

NO SECRET PACTS AT MOSCOW, HULL SAYS

No More Taxes Now, Treasury Is Warned

New Request To Be Futile, George Says

\$45 Million Levies Enough, Chairman of Committee Declares

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The Treasury had blunt notice from Chairman George (D., Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee today that it will be wasting time if it tries to get Congress to pile more taxes on the \$2,142,000,000 proposed in the new revenue bill coming before the House next week.

"It won't be any use for the Treasury to ask the committee to raise any substantial additional amount," George said. "If they want to get \$10,500,000,000 more in the way they have proposed, they'll be coming to a goal house for wool."

The wool analogy was used before when Chairman Doughton (D., S. C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee remarked that "You can shear a sheep every year but you can skin him only once."

The Treasury had sought the largest amount through stiff increases in individual and corporate income taxes, but its proposals were rejected by Doughton's committee, which voted to extract only about \$154,000,000 more from individuals, \$616,000,000 additional from corporations, and about \$1,372,000,000 more in excise levies on liquor, amusement, and other items.

George said these boosts looked sufficient, inasmuch as he estimated they would carry Federal collections of all kinds up to an annual rate of about \$45,000,000,000. Any more Federal taxes, he said, would "shatter business morale."

\$150 Million U. S. Portion Of World Aid

Atlantic City, Nov. 19.—(AP)—No more than \$150,000,000 need move out of this country for postwar relief if the financial formula now getting top consideration is adopted by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association.

That formula asks that contributing nations pay not less than ten percent of their contribution in gold or foreign exchange.

That could mean for this country 90 percent of our contribution, or \$135,000,000 could be spent in this country for materials and services in the war zones.

According to financial experts it is as simple as this: First, this country would be asked to appropriate over a probable two year period, \$1,500,000,000, the expected American contribution.

Second, of that sum \$150,000,000 will be turned over to the UNRRA, either in gold or dollars.

Third, this country may have surpluses needed in the war zones which can be shipped abroad, and credited against the remainder of the projected American contribution.

State Draft Quota To Drop Next Year

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—(AP)—A large reduction in the State's draft quota is expected in January, Brig. Gen. J. Van Meter, selective service director, said today.

PARATROOP MOTOR SCOOTER



LATEST ADDITION to the paratrooper's equipment is a folding motor scooter which is dropped in chute containers. The scooter is collapsible, light and has a speed of 45 m.p.h. The soldier (top) is ready to mount the vehicle. At bottom a paratrooper lifts a scooter from its container, while another in background rides one. (International)

Early Agreement Hoped In Miners Wage Controversy

Some Success By Yugoslavs In Offensives

London, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Fighting feverishly against strong German attacks, aggressive Yugoslav partisans nevertheless scored some offensive successes including the capture of a coal mine which supplies fuel to war factories and power plants in Belgrade, a communique broadcast by the Yugoslav Army of Liberation said today.

But a German breakthrough was acknowledged in eastern Bosnia, and only successful defensive operations were claimed in Dalmatia and Croatia.

The Germans left 319 dead on the various battlefields, the communique of Josip Broz (Tito) asserted, and huge stocks of war gear were captured.

The Germans crushed the partisan lines between Doboj and Tuzla and the Yugoslav bulletin said fighting was confined in this region.

Sharp clashes were reported near Posenje and in the Cetina river valley inland from Split. Units of the 11th Yugoslav brigade repulsed a strong sortie from Klis, northeast of Split. More than 200 Nazis were killed here and two enemy tanks were damaged, the communique said.

call for 75,000 men by the nation. Broken down among the 48 States, that would give North Carolina an estimated quota of from 2,500 to 3,000 men, officials estimated.

At the present, the State's quota each month is around 19,000 men, of whom 11,000 are white registrants and 8,000 are negroes.

The number of youths turning 18 years of age each month in North Carolina is estimated at 1,800, indicating that those in that category would fill the majority of the quotas, officials said.

Withdrawal Of Russians In Ukraine

Follows Series of Nazi Counterattacks In Zhitomir Area

Moscow, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Confronted with stiff counter attacks, adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, the Red army has given up ground for the first time since it began its successful offensive four months ago.

The withdrawal was executed yesterday in the Zhitomir-Korostyev sector at the tip of the Red army's salient west of Kiev, and came on the eve of the first anniversary of the launching of the great Soviet counter-offensives at Stalingrad on November 18, 1942.

The retreat followed a series of heavy Nazi counter attacks southeast of Zhitomir and in the Fastov sector, in which masses of tanks and infantry were used in an attempt to slice off the bulge in the Soviet front. A Russian communique said the drive cost the Germans 1,500 casualties and 80 tanks and troop carriers.

(Advices from London said the Germans were reported to have thrown at least 150,000 troops into the Zhitomir counter assault.)

The depth of the withdrawal was not given in the Russian communique, which confined itself to the locale report that the Red army, under enemy pressure, was abandoning several settlements.

Moscow military observers, however, believed the withdrawal was not on a large scale, but a tactical maneuver to prevent encirclement of a comparatively small advance guard.

While the tip and left flank of the Kiev salient sagged slightly under the heavy enemy pressure, other Red army forces pushed forward on the right flank toward the strategic rail junction city of Korosten to the north.

The Russians captured the towns of Narodichi, 25 miles northeast of Korosten, and Chernobyl, 50 miles east of Narodichi near the junction of the Pripiet and Dniester rivers. The German garrison in Korosten was thus threatened from the south, east and north but fought stubbornly to hold their valuable communications and supply center, dispatches said.

Fewer Points For Pork To Be Required

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Pork will be two ration points cheaper per pound on all cuts over the butcher's counter Friday.

Hogs are moving to market in such heavy numbers that the War Food Administration and the Office of Price Administration teamed to make this possible.

The WFA took the first step, guaranteeing to all pork markets the support price of \$14.75 for good and choice 200 to 220 pound hogs now in effect in Chicago only. Starting November 29, the government-financed support price at each market other than Chicago will be \$1.00 per hundred pounds below the OPA price ceiling of that market.

Out of this heavy hog market situation, OPA deduced that pork consumption should be encouraged with lower ration requirements. So Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced the point slash, emphasizing though that it is temporary, and doesn't mean that the overall meat situation is any better.

FDR APPOINTS UNC MAN

Chapel Hill, Nov. 18.—President Roosevelt has just appointed Dr. Sturgis E. Leavitt of the University of North Carolina Department of Romance Languages a member of the advisory committee on the Adjustment of Foreign Students in the United States, it was learned today.

The committee is an outgrowth of a Congressional Act of 1939 to authorize the President "to come closer and more effective the relationship between the American people."

He predicted civilians will receive more meat, eggs, sweet potatoes, citrus fruits and dried peas and beans than in the 1935-39 period and about the same amount of white potatoes, rice and canned vegetables. There will be less butter and other fats, cheese, fish and canned fruits, he said.

SERGEANT TOPS COLONEL'S PAY



DURING HIS CAREER of 31 years in the U. S. Army, Sgt. Dan Allen, pictured with his wife and five of their children, has increased his pay to \$377 a month, more than a colonel's base pay. He draws an extra 50 per cent of his \$134 per month for time served. \$30 monthly for each of five sons and \$20 extra for a daughter. (International Soundphoto)

Nazis Fight Desperately To Stop Allied Advance

Lid Off In Fight Over Inflation

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The vote over food subsidies blew the whole question of inflation wide open on Capitol Hill today.

The situation is this: 1. The House and Senate apparently are geared — at least they talk that way — to banning subsidies — government payment to producers intended to hold down retail food costs.

2. Each branch expects President Roosevelt to veto the measure that contains the subsidy prohibition, and both sides must agree they do not have enough votes to override that veto.

3. Meanwhile, the subsidy question is being seized upon by both sides as a prime argument over inflation. Administration backers say that without subsidies themselves are inflationary.

There appeared but little doubt that the House would pass next Monday a twin-pronged measure to give the Commodity Credit Corporation a new lease on life but to prohibit use of government funds for subsidies.

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The Justice Department already has begun an investigation of the liquor industry into which a Senate committee proposes to inquire.

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Berge said his department was in "full sympathy" with the Senate investigation and that his staff would follow it for evidence bearing on any monopoly or restraint of trade angles.

Samos Struck By Germans

London, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The German aircraft yesterday threw a bomb from Samos, but the Aegean islands in Allied hands, the British radio announced today.

The broadcast said German bombers and dive bombers dropped bombs of all calibers on military targets on Samos, a Greek island less than 20 miles north of Leros, which capitulated Tuesday.

London morning newspapers sharply criticized the loss of Leros, with the Herald issuing a full editorial explanation.

"We shall gain nothing by glossing it over," said the Herald.

All the editorials were filled with questions and stressed that the fall of the island to German attacking forces, announced yesterday, constituted a political setback to the Allies in Turkey and the Balkans.

Tells Solons U.S. Remains Own Master

Believes Conference Shortened War and Provided for Future

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull the first cabinet member ever to address Congress, declared before a joint session of both houses that "we can and will remain masters of our own fate" through cooperation with other nations likewise intent upon security.

The decisions made at the Moscow conference, from which he recently returned, point the way, he said, to a world freed of "spheres of influence or alliances, for bad use of power or any other special arrangements through which, in the unhappy past, the nations strove to safeguard their security or to promote their interests."

"We of today," said Hull, "shall be judged in the future by the manner in which we meet the unprecedented responsibilities that rest upon us—not alone in winning the war, but also in making certain that the opportunities of justice, peace and security shall not be lost."

He said the Moscow conference "is believed to have been an important step in the direction both of shortening the war and of making provisions for the future."

It is increasingly clear, he continued, that the time is nearing territory held by the enemy will when more and more of the be wrested from his grasp. "And when Germany and its remaining satellites will have to go the way of fascist Italy."

The Secretary of State said the Moscow discussions were permeated with many of the new problems which would arise out of such developments.

"Important agreements were reached but there were no secret agreements and none was suggested."

"As an American, I am proud of the breadth and height of vision and statesmanship which have moved you, ladies and gentlemen, in each house of the Congress, to adopt, by overwhelming non-partisan majorities, resolutions in favor of our country's participation with other sovereign nations in an effective system of international cooperation for the maintenance of peace and security."

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Allied Planes Strike At Jap Outpost Defenses

(By The Associated Press.)

Scouting Allied bombers now are ranging along more than 2,000 miles of Japan's supply strained outpost defenses in the south and central Pacific — from northeastern New Guinea to the Marshalls — to deal mounting blows at the enemy's ships and air bases.

Latest articles mentioned the probable sinking of a 2,500-ton enemy ship off New Guinea, a 1,800-ton vessel off New Guinea, the dropping of 40 tons of bombs on an air field at Bougainville, and harbor and hangar fires set during the third raid in as many days on the Marshalls and Gilberts.

Those Marshall and Gilbert raids, presently eight the eve. For they are being made from unbroken bases

by land-based army Liberators of the Seventh Air Force, which has headquarters in Hawaii. But Hawaii is more than 2,000 miles removed from the raiding scene. Nearer to the Marshalls and Gilberts are the Ellice islands to the southwest where American air bases recently have been acquired.

Although Japan has air bases in the Marshalls and Gilberts, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported no enemy interception encountered by the Liberators which struck Monday at Jaluit and Mili in the Marshalls and Makin in the Gilberts. On the preceding Saturday and Sunday, the Liberators had bombed Mili in the Marshalls and Tawawa in the Gilberts. None of the big bombers has been lost or damaged in these attacks.

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