

### SPENDING RECORD SET BY CONGRESS

#### Election-Year Session Put Vast Defense Program Into Operation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (AP)—An election-year congress which faced a brief, "do-little" session last January is winding up nearly 11 months of unexpected activity with a peacetime spending record of \$5,572,819,337 and with a vast defense program approved and in operation.

About two-thirds of the money voted—\$16,920,627,477—is in actual appropriations which can be spent before next July 1, according to the figures of Chairman Taylor (D-Colo.) of the house appropriations committee. The remainder represents authorizations for future contracts.

Defense expenditures were primarily responsible for the huge total, which has been exceeded only in the World War year of 1918. Appropriations and contract authorizations for the armed services aggregated \$12,136,832,516. In addition, about \$4,700,000,000 was authorized for eventual development of a two-ocean navy.

Adjournment talk already was in the air last May when President Roosevelt, following the German military successes in western Europe, called for an emergency expenditure of more than \$1,000,000,000 to speed up preparedness of land, sea and in the skies. Within weeks, however, that estimate was doubled and redoubled and then increased again.

The money, voted with little basic opposition, provides for this historic military program:

An increase in the standing Army to 1,400,000 men by next July, including conscripts and National Guardsmen on active duty; an increase in Navy personnel from 145,000 to 175,000 men and in the Marines from 25,000 to 34,000.

Acquisition of reserve stocks of equipment and munitions for 2,000,000 soldiers.

Start of construction of 292 combat naval vessels and 57 auxiliary ships.

Provision for 25,000 "serviceable" planes for the Army and 10,000 for the Navy, along with establishment of new air bases.

The only phase of the defense program which stirred deep con-

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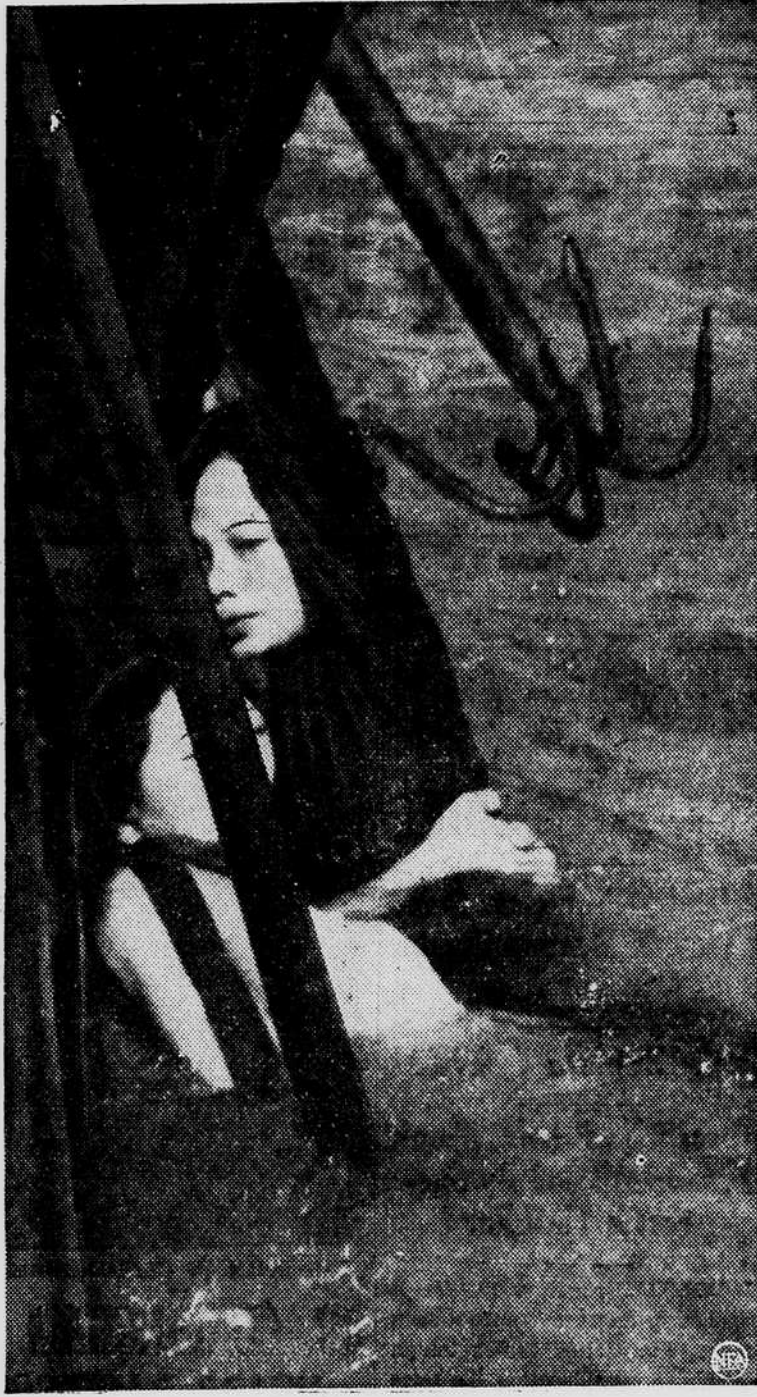
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### Forced To Live



Life in China, never easy for the "little people," now bears down with the added weight of war-time privations. A wave of suicides is reported sweeping Shanghai. Two such were these two girls, who tied themselves together and leaped into the Wangpoo river. They are pictured being saved by alert rivermen, who frustrated their attempt to die.

gressional controversy was the compulsory military service bill. Although there was a strong movement in the House to defer operation of this selective draft system, it was enacted in mid-September, and already the first conscripts are on their way to Army camps.

To finance a part of the preparedness measures—big federal deficits are in prospect for the next few years—congress voted various tax increases, including higher levies on theater tickets, cigarettes, whisky, etc., and on excess corporation profits.

It also lowered the personal income tax exemptions, thus increasing by perhaps 2,000,000 the number of men and women who will pay such levies next spring.

The federal debt limit, which had stood at \$45,000,000,000, was ordered raised to \$49,000,000,000 because of the greater defense expenditures. Only two weeks ago Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury expressed the opinion that congress soon should raise the limitation, possibly to \$65,000,000,000.

But while congress was voting billions for defense, it was holding appropriations for regular government functions to last year's levels or slightly lower. Slightly more than a billion dol-

### RED CROSS HERE COLLECTS \$4,000

#### Definite Advancement Achieved Toward Chapter's Goal Of \$5,000

Officials in charge of the annual Red Cross roll call here announced last night that yesterday the drive had reached \$4,000 toward the goal of \$5,000 for the ensuing year.

Committees reported that definite advancement toward the goal has been achieved on receipt of reports from several workers in the industrial groups.

The committee chairmen urged the workers to continue the solicitation of funds for the local chapter through the period set aside by the National Headquarters ending November 30.

Due to the heavy number of enlistments in military service from New Hanover county, the demand on the Red Cross, which acts as an intermediary agent between the soldiers in the army and their homes, is more urgent.

J. Henry Gerdes, general chairman of the campaign, stated last night that the response so far indicates that the goal will be surpassed.

Industrial concerns which have not yet been enrolled are asked to call the Red Cross chapter office in the customhouse and proper credentials will be sent out immediately.

### REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNED

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increase its membership and revenues and to include other such matters as may be properly considered by said committee.

"Resolved further, that the committee be requested to make its report and recommendations at a public meeting to be called by the committee within one month from this date."

The resolution then listed the name of the committee.

Introduced by Newman Harris Newman introduced the resolution, which was carried by the majority of those present after considerable discussion from the floor and the addition of three amendments to the original resolution.

Newman accepted two of the amendments, one providing for the addition of the name of John Carter, the president of the trade body, to the committee, and the other providing for the extension of time from two weeks to one month, or within 30 days, in which the committee would call another public meeting for submission of its report and recommendations.

Just before the final vote the group adopted another amendment calling for the adoption of the names of E. B. Bug and Frederick Willetts to the personnel of the committee.

Approximately 100 persons, including trade body members and interested citizens, attended the meeting, called by the board of directors of the trade body to consider ways and means of increasing the effectiveness of the organization for community advancement.

Carter Presides John Carter, trade body president, presided and outlined the purposes of the called meeting, and read a resume of the activities and accomplishments of the chamber of commerce during the past several years.

Regular meetings of the membership, Carter said, had not been held, as provided for in the organization's constitution because of the lack of interest of members in its program, and the board of directors hardly considered it worthwhile to call such meetings.

The first community trust was established at Cleveland in 1914.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19. (AP)—Chairman Martin Dies announced today he was sending seven agents of his congressional committee on un-American activities to four cities "immediately" to seize records of what he described as German and Communist organizations.

He said the agents, half of his staff, were dispatched to Detroit, Mich., two cities in the East and one in the South. He declined to identify the three cities other than Detroit.

This activity followed raids yesterday, Dies said, in Chicago, New York and other cities on "German and Italian organizations." He announced that documents and records were seized last night or early today at five Chicago "German and Communist" organizations.

Chairman Dies emerged long enough from his secret investigation hearing to make these announcements. He said that, meanwhile, he was questioning today Ernest Ten Elcken, former president of the German-American National Alliance in Chicago.

Dies said that he planned to question four persons in a continuation of the committee's investigation of evidence unearthed by committee agents here.

The congressman identified one of yesterday's mysterious witnesses as Heinrich Peter Fassbender, alias Harry Smith, an agent of the Gestapo.

Fassbender, who is 23, was seized on the West Coast, taken to Washington and then brought back here for questioning by the committee. Dies said that the agent carried authentic credentials, checks from the German government, and other papers in his possession when seized.

"What he told us links certain representatives of certain governments with his activities," Dies said. "He has been working in the United States for more than a year."

The witness told newsmen that he had been a Gestapo agent since 1935, working in Spain and Belgium before coming to this country.

### Russia Claims World's Largest Fleet Of Subs

MOSCOW, Nov. 18. (AP)—Soviet Russia claimed today to have the largest submarine fleet in the world. The assertion was made in the government newspaper Izvestia but comparative figures were withheld.

### Hawaii Holds Separate Draft



In the Honolulu palace which was the seat of the ruling monarchy before Hawaii became an American territory, Hawaii stages its lottery under the selective military training act. Governor Joseph B. Poindexter, who drew the first number, is at extreme right.

### LAWRENCE SPEAKS AT BAPTIST MEET

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would make it triumphant abroad," said Dr. Lawrence, adding that "we must make our own land a demonstration station."

He asserted that the ideals of the gospel would be reached only when Christ had been enshrined as Savior and Lord in the hearts of men and made pre-eminent in the arts and sciences, literature and life, culture and civilization, government and social order of the world. "The kingdom of God is to be put on the inside of our civic, municipal, social and national life."

The last year has been one of the best ever experienced by the Home Mission board, he said. Money received in 1939 from all sources totaled \$544,289 and \$159,555 was paid on the principal of the debt. All debts, he said, will be liquidated by 1945 under the present program, provided receipts do not fall below those of last year.

Other reports on home missions also were submitted at the session, the theme for which was "Jesus Shall Reign in the Homeland." The meeting opened this morning at the First church here, with R. N.

Simms of Raleigh, convention president, presiding. He asked the delegates to "stick together and show the world by the Baptist State convention how beautiful it is for men to dwell together in peace and union."

### Aroused Citizens Halt Robbery Of Moline Bank

MOLINE, Kas., Nov. 19. (AP)—Roused by a general vigilante alarm, business men carrying shotguns and revolvers, surrounded the Exchange and State bank this morning, frustrated a robbery, captured and disarmed the two masked robbers.

Elk county Sheriff Carter said the two men were hiding inside when Hayward Johnson, assistant cashier and Miss Alma Finney, teller, opened the bank for business.

### Jap Warships Appear Off Indo-China Port

HONGKONG, Nov. 19. (AP)—A dispatch from French Indo-China to the British-owned China mail today reported that Japanese warships and transports had appeared off the Saigon river, the approach to Saigon, Indo-China's chief port.

### ITALIANS REPORT RAID ON ISLAND

#### British Beaten Off In Attempt To Seize Small Dodecanese Isle

ROME, Nov. 19. (AP)—Italian land, sea and air forces have repulsed a British attempt to seize the island of Gaidaro in the Dodecanese, the high command reported today.

Its communique said sharp fighting occurred on the Epirus front in Greece yesterday but resulted in no material change in the situation on either side except in the region of Ezeiki, in Albanian village, which it acknowledged was occupied by the Greeks.

Italian planes continued heavy bombardments and machine-gunning of Greek troop concentrations, it said, suffering a loss of only one plane against three "enemy" planes in the day's aerial warfare.

British forces attempting to seize Gaidaro, the communique declared, were forced quickly to retreat. (Gaidaro is the northernmost and one of the smallest islands in the Aegean sea Archipelago off the Turkish coast.)

The communique gave no details of the engagement. "Enormous damage" to British aeronautical and defense works and barracks in the Siwa oasis in Egypt by an Italian attack also

was reported. The communique said the raiders machine-gunned their targets and dropped high-explosive and shrapnel bombs, "missing all objectives." It acknowledged British bombardments of the Libyan ports of Tobruk and Bardia, Salum, an Italian-held position in Egypt; Agordat, Coronidil, Buna and Gherille in East Africa, but said there were no "serious results" except for three persons killed and five injured at Salum.

### Better Raid Shelters Are Urged In London

LONDON, Nov. 18. (AP)—A committee charged with investigating air raid shelter conditions, urged by Lord Horder, urged today immediate removal of the aged, infirm, bedridden and children to London.

These groups add to "the duty of supervision" and "increase the risk of health," he said.

SCORES PERISH KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 18. (AP)—Reports from Jamaica's northeast area tonight said scores of persons perished in a cloudburst that sent flood waters raging over many districts.

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### TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY:

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the City of Wilmington, respectfully petition your honorable body to cause to be submitted to a vote of the voters of the City of Wilmington the following question:

"Shall the City of Wilmington adopt the form of government defined as plan 'D,' as it is desired by petitioners and consisting of a mayor, city council of five members elected at large, and a city manager, according to the provisions of the chapter, Municipal Corporations, in the Consolidated Statutes, articles nineteen to twenty-three, inclusive, or re-

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