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Depariment of Commerce Reports Personal Incomes at $\$ 251$ Billion

ELIZABETH II-At first glance it would not seem important to the
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Queen elizabeth il important figure in the balance of power between the United States and shs succeeds or fails is of vital importance to this country economically

CONTROLS_The fight is on. It began when President Truman requested an unenthusiastic congress to strengthen anti-inflation controls
and extend the Defense Production Act for another two years-until the
middle of 1954 . middle of 1954.
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Hope amendments which he unsuccessfully attempted to have appealed last session. He also swung a haymaker at congress generally by declar-
ing "most people" already are having trouble paying present prices and congress shoople devote itself not to treislative paying present prices and an for raising
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The President's strong language caused many of the legislato The President's strong language caused many of the legislators to
believe the chief exeutive was making 1952 campaign material. Controls and inflation are touchy subjects they know from experience. They also
know they must take some kind of action that will impress the people
in the home towns, but how they will get around the pressure groups if in the home towns, but how
PERSONAL INCOME-The Department of Commerce reports total
Personal incomes of Americans in 1951 was 251 billion dollars, 12 per cent above 1950. The department said that by the end of 1951 total indivividal
incomes had advanced to an annual rate of 257 billion, compared with 238 illion at the end of 1950 ,
 come stabilized aver the past six months. The department reported the biggest increase was in government
payrolls. They jumped by 33 per cent to an annual total of 29 billion.
Farm incomes increased almost 25 cer Farm incomes increased almol per 25 per cent to a total of 17 billion. Hiligher
farm prices accounted for most of the increase, the report said, but there was also slightly increased production. In prived industry, payrolls increased $1231 / 2$ billion in 1950 to 140 billion. Increased employment and higher wage rates were credited
with the increase.

VEETERAN TRAINING-Since enactment of the original GI bill, $71 / 2$ million veterans in the United States have taken advantage of its
educational ald vocational training provision, a house committee study-
ing new legis ation for Korean veterans reports. The bill's educational provisions-by fir the most widely used and morst expensive benefit-
have cost the taxpayers $\$ 12,347,162,546$ as of July, 1951. Subsistenc payments to veterans in school amounted to $\$ 8,645,203$, 670. Educational institutions received $\$ 3,276,046,930$ in pay mentt for
tuition. Other payments for books and supplies (including tools for veterans in trade schools came to $\$ 425,911,946$.
Although tit begrudging the
ported "graft and waste plagued the program" ber of VA employees took bribes, gifts, unusual loans, gratuities, serv-
ices and ownership in schools. Under the new bill just introduced in congress payments of all educa-
tional benefits will be made in a lump sum directly to the veteran. Single tional wenefits get $\$ 110$ a month. Married veterans would receive $\$ 150$. FOREIGN AID-Fearing congress may severely cut foreign aid
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that congress may become stubborn over foreign aid fund if they can
not show real progress in European unity and the incorporating of GerThe greatest difficulty appears to get French Foreign Minister
Schuman and West German Chancellor Adenauer to stop their bitter feud which threatens the whole defense project. There are two main points for their disagreement: (1) France is afraid of a resurgence of
aggressive German nationalism once the Germans begin to rearm; (2)
West Germany wants assurance that if its troops are to participate in


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Garden rally. The Texas delegation is shown on its arrival in Penn station Garden rall. The Texas delegation is shown on its arrival in Penn station
in Neve York. It was estimated over 15,000 people attended the whooping. FARM REVOLUTION
Big Drop in Farm Labor Is Forecast


Small Communities Employ Many Methods To Raise Money to Buy Playground Tools

Every American community wants swings, slides, merry-go-rounds, and other playground equipment so that its Thsters may enjoy healthful, outdoor recreation.
The need for playground equipment is apparent to every school superintendent, city manager, park board, Parent-
Teacher Association, as well as to the service organizations. Teacher Association, as well as to the service organizations. But how to get the money?

This is a puzzling question in many small communities, but no and answer to it

Take the case of Wells, a small ommunity near Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Wells school, with an enrollment of more than 200 students, for years had a bare playground, ex fopt for two home made swings.
Supt. Lawrence Klug told the

## A MAIN STREET FEATURE

 Supt. Laurence Klug told the Wells Parent - Teacher Association of the need for modern, well-built, and safe playground equipment. The P.T.A. got busy raising money with pancake suppers and other social events, accumulating enough to buy an American wave chute slide and Castle Tower.When members of the Wells board of education saw the fun the kids were getting out of the equipment, they scraped the school treasury and found enough money to purchase six sets of heavy duty swings.

Wanting still more fun equipment, the Wells students got an idea themselves. They installed a candy vending machine in the school lobby and earmarked all the profits, about $\$ 100$ a year, to the recreation fund.

In all kinds of weather and all seasons, the Wells children can be seen on the playground. One January day it was two degrees below zero, but still at recess time the student body was out swinging, climbing, and sliding

Another Upper Michigan hamlet, Carney, acquired some playground equipment for its youth when the P.T.A. held an amateur show in the school gymnasium and made several hundred dollars.

Garden, Mich., has just completed a $\$ 125,000$ elemen tary school, as modern as you will find anywhere in the country. But after building the school, the board of education was at a loss as to how to get some money for recreationl equipment.

Then, one member pointed to the possibilities of revenue from the 80-acre school forest. A state forester cruised the tract, and found there is enough mature timber to yield several hundred dollars. The commercial-sized trees will be marked by the forester and will be cut in the spring.

Guilford, Vermont has only about 700 inhabitants, but thas a live Recreation club, which means a lot. What they lacked in financial resources, the 200 members of the club made up with muscle, enthusiasm, and cooperation. They built a fine baseball diamond in Whittemore Park, later added a horseshoe court and a well-equipped picnic ground. Money for the improvements were raised through benefit baseball games and dances. During the past several months, the Recreation club has raised more than $\$ 500$ for a swimming pool, which it hopes to have ready for the youngsters next summer

Other communities have obained well-equipped playgrounds by holding box socials, movie shows, recreational demonstrations, popular subscription campaigns, and tag days. It's getting gre, that important Once she that is imporipment is inlled ayd blic sees how the alled and the pablic see howe mall fry are kept busy at whole-
 portunities for getting money knock at the door.

One small community got such a windfall recently when its future looked as dark as it could be. When its only industry, the Bay deNoquet Lumber company's savmill, closed down last summer, Nahma, Upper Michigan town of 750 population, feared it would become a ghost town. But last fall, Nahma was purchased, lock, stock, and barrel, by the Mmerican Playiground Device Co., which will erect a branch factory ther ave of the town will give the factory there. And the ning a complete set of swings, slides, castle towers and other playground equipment.

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