—Saturday shift working or alternatively, daily overtime.

**Transport factor**

The East Midlands Coal Board announced last night that 62,413 tons of coal were raised in its area last Saturday.

Scottish miners, working 11 days a fortnight, have given a substantial boost to output—since they began Saturday shifts on November 1. Output jumped from 22,721 tons on that day to 36,778 tons last Saturday.

The jump in coal output follows last week's announcement that the steel industry had beaten all records in October, and was well set for passing its target.

The mining industry is confident that the improved output can be maintained, but, as in the case of steel, much will depend on how the railways are able to respond to increased calls.

**Refuted**

In his speech at the banquet Mr. Attlee refuted charges of "blackness" and "decadence" brought against the coal industry.

He instanced first agriculture. Despite the adverse weather conditions, said Mr. Attlee, "we have harvested this year slightly more wheat, nearly twice as much barley and nearly 1,000,000 tons more of potatoes than in 1939. Yet, as we all know, there is a potato shortage."

"One reads a great deal about strikes in the coal industry, but in strikes in the past two years are far less than the average of pre-war years."

There has been a most remarkable response to the Government request for longer hours in industries important in saving imports, producing exports or providing the means for other industries to expand.

There has, too, been splendid co-operation in reducing the pressure on electricity by staggering loads. The results have been amazing."

**BEST HOME GIFT**

Ex-Prime Minister, the Newmarket mansion seat of the late Lord Glynne, has been given to the War. Suffolk County Council by his nephew, Mr. George Gibson, as a home for elderly people, together with a £10,000 gift.

Mr. Butler, who said he represented the largest potato-growing area in England, declared that a ration scheme should have been brought in at latest in February or March to make the 1946 crop available.

It would then have been possible to let the 1947 crop stay in the ground a few weeks longer to put on more weight.

**"A Gamble"**

"Knowing the average planted was so small, said Mr. Butler, 'the Minister took a gamble on a high yield per acre. It did not come off.'"

Mr. Strachey, in his reply, said: "We were advised by the very able men who control the potato division of the Ministry that it would have been quite impracticable to bring any scheme of this sort into effect earlier."

"I regard the rationing of potatoes as a very serious matter, which should only impose because, with the present crop, we should fall in our elementary duty to the people of this country to do it."

"We began to take steps to restrict the consumption of potatoes on August 1."

**We Managed**

Warnings which Mr. Butler had said were made earlier in the year referred to the supply of potatoes out of the 1946 crop, said Mr. Strachey.

"They were short, but we were just able to make them last without a ration scheme," he went on.

Potato rationing was a most unpopular and most unpleasant step, but it was necessary to take it in order to give a fair share to all householders and maintain supplies until the new crop was available.

Mr. J. B. C. Reid (C. Hillhead) said the Minister had failed to give the country adequate information.

### MASSACRED IN KASHMIR

## HINDU RAID:

### 500 KILLED

From Andrew Meller

NEW DELHI, Monday.

Nearly 500 people were killed when a Hindu mob attacked a Moslem refugee column making its way from Jammu, in Kashmir, to Pakistan.

Three hundred refugees, 179 attackers and 13 non-Moslem protective troops were killed in all.

Five hundred of the attackers were captured and taken back to Jammu, with the 700 surviving Moslems.

The massacre was revenge for the ravages of Moslem tribesmen on Hindus and Sikhs.

MARGARET PATTON, a woman last night from Srinagar. The main body of tribal raiders who has been attempting to capture Kashmir's capital has fled in all.

**4 a.m. News**

**'1,000 LOST IN FLOODS'**

More than 1,000 people are missing, feared drowned in floods which swept Adana plain, Anatolia, Turkey, after 60 hours of heavy rain.

panic before advancing Indian Army units.

A military spokesman said today that while a few small pockets of raiders remained in the countryside there was no longer any danger to this city or to the State.

Victory over the warlike and organised tribesmen reached a climax yesterday with the capture of Baramulla, a town of 10,000 people which for 15 days had served as the raiders' headquarters.

Terrorised residents of Baramulla, who emerged this morning from hiding, said the raiders passed back they shrouded the Indian Army was pursuing them.

They then threw themselves into the river, and some vehicles and dashed towards the Pakistan frontier.—World Copyright.

### YARD PROBES

## £10,000 SALES

WIDESPREAD inquiries into suspected illegal disposal of surplus Ministry of Supply goods have been started by Scotland Yard.

Superintendent "Nat" Thorpe, head of the Yard's fraud investigation department, is in charge. Reports that £10,000 worth of goods are involved are grossly exaggerated. The figure will probably not exceed £10,000.

## A little Bovril goes down well

Don't get wound up and worried about what to make for dinner. Do the best you can with what you've got—and don't forget the Bovril. A little Bovril makes a big difference to all savoury dishes. Bovril not only adds the flavour of beef; it adds the goodness too. Bovril's no fancy "extra." It's the first line of defence in your fight to feed your family well.

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### Warning

So many of Mr. Attlee's aides and a week or two ago should a life of only three years while a Conservative one could have a life of the years?

He declared that the Government had a mandate to take steps to stop the "obstruction by the Lords to the will of the Commons. That is what we are doing," he said.

The Bill was related to the facts of the situation. "This is not a..."

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### GREEK ARMY TO OPEN ATTACK

The Greek Government last night ordered the Army to go over to the offensive immediately to "liquidate the rebellion."

Announced by Mr. Constantinos Trikoupi, Foreign Minister, said the two-month amnesty offered to the guerrillas expired on Thursday, and had met with very little response.

### MANIU TODAY

The verdict in the Bucarest treason trial of Dr. Julius Maniu, Rumanian Party leader, and 18 supporters will be given today.

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