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New Tax Bill Is Signed By President

Profits Tax Designed To Aid Defense

Measure Carries Excess Profits Tax, Increases Corporation Income Tax, Provides for Soldiers' Insurance System.

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed a bill which carries an excess profits tax of 25 to 30 percent and increases the corporation income tax to 24 percent. The new rates are effective for 1940 income and will apply to 1941.

The House announced the bill today. The measure provides for the activation of the defense program, the law permits the government to take over the production of warships and other war material. The bill also provides for the construction of defense plants and the expansion of the defense program.

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Senate Urged To Pass On Home Guard

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Senate, making ready to quit work until November 18, was asked today to take quick action on legislation authorizing the establishment of "home guards" to replace National Guard units mobilized for a year's active service.

Majority Leader Barkley called for a prompt vote on the measure, which made slow legislative headway yesterday because of the volley of critical questions fired by some senators. The bill heads the agenda which the Senate hopes to dispose of by tomorrow, when plans call for the start of a series of three-day recesses to last until after election.

What the House would do on the recess question remained uncertain. Speaker Rayburn said that he would issue a statement during the day on the leadership's plans. Meanwhile, the general impression prevailed that insufficient votes could be mustered to force a recess until November 18.

The "home guard" legislation, already approved by the House, came in for several hours of discussion when it was called up yesterday in the Senate.

Senator Holt, Democrat, West Virginia, protested that in the form passed by the House the bill would enable states to set up "armed vigilantes" who could be used to break strikers.

SENATE ORDERS AIR CRASH PROBE

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Senate today ordered an investigation into the crash of an air liner near Lovettsville, Va., August 31, which resulted in the death of Senator Lundeen of Minnesota.

Recess Plan Goes Ahead

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Senate plans for a series of recesses until November 18 moved ahead today over protest of Senator Johnson, Republican, California, that "we are so near war today" Congress should not leave Capitol Hill for a day.

The idea of having three-day recesses starting tomorrow, with an informal agreement that no important business be transacted in the absence of an emergency for the next five and a half weeks, Johnson declared was a "left handed" attempt to adjourn at a time when "the slightest incident could bring about war."

Replying, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky insisted that the arrangement would "protect every senator" and permit speedy convening of the Senate for immediate action.

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Defense Program Will Have Important Place At Meet Of N. C. Municipal League

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—Defense will have its day on the most ambitious program ever planned for a North Carolina municipal conference, according to the program prepared for the N. C. League of Municipalities to be held in Charlotte, October 13 to 16. The convention will last a full day longer than previous annual meetings, and a large part of the extra time will be given over to discussion of the relation of towns and cities to the general program for national defense.

The principal speaker for the defense session, which will be held on the morning of the convention's final day, Wednesday, October 16, will be Daniel W. Hoan, for 23 years mayor

Weighs Billion Loan



Sen. Walter F. George

Although the plan is declared to be tentative, Senator Walter F. George of Georgia said there is a distinct possibility of huge loans to South American countries, perhaps a billion dollars in all, to help build up their military forces for hemisphere defense.

VanDyke Appeal Lost

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The State supreme court granted a new trial today to Leslie Howell, sentenced to be executed for the killing in Wayne county of H. C. Wiegand, a policeman.

The court found "no error" in the conviction of Dottie Lee Hudson, in Northampton county, of the killing of H. W. Elliott.

Unless Governor Hoey intervenes, Hudson will be executed October 25. The new trial was granted Howell on the grounds that Judge C. E. Thompson failed to tell the jury in his charge that it could have acquitted the man if it decided there was not enough evidence for a conviction.

The list of opinions included: VanDyke administrator vs. Atlantic Greyhound corporation et al, Vance, affirmed; State vs. Howell, Wayne, new trial; state vs. Stephenson, Johnston, reversed; Sanderson vs. Life Insurance Co., Wayne, affirmed.

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Confederate Veterans In Reunion

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Delegates to the 50th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans blissfully awoke today at—of all places—the place where Julia Ward Howe penned that Yankee tune "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The place is a hotel located at the intersection of historic Pennsylvania avenue and 14th street and the hotel is headquarters for the reunion.

"It didn't seem to bother me any last night," said General John M. Claypool of St. Louis when the plaque commemorating the author was pointed out at the hotel.

The reunion mustered only 57 grey-uniformed veterans. The youngest said he was 89, the oldest 125.

of Milwaukee and the only Socialist ever to be chief official of any large American city for any such period. He is now associate director of state and local cooperation of the Council of National Defense. He was named to that post by President Roosevelt.

In view of the fact that the day is also registration day under the selective service act, a very appropriate speaker will be Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, who will discuss "Compulsory Military Training Act and the Municipalities."

Besides Hoan and General Metts, Chief W. H. Palmer of Charlotte, president of the International Fire Chiefs' Association, will speak on the preparation for municipal disaster

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War Spotlight On Diplomatic Front

300 Tons Of Bombs Drop On London

Air Raid Shelter and Hospital Hit During Most Destructive Assault of War; British Air Force Raids German Objectives.

Berlin sources reported today that German raiders last night unloaded 300 tons of bombs on London, in a night of terror which the British conceded was the most destructive assault of the war.

Rain hampered Nazi raiders returning to attack London by daylight as rescue crews worked to clear away the debris of a bomb-smashed air raid shelter where 163 persons had taken refuge and three wings of a hospital housing 108 patients.

Eight bodies were taken from the demolished shelter. In the bombed hospital it was feared not a single patient escaped death or injury.

Nazis in Berlin said the attack was "20-fold revenge" for the British raid on Berlin Monday night.

Adolf Hitler's high command reported that dive bombers scored hits on a loaded 20,000-ton British troop transport 125 miles off the Scottish coast northwest of Ireland. (This is

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Pinchot To Join Roosevelt Forces

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Gifford Pinchot, former Republican governor of Pennsylvania, said today he would campaign for President Roosevelt's reelection because, he said, "this is no time to put a green hand in charge of the ship."

Pinchot made the statement upon leaving the White House. He handed reporters a statement which said:

"I came to tell the President that I am for him. He has the training and experience. Without it no man is competent to bring us safely through this growing storm.

"This is no time to put a green hand in charge of the ship. Roosevelt represents our best chance for security and peace.

"I am a Republican, but I am an American first. After full consideration I am doing what I believe is best for the United States."

Nazi Planes Shot Down

Two Out of Three Raiders Shot Down After Machine Gun Attack on Coast Town

A South Coast Town, England, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Two out of three German planes which raided this town were shot down after a series of low flying attacks in which residents said they machine gunned the streets.

One plane, hit by anti-aircraft fire, fell in a park with bombs still aboard and the explosion blew the plane to bits, killed its crew, and damaged a chapel and several residences.

The other plane was seen to fall into the sea.

Townpeople said the planes turned their machine guns on buses and trains and chased persons along the streets. A seven-year old girl and a woman and a man were reported killed.

London Finishes a Nazi Job



This building was left a mere shattered shell of walls after a raid by Nazi bombing planes. Condemned as unsafe to passers-by, the bomb shattered walls are brought down by a clean-up demolition squad, finishing the work of the aerial invaders.

Italy Offers U. S. Share Of Britain

Mussolini's Newspaper Suggests Three Possible Courses for America, With Offer of British Territory for Neutrality.

Rome, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini's newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia said today that "new heavy blows" against Britain with the intervention of fresh forces were imminent and offered British territory in the western hemisphere to the United States if she remained out of the war.

The newspaper's military commentator, Appellus, said the United States must choose among three decisions:

1.—To remain neutral until the destruction of the British empire has been effected and to take its place among its natural heirs" with Canada, Newfoundland, the Bahamas, Bermuda and Jamaica as its "expectations."

2.—To continue to aid England without intervening in the war and find herself in an "inferior diplomatic consideration" when the British empire is split up at a peace conference as well as in future trade "agreements."

3.—To enter the war "knowing she is not militarily ready, and meet all the consequences of defeat."

If the United States remains neutral, the commentator went on, she might also get Australia and New Zealand, while British Honduras would go to Guatemala, British Guiana to Brazil and the Falkland islands to Argentina.

Willkie To New England; Demos Cite Emergency

(By The Associated Press.) Wendell L. Willkie brought his campaign for the presidency into New England today after a speech in which he demanded that President Roosevelt tell the nation whether there were "any international understandings that put America into this war."

Willkie's demand followed a radio broadcast in which he said that "under no circumstances would I appease the dictators."

As Willkie attacked the third term candidacy of the President, Oscar R. Ewing, assistant chairman of the Democratic national committee, said in New York that a change in ad-

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Britons In Far East To Be Recalled

Japanese Attempt to Discount Possibility of Crisis in Orient; Yamell Says Burma Road Opening May Cause Explosion.

(By The Associated Press) Great Britain prepared today to follow the example of the United States by advising British subjects to leave the Far East despite official Japanese efforts to discount the possibility of an explosive crisis in the Orient.

Authoritative quarters in London said the warning would apply to all Britons who had no "urgent reasons" for remaining.

An inside slant on the perilous situation came meanwhile from Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, former commander of the American Asiatic fleet, who sat in on a conference Monday between Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Admiral James O. Richardson, commander in chief of the United States fleet.

Yarnell warned that Britain's formally announced intention of reopening the Burma Road, China's lifeline of war supplies, may provoke Japan to "drastic action" involving the United States.

"Washington is not going headlong into war," he declared. "It is trying to avoid war."

"But the new triple alliance of Germany, Italy and Japan is aimed directly at us. We may be better prepared for a showdown with Japan

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Britons Leave Rumania

Bucharest, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The last British officials who have been supervising Britain's extensive interests in Rumania's rich oil fields were reported leaving their posts today as the first contingents of German troops neared the petroleum producing area.

Departure of the Britons was said to be in pursuance of direct advice of the British minister. The entire British colony was expected to leave the country and foreign observers believed an open break in British-Rumanian relations was inevitable.

It was generally accepted that the British minister—who yesterday asked the Rumanian government to explain its part in the German action—would depart himself before the main Nazi forces arrive here.

Il Duce To Broadcast

Axis Plans, Made at Brenner Pass, May Be Indicated By Mussolini Tomorrow.

Rome, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The new plan of military action drafted by Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini at Brenner Pass last Friday was believed today in Rome quarters ready for execution as Il Duce inspected troops of the 11th army corps encamped near Coriza, within 25 miles of the Yugoslav frontier.

Tomorrow he will review 20,000 young fascist volunteers at Padua. The ceremony will be broadcast on an international network at 11:25 a. m. (4:25 a. m. EST) and there have been indications that Il Duce might seize this occasion to make a speech indicating some of the decisions reached at the conference.

Some observers suggested that the Hitler-Mussolini plan of action might turn to the Near East—specifically to the control of the Strait of Daradelle, through which oil tankers pass from their sea ports.