

# Lend-Lease To Be Extended To France Shortly

### Lend - Lease Hiked By \$2,575,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The United States today announced extension of lend-lease credits to France for civilian supplies totaling \$2,575,000,000.

"The supplies are to continue moving to the French under a broad new lend-lease agreement signed today with the De Gaulle government, even after the end of the war, unless President Roosevelt decides to cancel the contracts as being not 'in the national interest.'"

The French agreed to pay for the materials thus received on a 30-year basis, the credits to bear interest at 2 3/8 per cent annually.

The announcement was made jointly by Acting Secretary of State Grew, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator. The agreements, negotiated over the past several months with French representative Jean Monnet, were concluded at the state department this afternoon.

They cover a master lend-lease arrangement similar to those made with Great Britain, Russia and China a reciprocal aid plan by which France agrees to devote its resources as far as possible to the allied war effort.

In effect, the agreement gives France assurance of badly needed civilian supplies for her economic rehabilitation although it was officially stated that only those items having "war connected" uses are authorized.

"Supplies required by the French solely for postwar purposes," the announcement said, "will have to be handled by other means since the lend-lease act is, and is being administered as a war supply measure."

The civilian goods fall into two categories. The French will obtain \$900,000,000 for long life equipment ranging from a fishing fleet to railway locomotives. The items in the other schedule, totaling \$1,675,000,000, are for the most part consumer goods such as food and raw materials, but include also short life manufacturing equipment for war production.

In the case of the short life supplies and consumer goods the French agreed to make payment for the total cost in 30 annual installments beginning July 1, 1946. For the long life capital goods they agreed to pay 20 per cent, down on delivery with a balance in equal annual installments within 30 years.

## AP To Begin Indian Service

NEW YORK, March 7.—Inauguration of Associated Press news service to newspapers and radio stations in India was announced today at the general offices of the association. The news report is that received at London from AP's staff all over the world and is wirelessly from London to AP's headquarters in Bombay. At Bombay it is handled by AP editors and distributed internally by Indian telegraph.

The present report averages 4,000 words daily, seven days a week, and will be expanded as required. The service is under the immediate supervision of Preston Grover, chief of bureau for Indian and China.

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### FROM CIRCUSES TO PLASTICS

THE PEANUT—BROUGHT FROM AFRICA IN A SLAVE SHIP—HAS BECOME AS AMERICAN AS BASEBALL AND THE CIRCUS. TRADITIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH SMALL BOYS AND ELEPHANTS, THE PEANUT IS TODAY A STAPLE FOOD, INCLUDED IN THE RATION KITS OF OUR ARMED FORCES.



DRAWING SHOWS THE WAY THE FLOWER-STEMS DROOP AND ALLOW THE RIPENING SEED PODS TO ENTER THE GROUND WHERE THEY MATURE INTO PEANUTS.

A CROP THAT IN THE SOUTH IS SHARING INTEREST WITH KING COTTON, THE PEANUT NOW PROVIDES OIL FOR MANY USES AS WELL, AND—LOOKING AHEAD—PLASTICS. ONE OF THE MEN IDENTIFIED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS AN AMERICAN NEGRO BORN IN SLAVERY—GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER. A SELF-TAUGHT BOTANIST, HE DIRECTED HIS RESEARCHES TOWARD THE WELFARE OF THE SOUTH—

**MATCHING AMERICAN RESOURCES AND AMERICAN RESOURCEFULNESS.**

## Pfc. W. B. Davis Shares Honors

Pfc. Woodrow B. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Davis, of Roxboro, member of the 26th Division has received commendation along with the remainder of his division.

The citation reads in part as follows: "When you initially attacked for seven days and nights without halting for rest, you met and

defeated more than twice your own number. Your feats of daring and endurance in the subfreezing weather and snow clad mountains and gorges of Luxembourg are legion; your contribution to the relief of Bastogne was immeasurable." W. S. Paul, Major General.

G. S. Patton, Jr., Lt. General says, "The speed with which the III Corps assembled and the energy, skill, and persistency with which it pressed its attack for the

## Lt. Dimling Has Profound Love For Red Cross

### Forsyth Lieutenant Among Those Deeply Appreciating Red Cross.

"You can't realize what freedom means until you lose it—you can't realize what the Red Cross means, either, until there is nothing left for you to depend upon but God and the Red Cross," declared Lt. John N. Dimling, Jr., of Winston, Salem, with deep feeling.

And Lieutenant Dimling knows whereof he speaks, he knows because he's just been liberated by the Red Army drive from the "modified hell" of a Nazi prison camp in Poland. This Tar Heel knows with the almost unbelievable clarity of a long and bitter experience. Dimling was captured at Anzio beachhead in Italy about a year ago.

"We'd have starved to death if it hadn't been for the Red Cross packages," Dimling said. "Our daily menu consisted of ersatz tea or coffee, unsweetened, for breakfast; a small chunk of bread, a dab of margarine, and watery soup for lunch; and some more of the same watery soup for supper. On Sunday afternoons there wasn't any food of any kind."

"When the first Red Cross packages arrived, we celebrated literally. It was just like Christmas Day.

relief of Bastogne, constitute a very noteworthy feat of Arms."

Those packages meant life for us, and they were a tie to home. Every week thereafter we referred to the day the packages were to be distributed as 'Christmas Day.'"

And that's what your contribution to the Red Cross will do. Literally, it will bring life to the thousands of our boys who are starving and ill and miserable in the prison camps of the nation's enemies. Equally important, such packages also provide for American prisoners of war that spiritual hope by which men live.

Spurred by the great humanitarian work of the Red Cross, 3,000,000 men and women, representing 3,756 Red Cross Chapters throughout the nation, have volunteered to put the \$200,000,000 Red Cross War Fund Drive over the top. They are serving without pay and without hope of glory.

For less than \$35 all the services provided by the Red Cross can be made available for a full year to one of our boys or girls stationed overseas. To carry on the 1945 Red Cross program at home and abroad will require the expenditure of \$7 per second—\$7 will buy one second

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## Higher Death Rate Seen In Auto Accidents

### Raleigh, Mar. 7.—Traffic accidents in North Carolina last year resulted in 686 deaths, an increase of 19 over the number killed in 1943.

The figures were contained in the annual report of T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of the department. "This tragic loss of life is appalling," Ward said in his report. "It is a challenge to every motorist and pedestrian to be careful and alert at all times."

"Our records show that motor vehicle accidents, in the main, are due to the perpetuation of faulty habits of driving and to carelessness on the part of the pedestrian. Motor vehicle accidents are preventable through caution, care, and the constant observance of the law. Motorists and pedestrians should keep in mind the fact that motor vehicles long since have proved to be the most deadly of weapons."

Ward's report shows that there were 6,194 accidents reported in 1944. A breakdown of the total shows that 597 of the accidents were fatal; 1,992, non-fatal; and 3,605 involved only property damage. Persons num-

erous were injured in accidents in which vehicles hit objects, and 164 persons were killed and 575 were injured when the cars in which they were riding overturned on the roads. There were 247 accidents in which drivers were exceeding the State speed law; 51 in which drivers were driving on the wrong side of the road; 21 in which drivers disregarded warning signs or signals; and 17 in which drivers had no right-of-way.

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Suppose you were wounded, disabled, jobless and discouraged? A Marine Private, he was wounded in the South Pacific and discharged for disability. He went home discouraged at the prospect of making his living again. Unable to take up his former trade, in desperation he appealed to the Red Cross. They put him in touch with the proper agency—he's doing swell, now.

Suppose your mother were ill and without funds? Seaman T. M. received word his mother was desperately ill and without money. He remembered advice he'd heard and went to his Red Cross Field Director who requested the boy's local chapter to arrange for care. They did. Now, anxiety lifted, Seaman T. M. is a better fighting man. Another example of your Red Cross in action.

Suppose your son were taken prisoner? Imagine the anxiety of the parents of Pvt. E. D., who had had no word from him in months. The Red Cross sent a welfare inquiry. And then the International Red Cross reported that he was healthy and well, and was receiving regularly the American Red Cross packages that helped keep up his spirits. Your money gets the packages to him.

Suppose you were dying for want of blood plasma? The shrapnel and fragments from a shell burst riddled Sgt. R. J. M.'s left arm. He was losing blood fast. A medical corpsman administered first aid and Red Cross blood plasma. Then they carried him to the field station and gave him 8 more pints of plasma. Without it, he would have died.

Suppose you'd lost your leg? And you couldn't bring yourself to tell your family? It happened to Sgt. J. T. and now his parents were coming to see him in the hospital. He appealed to a Red Cross worker to break the news for him. It was a tough job, but she did... and soon Mom was holding his hand while Dad was telling funny stories—and Sgt. J. T. was smiling happily.

### The Red Cross can't do this work without your help!

The actual cases outlined above illustrate just a few of the thousands of ways in which the Red Cross helps our fighting men—at home and overseas. But without your help there would be no Red Cross to do this humanitarian work. For the Red Cross is wholly dependent on the money that you and other sympathetic Americans contribute. And after three years of war, the work of your Red Cross is greater than ever.

Think of the suffering you can alleviate by your contribution—and how proud you can be of your part in this work. Won't you give all you can?



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