

# MR POPHistory

Week of August 28, 1953

The government collected a record-setting 69,687,000,000 from the public last fiscal year – 7.2% higher than the previous year.

A new budget is revealed for fiscal year 1954: the government will spend \$72,100,000,000 and have net receipts of 68,300,000,000, winding up with a deficit of \$3.8 billion.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) declares there is evidence the Government Printing Office harbors Communists and a gambling ring, which “offers the most serious threat possible to the security of the nation.”



The West German government charges that armed Communist terrorists are filtering in from the east to wage a terror campaign against this week's election by wrecking polling booths and assassinating political leaders.

Labor Day – President Eisenhower gets out his oil paints at his Fraser, CO vacation home and begins work on a landscape of the Colorado Rockies.

West Germany's police force goes into action to smash a mass invasion of Communist saboteurs swarming in from the Soviet zone to wreak the crucial Parliamentary elections. Nearly 2000 Red shock troops were caught trying to sneak across the zonal border under orders to foment election riots and the Ruhr and other key industrial areas. Border police were placed on an alarm basis.

New York and the rest of the Northeast are hit by a **heat wave**. The warmer weather extended to the Midwest where Chicago reported 99 degrees.

The Atomic Energy Commission announces that the Soviet Union had set off another fission-type explosion on August 23. The location of the explosion was given only as “in Russian territory.”

100,000 march in St. Louis – as the veterans of three wars march in the Legion parade. Later, at the convention, Vice-President Nixon assured the American Legion that there would be no lag in aircraft



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production under the administration's Budget cuts. Also speaking at the convention, Senator McCarthy said he intends to continue his government investigations even if they embarrass the Eisenhower administration.

The Reds' Pyongyang radio says North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung declares that unification of the war-torn peninsula "must be settled by Koreans themselves and that America and its allied troops must be "kicked out" of South Korea.

A new world altitude record of 83,235 feet is set by Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, Marine Corps ace, in a rocket plane. That's almost 16 miles high.



Mystery – Stacks of money, which weren't supposed to be on the ship, are hauled up from the sunken freighter Flying Enterprise. The ship **sank in January 1952**, but its captain says at the most, there was about \$400 in cash on the ship. Any other money would have been in sacks of mail or express cargo.

The money, in British and American currency, is reported to be \$210,000. The money was hauled up from a depth of 262 feet off the English coast by an Italian salvage crew employed by a British insurance firm.

Cigarette users consumed some 397 billion cigs last year – up 3-½ % from the previous year.

Hollywood news – **Walt Disney (51)** is a defendant in a minority stockholder's suit to reduce his salary. A Plaintiff said he, as owner of 500 shares of Disney stock worth over \$4,500, had never received any dividends. His complaint dates back to 1947. He believes Walt Disney is getting paid too much. He cites the company has upped his salary to \$3,000 a week – from \$2,000. In addition, Disney was given a \$50,000 royalty guarantee and \$30,000 for use of his name.



Hollywood Producer Sam Goldwyn said television has hurt the motion-picture industry to the extent that "the public will not go out to see poor pictures." The public wants "fewer but better motion pictures."



Divorces – Singer **Helen Forrest (34)** from Paul Holahan.

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Television news – NBC-TV is trying to set-up same day broadcasts of **kinescopes** from New York. Up to now, the West Coast gets a Christmas show on New Years etc. Two NBC-TV shows, “Your Show of Shows” and “Hit Parade” will get same day service to the Coast, with more to be announced.

**NBC Color** – Everyone in the industry is expecting the FCC to finally approve the RCA compatible color system in a few weeks and NBC announces that it will begin to experiment with on-the-air color premieres of its major television programs beginning September 28. The commission already has proposed to adopt the system, which lets current television set owners receive color pictures in black & white. Sylvester L. Weaver, vice chairman of the NBC board, said the color premieres would be held at the rate of one or two a week, featuring Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Eddie Fisher, Robert Montgomery and others. All color programs now originate in the Colonial Theatre at 1887 Broadway, which is equipped with four color cameras, associated lighting and other color equipment. NBC says it’s been a training ground for color production crews. CBS-TV says it will use the RCA method of color on some programs beginning September 15. CBS had to chuck its own color system in favor of its rival.

Friday night television –

CBS – Beat The Clock, Larry Storch Show, Two for the Money, Meet Millie, Medallion Theatre, it’s New To Me

NBC – Ethel and Albert, Sammy Kaye Show, Amateur Hour with Ted Mack, Saturday Night Revue, Private Secretary

ABC – Boxing From Chicago,

Larry Storch – With Eileen Barton

Two For The Money – With **Herb Shriner**

Saturday Night Revue – Hoagy Carmichael, Paul Gilbert, Minola Mira, Helen Halpin.



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At the movies –

**From Here To Eternity** – Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra, Donna Reed

**Mr. Scoutmaster** – Clifton Webb

**The Beggar's Opera** – Laurence Olivier

**White Witch Doctor** – Susan Hayward, Robert Mitchum

**Roman Holiday** – Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn.

**Island In The Sky** – John Wayne

**Little Boy Lost** – Bing Crosby

**Scared Stiff** – Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis.

**Wings of the Hawk (In 3D)** – Van Heflin, Julia Adams

**I, The Jury (In 3-D)** – Biff Elliot

**Sudden Fear!** – Joan Crawford

