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Why Not Look at The Big Item

The United States budget for 1962-63, it now is estimated, will end with a deficit in the vicinity of \$7,800,000,000.

This will rank as the second largest deficit in the last 10 years, and indications are that unless something effective is done about holding down expenditures there may be a still larger imbalance in 1963-64.

Especially if tax revision should result in a large loss of revenue, the deficiency in comparison with postwar record deficit of over \$12,000,000,000 in 1959 after a pronounced business recession.

Between now and mid-January the Office of the Budget in the Treasury Department will be drawing up estimates on which requests for appropriations will be based for the fiscal year 1963-64. Treatment of that budget will be Congress' first opportunity to affect materially the tide of government expenditure.

For years there have been strong demands for reduction of the government's expenses to bring them into line with its revenues. These have always run into an analysis that goes roughly as follows: More than half the budget is for defense; that can't be cut. Commitments to veterans, agricultural subsidies, and interest on the public debt take other fixed slices. That leaves only the civil departments in which to make savings and these cuts cannot amount to much.

But let's go back a few steps. Why cannot the military part of the budget be cut? If that is by far the largest single sector, it should logically be the first to stand scrutiny.

To be sure, a nation will put its survival ahead of budget considerations. But is survival actually concerned and is security even well served by some of the armament outlays commonly regarded as sacrosanct or defended by powerful lobbies?

Let even the Defense Department move to close some useless operations, reduce manpower, or cancel an aircraft project, and members of Congress become the first to insist on outlays that are of economic importance to their states or districts.

Should not the question be asked why the United States continues to buy nuclear explosives at a rate of \$2,000,000,000 a year when its stockpile of nuclear bombs is estimated by experts to exceed 30,000

megatons or several times enough to destroy all significant targets in any nation on earth? But any reduction in contracts will naturally be unwelcome to uranium producers.

Economists widely agree that a tax cut is desirable for the economy of the United States. Whether such a tax cut can or should be voted next year will depend in large measure on whether even part of the cut can be matched by a reduction in spending. For possible economies, why not look at the military budget first?

NORTH CAROLINA JONES COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by FLOYD R. KILLETTE and wife, LILLIAN M. KILLETTE, dated the 29th day of January, 1962 and recorded in Book 139 page 329 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Jones County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Trenton, North Carolina at Noon on the 20th day of December, 1962 the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in the County of Jones and State of North Carolina in Pollocksville Township and more particularly described as follows:

Tract Number One: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Jones County, North Carolina, in or near the Town of Pollocksville, being lots Numbers 1, 2, and 3, Block Number 100 described and contained in a certain map made by C. H. Gockman, C. E., which map was formerly registered in the Register of Deeds Office in Jones County in Book 61, Page 452 and 453 and now of record in Map Book 1, page 32 of the Jones County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for further description. Being lots Numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Block 100, located in what is now known as West Pollockville, Jones County, North Carolina, on the north side of Pollock Street and east side of First Street.

Being the identical lands as described in that certain deed dated December 23, 1916 by and between

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Block Booking on TV

Television audiences may be hoping to see a better run of motion pictures on their sets as a result of the United States Supreme Court's decision against block booking to stations by distributors. Block booking is the practice of requiring stations to accept a certain number of inferior productions in order to get those of higher quality or greater audience appeal. Certainly the decision strikes down an obvious restraint of trade and is long overdue. A similar restraint on bookings to motion picture theaters was struck down by the court in 1948.

C. E. Foy and wife, Agnes C. Foy, by C. E. Foy, attorney in fact, to E. E. Bell and said deed appearing of record in Book 98 page 311, Jones County Registry.

Tract Number Two: A certain tract or parcel of land in Jones County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the land of E. E. Bell and others, bounded as follows, viz: Being a narrow strip of land located on the West side of U. S. Highway Number 17 and being a portion of the Paul C. Armstrong lot as described on plat prepared by G. E. Jackson in August, 1939, and is more particularly described as BEGINNING at a stake, E. E. Bell's northeast corner and runs thence north 23 degrees 40 minutes east 5 feet; thence north 66 degrees 20 minutes west 217 feet to Armstrong's back line; thence south 23 degrees 40 minutes west 5 feet to a stake, E. E. Bell's line, thence with the Bell line south 66 degrees 20 minutes east 217 feet to the point of beginning. Being the southern portion of the said lot described in a deed dated May 6, 1939 from J. A. Armstrong to Paul C. Armstrong which deed appears of record in Book 96, page 275 in the Jones County Registry. Being the identical land as described in that certain deed dated July 6, 1955 from Paul C. Armstrong and his wife, Lula A. Armstrong, to E. E. Bell and H. C. Bell which appears of record in Book 122, page 34, Jones County Registry.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding and unpaid taxes due the County of Jones.

This 19th day of November, 1962.
E. E. Bell,
Substitute Trustee
Donald P. Brock
Attorney at Law
Trenton, N. C.
November 22, 29 Dec. 6, 13

Whether the quality of films on TV screens will show a noticeable improvement is another matter. Tie-in sales of B-grade films with movies of higher quality have flourished not alone through the compulsion of block-booking but also through economic incentives. A frequent practice has been to offer a whole block, including the turkeys, for the same sum as would be charged if the better films alone were chosen — giving stations strong inducement to take them all, and to show them.

Block booking aside, distributors can still continue to offer price differentials between good and poor films to keep the latter flowing into TV stations. As a result of the court's decision prices of better films may go up and prices of poor-situation keeps the turkeys on the wing, viewers will have to continue to rely on their inalienable right to turn the little knob marked "off."

Veterans Corner

Q — May a widow who has previously been denied a claim for pension because her husband did not have a service-connected condition when he died, apply again under a new law?

A — Yes. The new pension law does not require that the veteran have a service-connected condition,

but is based chiefly on the financial need of the applicant or her minor children.

Q — How does a new law affect educational benefits for reserves called up for active service during the Berlin crisis?

A — A reservist whose training or education under the Korean GI Bill was interrupted by the call up for active service will have his deadline for completing his education of training extended by a period of time equal to the length of his "call-up" period of service.

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