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New Tax Plan Is Explained By Committee RETURNS ELIMINATED Filing Is Done Away With For About 30,000,000 Persons In U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Responding to a national outcry against the recent siege of decimal figures, the House Ways and Means Committee approved today a far-reaching plan to simplify the tax returns, relieving some 30,000,000 of the 50,000,000 taxpayers of the necessity of ever computing an excess of income tax return.

Beginning next January 1, if the bill is enacted the present withholding system against wages and salaries will be revised to deduct the full tax liability for persons earning up to \$5,000.

There will be no change in amounts held out of pay envelopes and salary checks this year, but the government itself will compute the taxes on 1944 income for those with wages and salaries under \$5,000.

The victory tax is abolished and broad changes are made in the normal and surtax exemptions and rates, with a new normal rate of 3 percent (present normal 6 percent) to apply to all persons making over \$55. Some 150,000 new taxpayers will be added.

Congressional tax experts explained that under the new normal tax the exemption for any person with income over \$500 would be only \$500 plus 10 per cent of this income, regardless of whether he is married or the number of his dependents, just as the 3 per cent victory tax now is levied against persons making over \$24 regardless of family status.

The 150,000 new taxpayers would be picked up from persons earning between \$55 and \$242.

However, Ways and Means chairman Doughton said there would be no substantial change in the burden on any taxpayer, declaring "nobody will be hurt much or helped much" as to the actual amount of their taxes.

Some 9,000,000 now paying victory taxes but with earnings not sufficiently large to come under the present income levies will become regular income taxpayers, paying rates about equivalent to their present victory tax burdens, Doughton said.

Carrier Guns Silence Jap Bomber



U. S. Navy aircraft carriers carry a defensive as well as offensive punch when the need arises. This picture taken from one of the flat-tops shows smoke arising from the spot where the enemy bomber fell. This took place during a recent raid on the Marianas, in the Pacific. (International)

Dies Committee Orders Walter Winchell Probed

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—A feud between Walter Winchell, radio commentator and newspaper columnist, and members of Congress who claim he is attempting to "spear" them, boiled to a climax today as the Dies Committee ordered an investigation of Winchell's broadcasts for the last two years.

Chairman Dies (D-Tex.), who has excoriated the commentator in several recent House speeches, announced that the committee on un-American activities has issued a subpoena for scripts and recordings of Winchell's programs for the last two years.

He added that a thorough investigation of Winchell's programs probably would require the appearance of about thirty witnesses, including officials of the Jergens Company, Winchell's sponsor, and the Blue Network, which carries his programs.

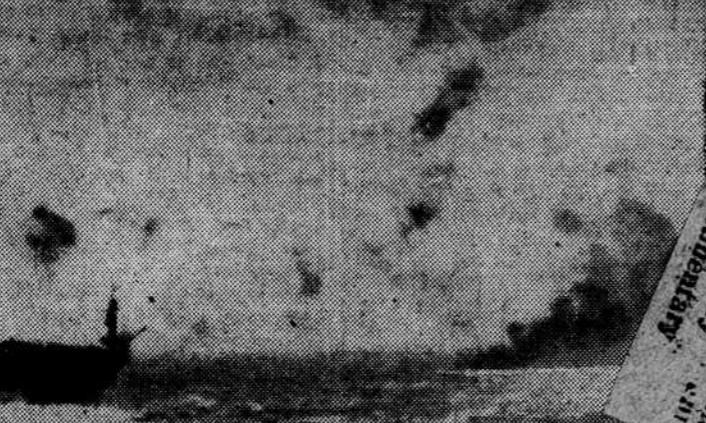
Whether Winchell himself will be subpoenaed, the Texan said, has not been decided.

In New York, Philip W. Lennen, president of Lennen and Mitchell Inc., advertising agent for the Jergens Company, tonight invited Dies to follow Winchell on a Blue Network broadcast March 19 or March 26. The invitation was in response to a request by Dies to speak during Winchell's allotted air time.

Mark Woods, president of the Blue Network, corroborated the invitation in a telegram to Dies and said "that period will give you the benefit of the entire Winchell audience."

At Miami Beach, Winchell demanded "Why don't they subpoena Winchell?" When he was informed of the committee's action.

FR Wears Green Suit With Green Carnation For St. Patrick's Day



WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was toged out today in a green tweed suit, with a green carnation in the lapel.

He was wearing a green and white striped tie, too, in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and on his desk were numerous reminders of the occasion, including a flower bowl of shamrocks.

Novo Ukrainka, a rail junction 38 miles southwest of Kirovograd, also was taken, the Russians said. The capture of Dubno, 27 miles inside the old Polish frontier, was announced by Premier Marshall Joseph Stalin earlier.

U. S. TO MAINTAIN SALARY FORMULA

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The administration was reported on high authority today to have decided to maintain the "Little Steel" formula despite increasing pressure from labor organizations for easing of wage controls.

If the formula is to be abandoned and wage ceilings lifted, a high official said, Congress will have to assume the responsibility—the Executive Department will not.

Furthermore, this decision has been communicated to the War Labor Board whose members have been confronted with recent moves here for the arrival tomorrow of Lt. Col. Margaret C. Eaton, director of Canadian Women's Army Corps, and Capt. Anna L. Neilson, director of the organization in Washington, D. C. They will be accompanied by Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

This will be the first visit of Lt. Col. Eaton and Capt. Neilson to a Marine base, where they are to observe the women's activities. Shortly after their arrival, Lt. Col. Eaton is scheduled to take the regular Saturday morning review presented by approximately 1000 women "boots" receiving six weeks basic training here.

In the afternoon she is to address women officers and members of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve schools. The visitors itinerary will include observation trips to the amphibian base, parachute towers, and other training grounds for men Marines as well as the women post troops and school areas.

Europe Is Dealt Double Blow, Vienna And Sofia Are Raided; Russian Armies Near Rumania

11 MILES AWAY Allies Slowly Fighting Their Way Into The Cassino Railway Station

LONDON, March 17.—(AP)—The Russians reported tonight that the Red army had driven to two points only 11 miles from the Dniester River, pre-war border of Rumania, while to the northwest other troops lashed out in a new offensive westward through old Poland, capturing Dubno, "an important stronghold in German defenses," and Demidovka, 18 miles beyond.

The Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, said the Russians had captured Klembovka, 11 miles north of the river and 12 miles from the former border town of Yampol. Also reported captured was Olshanka, 14 miles southeast of Kelmbovka, and likewise 11 miles from the winding river. Dlembovka is 30 miles southeast of Mogilev Podolski, another important Russian objective on the Dniester's banks.

The Russians also seized the district center of Peschana 13 miles southeast of Olgapol and 16 miles from the Odessa-Zhmerinka trunk line. Nearly 400 communities in pre-war Poland and the southwestern Ukraine were over-run by the Red army during the day, in general advances along the Nazis' crumbling southern front, said the Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor.

In their farthest thrust westward in the area where the Odessa-Zhmerinka trunk railway was crossed the Russians captured the town of Tomashpol, 32 miles east of the former border town of Mogilev Podolski and 21 miles north of the Dniester.

Captured Demidovka, 70 miles northeast of the historic city of Lwow, is 42 miles inside the old Polish frontier at its closest point—the town of Shumsk. Other towns announced captured along the winding, flaming front in the south included Bratislav, 33 miles southeast of Vinnitsa, and Krizhopol, railroad station on the Odessa-Zhmerinka line which, with Petshanka, gave the Russians control of a 32-mile sector of the railway.

CAMP LEJEUNE, New River Mar. 17.—Plans have been made here for the arrival tomorrow of Lt. Col. Margaret C. Eaton, director of Canadian Women's Army Corps, and Capt. Anna L. Neilson, director of the organization in Washington, D. C. They will be accompanied by Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

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Seattle Printer Is Caught In Own Trap

SEATTLE, March 17.—(AP)—Bart Beard painted a yellow line on the curb in front of his print shop, and then applied for permission to reserve the space as a commercial vehicles zone.

His request was turned down, but the paint was already there. A few days later he returned to his car, which he had left out in front, and found a tag for "parking in a prohibited area."

SENATORS FAVOR LEGION 'GI' BILL

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Wrapping up in its 46 pages every suggested benefit for veterans of the present war except a bonus, the \$3,500,000,000 "G. I. bill-of-rights" measure was sped on its way today toward overwhelming Senate passage by a unanimous vote of its Finance Committee.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), one of the sponsors of a pending \$30,000,000,000 adjusted compensation or bonus bill, told reporters he would seek Finance Committee hearings on that proposal after the omnibus measure had cleared Congress.

Finance Committee Chairman George (D-Ga.) estimated military benefits under the "G. I. bill at \$3,500,000,000 exclusive of a \$500,000,000 authorization for construction of additional hospital facilities to care for the wounded and disabled.

He estimated the cost of government-financed education at \$1,000,000,000, based on a belief that from 7 to 10 per cent of the men and women of the armed services will avail themselves of its benefits.

Principal benefits provided in the "G. I." bill, sponsored by the American Legion, are: 1. A year's educational or vocational training for any man or woman of the armed forces with six months service at a cost to the government up to \$500 a year tuition, \$50 a month subsistence and \$25 a month for maintenance of a veteran's vis-à-vis hospital facilities to care for the wounded and disabled.

Designation of the Veterans Administration as an essential war agency entitled to priorities on personnel, equipment and supplies.

CACENA IS ALSO HIT Continuous Assaults Smash Germany And Surrounding Nations

LONDON, March 17.—(AP)—Italian-based U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared over the Alps today to bomb military targets in Vienna as Allied planes from Britain in continuous assaults blasted Nazi communication points in France and Holland.

Tonight the Frankfurt radio station signed off suddenly in the middle of a program, usually an indication that RAF night bombers are over the continent.

In addition to the attack on Viennese targets medium bombers from Allied fields in southern Italy bombed Cacena, a vital railroad junction in northern end of the peninsula.

The strong force of American big bombers up from the south, escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, found the Austrian capital blanketed by an overcast through which a heavy anti-aircraft fire was poured. There was no German fighter opposition, however. The Algiers radio said the target was an aircraft factory.

The Mediterranean air force also struck northward into Europe by night, hitting rail communications at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, for the second night in a row, employing big RAF Halifax bombers for the first time from this theater.

From Britain American Marauders joined in the growing bombardment of German lines of communication in northern France with a snarl at the railroad center of Creil, 30 miles north of Paris.

The day operations followed an RAF night precision raid by Lancaster using the new 6-ton "factory-buster" bombs against the Michelin rubber and tire factory at Clermont, Ferrand, 30 miles southwest of Vichy, and an assault with smaller bombs against the railway installations at Amiens, a key junction between Paris and the Channel Coast which in 1914 was the first concentration point for British troops landing at Boulogne.

The Marauder dash against Creil was the ninth time this month that Britain-based bombers had plastered transportation points behind their section of the anti-invasion front. Creil is situated so as to serve both the Nazi garrison in Paris and numerous enemy installations closer to the Atlantic wall to the west.

Only A Few Men Under 26 Indispensable, FR Claims



WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, saying there are few men under 26 really indispensable to industry, indicated today he is leaning toward the armed services' view that virtually all physically fit men under that age must be drafted.

He told his press-radio conference, however, that he still has the manpower question under study, and expects to work on it all week-end and probably will have a statement on it early next week.

For the past 10 days there has been an intense behind-the-scenes tug-of-war between the armed services and production officials over the approximately 250,000 men under 26 who have occupational deferments.

Production officials have hoped to keep deferred some 40,000, 50,000 who they contend are key men in industry and vitally needed to maintain production. Military authorities contend that is too large a number of deferments of men of the best fighting age.

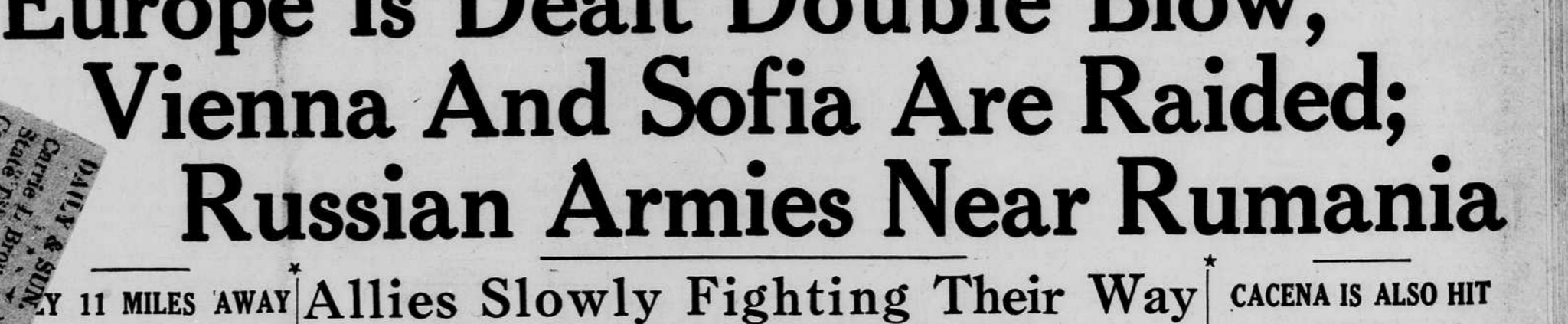
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M'Arthur Promises One Of Greatest Offensives To Clear The Philippines



General Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the Pacific, today promised one of the greatest offensives of the Pacific war to liberate the Philippines and adjacent islands from the Japanese. Gen. Douglas MacArthur tonight reiterated his pledge to the Filipino people to return and free them.

The general, addressing a Commonwealth Parliament dinner party at Canberra, spoke strictly as a professional military man, ignoring the American political situation in which he has been mentioned as a Republican presidential possibility.

The dinner commemorated the general's arrival in Australia exactly two years ago. It followed his decoration by Lord Gowrie, Governor of Australia, and the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. The governor general rose from his sick bed to confer the decoration.

MacArthur, looking as fit physically as when he made his dramatic escape from the Philippines, declared "nothing is more certain than our ultimate reconquest and liberation from the enemy of those and adjacent islands."

One of the greatest offensives of the war will, at the appropriate time, be launched for that purpose. With God's help it should be decisive not only of redemption for Japan's isolation from southern conquest of Pacific ocean communication."

The general added that back in the dark days of early 1942, when the Japanese had blitzed their way southward almost to the shores of the Philippines, he had been seen in a Manila hospital bed, surrounded by the bodies of his staff and the remains of his command.

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TOBACCO STRIKE WILL END MONDAY



DURHAM, March 17.—(AP)—Durham's strike of 2,400 employees of the American Tobacco Company ended tonight amid a flood of promises from leaders of the local units of the International Tobacco Workers Union of America that they would lead the workers out of the plant again unless they gain their point soon.

The strike officially will end Monday morning, but in answer to a request from union leaders, many of the workers will be on their jobs tomorrow morning in order to make the plant ready for full operation next week.

The vote in favor of returning to work was overwhelming, with less than 25 members of the union voting to remain away from their jobs.

Voting immediately after G. T. Dunn, president of local No. 183 had asked his members to return to their jobs, the membership unanimously declared that it was doing so primarily because they had faith in Dunn's leadership, and because they felt that he was more fully informed as to the reasons for halting the strike than anyone else.

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