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THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON
Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital
Despite the fact that recommendations of the veteran presidential adviser Bernard Baruch were received just about as coldly as was President Truman's state of the union message by the majority in this Congress, the elder statesman's far-reaching and sweeping program for domestic security and economic rehabilitation abroad are admittedly sound according to private opinions in both the Republican and Democratic ranks.
It appears as though the GOP leadership in the Congress will give the Baruch suggestions the silent treatment and do nothing about any of them. This was to be expected, since the multi-millionaire financier would go much further and adopt more drastic methods to insure a sound economy here at home than was ever proposed by President Truman.
In the meantime the index of prices continues to rise and not even the first semblance of a measure to combat the inflation has seen the light of day in the Congress. The GOP policy and steering committee seem committed to go ahead with a tax reduction which would lop off over five billion of government revenue and at the same time Congressman Knutson is proposing to slash the President's budget some three billion dollars.
This is only about half of what Mr. Knutson pledged himself to slash from last year's budget... six billion was the figure then, and he did not come even close to it. The prediction here is that the final outlay of congressional expenditures will come close to the President's 39½ billion dollar figure.
President William Green's proposal that his American Federation of Labor is willing to agree with management on a 45 hour week instead of a 40-hour week with overtime is seen as a bid on the part of labor to carry out at least a segment of the Baruch proposal to increase production, and the word from Europe that the 16 western nations are preparing to form a union of these countries for economic security and to fight the spread of communism is taken here as a boost toward final passage of the Marshall plan. This, it will be remembered, was also one of the Baruch proposals... that the countries of Europe, as many as are willing "band themselves together into a political economic and defense union under the United Nations" which would include the lowering of trade barriers among them.
Although it is taken as a matter of course, President Truman has thus far refrained from declaring his candidacy for the Democratic nomination. In a bantering press conference recently, the President again refused to commit himself but said undoubtedly there would be some announcement before the Democratic national convention opens in Philadelphia July 12.
In what is regarded as an answer to the statement of ex-President Hoover against over-export of American goods which would weaken the American economy, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson told a House foreign affairs committee that the amount of food earmarked for western Europe under the European Recovery plan would not place any extra strain on either supplies or prices in this country.
"The fact to keep in mind," Secretary Anderson said, "is that the total food exports which we are recommending from this country, not only for western Europe, but for the entire world, are less than we have been exporting in the last two years. In the items which are in tight supply, such as grain, fats and oil, this reduction is particularly significant."

OPENS CONGRESS... Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R., Mass.), is shown on the house rostrum as the 80th congress reconvened in its last regular session.
On report that the House Small Business committee of which Rep. Walter C. Ploeser (R., Mo.) is chairman, John H. Davis, executive director of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives wrote a letter to the House Administration Committee protesting such action.
Wrote Mr. Davis, "we protest any further financing of the House Small Business Committee unless its work can be made constructive in the interest of small business, rather than an attempt to persecute bona fide cooperatives owned and controlled by farmers. We are informed that the House Small Business committee is seriously considering the holding of further hearings to investigate farmer cooperatives. We never opposed fair hearings on the subject of the cooperatives. However we do not see the need now of additional hearings in view of the intensive and exhaustive hearings that have been held by the House ways and means committee during the past year and by the house small business committee in 1945 and also in 1947."
U. S. Military Government will ask \$700,000,000 to feed Germans.



WOMAN KILLED BY SAW
Craigsville, Va.—While helping her husband operate a wood-saw, Mrs. Venie Katherine Campbell, 35, fell face forward into the blade of the saw and was instantly killed.

Accepts Post With S. C. Tobacco Farm
John S. Wilkins of Jefferson, agronomy specialist for the State College extension service, has resigned this position to accept the post of field representative for the Southeastern Aromatics Tobacco Company of Spartanburg, S. C., Director I. O. Schaub, announced this week.
Mr. Wilkins has been employed by the extension service since his graduation from State College in 1930, Director Schaub said. He was appointed assistant county agent in Catawba county immediately after his graduation, a position which he held until 1935. He resigned as assistant agent to accept an appointment as county agent in Cleveland county. Following ten years of service in Cleveland county, he was appointed to a position as extension agronomy specialist, and has remained in this work since that time.
A native of Alamance county, Mr. Wilkins has made his headquarters in Jefferson for the past two years, working mostly with the burley and Turkish tobacco growers. In his new position he will continue his work with Turkish tobacco growers in North Carolina and also those in South Carolina and Virginia.
Since growers in western North Carolina proved last year that Turkish tobacco can be profitably produced in that section of the state, it is hoped that production in 1948 will be at least three times greater than last year's production. This will be one of the objectives of Mr. Wilkins' work, and growers this year will produce the tobacco under contract and will be paid on the quality of their tobacco.
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NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WATAUGA COUNTY
G. M. Sudderth
vs
Lucy Fitzhugh
The defendant Lucy Fitzhugh will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county, North Carolina, to foreclose the lien of taxes due the Plaintiff, which taxes were duly listed by W. C. Lentz and which constitute a first lien upon real estate lying in Blowing Rock township, Watauga county, and described as follows: Beginning on a chestnut tree on the old Johns River road and runs S. 66 W. 99ft to a stake thence W. 86ft thence N. 79 W. 99ft thence 18 E. 33ft to the road, thence with the road N. 5 E. 99ft. N. 76 E. 10½ ft. S. 82 E. 148½ ft. to beginning. And the relief demanded consists in selling said real estate for taxes due the plaintiff and in excluding all persons from any liens or interest in said property.
The defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court at the courthouse in Boone, N. C. within twenty days on or after the 28th day of February, 1948 and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This 26th day of January, 1948.
FRED M. GRAGG
Clerk Superior Court 1-29-4p

NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
WATAUGA COUNTY
E. Ford King, Jr., Plaintiff
vs
Marguerite King, Defendant
The above defendant, Marguerite King, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court, Watauga county, North Carolina by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county in Boone, North Carolina, within twenty days after March 1st, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This 24th day of January, 1948.
FRED M. GRAGG
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