

YANKS, JAPS STILL BATTLE IN MARSHALLS

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Invasion Is
Costly fighting
Your Boy Gives
100 per cent
How about your
bond buying?

Excise, Postal Rates Put Higher, Earned Credit Out In Newly-Drawn Tax Bill

Program Gets Approval Of Conference

Enactment by Congress
Predicted; Bill Falls
Short of Treasury Urge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The new \$2,315,800,000 tax bill which is counted on to swell the government's total income to more than \$43,500,000,000 a year went to legislative drafting experts for a final polishing today before its ratification by house and senate.

As approved last night by a joint conference committee, the measure proposes to raise more than a billion dollars through sharply increased excise taxes, approximately \$664,000,000 from individual income taxpayers, and the balance from higher postal rates.

Senator George, head of the senate conferees, predicted the bill would be called up and approved in both houses sometime tomorrow.

In its sixth and final day's work on the long-pending measure, the conference adjusted a number of contentious issues, including a series of amendments to the war contracts renegotiation act.

In general, the changes tend to modify the impact of renegotiation upon contractors.

Luxuries on Boost List
Into the bill went such new excise rates as these: 20 per cent sales taxes on furs, jewelry, cosmetics, toilet articles, luggage and women's handbags; 30 per cent on night club and cabaret checks; \$9 a gallon on 100-proof whiskey (it's now \$6); a penny on each nickel of admission to movies, ball games and other amusements; 15 per cent on railroad, ship, plane and bus tickets; 15 per cent on local telephone service, and many others.

Airmail postage goes up from 6 cents an ounce to 8; locally delivered letters will cost 3 cents

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RAY CRONIN, referred to in this column previously, spent 21 months in a Jap prison camp in Manila. It was bad enough. Still, it could have been worse. In speaking of it, he isn't bitter. Neither has he any praise to offer.

THE food was sufficient for sustenance ACCORDING TO JAPANESE STANDARDS.

That pretty well tells the story. The Japanese standard is materially lower than the American standard, and nobody got fat. Everybody got thin.

But nobody starved.

AS time passed, the food standard got lower. Starting at around 2,000 calories, it ran down to about 1,200. It ran largely to rice.

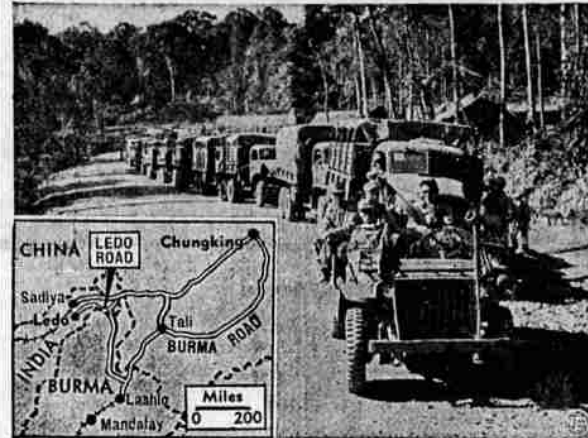
Toward the end of the 21 months, beri-beri began to develop on a rather alarming scale. Beri-beri is due to absence of the vitamin that is removed when rice is polished. About that time, the prisoners developed a source through which, with their own funds, they were able to buy fair quantities of a foul-tasting substance made from the rice hulls and containing the missing vitamin.

Thereafter beri-beri was less of a menace.

THE attitude of the Jap guards was less arrogant than might have been expected. They would accept cigarettes. Sometimes they

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New "Burma Road" Pierces Jungle



Progress against utmost difficulties, of which Japs are not the least, is being made by Americans building the Ledo road, new India-China supply route to replace the Burma road, now in enemy hands. Top photo shows a bit of tough terrain, with caterpillar in foreground coming to rescue of truck convoy's lead car, which bogged down. In lower photo, on finished stretch of the road, truck convoy leaves base near India. Inset map shows location of Ledo road.

U. S. Casualties in War Pass 146,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The office of War Information reports that casualties among the armed forces total 146,186. Estimates of the dead do not include victims of Japanese atrocities as disclosed in the recent army-navy report.

The OWI's report, made public last night and based on war and navy department figures, show these totals:

Dead, 33,153; wounded, 49,518; missing, 33,617 and prisoners, 29,898.

Army casualties totalled 109,434, of which 17,480 are listed as dead, 41,533 wounded, 24,806 missing and 25,615 prisoners. Of the wounded, 21,190 have returned to active duty or been released from the hospital.

Navy department casualties of the navy proper, the coast guard and the marine corps are:

Navy, 12,116 dead, 3,151 wounded, 8,068 missing, 2,334 prisoners—total, 25,669; coast guard, 319 dead, 78 wounded, 44 missing, one prisoner—total, 442; marine corps, 3,238 dead, 4,756 wounded, 699 missing, 1,948 prisoners—total, 10,641.

Pistol Packin' Mamma Nearly Shoots Herself

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Cheyenne today had its own version of a pistol packin' mamma.

U. S. Deputy Marshal George Smith said he arrested a woman and charged her with carrying a concealed weapon after she dropped her purse in the post office and a pistol in it discharged, the bullet ripping a hole in the purse but otherwise doing no damage.

New Lunges Place Allies Nearer Rome

Beachhead Forces Gain At 2 Points, Nazi Line At Cassino Crumbling

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Allied troops bursting forward in a big offensive from their invasion beachhead have struck to the outskirts of Campoleone, only 16 miles southeast of Rome, and also to the edge of Cisterna, communications town on the Appian way 14 miles northeast of Anzio, headquarters announced today.

Campoleone is 15 miles above the invasion beachhead.

American troops attacking on the main front north of Cassino have hammered out new gains.

A field dispatch said German defenses in the corridor above Cassino were beginning to crumble.

U. S. units striking northeast of Anzio have reached within half a mile of Cisterna, a key rail and road junction and larger air base. They found the Germans well dug in on the border of the city, and resisting strongly.

British forces pushing northward carried ahead in a coordinated assault to the edge of Campoleone.

The twin attacks were the first big offensive since the landings.

An allied officer said the nazis brought troops from the area north of Rome to meet the allied blows. But the navy said that allied landings of reinforcements and supplies were proceeding on schedule, under favorable conditions.

Prisoners Reveal Nazis' Plight

A field dispatch dated Monday from Associated Press Correspondent Hal Boyle said the Americans of the Fifth army who drove a wedge into the nazis' Gustav line were pursuing "the retreating nazis through the hills north

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Grain Processing Mill Swept by Costly Fire

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Fire swept the grain processing mill in the N. H. Massey warehouse building here early today, causing damage tentatively estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Grinding, mixing, rolling and seed cleaning equipment was destroyed and approximately 350 tons of grain stored in six concrete tanks was extensively damaged.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Minimum Teachers' Pay, Sick Leave Plan Asked

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Clatsop county branch of the Oregon State Teachers' association asked today that all school boards in Oregon hire only association members.

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Turkish City Razed by Quake; Casualties Heavy

ANKARA, Turkey, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A powerful earthquake destroyed the Turkish city of Gerede, 180 miles east of Istanbul, killing and injuring many of its 25,000 inhabitants today.

The tremors lasted 50 seconds and were felt throughout Turkey. Gerede, in northern Turkey, is some miles from the Black sea.

Oregon War Loan Quota Nearly 40 Pct. Filled

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Oregon's Fourth War Loan total reached \$39,521,643 today and the state's quota of \$99,000,000 was 39.9 per cent filled.

State drive headquarters said \$14,425,028 has been invested in series E bonds, bringing that division up to 38 per cent of quota.

Herding German Army Into Trap



Commanding the Russian army of the north that lifted the two-year siege of Leningrad and is now surging toward the Baltic states is Gen. Leonid Govorov, above. His campaign, according to latest dispatches, threatens to entrap the remainder of the German army and inflict a disaster comparable to the smashing blow dealt the foe at Stalingrad.

Portlander Accused of Slaying Mother-in-Law

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Police claimed today that hairs and glass fragments found in the clothes of Andrew W. Dennis, 43, matched those found in the apartment where his mother-in-law was slain early Sunday.

Dennis was charged with first degree murder yesterday in connection with the death of Mrs. Anna Bell McAllen, 53, whose body was found on a hallway floor.

Dr. Warren C. Hunter, state crime laboratory pathologist, said she died from strangulation rather than a blow on the head as first believed.

Mrs. Dennis, who returned from San Francisco yesterday, in a statement to police said her husband previously had beaten both herself and her mother and once had threatened to kill her.

Former Chief Engineer Of Ford Company Dies

DETROIT, Feb. 1.—(AP)—William B. Mayo, 78, formerly chief engineer of the Ford Motor company, and more recently president of the Chicago, Duluth & Georgian Bay Transit Co., died last night following a heart attack.

Mayo joined the Ford organization in 1912. His approximately two decades with the Ford company's River Rouge factories, supervised construction of Ford ore carriers and was largely responsible for Henry Ford's initial entry into the aircraft industry.

Justice of Peace Diehl Of Reedsport Resigns

REEDSPORT, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—John C. Diehl, Reedsport justice of the peace, announced today he was resigning because of the press of other business.

2,000 GOP Rallies Set for Lincoln Day; Willkie Slated to Bid for Farm Support

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—With at least three potential presidential candidates in action, republicans will start beating the 1944 political kettledrums next week at an estimated 2,000 Lincoln day dinners and meetings in all sections of the country.

Chairman Harrison Spangler said reports reaching national committee headquarters indicated more meetings would be held this year than at any time in the last decade.

Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 nominee who has not yet announced his candidacy, and Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio who has been booked for major speeches in which they are expected to outline their positions on national issues. Another avowed presidential candidate, Rep. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, will speak at a rally at Ogden, Utah, Feb. 16.

Bricker will speak Feb. 10 at

a banquet arranged here under the auspices of republican members of the house and senate and the League of Republican Women. Word has come out of Ohio to watch for a "new approach" by the governor to the issues of the hour.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who has said he will not be a candidate for the presidential nomination but whose name figures nevertheless in speculation, will speak at a dinner of the National Republican club in New York City.

Farm Support Sought
Willkie will speak Feb. 11 at Tacoma, Wash., at a Lincoln dinner arranged by the Pierce county republican committee. In his talk, to be broadcast nationally, Willkie is expected to bid for farm and labor support.

The 1940 nominee will stop in Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana for conferences with party leaders, farm groups and others.

Other Lincoln day speakers will include five governors, two senators, two house members and Alf Landon, the 1936 presidential nominee, who will talk at Kirksville, Mo., Feb. 12.

Unlike the democrats with their Jackson day dinners, the republicans expect to raise no funds at their Lincoln birthday meetings. The democrats expected to make a large financial addition to their just-solvent treasury. Spangler said the republicans have \$150,000 in the bank and plan to get most of their contributions in small amounts.

In this connection, Spangler reported that the average donation in 1943 was \$33, when the party raised \$650,000. He said no contribution exceeded \$3,000.

Roll Call On War Ballot Bill Refused

Roosevelt Gets Set-Back When House Declines to "Stand Up, Be Counted"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Brushing aside President Roosevelt's suggestion that members "stand up and be counted," the house refused today to provide a roll call vote on legislation to create uniform federal ballot machinery for the armed services.

Representing a severe set-back for federal ballot forces, the vote on whether to have a record roll call on the uniform ballot bill was rejected 233 to 160.

Thus advocates of a "states rights" bill held the upper hand as the house began four hours of debate on the sizzling issue. A decisive vote was likely tomorrow. The senate has passed a measure tossing the soldier vote problem to the states, but now is considering new legislation.

If the house had ordered a separate vote on the Worley bill, it would have departed from custom since the rules do not provide ordinarily for records on how each member stands on proposed amendments or substitutes to pending legislation.

The federal ballot (Worley) bill will be offered as a substitute for the "states rights" bill reported by the house elections committee. This is a modified form of the measure previously passed by the senate.

Taft Charges "Stalling"
Majority Leader Barkley declared in the senate "at the pace we're going the soldiers will be lucky to vote in the presidential election of 1972."

Senator Taft immediately countered with an assertion that democratic leaders in the house were to blame for holding up the legislation.

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Snell Asks Extradition Of Woman Cattle Thief

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Governor Snell asked Governor Warren of California to extradite Myrtle A. Garner, 61, from Oakland, Calif., to Oregon, so she can complete a four-year state prison sentence for cattle theft.

She was arrested in Oakland last week. She entered prison in June, 1941, but was released by Circuit Judge McMahon of Marion county on a writ of habeas corpus. The supreme court then reversed Judge McMahon.

Auto Theft Charged to Two Youths Held Here

Two 14-year old Seattle youths were being held in custody here today for Washington state authorities on charges of automobile theft, State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported. The boys reportedly took a car from Seattle and drove it to Cottage Grove where it was abandoned. When arrested by Deputy Sheriff William Manning at Oakland this morning, they reportedly were driving an automobile listed as stolen from Cottage Grove last night.

Missioners' Son Bags 18 Planes



Downing a Jap over Rabaul to bring his tally to 18 enemy planes, 1st Lieut. Robert M. Hanson, USMC, above, became the leading ace of the South Pacific war theater. Born in India, the 23-year-old flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson, Methodist missionaries who live in Newtonville, Mass.

Mauled Germans Still Retreating In Baltic Region

MOSCOW, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The fall of Kingisepp, eight miles from Estonia and last eastern outpost of German defenses to the Baltic, was expected any hour today as the red army fought from house to house there.

Lt. Col. Denisov with the army in the north reported in Red Star that "our troops are capturing one house after another. The Russians were across the Luga river in several places and this meant there was no natural defense barrier between them and the big town of Narva, 14 miles west of Kingisepp." Narva is five miles inside the Estonian border.

The Russians were giving the Germans a terrible beating as they drove them from a huge area between lakes Ilmen and Pelpus.

"The last days of the Leningrad front battles are characterized by the pursuit in all directions of the defeated enemy," Denisov reported.

He told how fast soviet mobile units threatened the German flanks and rear as the nazis fell back, sometimes running to avoid encirclement.

The Russians were slowed by a thaw west and southwest of Novgorod, the army newspaper said. A tank battalion was said to have captured the entire staff of a German artillery regiment in the region.

Days Creek School Bond Sale Will Buy 3 Jeeps

The Days Creek school has already sold enough bonds to buy three jeeps, according to an announcement made today by H. C. Berg, vice-chairman of the county war finance committee, who with E. A. Britton, Douglas county 4-H club leader, held a bond meeting at the school house last evening.

Mr. Hansen, the school principal, is in charge of the bond sale and a number of bonds were sold last evening. Mr. Britton showed motion pictures and Mr. Berg gave a talk on bonds and reported that Days Creek is having a most successful drive. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Less Ice Cream Slated For Oregon, Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Ice cream will become even more scarce in Oregon and Washington.

The northwest Retail Ice Cream Manufacturers' association voted at their annual meeting yesterday to curtail production further rather than decrease quality.

Output already was 65 per cent less than in 1941, the manufacturers said.

Tokyo Hints At American Land Invasion

Wake Island Japs Again Blasted, Complete K. O. Of Rabaul Base Nears

BULLETIN

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 1.—(AP)—United States troops have landed in the Marshall islands near Rio and Kwajalein and have established beachheads. Admiral Nimitz announced today. Opposition is heavy, but casualties so far are moderate, the admiral said.

(By the Associated Press)
Invasion winds blew around pivotal Japanese bases in the Central Pacific today, fanned by the thundering assaults of army and navy bombers and the guns of probably the greatest American task force ever sent against the Nineties.

Tokyo tossed out several hints that American troops already have landed in the Marshalls atwarthwart Japan's first line of defensive bases. One broadcast declared "It has taken a new offensive operation against our Marshall islands group."

Wake Island Attacked.
But strict radio silence dictated by security reasons blanketed the movements of the mighty American naval forces, including battleships and aircraft carriers, which bombarded the Marshalls from the air and from the sea over the weekend.

The navy made no mention of any invasion operation as such in announcements yesterday telling of a seaplane raid Sunday night on Wake Island, 700 miles north of the heavily-fortified Marshalls, together with earlier army Seventh air force attacks on principal bases in the Mid-Pacific island chain.

The strike at Wake, delivered by two squadrons of seaplanes, was undoubtedly timed to knock out the enemy airfield and prevent either Japanese air reinforcements for the Marshalls or counterblows against U. S. naval units.

The Wake raid, 10th of the war to hit that island since it was captured December 24, 1941 by the Japanese, was made by between 14 and 30 seaplanes, each probably carrying more than a ton of bombs. None of the raiders was lost while making what was described officially as a "strong attack."

Toll at Rabaul Upped.
In the Southwest Pacific, Ja-

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Warning Issued On Filing Personal Property Returns

Persons required to file personal property assessment returns were warned today by Ned Dixon, county assessor that there can be no extension of time beyond the March deadline. It will be necessary, he stated, to enforce the time limitation, due to the great accumulation of work in the office and shortage of clerical help.

More than 5,000 questionnaires have been mailed to persons liable for personal property taxes, Dixon stated, and less than 10 per cent have been returned to date. The law, he reports, provides a penalty of \$10 per day for delays in submitting returns after March 1.

Heretofore a few days of grace have been granted before penalties were invoked, but it will be impossible this year to allow any extension of time, Dixon said.

The work in the assessor's office is far greater than ever before, he stated, yet the clerical staff is smaller than usual. As an evidence of the accumulation of work, he announced that in a 15-day period, from Dec. 15 to Dec. 30, the office received approximately 200 title transfers, which was more than normally received in an entire year. For the entire year of 1943 it is estimated that title changes exceeded 2,000.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenstiel

A lot of folks could buy more war bonds if they thought more of a war campaign and less of a case of champagne—usually the type that raves against taxes as "soaking the rich," but care naught of prodigal spending to "soak up" themselves.