

Morgenthau Wants Income Tax Boosted

Suggestions Of Federal Sales Tax Are Fought Off At Hearing ARGUMENTS SPURNED. Administration Knows Odds Against It For Amount Asked

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(P)—The administration renewed its almost hopeless campaign for \$10,500,000,000 in new taxes today, but fought off suggestions of a Federal sales tax.

Secretary Morgenthau told the Senate finance committee the nation's skyrocketed war income could well bear that amount of additional taxes—an argument rejected by the House when it voted a tax bill cut to \$2,140,000,000.

Morgenthau and his aides spurned arguments that less government spending would lighten the tax burden and said a sales tax would be entirely unfair to low-income families, and would be more trouble than it is worth.

The administration officials opened their renewed plea for heavier taxes, knowing that the odds were heavily against their getting \$10,500,000,000 from this Congress. The House vote coupled with the remark of Chairman George D-Ga of the Senate finance committee that it would be impossible to go far ahead of the House bill, left little hope for the Treasury proposal.

An essential part of fighting a war is paying for it in the right way at the right time," Morgenthau declared. "It is a great fallacy to suppose that we can fight history's greatest war to a draw without blood, sweat and tears."

"Easiest Way" Taxation, now, during the war, is the easiest way to make that sacrifice. But he was quick to caution against a sales tax when Senators Eyd (D-Va.) and Vandenberg (R-Mich.) asked whether the Treasury would agree to that form of taxation as a revenue producer. "Such a tax is completely lacking in any relation to ability to pay," Morgenthau declared.

He estimated a 10 per cent Federal sales tax—potentially worth \$6,000,000,000 in war-time revenue.

MCCROSKEY NAMED DAVIS COMMANDER

General Assumes Command Of Anti-aircraft Training Center

CAMP DAVIS, Nov. 29.—(P)—Brig. Gen. Samuel L. McCroskey assumed command of the anti-aircraft artillery training center here today after it was revealed that Brig. Gen. James R. Townsend, the previous commander, had been ordered to a post as yet unannounced.

Gen. Townsend, a native of North Carolina, had been in command here since April 26. He came here from a similar post at Camp Haer, Calif. Gen. McCroskey, former commander of New York City's anti-aircraft artillery defenses, was Camp Davis' first executive officer when the post came into being in 1941. He was then a lieutenant colonel.

Gen. Townsend was born at Burlington, N. C., was graduated from the Greensboro, N. C., schools and

New Program Will Be Used At Graduation Of Officer Candidates

CAMP DAVIS.—An innovation in the graduation of officer candidates at the Anti-aircraft Artillery School will be introduced next Tuesday. The successful candidates will receive their commissions in a Chapel in the School. All previous classes have held their commencement exercises in a camp theater.

The first graduating class to be commissioned in a chapel is Class of the AAA School is 17 weeks old and is scheduled to be the one of the most difficult of the Army's officer candidate courses.

Tar Heel Ground Crewmen At Munda



Ground crew members of the famed 13th Air Force are standing in front of "Snafu," the first American transport plane to land on Munda airfield in the Solomon Islands. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt rode in "Snafu" on her recent visit to this South Pacific base. The ground crewmen are all from North Carolina. Left to right, front row: PFC William H. Bass, Selma; Sgt. William Boyd, Four Oakes; Cpl. Judy Eaton, Princeton; Sgt. Roy Foster, Lynn; PFC Desmond R. Harper, Erwin. Left to right, back row: Cpl. J. Van Holbrook, Stokesdale; Sgt. Ralph Melton, Tarboro; Cpl. James R. Moore, Standley; Staff Sgt. Harold C. Myers, Northville; Sgt. Silas Myers, Lexington; Cpl. Boyd H. Wiseman, Greensboro. (AP Photo).

Declaration Of Epochal Importance Is Expected

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(P)—A declaration of epochal importance involving a possible demand for Germany's surrender and signed by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin in the first meeting of the "Big Three" is expected — on the basis of foreign reports — to be announced perhaps within a few days.

NEW SNAG IS HIT AT COAL PARLEYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(P)—Negotiations for a wage contract covering the entire soft coal industry hit a new snag today, some operators questioning whether an average 17-cents-a-ton price increase is enough to carry the load of a proposed \$1.50 a day more wages for each miner.

The price boost was authorized Saturday night by Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilization director, who said details of how it would apply in each district would be worked out by the Office of Price Administration.

The coal parley, disregarding Interior Secretary Ickes' plea for speed, decided to ask OPA for a breakdown of the price hike so every operator would know exactly what it means to him in dollars and cents. Ezra Van Horn, a coal industry leader, and John T. Jones, United Mine Workers' official, were instructed to seek the information and the conference was adjourned until tomorrow.

Some operators said they were not satisfied with the price increase. Ickes, government operator of the mines, and UMW President John L. Lewis were reported as reflecting the same attitude.

Ickes appeared before the group to urge unanimity. Operators representing more than half the 600,000,000 tons a year production were ready to sign with Lewis on the proposed contract. The others, led by the Southern producers, have balked largely over the question of travel time.

The new contract calls for a nine-hour day including 15 minutes rest.

Weather Stalemate In Italy Now Believed Broken

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press War Analyst. The weather-bred stalemate holding up the Allied advance on Rome appeared ended last night, with British 8th Army veterans ripping loose the Nazi "winter line" anchorage on the Adriatic coast.

There were signs of an impending German retreat on that flank. This would expose to Allied attack the main lateral highway in central Italy, the Rome-Avezzano-Pescara road. Advance 8th Army elements in hard-won bridgeheads above the lower reaches of the Sangro river, appeared converging toward Chieti, key protective bastion for the coastal stretch of that road.

With the river behind them, no other important natural defensive front appeared to bar the way to a foothold on the eastern end of the Rome-Pescara transportation artery.

British scouts reported Nazi-kindled fires behind German front lines, foreshadowing a retirement from the upper end of the front below Rome. Collapse of this section inevitably must mean the fall

VETERAN BRITISH 8TH ARMY OPENS ITALIAN OFFENSIVE; RED PINNACLES CLOSE ON NAZIS

STRYESHIN TAKEN

Soviets Fling New Wedge From The South-Toward Zlobin

STRONGHOLDS TOPPLE

Steady Advances Narrow Gap For Nazi Troops Fleeing Gornel

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(P)—Russian shock troops flinging a new wedge from the south upon Zlobin today captured Stryeshin, only 12 miles below that rail center and key bastion for thousands of Nazis in the Gornel escape hatch, while the other arm of a pincers closed in tighter from the southeast, Moscow announced tonight.

At the same time, the Russians reopened a drive into the Dnieper bulge at Cherkassy, midway between Kiev and Kremenchug, toppling three strongholds including Russkaya-Polyana, eight miles west of Cherkassy, said the communique recorded by the Soviet radio monitor from a broadcast.

Five Villages Taken

Five villages besides Stryeshin were seized by General Constantine Rokossovsky's forces driving from the south on Zlobin, and 40 communities were enveloped in hammer blows upon the Nazis retreating northwest of Gornel, the war bulletin declared.

This northwest push already had carried to about 20 miles southeast of Zlobin.

Thus Rokossovsky was developing a strong pincers movement upon Zlobin, junction on the Gornel-Minsk railroad and the Leningrad-Odessa main line as well. His drive from the south battled forward between the Dnieper and Berezhina rivers. Stryeshin is on the right bank of the Dnieper.

Steady advances by the Red army narrowed the gap for German troops—perhaps as many as 300,000—in the Gornel salient pulling out after the fall of Gornel. Advance forces of Rokossovsky's

Amazing New Secret Weapon Being Used

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(P)—Amazing new secret weapons, one so sensational that a foreign scientist labeled it impossible, are working their wonders for the United States Navy.

This was disclosed today by Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, chief of the ordnance bureau, who said they have now been in use for months, "helping in a large degree to shorten this war."

The weapons, which Blandy said are "fully comparable to the German radio controlled homing torpedoes," are unknown either to the enemy or to the public. Continued secrecy has been possible, the admiral explained, because when the Navy loses a weapon, it usually sinks to the bottom of the ocean where it cannot be captured and imitated.

"Our new weapons can be and are kept secret except that the enemy receives full knowledge of their effects," he said.

CANNON USED ON U.S. PLANES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(P)—Armor-smashing 75 mm. cannon which make ordinary airplane guns seem like pea-shooters have been installed in U. S. medium bombers and one pilot used the flying field artillery to sink a Japanese destroyer.

The Army disclosed today that its B-25 Mitchells—the type that raided Tokyo—now are armed with 75's similar to the famous French field pieces.

Hull Brands Peace Rumors

Attempt To Slow Up War

State Secretary Says Reports Put Out Impair Allied Prosecution of Global Conflict — Proposals Reported Submitted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(P)—Secretary of State Hull took some of the wind out of the latest bunch of ballooning peace rumors today with a sharp warning that "most of the time" such reports are put out to impair Allied prosecution of the war.

Hull did not say specifically what sources spread the peace talk, but it seemed clear that he had Nazi propagandists in mind. The intention, he told his press conference, is to build up overconfidence among the Allies in the hope that their vigorous attacks on Germany will be relaxed.

A short time before he spoke a news dispatch from Stockholm quoted a Svenska Dagbladet account of a story in the Swiss newspaper La Suisse to the effect that Germany had made a new peace proposal for submission to Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin.

This was but one of the latest in a series of stories, originating chiefly in Europe's neutral capitals. One from Switzerland offered an unconfirmed report that Pope Pius XII had undertaken to mediate an end to the war.

Hull was asked whether he had any information "that would support rumors that a German peace move is afoot through the Vatican or other channels."

Permitting direct quotation, he gave this reply: "I think I would be safe in authorizing you to quote me entirely in the negative about such rumors

County War Chest Drive To End Officially Tonight

Tonight will mark the official end of the Wilmington and New Hanover County Community War Chest Campaign. Optimistic leaders have arranged a final victory celebration which will be held at St. Paul's Parish House at the corner of 16th and Princess streets starting at 7 p. m.

When a group of civic-minded Wilmingtonians will have volunteered workers of the Community War Chest campaign as their guests.

If the War Chest campaign reaches its goal of \$145,399.12 tonight, this campaign will go on record as the greatest finish in Wilmington's and New Hanover County's history because workers were faced with the necessity of raising \$38,000 in the final three days of the drive. Reports poured into headquarters all day Monday cutting down the number of unreported firms in the self-soliciting divisions but campaign leaders said that more than 50 units were still unreported Monday and

GROCERIES TRIED BY OPA OFFICER

Sentences Are Handed Out By Judge Clement Sutton In Local Cases

Judge Clement E. Sutton, of Atlanta, Ga., regional hearing commissioner of the Office of Price Administration, is in Wilmington serving as official for the OPA hearings being held here this week. These hearings are based upon investigation findings made here two weeks ago by a staff of 13 OPA investigators under the direction of Walter A. Kavanagh, district price executive, and Frank F. Spruill, Jr., enforcement attorney. The following grocery stores of Wilmington were tried Monday by Mr. Spruill:

Winter Park Grocery operated by Steve Sneed and Effie Sneed in Winter Park was charged with selling rationed meats above ceiling prices. This grocery, according to Mr. Spruill, was given a suspended sentence of six months beginning January 1. The 15 days of this period which are active begin January 1.

R. W. Fountain, operating the Nu-Way Service Station and Grocery in Castle Hayne was given six months suspension with ten days active for rationed meat violations. F. C. Griffith and J. F. Crawford who operates the C & B Food Store, No. 2 were charged with meat violations. This is the only case which was not tried.

'GOOD PROGRESS'

Troops Slam Into Main Enemy Defenses At Two Points On Sangro

ARTILLERY BARRAGE

Allied Warriors Hold Valuable High Ground On Northwest Side

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 29.—(P)—Striking with the same type of fierce night attack that instilled dread into the hearts of the Nazis in the African desert, the veteran British Eighth Army has slammed into the enemy's main defenses at two points across the Sangro river gaining vital points from which additional advances could make the entire Adriatic end of the German "winter line" untenable.

Fully aware of their peril, the Germans fought tenaciously to hold heights commanding the enlarged Allied bridgehead near the mouth of the Sangro, and just as bitterly to hold rising ground across the river from the village of Archi, 13 miles inland.

The combined weight of massed Eighth Army artillery, the daylong bombings of their positions by clouds of Allied planes and the driving onslaught of British, New Zealand and Indian troops under Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery were too much for the Nazis, however, and official reports said the attack near the coast made "good progress."

In the second bridgehead opposite Archi a day of heavy sea-saw fighting ended with Montgomery's warriors holding valued high ground on the northwest side of the river. It was disclosed that this second crossing of the flooded Sangro was first achieved four days ago by veterans of "Long Stop Hill" in Tunisia, but no attempt was made to enlarge it until Montgomery sent his forces smashing forward in the darkness of Sun-

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Presidential Primary To Be Held In Georgia

DONALSONVILLE, Ga., Nov. 29.—(P)—Rural Seminole county in the southwest corner of Georgia, which voted overwhelmingly for Roosevelt for a second and third term, will learn tomorrow what its citizens think of a fourth term.

The county democratic executive committee is again sponsoring its presidential pre-terrestrial primary. There are about 2,200 qualified voters. The ballot is only a sentiment tester, and has no binding effect.

As soon as the committee decided to hold the primary, the "Roosevelt Committee" headed by Ellison Dunn, broke out "Roosevelt For Fourth Term" automobile stickers and Dunn predicted Roosevelt will again win overwhelmingly.

NEW ACL SERVICE HALTED BY COURT

Company Will Seek To Have Sampson County Injunction Lifted

A restraining order, issued by the superior court of Sampson county, caused the sudden cancellation of a new schedule which would have added two extra trains to the Wilmington-Rocky Mount run on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

The additional trains scheduled at the request of military authorities to take care of military personnel and relieve overcrowded transportation facilities, had the approval of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

It is understood that the discontinuance of the proposed trains, which were to begin operation Sunday, will work undue hardship in the transportation of service-

Walter Lippmann Says: German State Is Holding Many Nations In Slavery

By WALTER LIPPMANN We should dishonor ourselves and our cause if we did not face with a candid conscience our moral responsibility in the devastation of the German cities. For obviously we cannot be satisfied to say that we are now doing what the enemy did first. We reject his moral standards and, therefore, cannot stop to justify our actions by his standards.

The immediate problem is clear enough: The German state through its armed might is holding captive, and indeed in slavery, most of the nations of Europe. Fortress Europe is a prison, which must be opened not only by breaking down the prison doors, but by attacking the jailers till they drop the keys to those doors. In attacking the German people, whose sons are the jailers of Europe, many innocent Germans—women, children and old folk—perish. But if we refrained from attacking the cities like Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne,

from which the subjugation of Europe is directed, implemented and enforced, still more innocent people of all sorts in the captive nations must perish.

The destruction being visited upon civilian Germany is not, therefore, wanton in that it is indubitably a potent means of hastening the liberation of the victims of the German state. We could only spare Berlin at the cost of prolonging the agony of countless millions who are the victims of the power organized and directed from Berlin.

Out For The Duration

The Empty Stocking Fund is being discontinued for the duration. This decision was reached after careful study of local conditions through which it was found that employment is so widespread and parents generally so well able to provide for their children's Christmas that the customary appeal to the public is not necessary.

For the small number of families not prepared to meet Christmas requirements the Salvation Army, the Welfare department and other organizations are preparing to look out for the youngsters.

This suspension of the Empty Stocking Fund is only temporary. When the war is over, and as the need for it returns, the Star-News will find its chief holiday happiness in renewing this ministrations to the needy children of the community, with your generous help.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA: Continued cool Tuesday. Partly cloudy west portion Fair and not quite so cool Wednesday. (By Eastern Standard Time) (By S. Weather Bureau)

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature/Conditions. Includes Wilmington, Masonboro Inlet, and Sunrise/Moonset times.

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