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Prior to the November elections the republicans had been in the minority for 16 years. In November they saw their chance to regain the majority control, and unleashed a barrage of criticisms and promises that they now find hard to overcome or keep, as the respective case may be.

One of the more important promises used in the last congressional elections by the republicans was the promise to lower taxes, perhaps by 20 percent. And to balance the budget. Once in power, they find these vows hard to keep.

The important obstacles in the way of tax reduction and budget balancing are the wish to begin reduction of the national debt and our foreign commitments. Under the latter, comes the need of a large army, funds for rehabilitation for destitute countries, financial support for UN and immediate aid to the hungry and homeless of Europe.

President Truman has fixed the "rock-bottom" estimate for "international finance" at \$3½ billions in his '47-48 budget.

The reasons advanced for this aid-to-Europe are three-fold:

Morally, there is no question that Europe is desperately in need of help. She needs it immediately to stave off starvation and permanent malnutrition.

Economically, Europe, if she is to regain a standard of living anywhere near her prewar level, must have basic agricultural needs, such as breeding cattle and seeds to form the nucleus for a revitalized food program. Also, because her industries are out-moded and in part destroyed, she needs new industrial equipment. If Europe is to carry this burden of rebuilding herself, it will mean a long period of suffering for her people, and the necessity for America to be constantly vigilant lest another war rise out of the large mass of discontented people that would be Europe.

Politically, it is America's and Britain's plan to fight the further expansion of communism. As Britain is admittedly unable to continue giving financial support to countries in order to keep them from swinging left, the responsibility falls to America. If America wishes to keep the Russians from gaining partial control of the Dardanelles, she must make substantial loans to Greece. This is only one instance in many.

Whether the afore-mentioned facts are reason enough for the expenditure of \$3½ billions is for congress to decide, but in any case it appears that the republican promises for tax cuts and budget reduction are paradoxical with later statements of the need for internationalism.

## Netherlands . . .

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Fields of study open to American students are: Dutch language, Dutch history, history of arts, archaeology, technical sciences, and agriculture. Other fields may be open to students who have an adequate knowledge of the Dutch language.

## New Library Books Include FDR Biography, 'Small Town'

Those who get no further than the magazine racks in our Love Memorial Library, should be informed that the library does have books and gets new ones almost daily.

Rather than fiction and novels the library tries to get the type books with educational value. Many of them are specialized; but some of them are of general interest.

On the third floor in the Social Studies room are a couple of books about the late president. "The Roosevelt I Knew" by Francis Perkins, is considered one of the best books about Roosevelt. Miss Perkins, his intimate friend and close political associate, gives her personal account of his poli-

tical evolution during 35 history-making years.

"As He Saw It" by the former president's son, Elliott Roosevelt, gives the story of F.D.R.'s global thinking and of the aims behind the conferences that shaped the victory and set up the framework of the peace. Elliot based his book mainly upon intimate talks with his father.

A book entitled "Small Town," by Granville Hicks, describes the life and economy of a small town. Hicks writes as one who has played a part in the life of a small town, and not as a visiting sociologist.

In the Education Reading Room are a number of books on the subject of colleges life and should

be of interest to college students. Three new books, "Campus Versus Classroom" by Burges Johnson, "College and Life" by M. E. Bennett, and "Admission to

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