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## Truman Asks 35 Billion Dollar Budget

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THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

The assistance of Gen. George C. Marshall was
largely responsible for the cease-fire order in China's
civil war, says Gen. Chou En-lai, Communist leader. There
is every reason to believe this statement and, further, to
believe that General Marshall's first diplomatic venture
is on a par with his military accomplishments.
Of course, the solution of China's difficulties has only
been started. But even a start at solving what seemed
for long to be an insoluble condition was a feat of major
proportions.
How General Marshall managed to untangle the
knotty problem we do not know. He seems to have ar-
rived on the scene well briefed in the history of a long
and complicated conflict. He seems also to have brought
himself up to date on the local situation in China in a re-
markably short time and with a remarkable insight into
its implications.
As a result, two ambitious and implacable rivals have
ordered their troops to lay down their arms. A struggle
in which both sides seemed bent on nothing less than
complete control of China has been halted. A country
bled white by years of civil and international strife has
gained a breathing spell. The danger that former allies
might intervene on opposite sides of the Nationalist-Com-
munist struggle is averted, at least for the present.
Generalissimo Chiang's government and soldiers were
associated with us in Japan's defeat. This government
recognized and supported the Nationalist party. Chiang's
government was included, in frequent references to the
four great democracies" united in fighting the Axis.
Popular sentiment in this country seemed largely to favor
the Nationalists in the civil fighting just suspended.
And that may be all to the good. But the preliminary
program of reform which Generalissimo Chiang outlined
shortly after he issued the cease fire order indicates how
undemocratic, by American standards, his regime has
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His program inferentially admits that anti-freedom
aws have been in existence, that activities of rival politial parties have been suppressed, that self-governmen ave not been uncommon.
As these basic evils are being eradicated, there must
隹 Communists. There must be a workable compromis
veen conflicting political philosophies. These will no
asy matters to settle. But at least the doodshed has ended. And the fact
hat immediate poicy decisions are to ha, issued by com-
missioners representing the Nationalists, the Communists
nd the United States gives promise that a basis for workable compromise is already established. For which all Overdue, But Welcome
Shortly before Congress took its year-end recess, Rep.
Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania told his colleagues
that he would have a new income tax bill ready and wait-
ing for them when they returned.
"It is my considered opinion," said Eberharter, "that
our country needs a reformation of the federal tax sys-
tem. We must stop writing amendments on top of amend-
ments. Our people back home. want a single and
sensible tax program, a program they can understand.
They will applaud a .Congress that enacts a tax law that
is just and equitable."
We should like to start the applause now for Eber-
harter's suggestion, which is 15 or 20 years overdue. The
income tax law, never a model of clarity or equity, has
not been improved by the various amendments and re-
visions that have been piled on through the years, like so
many mustard plasters on the poor taxpayer's aching
back.
These ministrations have burned without curing. But
Eberharter seems to be the first of the lawmakers who
has boldly come out in favor of trying a new remedy, in-
stead of more plasters. We hope that his colleagues in
the House will give his sensible proposal some earnest
consideration.

## Double Header

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| $\mathrm{T}_{\text {Lois }}^{\mathrm{HERE} \text { was a a knock on the door. }}$ door. It was Henry. He stared doubtfully at Lois. |  |
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| said. ${ }_{\text {ITll }}$ take it," Lois said. |  |
| Henry handed her an envelope <br> and was gone without waiting for <br> a tip. <br> "Very strange behavior for |  |
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| bell-boy," Lois said, and began to open the envelcpe. <br> Pike came over, took it gently from her hands, and said: "Did Sam say you were to read |  |
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| my mail?" <br> "That's not mail," Lois said. <br> Pike read the message. <br> 'I am waiting at the service entrance. I have something to tell you. Please hurry. |  |
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| Pike put the note in his coat pocket. <br> "What is it?" Lois said. <br> "Nothing." Pike picked up his |  |
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| hat. <br> Lois linked her arm in his. She |  |
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| smiled up at him. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { "Exciting,", } \\ & \text { out for you." } \end{aligned}$ |  |
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| He sat her firmly in a cheir. |  |
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| "Clay or Tudor?" <br> "It's Clay," Pike said. "She's |  |
| got something to tell me." "I'll bet," Lois said. |  |
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| "If anyone calls, take the message." |  |
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| "I won't be here," Lois said. "Well, wherever you are, watch your step." |  |
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| "Watch your own step, darling." |  |
| PIKE found Marcia Clay behind parked behind a clump of blue spruces. She had on a sleeveless |  |
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