

THE BUDGET.

Would the Chancellor, having completed work on his first budget, abolish the cinema tax? Shortly before Budget Day, to Parliament went leaders of the motion picture industry (Sir Philip Warter here), actors and others, forming a delegation putting the case of the cinema against the Tax. Some were there who appeared recently in Pathe News, when we surveyed the effects of this well nigh crippling impost. Now, it was nearly zero hour, and from the Treasury emerged the Man of the Day, holding the famous box containing the secrets that would soon be headline news. The Chancellor's statement was awaited by an expectant House.

A little later the news was out. For the world of films Item Number One was that the Cinema Tax was reduced by a little more than half. For this relief, much thanks.