

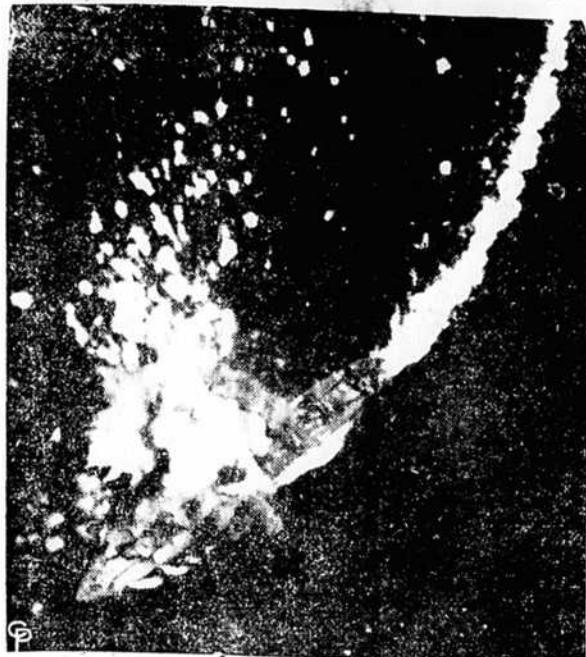
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BULL'S-EYE FOR ACE BOMBARDIER



A DIRECT HIT with a half-ton egg on an 8,000-ton Jap transport off Ka-vieng, New Ireland is made by Lt. Don Scullock of Butler, Ala., during an attack on enemy shipping. Butler is one of the outstanding bombardiers in that war theater. Air Forces photo. (International)

Senate Group Urged For Prompt Action On Revenue Measure

Amendments Dealing With War Contracts To Be Decided Upon

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—Aiming for speedy decision on total revenue to be raised by the new tax bill, Chairman George (D., Ga.) urged the Senate Finance Committee today to act promptly on a series of broad amendments affecting the renegotiation of war contracts.

"By Saturday," he told reporters, "I hope we can face squarely the larger questions of how much revenue we are going to get, and whether we should stand by the House pattern or strike out for additional money."

Concurrent amendments on proposed new excise and profit taxes may have reduced the proposed annual yield of the bill from an estimated level when passed by the House, to \$1,922,700,000. The cost of Secretary Morgenthau's budget for raising present taxes by \$750,000,000,

George considers the two obvious sources for raising additional money to be corporate and individual tax rates. At the same time, he made it clear he had not ruled out the possibility of a federal sales tax or a compulsory savings plan.

Senator La Follette (D., Wis.) thought the committee would take another look at corporation taxes and individual tax rates when the contract renegotiation panel is cleared. "Surely the Senate won't pass a sufficing less revenue than that asked by the House," he said.

Two Local Soldiers Wounded in Action In Mediterranean

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—Clyde Grass, 31-year-old Kannapolis textile worker, died today in the State gas chamber for the slaying in October, 1942, of W. A. Godwin, his father-in-law, and Annie Stanford, his sister-in-law.

Just before he entered the chamber, Grass told prison Chaplain L. A. Weller that "I am satisfied I will be better off to be with God. I have no hard feelings toward my enemies and those who are asking my death."

Grass admitted the slayings but claimed that his sister-in-law was accidental. He said he took a shotgun to the house to run his father-in-law away, that the woman was sleeping nearby and was killed in the scuffle.

The State had claimed, however, that he shot the woman in her sleep and then fired on his father-in-law when he appeared.

Grass received a 30-day reprieve last April 30 to allow his lawyers to prepare new evidence in seeking a new trial. The new trial was denied and the State supreme court later denied his appeal.

Warden Ralph McLain said that Grass entered the death chamber at 10:02 o'clock, and death came nine minutes after the pellets were dropped.

Taft Submits Substitute for Subsidy Plan

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—Senator Taft (R., Ohio) today criticized the present "roll back" food subsidies as the "worst type" and disclosed he will submit a \$700,000,000 substitute plan designed to guarantee fixed prices to farmers and still return most controls.

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FDR Approves Father-Draft Legislation

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—President Roosevelt has approved the father-draft bill, designed to delay induction of pre-war fathers into the armed services.

The action was announced by the White House today. The place at which the Chief Executive acted was not disclosed.

The President had been urged by War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to veto the legislation. The President's approval raised a question as to whether McNutt would resign his authority.

The legislation removes from McNutt authority over administration of the selective service system.

The authority vested in Major General Lewis B. Hershey, the selective service director, came under McNutt's directive previously.

How extensively the act will delay the induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers remains to be seen, officials said.

Hershey is reported to have held a closed meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York City yesterday that about 1,000,000 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers would have to be inducted by June 30, 1944, in order to meet present schedules.

Light Buying On Market

New York, Dec. 10—(AP)—Buyers jolted at a number of favorites in today's stock market, though the final weekend conservatism was a restraining influence for scattered leaders.

American Distilling stumbled on initial transactions but soon got back in the climbing division. Allied Mills was lifted along with U. S. Steel, Chrysler, Montgomery Ward, Texas Company, Goodrich, International Harvester, DuPont, Westinghouse and Eastman Kodak.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Mostly cloudy with little change in temperature tonight. Coldest, Saturday afternoon.

Reds Take Znamenka On Dnieper Nazi Defenses at Mignano Cracked

Allies Take Strong Nazi Italian Line

"Impregnable" Line Of Germans Smashed In Little Over Week

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 10—(AP)—The Fifth Army has cracked German defenses on both sides of the Via Cassina at Mignano in a bloody nine-day offensive brought to a smashing climax by American troops who seized Mount Sannoro in "the Battle of the Clouds." Allied Headquarters announced today.

At the same time it was disclosed that Canadians, infantry and tanks, spearheading the Eighth Army along Afrasia, were smashing forward on an eight-mile front after forcing a record crossing of the Moro river.

Fighting against the strongest man-made defenses and toughest natural obstacles yet encountered in Italy, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's veteran British and American troops have wiped out the German mountain line on both sides of the main road to Rome and are stabbing into secondary defenses in the direction of Cassino.

Measured in miles, their advance has not been great since General Clark gave the word for the onslaught, and they still are faced by a formidable network of fortifications covering the hillsides as far as Cassino and beyond.

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Roosevelt Visits Capital of Malta Presenting Scroll

HOW TURKEY CAN OPEN NEW DOORS TO VICTORY



TURKEY HOLDS THE KEY to a spectacular new phase in the "all out" smash on Germany promised at the big Three conferences in Tehran. Turkish aid to the Allies means invasion through the Balkans; opening up of the Aegean Sea; air, sea and land avenue to hastier victory. The British 5th and 10th Armies have been standing idle in Syria, Iraq and Iran and, as shown by the map, some 1,200,000 troops are eager to move against the Bulgarian front, to which the Nazis have rushed reinforcements. Turkish air forces meant U. S. and British fliers for opening up the Aegean and starting operations against Nazi-occupied Greece. A march through Yugoslavia would find the tough guerrilla armies in the south and the north willing to help. Shorter supply routes to Russia can be made available. What is more, reliable reports indicate that the Bulgars and Romanians are in little mood to put up a fight. And finally Turkey lies close to two million men under arms and good mechanized equipment and planes.

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Roosevelt Visits Capital of Malta Presenting Scroll

President Declares U. S. Will Stand for Victory Worth While

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 10—(AP)—Traveling by plane, President Roosevelt visited this bomb-marked British Mediterranean base on Wednesday, presented its people an illuminate scroll on behalf of the American people, and declared the United States would stand stoutly with the British empire and other Allies after the war to make "it a victory worth while."

Enroute from the series of epic conferences in which he and Prime Minister Churchill engaged in the Middle East, the President arrived in a huge C-54 Douglas four-engine transport with an escort of 20 Lightning and Spitfire fighters.

The scroll, which eventually will be cast in bronze and placed in Valletta's main square, saluted Malta and its defenders for "valorous service far above and beyond the call of duty" during the dark period while Axis aircraft kept the island under a virtual constant alert.

Following the official greeting at camp headquarters, the group began a tour of the camp installations, including an inspection of weapons and gun crews of the AAACF under command of General McCloskey. They also saw 30 mm. and 50 cal. machine guns go into action on the ranges. Concluding the morning tour was an inspection of the 320th field hospital.

After lunch at the officers' mess, the party was to watch AAA troops schools fire at towed targets on the firing range at Sears landing.

Japs Report Ships Sunk As Fast As U.S. Makes Them

London, Dec. 10—(AP)—Reports that the Christmas whisky situation is easing a bit in the east reached the capitol today as a Senate committee opened public hearings in an effort to find out what's going on in the liquor business.

Investigators for the committee said they had heard a few "curious reports" that there is a little more liquor on some store shelves in the east and speculated whether the Senate decision to investigate had forced some hidden stocks loose.

Representatives from the federal alcohol tax units were the first witnesses called. They brought with them figures to show the exact liquor gallons in warehouses and tax records to show how much of it is going to market.

Prior to their testimony, Stewart Berkshire head of the unit, said in a statement that a self-imposed rationing program by distillers, together with increased purchasing power of the public, has created a liquor shortage of 10 percent, and has resulted in black market prices and the hoarding of stocks by some wholesale and retailers, and, to some extent, by preferred consumer customs.

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Wareo Is Taken By Aussies

Capture Wednesday Is Aid in Possible New Britain Invasion

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Dec. 10—(AP)—Allied forces striving to clear the Japanese from the Huon peninsula, potential jumping off place for the invasion of New Britain, have captured the important strong point of Wareo.

The triumph was achieved by Australians who thus blasted the enemy from their hub of supply and defense lines in the New Guinea jungles 12 miles northwest of coastal Finshaten.

American airmen struggled through bad weather to keep up their raids on New Britain, which already has felt the explosive effect of more than 1,300 tons of bombs in the past two weeks.

New Britain lies only 70 miles to the northeast of Nauru, a big task force, including several carriers, set out planes which leveled defenses at Kwamen and Wotom to which MacArthur has vowed he will return.

The capture of Wareo, announced by MacArthur today, permits the Allied forces in New Guinea to straighten their lines and continue their dogged fight to clear the Huon peninsula for a possible New Britain

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Air Offensive Against Germany In Final Stage

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—The fourth phase being that in which the air will paralyze the production and movement of enemy war supplies and support the ground forces making a landing.

At the time he wrote (just prior to the massive November air raids on Berlin), Churchill and the air offensive already had reduced Germany's manufacturing capacity by 35 percent, diminished the power of the Luftwaffe and forced it into a weakening defense, and had severely damaged German civilian morale.

Germany's production facilities have been so hurt by our bombing that she is able to produce about 1,300 planes monthly, of which only a large percentage are fighters," he said. "The reason for the large percentage of fighters is the fact that the German air force has gone into the third phase now," he said, "from the offensive to the defensive."

