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Nazis Storm Toward Moscow

Crop Benefit Payment Budget May Be Cut

High Prices Increase Farm Income

Agriculture Department Officials Say Present Benefit Program May Be Reduced Next Year by as Much as One-Fourth.

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—With farm products bringing the highest prices since 1920 and still advancing, agriculture department officials said today that the administration should be in a position to make a sizeable cut in its budget for 1942 crop benefit payments.

Indications were that the cut might exceed \$200,000,000, or more than one-fourth of the cost of the present benefit program.

Agricultural prices are nearly 45 per cent higher than a year ago. Department economists predict further advances this winter and next spring. Because of the higher prices and prospects for the largest food demand in history, the department forecast that farm income may approach \$13,000,000,000 next year.

An income of this size would be the largest since 1920 and \$2,000,000,000 above the estimate for this year. Congress appropriated about \$760,000,000 for farm benefit payments for 1941 crops, including \$500,000,000 for cooperation with soil conservation programs, \$48,000,000 for cooperation with the sugar production and marketing control program, and \$212,000,000 for parity payments.

Greatly improved prices for cotton may make it possible, officials said, to drop parity payments for this crop. The department has set aside \$88,300,000 for such payments on the 1941 crop at a rate of 2.75 cents a pound. Cotton now is bringing slightly more than parity prices.

Tobacco, like cotton, has been bringing parity or more and conse-

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Vireck Under \$20,000 Bail

New York, Oct. 8.—(AP)—George Sylvester Vireck, 56-year-old journalist, was described by a government prosecutor as "one of the most serious menaces in this country" today at his arraignment on a charge of withholding information when he registered with the State department as an agent of a foreign power.

U. S. Commissioner Isaac Platt held Vireck in \$20,000 bail pending his removal to Washington to plead to the indictment.

William Maloney, special assistant to the attorney general, in requesting that bail be fixed at \$25,000 said that the German-born defendant for years had been the chief propagandist of the German government in this country.

SURPRISE

Ft. Riley, Kans., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Pvt. William Tropp was handed \$20 in bills and two half dollars—his \$21 a month pay.

The Tropp got a surprise. Examination showed one of the coins was counterfeit.

Apologetically, paying officers exchanged it. The y didn't know where it came from.

Nash Health Board Wins

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The state supreme court held unconstitutional today local laws passed by the 1941 General Assembly which gave the Nash county board of commissioners a veto power in the selection of a county health officer.

The opinion in the case was written by Associate Justice A. A. F. Sewell. Chief Justice W. P. Stacy and Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne dissented on grounds that proceedings should be dismissed. Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill took no part in consideration of the case.

Thus the vote of the seven-man court was 4 to 2 in favor of the plaintiff.

Cowbelles in New York for Rodeo



Chosen by their home states as their prettiest cowbelles, these western charmers arrived in New York to appear in the annual rodeo. Left to right (front row) are Marilyn Clausen, Miss Northern California; Mary Mercer, Miss Sun Valley; and Anne Goodan, Miss Southern California. Rear: Marcella Rich, Miss Texas; Ada Lee Pauer, Miss Arizona; and Marianne Rich, Miss West Texas.

Money Bill To House

Committee Approves \$5,985,000,000 Lease-Lend Appropriation Measure.

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee approved a \$5,985,000,000 lease-lease appropriation today with the statement that production of munitions has not yet reached the point where defeat of axis powers was assured. The committee reported to Congress that almost all of the huge new fund could be obligated by next March 1, and that delivery of material could be completed not later than June 30, 1943.

And then, with publication of voluminous hearing on the appropriation, the members presented the first, overall picture of the lease-lease program which began with a \$7,400,000,000 appropriation last spring.

They asserted that production necessarily was slow at first, that there had been no advance in putting the dollars to work; that the new fund was imperatively necessary.

LEASE-LEND FUNDS FOR SOUTH'S GOODS

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Of the new lease-lease appropriation, the government expects to spend \$31,700,000 for tobacco and \$45,000,000 for cotton, Secretary Wickard disclosed today.

This would be out of a \$1,875,000,000 item for agricultural, industrial, and other commodities and articles.

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Cotton Crop Estimated At 11,061,000 Bales

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture department estimated today that this year's cotton crop is 11,061,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, based on the October 1 condition which was 64 per cent of a normal.

The department reported the indicated yield of lint cotton to be 234.2 pounds to the acre and the area for harvest, 22,623,060 acres.

A month ago 10,710,000 bales were forecast on the basis of the September 1 condition of 65 per cent of a normal, which indicated a yield of 226.8 pounds to the acre.

Production was 12,566,000 bales last year, when the October 1 condition was 72 per cent of a normal, the acre yield 252.5 pounds, and the area harvested 23,861,000 acres.

Average cotton production over the ten year, 1930-39, was 13,246,000 bales, the October 1 average crop condition 64 per cent of a normal;

Tokyo Newspapers Begin New Attacks

TROPICAL STORM PASSES OUT TO SEA

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 8.—(AP)—The weather bureau today issued the following advisory on the storm which crossed northwest Florida and Georgia yesterday and last night.

Advisory 9:30 a. m.: the tropical disturbance was passing out to sea this morning at 8 a. m. near Charleston, moving east-northeastward. It was much weakened passing over land and highest winds only about 40 miles per hour, but will doubtless increase somewhat as it passes over water and caution advised vessel along and off the coast from present location northward beyond the North Carolina capes. Storm warnings now displayed Savannah to Wilmington will be lowered as wind subsides today.

Close Vote Is Predicted In Franklin

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Usually reliable sources here predicted today that a prohibition referendum to be held in Franklin county Saturday would bring out a heavy vote, and would be exceedingly close.

A dry lead r who asked not to be quoted by name said he thought the prohibitionists would make a much

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the acre yield 265.4 pounds, and the average area harvested 31,122,000 acres.

The census bureau reported that cotton of this year's growth ginned to October 1 totaled 4,713,227 running bales, counting 314 round bales as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 3,923,172 running bales, including 1,071 round bales, a year ago, and 6,682,066 running bales, including 101,179 round bales, two years ago.

Details of the Agriculture department's estimates, showing the acreage remaining for harvest, the October 1 condition, the indicated acre yield and the indicated production for North Carolina were 783,000; 71,324 and 530,000.

The census bureau ginning report showed the following quantities ginned to October 1 with comparative figures for ginnings to that date a year ago: North Carolina 218,710 and 197,140.

Washington is Blamed for Strengthening and Spread of Encirclement of Japan; Japanese Situation Deteriorating.

Tokyo, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Tokyo newspapers, striking the same chord of critical comment against the United States, blamed Washington today for what they called the strengthening and spread of encirclement of Japan and said the Pacific situation was deteriorating.

They earnestly aimed at removing the Pacific cancer by Premier Prince Komei's personal message to Roosevelt (delivered August 23).

"However, the Pacific situation is more from bad to worse and it cannot be said what will happen next."

It asserted that "the United States evidently is aiming to include Russian in the ABCD (American - British - Chinese - Dutch) encirclement by sending oil and planes."

"This has irritated the Japanese who now must expect any development and prepare for the consequences," the newspaper said.

Nishi Nishi said it judged that Japanese-American negotiations were not progressing smoothly and the newspaper Yomamuri said that if the talks collapsed "Japan is determined to carry out the high principles set forth by the tripartite alliance" of Rome, Berlin and Tokyo.

The outbreak of anti-J editorial followed a lengthy period of reserve comment regarding the United States.

Draft Exam Rule Changed

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—In an apparent effort to meet a major criticism of the draft program, selective service officials said today that by January 1, draftees will be required to undergo only one physical examination for induction into the Army.

At present, draftees are examined by selective service physicians attached to their local board and then must be re-examined by Army doctors before being accepted for service. In many cases, men have given up their jobs and sold their belongings only to fail the Army's medical examinations.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday except possible light rain on the capes; cooler tonight and in east portion Thursday.

Neutrality Amendment Tomorrow

Legislation to be Introduced Following Message by President; Will be Limited to Permitting Arming of Ships.

Washington, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Legislative leaders reported today they had agreed that neutrality legislation to be introduced in the House tomorrow, following a message from President Roosevelt, would be limited to permitting American merchant ships to carry arms.

Those who attended a White House conference said it was agreed that the legislation could be sent through the House before the end of next week.

It was said reliably, however, that the President, Secretary of State Hull and Harry L. Hopkins, the lease-lend chief, still were hopeful that Congress eventually would amend the existing law to lift the present prohibition against American ships traveling to beleaguered ports of designated combat areas.

Hopkins, who had been reported taking the lead in an effort to have the law revised to permit the arming of ships and to allow them to travel anywhere, was said to have expressed disappointment at the decision at today's conference.

One of those who attended the meeting told reporters that if the legislation providing for arming ships went through the House by a substantial majority it was possible that the Senate foreign relations committee would consider broadening the measure to eliminate the restrictions on ship movements.

MORE EXECUTIONS

Berlin, Oct. 8.—(AP)—DNB reported from Prague tonight that 14 Czechs were hanged today on charges of economic sabotage, raising the total of executions in the Bohemia-Moravia protectorate to 25 in three days.

Bad Weather Is Forecast

Cumden, S. C., Oct. 8.—(AP)—A threat of bad weather—heavy rain and high wind—hung over the First Army today as its 350,000 officers and men approached the final phases of the first security corps exercises opening two months of maneuvers in the Carolinas.

Word of the weather outlook was dashed by headquarters of the various units in the 10,000-square-mile area of operations by the signal corps which reported that "tropical disturbances are approaching, accompanied by heavy rains and a 15 mile per hour wind."

Already tired at 90 degree temperatures, the soldiers were reported to have shown no marked concern at the prospect of living under campaign conditions during the predicted bad weather.

Surprise Reunion



Mrs. Patricia Inglis and daughter, Elizabeth, arriving at New York after an uncomfortable 68-day voyage from Europe, are met by a most welcome surprise, Mrs. Inglis is being greeted by her husband, Douglas Inglis, British submarine officer, whom she last saw in Egypt. His vessel is now in Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard being repaired.

Nazi-Turk Deal Made

Turkey Agrees to Supply Chromium; Britain and United States Diplomats Active.

Ankara, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A German diplomatic offensive aimed at breaking the British-American hold on Turkey's chromium supply has resulted in a virtual agreement on a deal whereby Germany will get at least half Turkey's exports of this vital product after 1942, diplomatic sources said today.

In return, Germany had promised to begin immediate delivery of about \$15,000,000 worth of military equipment to Turkey, these sources declared.

Reports that an agreement to this effect was about to be signed, perhaps today, resulted in a flurry of activity yesterday on the part of both British and United States diplomats.

Sir Hugh Knolly-Hussell and J. V. A. MacMurtry, the British and American ambassadors, hastened to the Turkish foreign office where they were said to have warned that such a move by Turkey would cause the most possible reaction in London and Washington.

MacMurtry was reported to have reminded the Turkish government that as one of the nations whose defense is necessary to the defense of United States interests, Turkey could rely upon American aid under the lease-lease act.

Several Red Armies Now Are Trapped

Hitler's High Command Reports Battle of Annihilation Only 125 Miles From Moscow; Russian Plight Desperate in South.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's armies fighting a giant battle of annihilation 125 miles from Moscow have thoroughly shaken the outer defenses of the Russian capital, a Nazi spokesman said today, with several Red armies trapped and facing destruction.

"Not detached raiding groups which forged ahead, but a solid German front is within 125 miles of Moscow," the spokesman said.

In the south, too, the plight of the Russians appeared to be growing more desperate by the hour.

Nazi military dispatches said the entire south wing of the Soviet army had been broken by a German drive which has already engulfed Oskopkov and Meropol, on the Sea of Azov, and is threatening the Don river port of Rostov, gateway to the rich Caucasian oil fields.

German battle flags were reported within 100 miles of Rostov after a 450-mile advance from the Prut river boundary between Rumania and Russia where the Nazi onslaught started 15 weeks ago.

The crisis in Russia's struggle on the central front was admitted by Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, which said the Germans had driven salients into Red defense lines by hurling great masses of reserves into an all-out offensive.

Soviet dispatches, however, declared that Russian counterattacks had inflicted bloody losses on the Germans in at least two salients in the battle-scarred zones of Vyazma, 125 miles west of Moscow, and Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow.

It was the first time the Nazi high command had mentioned the vast new onslaught toward Moscow, heralded last Friday by Chancellor

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Employers Pay Heavily

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

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—There is a general impression that the United States government provides the greater part of the money paid out to all sorts of beneficiaries of the vast social security program, though of course everybody who stops to think knows that whatever federal funds are paid out that way come direct from taxes levied on the citizens of the states.

It will probably be surprising to many to learn that of some \$46,000,000 distributed under the S. S. program in North Carolina the largest

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Italy's Sea Losses Mount

Alexandria, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Britain's steady battering of Italy's sea power has stripped it of nearly one-third of her merchant fleet, British sources said today.

Summaries of the British operations list 351,000 tons of axis shipping—39 per cent of Italian—as sent to the bottom of the Mediterranean and Red seas since Italy went to war.

Official sources, although unable to give specific figures on the tonnage damaged, said scores of ships had been put out of action.

British reports said Italy's heaviest losses at sea had been during September when R.F.F. bombers and submarines of the Mediterranean fleet struck repeatedly at convoys attempting to strengthen the axis position in north Africa for a winter campaign.

British sources said more than 50 per cent of Mussolini's torpedo boats and destroyers are gone, all of his 10,000-ton, eight-inch gun cruisers are out of action or sunk, one battleship is out of commission, and three others heavily damaged and undergoing repairs.