

### SENATE REJECTS TAX ON THEATERS

RALEIGH, March 8.—(AP)—The Senate beat down today, 35-12, an effort by Senator Aiken of Carolina to restore a three per cent tax on the gross receipts of theaters, and the House-approved amendments to the continuing revenue act of 1939 went up for final reading tomorrow in the Senate.

The act, with amendments, now is estimated to raise approximately \$130,000,000 in general fund revenues during the next biennium.

The theater tax, removed in 1943, had been recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission but removed overwhelmingly by the Joint Finance Committee.

Aiken said today its restoration would raise from \$500,000 to \$800,000 a year. When it was removed two years ago, he said, the State lost at least \$350,000 a year, while theater profits increased \$1,000,000 a year. He termed that "a ridiculous state of affairs."

Joining with Aiken in the floor fight was Senator O'Berry of Wayne, who said that Governor Coker had recommended the tax to the Advisory Budget Commission.

Senators Carlisle of Forsyth, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Ward of Craven opposed the amendment. Carlisle said the joint committee had given much study to the tax; and Ward said that theaters now were paying the highest schedule "B" license tax in the State.

Had the theater tax been restored, the revenue amendments would have gone back on first reading.

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### War Wreckage Litters Yanks' Road To Rhine



Troops of the U. S. Ninth Army advance through the shell-shattered town of Linnich, Germany, in their drive toward the west bank of the Rhine river. These soldiers are part of the forces engaged in wiping out Germans pocketed on the west bank of the Rhine between Duesseldorf and Cologne. (AP Wirephoto).

### GREENFIELD PARK WORK PROGRESSES

The planting of flowers and treatment of trees at Greenfield Park went forward last month by the Parks Department in a further move to beautify the municipal park.

Supt. Ralph W. Snell reported yesterday the department devoted most of its work in February to preparing plant beds, planting and mulching at total of 130 shade trees, 43 flowering trees, and eight shrubs in Greenfield Park and along the City streets.

In Greenfield Park, 2,055 azaleas and 75 Venus Fly Traps were planted. One hundred and twenty trees and shrubs were dug and lined out for further development from the area cleared and graded west of the Fourth street entrance to the park.

The walkway along the lake was laid out and graded south of Thirteenth street and a new fence was built around the deer lot. One hundred and seventh-six feet of pipe was installed for drainage purposes.

In preparation of the plant beds, 35 loads of rich muck soil, seven loads of sawdust and 10 loads of clay topsoil was hauled to the park. Forty loads of roots and debris were removed.

Twenty-five trees, that were dead, decayed or obstructed construction, were cut. Trimmed were 142 trees.

### Civic Clubs Are Invited To Aid Clothing Drive

At the request of Wilbur R. Doshier, local chairman of the United National Clothing Collection campaign, civic clubs are being invited to appoint representatives to serve on the over-all committee.

The Rotary club appointed Adam Smith, Carroll Tinsley and Graham Walton at its weekly meeting Tuesday, Mr. Doshier reported yesterday.

Wednesday, he added, the Kiwanis club selected Emory Southerland, Courtland W. Baker and W. A. Stewart to serve as representatives.

Mr. Doshier said that as soon as other clubs report he would announce the composition of the executive or planning committees of the drive.

### AVIATION PROGRAMS TO FORE IN 42 STATES

CHICAGO, March 8.—(UP)—Legislatures in session in 42 states are planning aviation expansion and veterans' programs, according to the Council of State Government.

All 42 Governors in their messages to the assemblies asked for participation in a nation-wide aviation expansion program. Sixteen recommended a state aviation commission, air codes and air zoning laws as well as improved facilities.

Most states are attempting to centralize administration of veterans' programs now handled by several commissions, the council said.

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### Philippine Government To Give MacArthur the First Medal of Valor

MANILA, March 8.—(AP)—The Philippine government will present Gen. Douglas MacArthur the Medal of Valor Saturday. The award is the highest the Commonwealth government can bestow.

Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo said the medal was created 12 years ago but MacArthur will be the first to receive it.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

### GRAHAM'S STATUS ON WLB STATIC

RALEIGH, March 8.—(AP)—Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina and public member of the War Labor Board, said tonight that his status as a member of the WLB has not been altered by the change in chairmanship of the board.

He had reference to the appointment of William H. Davis as economic stabilizer, and the elevation of George W. Taylor, University of Pennsylvania professor, to the WLB chairmanship succeeding Davis.

Dr. Graham resigned last December as a member of the WLB, but the President did not accept his resignation and later War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, with the President, worked out a plan so that he might come back to North Carolina, as requested by the University Board of Trustees, but still be available at the call of the WLB chairman for consultation purposes on the general policy and on special types of cases.

Dr. Graham said his main base of work at this time is in North Carolina as president of the University.

### House Votes to Increase U. S. Debt to 300 Billion

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The House voted today to increase the national debt limit to \$300,000,000,000.

The ceiling now is \$260,000,000,000, and the actual debt approximately \$242,000,000,000. The debt was around \$43,000,000,000 before America began preparing for war.

The legislation now goes to the Senate.

Cataleptic attacks may last from a few minutes to several days.

### Argentine Official Says Americas' Offer Appears 'Courteous and Honorable'

BUENOS AIRES, March 8.—(UP)—Argentina's return to the family of American nations appeared near today when acting Foreign Minister Cesar Ameghino described as "courteous and honorable" the Argentine formula outlined at the Mexico City Inter-American Conference.

The formula calls for Argentina's declaration of war upon the Axis and her adherence to the United Nations declaration.

Ameghino said, when questioned by newspapermen at his private residence, that he "would be pleased" to see the formula accepted by his government. He pointed out, however, that it has not been finally adopted by the conference and that his government has not yet received the official text.

### STUDENT MANAGER ON SPOT

HOLLAND, Mich., March 8.—(UP)—When the Holland basketball team traveled to Lansing recently and the equipment trunk was opened just before the game time, it was empty. The student manager had forgotten to put in the uniforms.

### HARD TO BELIEVE

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., March 8.—(UP)—The fuel situation being what it is—Mount Holyoke College girls have sacrificed their vanity and are wearing, of all things, red flannel underwear.



### Brushing Up on Iwo Jima



Battle or no battle, U. S. Marines look after themselves. In photo above, marine combat correspondents and photographers on Iwo Jima stand in a foxhole, brushing their teeth. Left to right are T/S Byrd F. Ferneyhough, Washington, D. C.; Sgt. James S. Dugan, Los Angeles; and Staff Sgt. Albert F. W. Schulenberg, St. Louis.



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