

Large U. S. Tax Boost Is Favored

Program Designed to Add \$3,500,000,000 to Government's Income NEW LEVIES EXPECTED 25 to 50 Per Cent Raise In All Present Tax Rates Advocated

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—A tremendous new tax program designed to add \$3,500,000,000 to the government's annual income, perhaps by increasing virtually all present tax rates and assessing new levies as well, was proposed by the administration today—with both republican and democratic leaders approving.

Details of the program remained to be worked out, but Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was authoritatively reported to have advocated raising all present tax rates—excise, excess profits, estate, etc.—from 2 1/2 to 50 per cent higher than existing levels. The present individual income tax rate is 4 1/2 per cent; the corporation income tax is 24 per cent.

Additional Taxes In addition to boosts "all along the line," the treasury plan was said also to include several additional excise taxes, such as levies on washing machines, radios and other so-called luxury objects not now taxed.

Present At Murder Of 5th Column Foe



Companion of John F. Arena, Italian language paper editor murdered by gunmen as he left a Chicago motion picture theatre, was Eleanor Herrmeyer, above, 17-year-old high school student. She told police that she was in Arena's office recently when he received telephone death threats.

BOARD AND POLICE RAPPED BY LENNON

Asserts Laxity in Enforcement of Ban on Dancing in Beer Parlors Asserted laxity of the city, through its commissioners and police department, to enforce local ordinances prohibiting dancing in licensed beer and wine establishments was rapped in recorder's court yesterday by Judge Alton A. Lennon.

The court's criticism culminated a trial in which a local beer and wine retailer was found guilty of a police-preferred charge that he violated a city ordinance by permitting dancing in his Eighth and Dawson street establishment. The licensee, Quillie Roderick, was fined \$25 and costs.

In a statement from the bench, Judge Lennon charged that the "proper action" in the Roderick case lay with the city commission, which body is empowered to issue and regulate beer and wine licenses in the city of Wilmington.

Brunswick Woods Hit By Flames

50,000 Acres of Forest Land Destroyed in GARDENS Vol. and CCC Workers Gain Control Over Widespread Flames

Approximately 50,000 acres of forest land, some of it considered among the best stands of pine in southeastern North Carolina, was swept by a disastrous forest fire which raged from Beaver dam to Orton plantation—a distance of 13 miles—in Brunswick county yesterday and Wednesday afternoon.

Under control, the fire was still being fought at several points over a wide area last night by citizen volunteers and 100 CCC workers directed by Dawson Jones, Brunswick county fire warden.

St. Phillip's Area Hit Included in the burned area were approximately 650 acres of the lower tip of Orton plantation, historic showplace of Brunswick county. All the area immediately surrounding the ruins of ancient St. Phillip's church was touched by flames.

A shift in the brisk wind which had carried the fire 13 miles from Beaver dam, near Southport, to St. Phillip's church, was credited last night by James L. Sprunt as probably saving Orton's famed nurseries and gardens from complete destruction.

The fire originated in the vicinity of Beaver dam and had burned more than 500 acres before effective fire-fighting methods could be put into action. Suddenly, about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, a brisk, hot wind came from the southwest and carried the fire far beyond a back-fire line organized by volunteers.

Building Destroyed The only known large building destroyed by the fire was an abandoned fish cannery on the Cape Fear south of St. Phillip's.

When, Wednesday night it became apparent that volunteer forces were numerically insufficient to battle the fire, Warden Jones appealed to the Bolivia CCC camp for help, and 100 men were rushed to the scene. The fire was brought under control yesterday shortly before noon as its main front reached the Cape Fear river.

The width of the area burned over varied from a half-mile to a mile. (Continued on Page Six; Col. 7)

Without A Country



Pictured on arrival in New York aboard the Excambion, Zosia Morawska is a woman without a country. She lost her U. S. citizenship when she went to work for an English firm in pre-war Poland and married a Polish citizen. Later she worked for the U. S. Embassy in Berlin. She returned to America on an immigration visa, determined to become an American again.

NEGRO ARMY HUT PROBLEM TALKED

City and County Boards May Lease Two Floors Of Lodge Building

Prospect of the city and county jointly leasing the upper two floors of a negro lodge building at Ninth and Castle streets as a temporary recreation center for colored Camp Davis troops, the first of which are scheduled to arrive soon from Texas, loomed as a likelihood yesterday during informal conversations between members of the local boards of commissioners.

The lodge building quarters, formerly used for a negro WPA social project, would serve as a center only until either the local governments or the federal government erects a permanent building for colored soldiers.

Further discussion of the lease proposal will be conducted this morning as city, county, Army and negro civic leaders confer with J. W. Faust, Federal Works administration recreational expert assigned to Wilmington to make a survey of soldiers' recreational facilities.

Yesterday, Faust met with members of the city and county commissions and outlined in considerable detail what the federal government is planning to do for recreational centers in cities and towns near military training camps.

He emphasized, however, that congress has not yet appropriated the funds for the work, hence he was unable to give local commissioners assurance what was planned for Wilmington.

The recreational expert did, however, predict that Wilmington, Jacksonville and possible New Bern would be named for extensive recreational programs. Not only would the government's proposed recreational program cover the field of men in the military service, Faust said, but as planned in Washington, would include public facilities for civilian defense workers as well.

British Repulse German Drive On Mt. Olympus; Greeks Retreat; Last Of Yugoslav Soldiers Quit

FIGHTING IS STOPPED ITALIANS CLAIM GREEKS FALLING CASUALTIES ARE MANY

ROME, April 17.—(AP)—The Italians, declared to be again fighting on Greek soil, officially asserted tonight that the first line of Greek resistance had been broken in both Greece and Albania and that "the entire enemy front is in crisis." It was tantamount to a claim that Greek resistance was so far as it faced the Italian offensive.

London Seeks To Recover From Savage Nazi Attack

RESCUE WORK PUSHED British Make Another Raid on French Coast

LONDON, April 17.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force, which raided Bremen and other German shipping and industrial centers last night, was believed to have made another heavy attack on the French coast today.

TOBRUK DEFENDERS TAKE AXIS TROOPS

British Naval Units Shell Fort Capuzzo, Near the Egyptian Frontier CAIRO, Egypt, April 17.—(AP)—Defenders of the British garrison at Tobruk, Libya, fighting bitterly against mechanized Axis forces, captured 25 officers and hundreds of men and destroyed 20 tanks while British naval units shelled Fort Capuzzo, near the Egyptian frontier, it was announced officially tonight.

MINERS DECIDE NOT TO RETURN

Vote Not to Resume Work Until Dispute With Dixie Operators Settled NEW YORK, April 17.—(AP)—The policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America (U. M. W.) voted early tonight not to send miners back until a wage dispute with southern Appalachian coal operators could be settled.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The War Department has released the following orders, dated April 14: BRIGADIER GENERAL Surtan, D. I. Hawaii, to Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. COLONELS Crawford, D. McI., Sig. Corps, now on temporary duty, Mitchell Field, N. Y., from Birmingham, Ala., to Bolling Field, D. C.

U. S. Transfers Four New Cargo Vessels To Britain

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—The United States started making good today on President Roosevelt's promise to provide Great Britain with sorely needed cargo ships by transferring four new, high-speed freighters. The maritime commission announced that three of the four vessels were being acquired from their American owners "for immediate delivery" to the British government under the lease-lend law. The fourth, it was said, already had been turned over. They will be registered under the British flag and will be manned entirely by British officers and crews.

Auto Industry Will Cut Production 20 Per Cent

By ROBERT M. JACKSON WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—The automobile industry agreed today to cut its production next year 20 per cent in order to increase its output of armaments. William S. Knudsen, director of the Office of Production Management, announced the agreement in a terse, three-sentence statement. The action was taken at his request, and will result in a limitation of about 4,160,000 on the number of passenger cars and trucks to be produced in the model year beginning August 1.

MEASURE TO CURB STRIKES ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(AP)—A bill to curb defense strikes by requiring a 25-day "cooling off" period and by "freezing" existing contracts or open shop arrangements was endorsed unanimously today by the house naval committee and sent to the house floor.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Considerable cloudiness and continued rather warm, probably scattered thunder showers Saturday and in west portion Friday. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Union Plans To Strike Against General Motors

DETROIT, April 17.—(AP)—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (U. A. W.), announced tonight that his union, which only Friday concluded a ten-day strike at the Ford Motor company, was filing a five-day notice of intention to strike against General Motors corporation.

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Temperature 7:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 85; 7:30 p. m. 71; maximum 86; minimum 64; mean 75; normal 62. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 70; 1:30 p. m. 33; 7:30 p. m. 60. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month 1.98 inches. Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High Low Wilmington 3:06a 10:27a 3:53p 10:50p Masonboro Inlet 1:08a 1:21a 1:35p 7:30p Sunrise 5:37a; sunset 6:45p; moonrise 12:56a; moonset 11:47a. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., April 17, 11.35 feet. (Continued on Page Six; Col. 5)