

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness with showers in extreme west portion this afternoon and in west and central portions tonight; Saturday, fair in west portion.

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U. S. SHIPS TAKE CHINESE TROOPS TO NORTH CHINA PRESIDENT SIGNS TAX-REDUCTION MEASURE TODAY

GIVES NATION FIRST REVENUE CUT SINCE 1929

Measure Is Expected To Stimulate Business, Create News Jobs

REDUCED SPENDING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—The white house today announced that President Truman had signed the bill giving individuals and business a slash of \$5,920,000,000 in 1946 taxes.

Mr. Truman thus became the first president in 16 years to sign a general tax reduction measure. Not since Herbert Hoover put his signature on a "Christmas present" slash in 1929 has there been an overall reduction of pocketbook levies.

Congressional sponsors of the legislation said it would stimulate business in the reconstruction period and create jobs. The White House announcement this morning said the bill was signed yesterday.

WHAT IT DOES

The legislation: 1. Removes 12,000,000 low income persons from the tax rolls and assures reductions of 10 per cent or more for individuals making up to \$1,000 annually. Smaller cuts are provided for those with incomes over \$50,000. Total reductions for individuals amount to \$2,444,000,000.

2. Provides special tax treatment for veterans of World War II, forgiving all levies on service pay of enlisted men in wartime and giving officers three years in which to settle with the government.

3. Cuts \$3,136,000,000 off the burdens of business next year, principally through repeal of the corporation war-imposed 85.5 per cent excess profits tax.

4. Repeals the \$5 use tax on automobiles and boats at a saving of \$140,000,000.

5. Freezes the Social Security tax in 1946 at one per cent on employees' pay and employers' payroll. Without the "freeze" this tax would have jumped January 1 to 2.5 per cent on each.

EXCISE STAYS

The bill makes no change in the excise levies on the so-called luxury items such as liquor, luggage, furs, jewelry and cosmetics.

CONGRESS SENT THE TAX BILL TO THE PRESIDENT

amid demands for cuts in government spending and for a balanced national

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Mass Slaughter By Yamashita's Men Reported

By DEAN SCHEDLER

MANILA, Nov. 9.—(P)—The first details of a mass slaughter perpetrated last Feb. 16 and 18 by the Japanese in a ravine near Taal, Batangas province were related today by two black clad women at the Yamashita war crimes trial.

While tears streamed down her cheeks, Mrs. Conchita Lauhati testified that the soldiers of Lt. Gen. Tomo Yuki Yamashita set fire to a barrio (village) forcing her family to seek refuge in a nearby sugar plantation. Pursuing Japanese diverted the fleeing people toward the ravine.

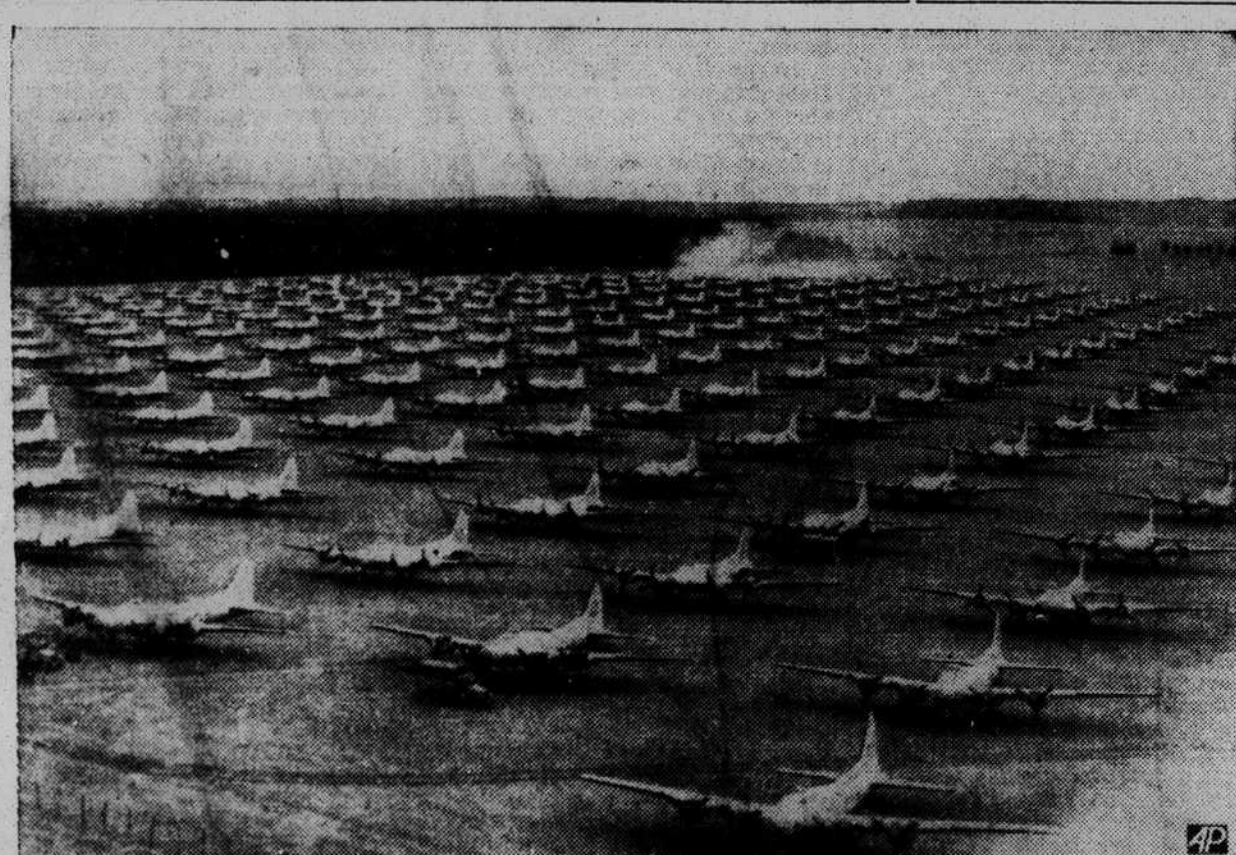
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FLYING FORTS READY—With gas tanks loaded, these B-17 Flying Fortresses are stationed at Erlangen, Germany, ready for any emergency in the U. S. occupation zone.

Communists Renew Intervention Talk

Wedemeyer Denies Aid To Nationalists But Admits U. S. Troops "Caught In Skirmishes"

By The Associated Press

CHUNGKING, Nov. 9.—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, just returned to his China command from Washington, found himself involved today in a long range controversy with Communist leaders, who renewed charges of U. S. intervention in China's civil war.

Wedemeyer denied intervention, but said his troops had been caught in minor skirmishes.

Simultaneously, representatives of the Chinese government and the communists reported some progress as they resumed negotiations on a four-point peace program. A Red spokesman said the chief obstacle was a demand that nationalist troops be withdrawn immediately from all communist-liberated areas.

The communist New China Daily News, while specifying that the latest asserted U. S. intervention had been bloodless, charged that American troops and armored vehicles spearheaded the nationalists' capture of a railroad station and a village.

Wedemeyer, in Shanghai, told Associated Press Correspondent Richard Cushing that American troops definitely were not provoking trouble but said they had been drawn into minor skirmishes.

He presumably referred to communist charges of American activity in North China in mid-October. The newspaper said new instances of intervention occurred Nov. 1.

The Daily News appealed to the communist newspaper Daily Worker in New York to "urge the American people and government to cease the spearheading and transporting of Kuomintang (nationalist) troops by United States ships."

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Russia Said To Have Occupied Jap Isles

TOKYO, Nov. 9.—(P)—Japanese sources said today Russia had occupied five small islands off the east coast of Hokkaido, northernmost of the Japanese home islands. Relatively light Soviet forces, the forces said, occupied Kunashiri, Shikotan, Suisho and Taraku islands.

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FIVE KILLED IN BUCHAREST

Six - Hour Riot Between Communists, Royalists Is Halted

By The Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Nov. 9.—(P)—A furious six-hour riot between communists and supporters of Roumanian King Mihai was halted last night by the intervention of a Russian General after at least five persons were killed by gunfire and possibly 100 others wounded.

Soviet General Susaikov, head of the Allied Control Commission in Bucharest, ordered troops of a Romanian Communist division to cease firing. Russian troops in the capital took no part in the fight.

Violence broke out when troops fired on 50,000 demonstrators who ignored an order of the Soviet-sponsored government of Premier Petru Groza banning celebrations of King Mihai's 24th birthday.

First shots in the riot were fired by unknown persons from the direction of the ministry of the interior, facing the square. The fire was increased by troops guarding entrances to the square, although there were reports that the officer in charge ordered his men to fire over the heads of the demonstrators.

Later troops opened fire again, apparently into the crowd.

Eisenhower Will Come To States To Testify

FRANKFURT, GERMANY, Nov. 9.—(P)—Gen. Eisenhower will leave for the United States within "a few hours" to testify before congressional committees, his headquarters said today.

The announcement did not state the nature of Eisenhower's testimony, but it is expected that he will support the stand of the U. S. army chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, for consolidation of the army, navy and air forces into one defense department.

While the announcement said Eisenhower would return to Europe by Nov. 23, authoritative sources predicted his stay there would be short and in the nature of a farewell to his command in Europe before assuming duties as army chief of staff, succeeding Gen. Marshall.

10 Leave For Final Induction

Ten selectees left here this morning for Fort Bragg to report for final induction into the armed services.

Those going were: Autsell Bettis, Jr., Cullen Black, Jr., Clarence Ray Wheeler, Albert Elijah Bowens, Robert Reid Gardner, Billy Webb Hoyle, D. S. Williams, Ed Dennis Pritchard, Wallace Dean Pitnam, Howard Hatcher Glover.

Indications Seen Of Decline In Loyalty To Shintoism Among Japan's Millions

By GLENN BABB
TOKYO, Nov. 9.—(P)—The emperor of Japan to outward appearance retains the religious veneration and devotion of a vast majority of the 75,000,000 defeated and dazed Japanese, but powerful fermentations are working which may change this in a few years.

American policy as executed under General MacArthur has been to permit Japan to retain the emperor and use his unique prestige to make smooth the surrender, occupation and program of democracy dictat-

BRITISH DEMAND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Move May Be Spark To Set Off General Nationalist Uprising

ALL JAVA TENSE

By Ralph Morton

BATAVIA, Nov. 9.—(P)—British planes dropped leaflets on Indonesian forces at Soerabaja today calling for their unconditional surrender—a move which may signal a general uprising by well drilled, Japanese-trained nationalists throughout the entire island of Java.

The ultimatum ordered the nationalists to lay down their arms before 6 a.m. tomorrow. Issued in the name of Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, the leaflets said the order would be backed up by the use of all naval, army and air forces under his command.

An explosive tension gripped all Java. A British army official admitted the situation at Soerabaja was critical. He announced that more troops of the Fifth Indian division arrived there yesterday, and unofficially it was learned that 4,000 Dutch troops would land in Batavia tomorrow.

INDONESIANS MASSING
The Indonesians were reported massing 100,000 strong in central Java, and leader after leader took to the radio last night urging the people not to lay down their arms but to fight, a Dutch monitor in Soerabaja said.

Observers here said the struggle between the Dutch and Indonesians now had become so bitter that it seemed only intervention by the United Nations—or possibly by the United States—would bring peace.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY CONVENES TODAY

Annual meeting of the Seventh District Medical Society was to get underway at 3 o'clock this afternoon with the opening sessions to be held at the American Legion building, followed by a banquet tonight at the Hotel Charles.

Around 200 medical men and their wives from the 10 counties composing the district were expected to attend, together with a number of others from outside the district who were invited to attend.

Dr. W. I. Hill, of Albemarle, president of the society, was to be in charge. Dr. Ben H. Kendall, of Shelby, is vice-president, and Dr. H. C. Thompson, secretary. Other officers include Dr. J. A. Elliott of Charlotte, councilor, and Drs. G. K. Padgett, D. F. Moore and S. M. Schenck, committee on arrangements.

Dr. H. R. Sherrill, of Shelby, and Dr. R. T. Bellows, of Charlotte, were to address the meeting this afternoon. Dr. J. E. Hemphill, of Charlotte, Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan, of Red Springs, Drs. Monroe T. Gilmour, Paul Kimmelstiel of Charlotte were also to be heard.

Dr. E. B. Lattimore, of Shelby, will welcome the group at the banquet tonight. Dr. Oren Moore, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina medical society, will make the address. Dr. Robert L. Bennett, of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation will make the scientific address.

City To Observe Partial Holiday Monday Nov. 12

Only a partial holiday will be observed by Shelby Monday November 12 for Armistice day which falls this year on Sunday. All federal offices will be closed by Proclamation of President Truman. This means that the draft and rationing boards will be closed.

Stores will remain open as usual and the banks and building and loan associations will operate on their usual schedules. The United States postoffice will remain closed Monday. There will be one city delivery but no rural delivery. Mails will be dispatched as usual.

Wage Disputes In Motors, Steel Firms Hold Spotlight

By The Associated Press
Wage disputes between CIO unions and General Motors Corporation and United States Steel Corporation held the top spot along the nation's labor front today. The scores of work stoppages in various industries and businesses kept the spotlight on the CIO unions.

In Detroit, General Motors termed "unjust and absurd" the charges by the CIO United Automobile Workers that it had violated the Wagner Act by refusing to bargain collectively on the union's demand for 30

IN INDOCHINA:

Bitter Fighting Breaks Out As French Seek To Continue Reoccupation

By Charles A. Grumich

SAIGON, INDOCHINA, Nov. 9.—(P)—Bitter fighting broke out yesterday when French troops were met by strong resistance from Annamese nationalists in the vicinity of Tanan, 35 miles southwest of Saigon.

The engagement began after French overland columns and river-borne forces sought to continue reoccupying territory south of the capital. When they neared Tan An, a stronghold of the Viet Minh (native nationalists), the Annamese hit back. There were indications that Japanese deserters were collaborating with the nationalists.

Fighting continued last night. There were reliable reports today that one French garrison had requested British Indian forces for relief. Another report said that the Annamese had turned a Japanese-manned 75 against French troops.

Until yesterday the Annamese had offered only shadow resistance to French expansion southward.

The strength of the Annamese even in areas occupied by the French had been underscored Wednesday night when there were prolonged exchanges of rifle fire in the southern part of Saigon itself.

The Annamese traded shots with French and British Gurkha troops in the streets and back yards.

French reoccupation continued as marines from the 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu pushed out to Tannien and the coast.

The British and French continued joint operations to disarm surrendered Japanese north of the capital.

Labor Works On Bargaining Policy

Lewis Denounces Murry's Wage Proposals; May Offer Plan Of His Own

By Sterling F. Green

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—John L. Lewis may try to draft a wage bargaining policy on which labor's divided forces might unite at President Truman's labor-management conference.

Lewis last night roundly denounced a resolution offered by CIO President Philip Murray, declaring it would limit labor's wage gains to the price advances of "a bottle of milk, a pair of shoes or a straw hat."

With support from AFL President William Green, Lewis outlined to the conference executive committee—and later to reporters—a wage program which would free labor to seek whatever it could "reasonably" get.

"We believe in the right of investors to get a return on their investment, of industry to make a profit, of labor to negotiate freely," the mine workers' chief told correspondents after a clash with Murray in the closed committee meeting.

Free competition within industry as peacetime production rises, Lewis said, will serve as a "limitation on prices and a brake on profits, while increased efficiency and competition will lower the cost of articles to the consumer."

Asked whether he might try to frame some other declaration of wage bargaining policy on which all of labor's 36 delegates to the conference might agree, the brush-browed UMW president paused, then said:

"We might come to that."

Murray's much-disputed resolution, held in the executive committee since Monday, would put the labor-management meeting on record as favoring full and prompt collective bargaining under the wage policy broadcast last week by President Truman—that wage rises are "imperative."

Although Murray's resolution did not mention the price-control

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per cent wage rate increases for the corporations 325,000 workers.

In Washington, the United States Steel Corporation told the National Labor Relations board it would cooperate in making arrangements for a strike vote Nov. 28 among some 500,000 CIO employees in 13 of its subsidiaries.

NOT BORNE OUT

In a statement, General Motors, shortly after the CIO-UAW filed a complaint with the NLRB accus-

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NATIONALISTS TAKE BATTLE POSITIONS

Fighting Has Not Broken Out, Due To U. S. Marines In Area

ALONG CHINESE WALL

By Richard Bergholz

CHINWANGTAO, Nov. 9.

—(P)—American transported Chinese nationalist troops have moved into battle positions opposing the Yenai communist forces along the eastern end of the great Chinese wall, boundary between disputed North China and Manchuria.

But, possibly because of the presence of American marines in strategic positions in the area, fighting has not broken out, despite the fact thousands of nationalists and communists oppose each other at Shankaikwan (Linyi), the ancient city which forms part of the great wall and is its eastern anchor on the gulf of Chihli, 10 miles north of Chinwangtao.

The elements of two Chinese nationalist armies, the Thirtieth and the 52nd—were put ashore by United States amphibious forces under Vice Adm. Daniel Barbey.

At first the Chinese troops crowded into this relatively small harbor city and milled about doing nothing before they spread out toward the great wall of China—and the strong forces of the communist Eighth route army along it.

Now there are thousands of nationalist troops lined up south of Shanhaiwan (Inyu), the ancient city which forms a part of great wall and its gulf of Shihli anchor just north of Chinwangtao.

WELL DUG IN

From all indications the communists are well dug in both in and around Shanhaiwan and are sufficiently mobile to swing either direction to combat any forced entry into Manchuria along that sector.

A serious and historic test is building up between the nationalists and the communists in the vicinity of the great wall, but as of the moment the civil war has not broken out in the coastal area.

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28 JOIN CHURCH DURING REVIVAL

Ten-Day Series At First Baptist Church Closed Last Night

"Running From God" was the final message of Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., who closed last night a ten-day revival at the First Baptist church. The large auditorium was almost filled with an interested congregation to hear Dr. Middleton who is regarded as one of the ablest ministers to conduct a revival at this church.

During the revival there were 28 additions, making 130 accepted for baptism this year, the largest number in any one year during the 20-year pastorate of Dr. Zeno Wall.

ONE OF BEST

Dr. Wall regards the meeting as one of the very best held here during his pastorate and said this morning, "Dr. Middleton's sermons were passionate, scholarly, scriptural, searching and stirring." He added that the singing by the congregation and three choirs was without a doubt the best the church has had at any revival. Added he "I believe our people generally have been moved closer to God" as a result of this revival.

On Sunday morning the bells or Chimes given by Earle Hamrick and Mrs. Hamrick to the church will be dedicated at an appropriate service. The bells are a memorial to Mr. Hamrick's father, Rev. G. C. Hamrick, who was a pioneer Baptist minister and his mother who was a teacher for more than a half century in the public schools.

The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the Sunday night service.