

Cost Of Government From 1789 Is Nearing Trillion Dollar Mark, 82% Of This Since 1940

A graphic picture of the gradual emergence of the United States as the world's leading democratic power, and the staggering price of defending our liberties and helping other free peoples defend theirs, are provided by a study of the Government's accounts from the beginning of the Republic to date.

Figures of the U. S. Treasury Department show that accumulated Federal expenditures since the start of the nation in 1789 are rapidly approaching the trillion-dollar mark. The total spending figure for the 165 years through the 1953 fiscal year, which ended last June, aggregated \$888 billions. Here is where this money went, according to the Treasury:

Military expenditures (including military aid to our allies)—\$506 billions, or 57 per cent of the total.

Interest on the public debt—\$76 billions, or 9 per cent.

All other Federal expenditures—\$306 billions, or 34 per cent.

Bulk of Spending Since 1940

All but a relatively small fraction of these tremendous costs were incurred in the last decade and a half as the result of American leadership in the fight against the menace of totalitarianism; and it has made economy in Government one of the great issues of the times.

Federal expenditures for the decade of the Forties and the 1950-53 fiscal years added together amounted to \$730 billions in all, or 82 per cent of all Government outlays in the 1789-1953 period. Of this total, military expenditures came to \$457 billions, or 63 per cent; interest on the public debt added up to \$55 billions, or 7 per cent; and all other Government expenditures aggregated \$217 billions, or 30 per cent.

Thus the cost of freedom has come high, and will continue so in view of the international situation and the continuing threat to free nations. National security expenditures (including foreign military assistance and atomic energy) for the current fiscal year, for example, are in the neighborhood of \$50 billions, and will continue high for the foreseeable future. The Administration in its efforts to balance the budget has made substantial reductions in overall Federal spending from previously projected levels and provided some needed tax reductions at the same time, but its problems have been complicated by the latest Far Eastern developments.

The Revenue Side

The Federal Government has also collected an enormous sum in revenues in the 1789-1953 period, with the tax burden on the people and the economy becoming progressively heavier in recent years. Net budget receipts in the 165 years since 1789 added up to \$627 billions, of which around \$510 billions, or more than 80 per cent, were collected in the 1940-53 period alone. This total, however, has fallen far short of expenditures, and the current public debt is around \$270 billions as a result. The predominant cause of both deficits and debt has been war, both "hot" and "cold".

By far the biggest single source of Government revenue has been the income tax on individuals and corporations. In the four decades of its existence since the adoption of the 16th Amendment, the income tax has produced \$440 billions of Federal revenues through the 1953 fiscal year, or more than two-thirds of all net Government budget receipts for the 1789-1953 period as a whole.

In the earlier history of the country, wartime periods were followed by comparatively lengthy periods of

peace, in contrast with the present "cold" war situation, and this facilitated balanced Federal budgets and extensive debt reduction. Two decades after the War of 1812, for example, the Government was actually debt-free for a brief period. Again, after the War Between the States, the Government ran a surplus for 28 successive years, the longest period of balanced budgets in the nation's history. This was accompanied by a steady program of debt reduction which by 1893 brought the public debt down two-thirds from its peak in the 1860's. A rapid growth in the population and the economy in this period was a helpful factor toward these results.

Past Trends and Now

There was a repetition of this development after World War I. The Twenties were a period consistent annual budget surpluses despite tax cuts, and the public debt was reduced by more than a third from its wartime peak by the end of the decade. Again economic expansion in the period was an important contributing influence.

The figures show, however, that military expenditures always fell sharply after past wars. These outlays in the Twenties, for example, represented little more than a quarter of all Government spending for the period, or about half the rate in the previous decade. This time the situation is different. Right now defense costs, including military assistance abroad, are running around two-thirds of the entire Federal budget. That is why in this period of crisis the Government must watch every dollar of its spending, and economize wherever possible, if a further rise in the tax burden is to be avoided.

Edenton's Colonials Trim E. City 14 To 10

Edenton's Colonials defeated Elizabeth City in an exhibition game played in Elizabeth City Monday night by a score of 14 to 10.

Each team used three pitchers, Bill Herman, Andrew Whitson and Henry Allen Powell, who held the Elizabeth City batters to seven hits. The Colonials touched Gray, Cornett and Ownley for 12 hits, led by Claude Griffin who hit a triple with the bases loaded and Alton Brooks hit a home run.

Keeter, Griffin, Rogerson and J. Harrell each made two hits.

The game was rather ragged, with the Colonials charged with seven errors and Elizabeth City six.

What we have in us of the image of God is the love of truth and justice.

—Demosthenes. The secret of removing redeposited

Little Known Facts about your navy

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Edenton's Colonials



Common Causes of Dingy Gray Laundry — Dingy gray laundry has been plaguing women for centuries. But the modern housewife now has detergents that go a long way toward eliminating the problem. Graying is caused by three things: 1. Unremoved soil. 2. Redeeposited soil. 3. Hard-water soap scum.

The first and third are caused by inefficient washing methods and old-fashioned washing products. The approved new method is this: use plenty of detergent, plenty of hot water and, if things are very soiled, give them two sudsings instead of one.

Redeposited soil is that which has been washed off garments and then, because of lack of detergent or prolonged time, is redeposited on the clothes. To avoid this, clothes should be washed in a good detergent. And they should be washed only long enough to get them clean.

Wash clothes that have about the same amount of soil on them together. Do not wash a very badly soiled garment with one that is lightly soiled. Soil from the heavily soiled garment will be redeposited on the cleaner garment. Redeeposited soil makes some clothes look grayer after washing than before.

soil: many quick, hot washes with plenty of detergent!

Care of Your Washer Pays Off—Regardless of what laundry product you use, regular care of the washer by the housewife will greatly increase its length of satisfactory service. Care can also eliminate many service calls.

Always follow the manufacturer's directions. If the directions booklet gets lost, write to the manufacturer for another.

Take care of the washer after using as well as during use. The more care it has while in use, the less repair it will need. Rinse, drain and dry after each use. Flush out the washing machine thoroughly with plain water and don't forget to rinse the cover of the washer, too, drying the underneath part with a cloth.

Causes of "Yellowing"—Yellowing, like graying, is often caused when soap is used and not completely rinsed out. Heat of ironing will often turn fabrics yellow. Clothes can yellow during storage. This can be due to improper washing, soap or starch left in the material, improper rinsing and the like.

If yellowing due to redeposited soil or deterioration of the fabric, the

sun will not help to make the garment white again.

Most Appropriate

When the pastor of a small church finished his sermon, he gave a few minutes to one of the brothers to say a few words on his pet subject prohibition.

"Brethren," said the prohibitionist, "if I had all the whiskey, brandy and

champagne in the world, I would fling it all in the River Clyde."

He sat down, and in the pause that followed, the parson himself an enemy of prohibition, arose and said "Sing hymn 157, 'Shall We Gather at the River?'"

It is sad that the phrase divine service has come so generally to mean public worship instead of daily deeds. —Mary Baker Eddy.

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