

U. S. Soldiers Reach Northern Ireland Base



Heavily armed and wearing steel helmets, these United States soldiers march to a training center in Northern Ireland after a gigantic convoy landed tens of thousands like them at the American Expeditionary Force base at the end of a 2,400-mile voyage. Tanks and heavy artillery accompanied the troops. This picture was cabled from London.

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WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Drastically increased individual income tax rates which would double the tax of persons who earn up to \$4,000 or \$5,000 and which would bring \$2,756,000,000 into the treasury were approved tentatively today by the House Ways and Means committee. The new schedules include an increase in the normal tax rate from 4 to 6 per cent and a graduated scale of surtaxes ranging from 12 per cent on the first \$2,000 of net income to 81 per cent on more than \$5,000,000. Present surtaxes are from 6 to 77 per cent. The present 10 per cent earned income credit would be retained in computation of normal taxes and the credit for dependents would remain at \$400. No earned income credit is allowed in figuring the surtax but the credit for dependents may be taken. The committee previously had voted to cut the exemption for single persons from \$750 to \$500 and for married couples from \$1,500 to \$1,200.

The committee's new income tax program rejected a recent suggestion by President Roosevelt that no individual be permitted to keep more than \$25,000 after payment of taxes. The members also took no action on a coupled recommendation that corporations might well be confined to a more or less fixed percentage of profit.

Based on the new exemptions and rates, a single person with a net income up to about \$3,000 would pay a tax at least double that of last year. At least twice as much as last year also would be paid by married persons with no dependents who have a net income up to about \$4,000, and by married persons with two dependents with a net income up to about \$5,000. The new program would compel single persons with an income of about \$10 a week to pay federal income taxes for the first time. Under present law, a single man has to have an income of about \$15 before he need walk up to the collection window March 15.

Hoover Asks Dictatorial Powers For Roosevelt

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover said tonight that if the United States is to win the war President Roosevelt "must have dictatorial economic powers" because he said "plain Fascist economics" is necessary to triumph in total war. "There must be no hesitation in giving them to him and upholding him in them," the former president said. "Moreover, we must expect a steady decrease in economic freedom as the war goes on." "We must start our thinking with a disagreeable, cold, hard fact. That is, the economic measures necessary to win total war are just plain Fascist economics."

Allied Planes Attack Jap Bases On Timor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Thursday, May 21.—(AP)—Allied bombers destroyed two grounded Japanese planes, damaged the runway and started large fires yesterday in an attack on Koepang, Dutch Timor, and also attacked military objectives in Dili harbor in the Portuguese half of the occupied island.

Launching To Highlight 'Maritime Day' Program

Launching of the S. S. William Moultrie from the ways of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here Friday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock will highlight Wilmington's observance of national Maritime Day. Other activities of the day, which will see thirty ships launched at shipyards in various sections of the country, will be marked with a dinner to be given Friday night at the Cape Fear Country club by the Wilmington Propeller club, which is in charge of arrangements for ceremonies here. Outstanding officials will come

RUSSIANS STILL ADVANCING ON WIDENING KHARKOV FRONT AS BRITISH BLAST MANNHEIM

40,000 Fire Bombs Dropped, Followed By Heavy Explosive Missiles

DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE

Raid Described As Prelude To Attacks Using Up To 1,000 Planes

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, May 20.—(AP)—Forty thousand incendiary bombs and "great loads" of the biggest explosives from hundreds of bombers were showered upon the German industrial center of Mannheim last night, the British said today, and even greater attacks employing up to 1,000 RAF and American bombing planes a night were promised for the aerial offensive against the Reich. Air Ministry quarters said the 40,000 fire bombs were dropped by one detachment of four-motored Stirlings, leaving hundreds of fires for the succeeding waves of Halifaxes, Lancasters, Manchesters and Wellingtons with their "heaviest high explosive bombs" to shoot at. Intelligence reports quoting the raiders said the destruction in the big chemical, armament and engine building center reminded them of Germany's ruined Baltic port of Rostock. It was the 54th raid on Mannheim, a city of 283,000, and the first against Germany since the weather forced a lull in Britain's air offensive 11 days ago. Lifting the curtain on the plans for this offensive, authoritative quarters said they were building up to the point where 1,000 bombers would be sent against Germany any night the weather permitted. United States planes would fly with the British, it was indicated. "A thousand planes is not a fantastic figure," the source said. "At present we have the facilities for sending 800 planes on raids, and these can be expanded."

The informant added that most British bombing now is being done by four-engined planes with a minimum bomb load of four tons each. Thus, he said, a thousand such planes could carry 4,000 tons of explosives — or enough "to blow anything in Germany apart." The submarine base at St. Nazaire, France also was strongly attacked last night, but the British said three-fourths of the bombers were sent against Mannheim. Fourteen planes from the raiding forces failed to return. By contrast only 20 planes attacked a north coast English town. Reconnaissance planes also sought the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, the "clay pigeon" of the German fleet, but authoritative sources said they did not know where she had gone. Disclosing new details of the attack off Norway Sunday night, in which at least two torpedo hits on the Eugen were claimed, authorized quarters said more than 50 planes swarmed down upon the cruiser. Acknowledging the loss of nine of their planes, the British said the cruiser was screened by 40 Messerschmitts.

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Lew Ayres Reports For Induction



Lew Ayres (left foreground), the movie star, falls into line with other draftees for induction into the Army at Portland, Ore., after announcing his draft board had granted his request for non-combat service. That permitted him to leave a conscientious objectors' camp at Wyeth, Ore., without compromising his views against bearing arms.

Rationing Program May Be Extended

Shortage Of Goods Hints Action Within Next Year

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Shortages of certain goods available for civilian consumers are expected to result in rationing of 15 major items within a year, well informed officials said tonight.

To administer these programs, as well as the big enforcement job necessary for universal price control, the Office of Price Administration contemplates a staff of 90,000 persons.

Such a growth, necessarily a rough estimate but one that is being used for preliminary budget preparations, would make Price Administrator Leon Henderson's agency the third largest in the government, outranked only by army and Navy.

OPA now has about 7,500 on its payroll in addition to some 20,000 volunteers on local ration boards. Officials said it is not contemplated to increase the number of unpaid workers.

The 15 scarcity items mentioned were said to include the six already rationed or about to be: sugar, gasoline, tires, typewriters, automobiles and bicycles.

The other nine were kept secret, for officials fear that premature disclosure of any one of them might touch off a buying wave which would complicate conservation efforts vastly, besides thwarting the purpose of rationing — which is to guarantee that all shall share alike in the available supplies of scarce necessities.

The hint was dropped, however, that some of the nine general categories likely to be affected would include many types and sub-classifications of goods, bringing the war home to civilians with compelling force.

On the other hand it was certain that some scarce articles would not be rationed despite falling supplies. Among these are most of the "standard of living" items of the production of which has been halted to convert plants, workers and materials to armament production—such things as radios, refrigerators and washing machines, which can be spared for the war's duration.

These and perhaps certain food items like tea probably will be allowed to dwindle and possibly disappear entirely from shelves and sales floors. Tea sales to dealers have been cut in half, a control measure expected to make the

DETROIT, May 20.—(AP)—George Christopher, president of the Packard Motor Company which now makes airplane and motor torpedo boat engines, said today that if he could get materials, he "would be able to build as many as anybody wanted."

Packard is now in production of 1,350 horsepower Marine engines for Navy motor torpedo boats and also Rolls Royce aircraft engines.5

to Wilmington for the celebration and the occasion will be the most notable event at the shipyard since launching of the first ship from its ways in December, 1941. Exercises at the shipyard will begin at 4:15 o'clock, two short speeches being scheduled to be delivered by Representative J. Bayard Clark, of the Seventh North Carolina district, and S. Duvall Schell, executive director of the Maritime Commission. The William Moultrie, twelfth Liberty freighter to be launched

Gain Despite Close-Quarter Tank Attacks, Move To Turn Flanks

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Federal Inquiry Exonerated Walsh, Barkley Tells Senate

No Truth To Charge He Visited 'Foreign Agents' Report Shows

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) told a tense, hushed Senate today that a thorough investigation by the Justice Department had completely exonerated Senator David I. Walsh (D-Mass.) of an "unjustified, malicious, degrading charge" that Walsh visited a house of ill-repute in Brooklyn and could be accused "of conspiring with alien enemies" there.

Displaying documents furnished him by Attorney General Biddle, Barkley said there was "never the slightest foundation" for statements published in the New York Post that Walsh had been a frequent visitor to a "house of degradation" in Brooklyn. The senator leader said there were reports soldiers and sailors were "plied with liquor" there in order to obtain from them information on ship movements. (In New York, Ted O. Thackery, editor of the Post, said in a statement that the paper's only aim was to "arrive at the truth openly and publicly" and that it would "continue to demand a full public senate investigation.")

Barkley's remarks about the charges and the Justice Department investigation came before a crowded senate, with Walsh as one of the few absentees. Reached by reporters later, Walsh had no comment and declined to discuss any future action he might take. Outlining the case slowly and deliberately, Barkley said the New York Post had charged in its May 1, 1942, issue that a member of the senate frequently was seen in a "house of degradation" in Brooklyn. Gustave Beckman, alleged operator of the house, was convicted in Brooklyn for an offense Barkley said was "too loathsome to mention in the senate or in any group of ladies and gentlemen."

Named Senator The Post story said, Barkley went on, that a member of the senate had been observed in the place talking to an alien suspected of being a "spy in behalf of the Nazis." A few days later, he said, the Post named Walsh as the senator involved.

Barkley said a purported affidavit signed by Beckman was used as the basis of the Post's story. The Democratic leader said Beckman subsequently made statements to Department of Justice agents that Walsh was not the man who came to his house and identified the picture of another as being the man who did visit the place.

While Barkley said he was not prepared to commit himself on a future course in the matter, his statement brought immediate demands from senators Wheeler (D-

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MORE LAND ASKED FOR AIRPORT HERE

Tract Sought By Government To Extend 3rd Runway Another 1,000 Feet

Request to acquire more land at the Wilmington Army Air Base for extension of the north-south runway an additional 1000 feet so as to make the three runways at the airport 5,000 feet in length was received Wednesday by Chairman Addison Hewlett of the County Commission from C. C. McGinnis, WPA State administrator.

Mr. McGinnis contacted Mr. Hewlett by telephone and also passed on to him information received by the WPA in a telegram from the CAA showing that the request originally came from the Army Air forces.

The wire reads: "Washington office CAA advises that the Army Air Forces have requested the extension of airport facilities at the Wilmington airport to make it equal in size of the final approval of the War Production Board is necessary before the necessary materials may be secured, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy revealed here tonight.

Mayor Bellamy has scheduled conferences tomorrow with officials of the WPA's division of priorities and hopes to obtain a final answer during these meetings.

The program provides for an outright federal grant of 60 percent of the total amount involved in the project with the City of Wilmington to supply the remaining 40 percent of \$1,048,000. Mayor Bellamy said he anticipates no trouble in obtaining approval of a bond issue since "the people obviously want an adequate water supply system."

The pending project would provide for extension of a 30-inch concrete line from the present intake at Toomers creek to Kings Bluff.

The priorities order will be necessary to enable purchase of valves and fittings.

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British Attack Axis Convoy In Mediterranean

VALETTA, Malta, May 20.—(AP)—British naval aircraft attacked an Axis convoy in the Mediterranean last night and probably hit a merchant vessel and a destroyer, it was announced here tonight. Malta's anti-aircraft guns shot down one Axis bomber during the day and damaged two others. 5

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WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for North Carolina and South Carolina, including temperature, humidity, and precipitation data.

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