

Compromise On Subsidy Bill Is Seen

Part Of Administration's Food Program May Be Salvaged

ACTION IS DELAYED

Farm Bloc Spokesman Oppose Any Delay In Voting On Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Signs appeared today that the Senate may work out some compromise to save at least part of the Administration's \$1,000,000,000 farm food subsidy program.

Three Man Subcommittee Bolstering the possibility of a compromise was the makeup of the three-man subcommittee surveying the field. Majority Leader Barkley, one of the three, is a supporter of the subsidy program as it now stands, and Senator Taft (R-O), another member, has proposed a continuance on a modified basis.

The third member, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) is the author of the anti-subsidy legislation, he expressed doubt that a compromise could be reached and asserted the farm bloc is "going to bat for the bill as it is."

However, the subsidy idea picked up support during the day. Senator Bill (R-Minn) endorsed the ideas for limited subsidies and Senator Murdock (D-Utah) is favored retaining the present setup.

Chances Increased At the same time, the banking committee's postponement of action on the legislation was interpreted as increasing the chances that a showdown on the issue might be postponed for several weeks.

With that aim, Senator Ellender (D-La) introduced a resolution to defer a Senate vote on the subsidy issue until after the Christmas holidays. The resolution, which was referred to the banking committee, would extend from Dec. 31 to Feb. 5 the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation, which pays out most of the money for subsidies.

The House measure provides for the extension of the CCC but carries a rider repealing subsidies. Farm bloc spokesmen have opposed any delay, and their stand has been backed up by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones who has appealed for an immediate decision so that farmers will be able to plot their 1944 crop program.

YUGOSLAV FORCES REPULSE GERMANS

Tito's Troops Continue To Beat-Off Nazi Thrusts In Balkans

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Yugoslav partisan army of Marshal Josip Broz (Drugi Tito) announced by radio today it was continuing to beat off along a wild and irregular battle line all attempts of the Germans to "break through the liberated territory."

At the beginning of the second week of heavy fighting, initiated by the Germans in an effort to stamp out guerrilla forces, the Yugoslavs declared units of their army were attacking in Bosnia alone.

This indication that Adolf Hitler was deeply committed to the campaign in Yugoslavia, where German communications in the Balkans crisscross, was accompanied by the assertion that the Germans also were attacking with strong forces in Croatia in the north and the border region between Serbia and Montenegro in the south and were suffering "great losses in men and material."

Broz' assertions that his partisans were standing firm seemed to indicate that they had rallied to his appeal of Sunday, in which he declared "the moment has come" for an all-out effort to withstand the German assault.

Politically, the partisan leader appeared to be gaining ground for himself and his new provisional government, set up in rivalry to the existing exiled government of Premier Boghdar Puric in Cairo. It seemed probable his group

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Maritime Commission Order Not Expected To Affect Local Yard

The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company's work schedule will not be greatly affected by the Maritime Commission's order, announced late Saturday, placing the nation's merchant shipyards on a six-day week through abolition of Sunday work, effective January 1.

Officials of the company said yesterday afternoon that, because of the urgent need of the type of ships being built here, no reduction in production time is contemplated. They added that there will be no practical difference between the work schedules in 1944 and those now in effect, which include Sunday work.

The yard is now engaged in filling contracts with the Maritime Commission for sixty C-2 type ships. It was recently announced that major design changes will be made in a substantial number of these vessels, which will involve greater work and lengthening of original schedules of completion. The yard also has contracts for twenty-seven more C-2 type vessels.

FR'S SECRETARY TAKEN BY DEATH

Marvin McIntyre, President's 'No' Man Dies In Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Marvin McIntyre, slight but firm buffer for President Roosevelt throughout his years in the White House, died today after a long illness.

Death of the white-thatched 65-year-old secretary meant the loss, said the President in a message to the White House, of a "public servant whose whole career emphasized fidelity and integrity."

"Mac," as appointment secretary to the chief executive, was known throughout the country for his mollifying "no." It was his job to sift the President's calls and callers, to turn aside but not rebuff those who wished to see the President, to be the "fall guy" for the chief.

Informed of the death as he was en route home from conferences in Cairo and Teheran, President Roosevelt messaged the White House:

"Another faithful servant is lost to the public service in the death of Marvin McIntyre. Despite the handicap of frail health in recent years which would have defeated a less gallant spirit he could not be persuaded by any consideration of self interest to relax his devotion to the heavy and important duties and responsibilities which fell to him to discharge."

McIntyre had been associated with President Roosevelt for more than 20 years, serving as his public representative during the 1920 presidential campaign of 1920. Prior to that he was a newspaperman in Louisville, Ky., Asheville, N. C., and Washington, D. C.

During the first world war he was special assistant to the secretary of the Navy on public relations matters. After the 1920 campaign he did public relations work here until he became business manager and publicity representative of Mr. Roosevelt's presidential campaign in 1932. Upon the President's assumption of office McIntyre was appointed secretary.

Early in 1939, he underwent treatment in Asheville, N. C., for a lung ailment. He returned to the White House 13 months later and resumed part of his duties. He went back to Asheville last summer for a rest and since returning to work had complained of exhaustion, a racy heart and loss of appetite.

The tall thin secretary, who loved to meet people and attend functions, died at the Washington home of his daughters, Mrs. Fred Warren. His wife and son, Lieutenant Kennedy McIntyre of the Navy, were with him; but his daughter was in California with her husband.

Burial will be in the family plot of Mrs. McIntyre at Cave Hill cemetery in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday.

Japs Expected To Launch Peace Drive In New Year

"Japan will lose the war, but not until we have undertaken the difficult task of overcoming Japan's strength built up over many years with the aid of American production methods and appeasement in the State Department," James R. Young, American foreign correspondent in the Far East for 14 years, declared during an interview yesterday when Mr. Young visited Wilmington as one of many steps he is making on his 25-week tour of the United States to inform American citizens of the conditions in Japan and the difficult task still ahead of victory.

"Another great obstacle, that is even more dangerous than the tanks and guns of the Japs because it has an even chance of succeeding," the correspondent continued, "is a negotiated peace offensive which we can expect in 1944. The Japanese have cleverly calculated the effort of the Axis collapse on the American public and will launch a peace drive with America educated Japs at the head in an effort to consolidate their gains in the Pacific. We will be so weary of war in a short time, so weary of war in a short time, that we will be lulled into a false sense of security."

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FR Expected To Present Trip Report To Congress And Tell About Meets

President May Go To Congress And Tell About Meets

GONE OVER MONTH

Report May Be Combined With Annual Message Next Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The chances are that President Roosevelt will report to Congress in person on his history-making trip to the Middle East for war conferences.

Secretary of State Hull was invited to appear before a joint Senate-House session after his return from the Moscow conference of Russian, British and American foreign ministers.

With that in mind, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said in response to questions today that he would "naturally anticipate that the President would receive a similar invitation and would respond" to it, Hull accepted his wish.

The chief executive has been gone more than a month already and undoubtedly will have a considerable volume of work stacked on his desk when he returns. Not only will he have to dispose of routine paper work, but he also will have to consider an annual message to Congress and a budget for the 1945 fiscal year, both of which must be ready early in the new year.

Consequently he might see fit to combine his report on his Middle East travels with the annual message. A separate appearance to discuss the highly significant Cairo and Teheran conferences might be favored, however, to help bring about the unity on foreign policy between the two major political parties which Hull has recommended.

Presidential Appraisal A presidential appraisal of the conferences in Egypt and Iran unquestionably would be phrased largely in generalities, since it would not serve the Allied cause to disclose steps taken at them to win the war.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley (D-Ky.) said the Senate would be happy to hear a report if the President wanted to tell Congress of the conferences but that he had no plans yet to join other leaders in extending an invitation. House Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.) said a report would be welcomed.

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Civil Court Wanted By City Attorney

City Attorney William B. Campbell presented the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners a request Monday afternoon at their regular meeting for a week of civil court beginning January 10.

Campbell explained that this would replace the week beginning on December 6, which was lost due to conflicting terms of Superior courts of New Hanover county and Columbus county, and Judge John J. Burney, of the Eighth Judicial district was called to hold court in Columbus county.

Superior court was originally scheduled from December 6 to the 18th, but the first week was lost due to the conflicting dates of the two Superior courts.

SOVIETS CONTINUE POWERFUL DRIVE; NAZI PUNCHES INTO ADRIATIC LINE; MEMBERS BLAST NORTHWEST GERMANY

Secretary Discloses Gen. Patton Involved In Third 'Incident'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who slapped one soldier and upbraided another, was disclosed today to have spoken with "undue harshness" to a third, who had left off his leggings because his ankles were swollen.

The disclosure was by Secretary of War Stimson in a report to the Senate military committee arguing that while the apparent denial of the slapping incident, which was issued Nov. 22, may have been an error in judgment from a public relations viewpoint it

BOOST IN WATER RATE NECESSARY

City Commissioners Say Revenue Must Be Increased 10 Per Cent

A ten per cent increase in the gross revenue of the city's water and sewerage department will be necessary if the department is to continue on a self-sustaining basis, it was learned Monday morning at a meeting of the city council.

In terms of the individual consumer, an increase in rates in prospect to avoid a drain on the public purse.

If the water and sewer department of the city is to be a self-sustaining unit, rather than a drain on the public pocket-book, a ten per cent increase in the department's over-all income is going to be necessary, it was disclosed Monday morning at a meeting of City council.

"In so doing, we find there is an approximate deficit of \$49,000. By the end of this year, the deficit may be overestimated. Present indications are that operating expenses will not be as high as originally believed."

"Furthermore, we realize that capital expenditures outside the items covered by bond issues are somewhat heavier than normal."

"It would appear, then, in our opinion, that a normal deficit, based on segregated operations will run around \$25,000 to \$30,000—or 10 per cent of the gross revenues of the water and sewer department."

"Therefore, it would seem that we should rearrange our water and sewer charges so as to bring in that much additional revenue in order that the operations will not be a charge against the general fund, or against taxes paid to the city," he concluded.

The matter of financing this department is to be the subject of further study, and City Manager Nichols will present this final detailed recommendations before the first of the year.

The audit of the department's books, and the survey of its financial income and outgo was ordered by the council several months ago, when it was voted to separate the water and sewer division and to

WEATHER

FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy and continued rather cold Tuesday. Not quite so cold Tuesday night with temperature near freezing in west portion. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer followed by occasional light rain in west portion. Eastern Standard Time (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 am, 49; 7:30 am, 41; 1:30 pm, 55; 7:30 pm, 45. Humidity: 1:30 am, 50; 7:30 am, 76; 1:30 pm, 34; 7:30 pm, 44. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.60 inches. Total since the first of the month, 1.26 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington: High 11:40a 6:13a Low 11:50p 6:59p Wednesday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer followed by occasional light rain in west portion. Eastern Standard Time (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 am, 49; 7:30 am, 41; 1:30 pm, 55; 7:30 pm, 45. Humidity: 1:30 am, 50; 7:30 am, 76; 1:30 pm, 34; 7:30 pm, 44. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.60 inches. Total since the first of the month, 1.26 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Masonboro Inlet: High 9:37p 3:36p Low 9:37p 3:36p Sunrise, 7:10 am, Sunset, 5:04 pm, Moonrise, 7:54 pm, Moonset, 9:28 am. Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville, 9:47 feet.

HEIGTS CAPTURED

Nazis Able To Throw Three Crack Divisions Onto Fight

AMERICANS SLOWED

Canadian Troops Repulse Several Attacks, With Heavy Losses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Gen Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army punched jaggedly into the Germans' new 15-mile-long Adriatic defense line, hinged on 8,000-foot Mt. Maella, and captured heights overlooking the coastal town of Ortona, the Allied command announced today.

Despite the loss of 6,000 prisoners since the Allies invaded Italy, the Nazis were able to throw three crack divisions into their fierce resistance in this sector and to launch repeated counterattacks.

Heavy fighting raged along the entire front north of the Moro river, through the battle-torn village of Orsogna to the Guardigle at the foot of the towering Mafella mountain range. Highly-trained German Alpine units were opposing Montgomery's men in the Guardigle area.

Eighth Army units, which included Canadians, fought their way onto elevated ground overlooking Ortona on the coast, while other assault troops gained positions dominating the highway between Ortona and Orsogna, effectively blocking its use by the Nazis. Both of the Eighth's bridgeheads across the Moro river were widened.

Canadian troops driving northwest of captured San Leonardo near the coast were engaged in their fiercest, bloodiest fighting since they reached Italy front dispatches said. At least five times the Germans counter-attacked one Canadian unit, and each time they were thrown back. Both sides suffered considerable losses.

Three Divisions The three German divisions (perhaps 45,000 men) resisting Montgomery's veterans along the 15-mile front were the 90th armored grenadiers, the 28th armored division and the 65th infantry. There also were numerous smaller units, including the Alpen experts.

Heavy fighting was confined to the Adriatic end of the line. The drive of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in the Mignano area, 25 miles from the Tyrrhenian sea, lost some of its impetus, but the Italian and mud of a miserable Italian winter. American troops repulsed a strong enemy patrol that attempted to penetrate newly-won Allied positions north of Mignano.

The rain sharply curbed Allied bombing activity and the sky was completely bare of enemy planes.

OLD PAPER DRIVE QUOTA IS PASSED

Collection For City Totals 164,796 Pounds, Stewart Reports

Over the top—again! As the total scrap paper collection for Wilmington totalled 164,796 pounds Monday evening, the goal of 150,000 set by W. A. Stewart, local salvage director, was surpassed by 14,796 pounds to put Wilmington over the top again as she has done in every drive sponsored here this year.

The collection made by the Junior Red Cross in the local schools totalled 4,630 pounds with the following schools contributing: Sunset Park, 1,000; Sunset Park Annex, 500; Tilsen, 710; Winter Park, 1,340; and Peabody, 1,080 pounds. The ABC store contributed 2,640 pounds to this collection making the Junior Red Cross total 7,270 pounds for the week.

3,050 pounds were received as free admission to the movie at the Carolina Saturday morning.

The total Saturday reached 139,491 pounds. The Wilmington Paper Salvage Co. reported 18,305 pounds received Monday while the Southern Junk Co. got 4,300 pounds and the Brigade Boys Club collected 2,700 pounds thus making the total for Monday 25,305 pounds.

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Italian Soldiers Off To Rome



"Rome or Death" is the slogan chalked on the side of the vehicle carrying these jubilant Italian soldiers to the fighting front in Italy where they have joined in the battle with the Allies against the Germans. (AP wirephoto via radio from U. S. Signal Corps).

SICILY VISITED BY U. S. CHIEF

Roosevelt Decorates Clark And Reviews Patton's Troops

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, flying within some 250 miles of the battlefields in Italy, visited Sicily on his homeward journey from Cairo, reviewing Seventh Army troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and decorating Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and several other officers for bravery.

The President came from Malta to Castelvetro airfield, it was disclosed officially today, with his C-54 transport guarded by 12 Lightning fighters.

Accompanied by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Mr. Roosevelt drove in a jeep along the runways lined by hundreds of Seventh Army troops who helped win Sicily in a blazing campaign. Castelvetro is at the southwestern tip of the island.

This dispatch gave the first disclosure of Patton's whereabouts since the announcement that Eisenhower had made him apologize to his troops for striking a soldier in a hospital.

(It did not indicate whether the President said anything to Patton concerning the incident. In Washington, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early asked if the President at this meeting had "put his O.K. on Patton?" replied: "What's the White House got to do with OK-ing Patton? He was assigned to a job by General Eisenhower, and General Eisenhower is keeping him in command of the 7th Army, isn't he?")

Mr. Roosevelt flew to Eisenhower's villa in Tunisia after the visit in Sicily, the time of which was not disclosed in today's announcement. It was said he wanted to go to the Italian battlefield, about 250 miles away by air, but that those charged with his security objected.

The President decorated General Clark, commander of the Fifth Army fighting in Italy, and five

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15 NAZI PLANES DOWNED IN RAID

Bombers Accompanied All The Way By Lightnings And Thunderbolts

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 14.—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators penetrated 400 miles into northwestern Germany yesterday to blast unspecified targets and were accompanied all the way by Thunderbolts and Lightnings for their longest escort job of the war.

The American raiders knocked down 15 of Germany's hard-pressed fighter force and lost five of the big U. S. bombers.

However, Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commander of the Eighth U. S. Air Force bomber command, cautioned against over-optimism regarding the bomber losses—regarded as low—and said the attacks were planned to take advantage of weather conditions which "greatly favored" the bombers and hampered enemy fighters.

Returning airmen said German anti-aircraft fire was intense at some points and some crewmen reported the flak the heaviest they had encountered.

Marauders added to the weight of the American onslaught by blasting a Nazi fighter base at Schiphol near Amsterdam in the first mission for the medium bombers in eight days.

Of the 15 enemy fighters knocked down, 14 were destroyed by bomber gunners and one by the fighter escort.

In all, five heavy bombers, two medium bombers and two fighters failed to return from the raids on Germany and other operations.

The longest previous round-trip coverage provided by the sturdy fighters was established Nov. 13 when they escorted heavy bombers to Bremen on a flight slightly less than 400 miles each way.

Although a joint communique of the U. S. Air Force and the British Air Ministry failed to name yesterday's objectives, the fact the fighters officially were dispatched

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IN KIEV BULGE

Guerrilla Forces Behind German Lines Aid Russian Troops

GREAT TANK BATTLE

Other Units In Southeast Report Spectacular 20 Mile Drive

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 14.—(AP) Russian troops aided by powerful guerrilla forces behind the German lines gained ground for the third day in succession Monday in the great battle of the Kiev bulge, while to the southeast other Soviet forces expanding the Kremenchug bridgehead advanced a spectacular 20 miles westward in 24 hours in a dash aimed at relieving embattled Russian units at Cherkassy.

The great tank and infantry battle west of Kiev raged furiously throughout the day, and Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's Soviet forces, after absorbing seven German attacks made "one after the other," struck out in a countersmash and improved their positions, Moscow announced in its daily communique.

About a battalion of Nazis were wiped out in this action, said the midnight bulletin, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast, while 300 more were left on the battlefield on another sector of this front.

Back May Be Broken

The Moscow announcements indicated that the Russians may have broken the back of the great German counteroffensive, which already had gained 30 miles from Korosten and carried to the region below Malin, about 55 miles west of Kiev, with the Germans throwing into action nearly 2,000 tanks and rushing in reserves as the Red army destroyed the machines by the hundreds.

Greatly aiding Gen. Vatutin's forces were several guerrilla detachments which, combining their forces 12 days ago, captured two railway stations in a sudden attack in the region of Zhitomir, 40 miles to the southwest of the main action. At one of these stations the guerrillas destroyed four German trainloads of troops with military supplies which presumably were being rushed to the front.

The guerrillas, declared the Soviet communique, ever since have held these two stations, resisting repeated attempts of the Germans to win them back.

Places Captured Troops under Soviet Gen. Ivan S. Konev, striking westward from Kremenchug, captured several strongly-fortified places Monday, among them the town of Grushevka, 20 miles beyond Chirgin, taken Sunday, and only 25 miles south of Cherkassy.

These Russian forces are driving to relieve a Soviet bridgehead established in the Cherkassy region several weeks ago and which has been under terrific German assault since. The Russians, although not retreating under this attack, nevertheless have failed to expand the bridgehead materially.

The troops which established themselves at Grushevka are believed to be within 15 miles of the nearest Cherkassy bridgehead forces, and a joining of the Kremenchug and Cherkassy forces appears near.

Berlin Preparing People The Berlin radio already is beginning to prepare its audience for such an event, declaring Monday that the Russians had managed to establish a foothold in the town of Cherkassy itself, which had been by-passed in the first crossing of the Dnieper. The fighting in this entire area, Berlin said, is growing more intense by the hour.

In a second main drive expanding the Kiemenchug salient the Russians continued to advance toward the industrial city of Kirovograd, beating off several tank

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Climax Of Soviet Fight Believed Near At Hand

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press War Analyst The climax of the battle in Russia seems at hand in the Kiev bulge.

A military disaster of first magnitude for one side or the other is in the making there and on its outcome may rest Russian-Allied hopes of bringing the war in Europe to an end next year.

Moscow and Berlin agree that Soviet forces have taken the offensive in the Malin sector at the center of the south-southwestern face of the Kiev bulge but disagree as to the nature of the Red

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