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Many Called For Hearings On Tax Bill

Senate Committee Hopes To End Session On Measure By Monday

ADVICE IS WANTED

Few Voices Have Been Raised In Support Of Higher Taxes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. — (AP) — Determined to complete public hearings on the still-battered \$2,140,000,000 tax increase bill by tomorrow night, the Senate finance committee has summoned a group of department officials for advice on House-approved amendments affecting the renegotiation of war contracts.

Also to be heard are Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and opponents of the Maybank amendment which would suspend for the duration the federal tax of 10 cents a pound on colored margarine.

In six days of hearings which started last Monday scarcely a voice was raised in support of new or higher taxes, but a procession of lawyers, lobbyists and businessmen filed before the committee to protest one phase or another of the bill approved by the House.

Debate on the measure full of "hot" features. Acting Chairman Walsh (D - Mass) predicted it would be ripped to tatters either in the committee or on the Senate floor, for a net result of little or no more evidence than could be expected under present laws.

The only way Walsh saw to realize a major share of the \$10,500,000,000 asked by the Treasury was to tap sources of revenue not affected by the House bill. He had no specific suggestions, but Senator Guffey (D-Pa) put in a plug for a war bond lottery plan.

Postal Hike Out

A proposed \$166,000,000 postal rate increase seemed headed for the ashcan because of Postmaster General Walker's opposition. Men in the jewelry, fur, light bulb, luggage, cosmetic, telephone, picture show, bowling alley and cabaret businesses have registered lusty protests against new or increased excise taxes on their products. Total projected excise boosts aggregated \$1,201,700,000.

The House has ruled out a federal sales tax and it probably will not be advanced seriously in the Senate finance committee. There was guarded discussion of the practicability of another major rise in individual income tax rates, but few thought the increase could be jammed through a Congress already conscious of next year's national elections.

Among witnesses docketed to testify on the contract renegotiation amendments were Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, Major General Lucius D. Clay, Assistant Attorney General Francis M. Shea, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Joseph M. Dodge, chairman of the joint price adjustment board, Randolph Paul, general counsel for the Treasury, and Commander Arthur G. Rydstrom, for the Commission's price adjustment board.

Results Of Teheran Conference Will Be Announced Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The world will hear at 1 p. m. Eastern War Time Monday an official version of what President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Stalin decided in their momentous conference at Teheran, in ancient Iran.

The official report of the conference will be made public then.

The Moscow radio broke the news that the conference had been held, in a broadcast picked up in London Friday night, second time in a week that American and English press and radio were beaten to the news by premature disclosures abroad. Reuters, British news agency, flashed the Roosevelt-Churchill-Chiang conference last week and stirred up a controversy that hasn't died down yet. The Reuters story, dated Lisbon, was withheld from British papers but distributed in other countries.



GENERAL McCROSKY

Gen. McCrosky Returns As Davis Commander

CAMP DAVIS, Dec. 5. — Brigadier General Samuel L. McCrosky, veteran anti-aircraft artilleryman and Camp Davis' first executive officer, returned here last week to assume command of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center, succeeding Brig. General James R. Townsend, who was

Gen. McCrosky came here from Mitchel Field, Long Island, where, as commanding general of the 55th AAA Brigade, he was engaged in the practical study of combined anti-aircraft, Air Corps, and Signal Corps defense, under the supervision of the First Air Force.

In 1942 Gen. McCrosky, then a colonel, was assigned to New York City to plan and command the anti-aircraft defense of this nation's greatest metropolis. He was appointed brigadier general in June, 1942, and assigned to Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he organized the 55th Brigade.

The new commanding general entered the service in 1917, after graduating from Washington State College. An early and firm advocate of the development of anti-aircraft artillery, he has had much experience in that field.

He was a member of the Coast Artillery Board at Fort Monroe, Va., in 1932. When the Army was reorganized in that year, he was assigned to the Anti-aircraft Artillery Command at Richmond. In 1938 he was assigned to the chief of Coast Artillery's Office in the material section.

Under the supervision of Brig. Gen. James B. Crawford, then Camp Davis commander, Gen. McCrosky was a member of a group of officers, selected the site for the camp and planned its construction and development. He was the camp's executive officer from February to December, 1941.

Two tours of foreign duty were in Panama from 1921 to 1924 and in Hawaii from 1929 to 1932. A native of Colfax, Wash., the general is married and has one daughter. His family resides in Garden City Long Island, New York.

Liberators Attack New Japanese Base

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 5.—(AP)—In their deepest recent blow at Japan's defense perimeter, American Liberators have bombed Hare island in the Kapingmarangi atoll, lying in a comparatively open stretch of the Pacific surrounded by the Solomons, Gilbert, Marshall and Caroline islands.

A solitary Liberator, apparently from the Solomons, installations on Hare island's seaplane base Dec. 2, headquarters of the commander in chief of the Pacific fleet announced today, but a fleet spokesman added that the third recent strike at the Nipponese base.

Fires were started by the latest bombing. The previously unreported proceeding strikes were believed to have badly crippled the seaplane base.

Senator Defends Action In Junking Vote Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Senator Moore (R-Okla.), one of those who Senator Guffey (D-Penn) says formed an "unholy alliance" to reject the federal soldier vote bill in favor of State controls, reported tonight that what they really did was to help head off "the most gigantic vote stealing in history."

And thus came another round in the warmest Congressional row in weeks, a row which shows signs of getting even hotter.

The squabble broke out Friday when Southern Democrats and Republicans teamed to upset the Senate leadership. They threw out a bill for a Federal absentee voting plan and substituted state supervision.

Guffey called it an "unholy alliance" which would deprive the armed forces of their right to vote and for this Senator Moore (R-Okla) called him "the veriest demagogue."

Moore said in a statement that the Administration's bill laid the basis "for the most gigantic vote stealing in history" and he defended the Democrats who voted with

From the Central Pacific — The airfield on hard-won Tarawa in the

Nazi Targets In Occupied France

11 BOMBERS LOST

Other Fighters Make Offensive Sweeps Over German Territory

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Americans and British air might turned from its methodical destruction of German cities today to deliver a smashing blow against enemy targets in occupied France.

U. S. heavy and medium bombers and fighters took a leading part in the daylight bombardment assaults which cost the Eighth Air Force 11 heavy bombers against the destruction of 11 Nazi fighters. The crews of two of the wrecked bombers are safe.

Targets Not Known

Today was the first time in more than two months that the Fortresses have concentrated on targets in France. The last time was Sept. 26, when they hit a Nazi fighter repair base near Rheims. The target studies were not immediately specified.

Thunderbolt and Lightning fighter planes supported the Flying Fortresses, the Eighth Air Force announced, while RAF, Canadian and Allied fighters provided cover for U. S. Raiders and RAF fighter bombers attacking military objectives in northern France.

Other fighters made offensive sweeps over Nazi territory. One fighter was lost during the day's operations.

Mine Laying

The daylight assaults were a sequel to Mosquito attacks on targets in western Germany last night and mine laying activities by other RAF planes. One plane was lost by the minelayers.

Allied war planes now are almost continuously over Europe, and last week not 24 hours passed without bombs falling on German soil.

The weakening of the German air force even in purely defensive operations was demonstrated clearly last week by its inability to defend Leipzig when British heavy bombers feinted at Berlin Friday night and then banked to smother Leipzig with 1,500 tons of bombs.

Leipzig Unprotected

Nazi fighters were packed over Berlin and there were not enough left to protect Leipzig when the bombers suddenly changed their course and plastered the vital industrial and railway center, virtually unopposed in the air. Fires raged uncontrolled in Leipzig yesterday, indicating much of its air raid protection services had been transferred to Berlin during the two weeks the capital was smashed by five heavy RAF assaults.

Another evidence of inability of

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GERMANS THROW MORE TROOPS INTO FIERCE ITALIAN FIGHT; RED DRIVE MENACES MOGILEV

VITAL RAIL HUB

Russians Fight Amid Swirling Snow To Penetrate Deep Into Lines

OVERRUN 3 BULWARKS

Continue Push West And Southwest Of Ukraine City Of Kremenchug

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 6. —(AP) — Red Army troops fought to compress the German defense lines upon the approaches to the Gomel region rail hubs of Zhlobin and Rogachev yesterday and snaked forward northwest of Propoisk in a drive menacing Mogilev, Moscow announced early today.

Fighting in rain, mud, fog and cold, the Russians in their plunge in the Propoisk region overran three Nazi bulwarks, the broadcast communique said. Mogilev is one of the main remaining rail and defense centers held by the Germans in White Russia. Propoisk is approximately 70 miles north of Gomel and 40 miles southeast of Mogilev.

Line Penetrated

Moscow dispatches declared that Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's troops had penetrated deep into the Germans' strong defense line virtually from one end of White Russia to the other.

The Russian communique, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, said Russian troops, despite clinging Ukraine mud, were continuing their push west and southwest of Kremenchug, and had captured three Nazi strongpoints after stubborn fighting.

German troops continuing their infantry and tank attacks against the line in the Cherkassy area were the Russians' Dnieper river bridge-repulsed, the war bulletin said. By expanding their holding below Kremenchug westward the Russians apparently are attempting to relieve the pressure on the Cherkassy bridgehead.

Landing Made

The communique also contained a belated disclosure of the landing of German sea-borne forces a few days ago at the mouth of the Dnieper river—a landing which it said was completely wiped out by resolute Soviet counter-attacks.

German losses in this operation were declared to total 700 dead and the Russians took 500 prisoners. The Nazi landings were made on Kindurinskaya Kosa, and the enemy captured Vordtadt and Pokrovsky Khatara before the Soviet counterblows developed, the war bulletin said.

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Roosevelt And Churchill Reported Meeting Inonu

Turkish President And Two Big Allied Leaders Have Conference Regarding Nation's Entry Into War, Nazi News Agency Says

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A German news agency said today that the Turkish president, Ismet Inonu, conferred with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in Cairo yesterday after the momentous Iran meeting of the heads of the American and British governments with Premier Marshal Stalin.

In a broadcast quoting dispatches from Ankara, the Nazi news agency Transocean, which previously had reported Inonu journeying to Cairo for the meeting, said a communique was not expected before Wednesday or Thursday, "after the return of the Turkish statesman."

The Berlin radio also reported that Emir Mansur, son of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, and Emir Fahad, nephew of the king, arrived in Cairo Saturday. The broadcast, quoting the Cairo radio, said the reason for their presence was not stated, but that it was generally "expected they will take part in some Cairo conference."

After the conferences at Cairo and Teheran which Roosevelt and Churchill had with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Stalin, a multi-front assault seemed assured. All reports on these conferences indicated that the Allied leaders laid the basis of a new world without war and were casting anxious eyes at Turkey.

A promise of freedom for Europe after the war was also mentioned. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

Italian Mountain Army Threatens Nazi Retreat

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 5.—(AP)—German forces retreating before Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army's drive up the Adriatic coast face a rear threat from an Italian army estimated at 50,000 strong gathered in the mountains of Abruzzi.

This army of Premier Pietro Badoglio, which retired into the Gran Sasso and Morone mountains just south of the Pescara valley, has been steadily reinforced during the past month by youths escaping from German-controlled areas of Italy.

An Argentine citizen who arrived here from Italy only last week said some estimates place the Abruzzi mountain forces at 100,000, of whom about 50,000 are armed, and said they were preparing for action against the Nazi rear guard.

According to reports from the border and this neutral informant, the force includes at least 20,000 soldiers who were in Italy's regular army prior to the armistice.

They have been living on reduced rations and have been conserving their ammunition for just such an opportunity to strike at the Germans as is now presented by the Eighth Army's Sangro river-through.

Most of the newcomers, either former soldiers or youths escaping from the German and Fascist mobilization since the armistice brought their guns, or have been armed from stores controlled by regular army units.

Some reports say the Italian forces have already made guerrilla-type steps at the retreating Germans, and to have cut the trans-penninsular Rome-Pescara railroad, which is now the Germans' only east-west line south of Ancona.

The Argentine, who asked that his name be withheld because of possible reprisals against members of his family still in Italy, said the Nazis in central Italy, particularly the Rome area, are now "acting as if they are on the eve of a hurried departure from the midst of a people they hate and who hate them."

He said that when the Germans seize goods belonging to Italian citizens they hand out slips of paper falsely promising, "Pagara Badoglio, —Badoglio will pay."

A squad of German soldiers under the command of a lieutenant lawked into the largest store in Tivoli and in my presence ordered the clerks to pile their truck full of rationed foodstuff and many luxury foods."

"They gave the excited proprietor merely a slip of paper before they drove off. He showed it to everybody, including me, and it

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SAN VITO TAKEN

More Than Nine Enemy Divisions Are Rushed In To Save Line

8TH GIVES UP CITY

Fighting Equals That Of Verdun In First War Reports State

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 5.—(AP)—American infantry has stormed key strongholds on heavily fortified Mount Maggoire, 1,500 foot bastion on the southwestern flank of the Mignano pass to Rome, in the blazing all-out battle into which the Germans have thrown more than nine divisions to hold their winter line, Allied headquarters announced today.

On either end of the line both the American Fifth Army and the famous British Eighth have cast their full power into the offensive for the first time since the invasion of Italy.

Ridge Captured

British troops with the Fifth have captured an important ridge, 2,800-foot Monte Camino, also on the southern flank of the road from Mignano to Rome.

(Three of the most formidable heights in the Mount Camino area now are in Allied hands, the Allied United Nations radio said in a broadcast recorded by Reuters at London.)

On the hard-fought Adriatic flank the Eighth Army captured San Vito, 16 miles below the strategic port of Pescara, but so tough was German resistance that the men of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery were forced to give up newly-captured Orsogna to a determined, tank-led counterattack.

Reinforcements Arrive

Official reports said the fighting for the peaks came the closest to resembling World War I conflicts, such as Verdun, of any engagements in this war.

Reinforcements reached Italy for Canadian forces. A delayed dispatch from an Allied-held Italian port said headquarters personnel of a Canadian armored unit, tankmen and motorized troops had landed after an uneventful voyage from Britain.

A communique from the 15th Army group headquarters of conservative Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Gen. Eisenhower's deputy commander-in-chief, described the losses of the German Tenth Army as "heavy."

Local Successes

"We have achieved very important local successes," said a headquarters spokesman, "in some places on the mountains the Germans had dug into solid rock to a depth of eight feet and had to be driven out in hand-to-hand combat."

In the third day of the Fifth Army's smashing attack, yesterday, the battle developed into an almost entirely infantry-artillery affair as rain cut Allied air activity to a minimum.

The Royal Navy took a hand in the show on Dec. 1, the destroyers Troubridge, Palladin and Teazer carrying out a bombardment of Minturno just ahead of

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WEATHER

FORECAST:

NORTH CAROLINA: Increasing cloudy with rain beginning west portion late Monday afternoon. Continued mild becoming colder in west portion Tuesday afternoon. (Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature	High
1:30 am, 51, 7:30 am, 46, 1:30 pm, 65, 7:00 pm, 56.	51
Maximum 65, Minimum 47, Mean 56, Normal 51.	
Humidity	High
1:30 am, 97, 7:30 am, 98, 1:30 pm, 44, 7:00 pm, 65.	98
Precipitation	High
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.01 inches.	0.01
Total since the first of the month, 0.01 inches.	
Tides For Today	Low
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)	
Wilmington	5:04a
Masonboro Inlet	5:34p 12:19p
	3:08a 9:22a
	3:06p 9:43p
Sunrise, 7:44a, Sunset, 5:03 p. Moonset, 2:09p, Moonset, 1:41a.	
Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville, 9.30 feet.	

Drive On Japs Rolling As Anniversary Nears

BY HAROLD STREETER Associated Press Staff Writer

The second anniversary tomorrow of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor comes as military forces of the United States are deployed along a broken battle line of 9,000 miles from the Aleutians to New Guinea. At the closest point, they stand 2,000 statute miles from Tokyo.

That is in the Aleutians, a dormant sector. Dipping southward, Midway island, the most advanced position west of Hawaii, is 2,545 miles from the heart of Nippon.

Skirting around the enemy-occupied Marshalls to the Gilberts, where Marines paid a high price last month to achieve victory, those newly-won islands are roughly 3,300 miles from Tokyo.

A little closer but still more than 3,000 miles distant is the most advanced American position on Bougainville in the northern Solomons. So too is the jungle front line of Gen. Douglas MacArthur—in this case held by Australians—on the Huon peninsula of northeastern New Guinea.

These are great reaches, most of them watery, many of them dotted with strong, intervening fortifications. They are distances which are easy to lose sight of when the scanning of such war reports as those of the past week:

From the Central Pacific — The airfield on hard-won Tarawa in the

Action To Delay Subsidy Vote Is Gaining Ground

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—An administration move to delay a Senate showdown on food subsidies for 60 days while it submits the issue to a Democratic caucus appeared to be gaining some ground.

With a bipartisan majority lined up behind a House approved bill which would halt subsidies Jan. 1, leaders appealed to Democratic colleagues to side with them for a postponement of a Senate vote until February, at least.

Their argument is that all of the Senate Democrats could meet in the meantime and decide among

themselves what stand they ought to take on the controversial issue of providing or denying authority for payments which Price Administrator Chester Bowles has said must be made to keep food costs down and to prevent inflation.

There are indications this effort to split the Bi-partisan bloc opposing subsidies was making some slight headway, but ample evidence is available that most republicans would fight any delay in a vote on the bill.

Senator Aiken (R-Vt) said he and others of like views would not