

EASTERN GREYHOUND LINES STRIKE-TIED

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; fog in early morning. Colder tonight.

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Tax-Cutting Bill Approved by Senate

Slash Applies To Everybody's Income Levy

Veterans Given Special Exemption; Tax on Excess Profits Is Abolished

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The Senate approved the \$5,920,000,000 tax reduction bill today, sending it to the White House for President Truman's signature. It passed the House Tuesday.

Admittedly a "quickie" bill to bridge the gap between V-J day and enactment of comprehensive postwar tax legislation, it will—

Reduce everybody's income tax, lift all income tax liability from 12,000,800 persons and give veterans special tax preference, for total individual reductions of \$2,644,000,000.

Repeat the excess profits tax on corporations, along with the declared value excess profits levy and the capital stock tax, and reduce the combined normal and surtax rates on business by from 2 to 4 percentage points, for a

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE situation in China is getting hotter by the moment. All the straws in the news winds suggest that a showdown battle between the central (Chungking) government and the northern Communists may be impending.

(There is reason for thinking that such a showdown has been inevitable for a long time. We are at least fortunate that it was postponed until after the Japs were licked.)

THE easy way out would be to say: "Let the Chinese fight it out among themselves." The trouble with that solution is that war is like smallpox—it SPREADS EASILY.

If we could QUARANTINE China ABSOLUTELY, it might work. But quarantining war is a difficult job—much more difficult than quarantining contagious diseases. The trouble is that the hatreds and the clashes of nationalistic and ideological interests generated by war spread inevitably to the neighbors.

Spain taught us that lesson. It

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Free Lunch for Free Press House Splits on Proviso for News Freedom Before Voting More Funds for Foreign Help

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The House faced a showdown today over inclusion of a "free press" requirement in a \$550,000,000 appropriation bill.

The argument centers around an amendment by Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio) to deny funds and services of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to any country whose government:

- (1) Denies "full and free access" to United States newsmen seeking news of UNRRA activities or,
- (2) Discriminates against American reporters.

In its original form, the amendment would have withheld relief from any country not recognizing complete freedom of the press as it is understood in this country.

Brown modified it to apply only to reporting of UNRRA activities when it became apparent that a broader restriction might be ruled out of order on a technicality.

The amended proposal has supporters and opponents in both Democratic and Republican ranks. The Republican steering committee, shaper of party policy in the House, has endorsed its principle.

When the controversy is settled, perhaps late today, the bill goes to the Senate. An indication of the closeness of the fight given Tuesday when the Appropriations committee rejected a similar proposal, 16 to 15.

Spending Report Wanted
Brown and his supporters

Russians to Quit Manchuria, Allowing Entry of Chiang's Troops to Fight Communists

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A semi-official Chinese dispatch from Tientsin today said that Soviet forces in Manchuria would start a large scale withdrawal tomorrow and it would be completed by Dec. 1.

The Chinese report, from Changchun, asserted that Chinese forces would shortly be transferred to Manchuria to take over garrison duties and the entire operation would be completed by December 3.

Meanwhile, Chinese Communists expressed open dissatisfaction over the role played by United States forces in China and spurned the latest proposal of the Chinese central government aimed at avoiding full scale civil war.

The No. 2 Communist leader, Gen. Chou En-Lai, said here in an interview there "is no necessity at all for United States transportation of Kuomintang (government) troops to areas which Communists have recovered from the Japanese."

Attack Threat Denied
The latest such assistance was the movement this week by the U. S. Seventh fleet of government troops to the port of Chinwangtao, east of Peiping. Only 10 miles southwest of that port, occupied recently by U. S. Marines, the Communists announced yesterday they have seized the Peitaiho station on the Peiping-Mukden railroad.

A spokesman of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's cabinet had said the Communists informed

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Powers Will Head War Chest Drive

Appointment of L. L. (Jim) Powers, manager of the Roseburg Funeral Home, as county chairman for the Oregon War Chest campaign, was announced here today by Irl S. McSherry, Salem, executive director.

The War Chest campaign is late in Douglas county, due to failure to organize a local committee, and active solicitation now will be postponed until late in November or early in December, following completion of the Victory Loan drive, McSherry stated.

The War Chest is included in Roseburg's Community Chest drive, now in progress, but no arrangements previously had been made to organize the canvass in the area outside the city of Roseburg. The county's quota is \$19,000.

Chairman Powers will hold an organization meeting next week, at which time he will select an executive committee. This will be followed by the appointment of community leaders, who will be supplied with materials and assignments prior to opening the organized solicitation.



COMMUNIST CHIEF—Gen. Chu Teh (above) commander of the Communist Eighth route Army of China, which is entrenched in Southern Manchuria on railway lines behind three ports where the U. S. Seventh fleet is scheduled to land troops. In undeclared civil war, Chu challenges the authority and leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Photo by Edgar Snow.

Lower Umpqua Mills Repudiate AFL Contracts

REEDSFORT—Repudiation of A. F. of L. contracts is announced by the E. K. Wood Lumber company and the Gardner Lumber company, operating under CIO contract, is still working, and it is announced that the CIO is providing a towboat to supply the mill with logs, following refusal of AFL towboat operators to transport logs to the plant. The Bridge Lumber company's storage pond is full and ample logs are on hand to continue operations indefinitely.

CIO logging operations have been continuing, but, with mills shut down, logs are accumulating in rafts and cold decks. Some companies are stopping work in the woods, due to the oversupply of logs.

A shortage of fuel is in prospect for the lower Umpqua area, and the Paul Fuel company is making arrangements to transport coal from Coos Bay to replace sawdust, mill-ends and slab wood until the strike is terminated.

Train-Bus Crash Kills 16 German Prisoners

BLISSFIELD, Mich., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Sixteen German prisoners of war and an American soldier were fatally injured when a train smashed into their truck at a crossing near here yesterday.

Pfc. Edward Loughrin of Cadillac, military policeman in charge of the group, died today. Three prisoners were reported in serious condition.

The men were returning to the Blissfield POW camp after work on a beet farm.

Paulus Brothers Face OPA Damage Action

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—An Opa suit asking treble damages from the Paulus Brothers Packing company, Salem, on a charge of refusing to file ceiling price schedules since February 17 was on court dockets today.

OPA asked the court to compel the firm to comply with price regulations and collect three times the total overcharges.

Employment Service Tilt Nearing End

Compromise Looms on Demand in Congress to Return System to States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A compromise was brewing today between President Truman's request for continued federal control over the U. S. Employment service and a House vote to turn it back to the states.

The issue came up before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee whose chairman, Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.), told reporters: "The whole question is one of time."

President Truman wants the government to keep the agency for a year. The House would give it to the states in 30 days.

"I doubt very much that the service could be turned back in 30 days," McKellar said.

Mr. Truman said in his Tuesday night address that millions of workers would want to look to "efficient and centralized employment offices" for jobs during the next year.

Before the war the service was operated by the states with the aid of federal funds. When the emergency came, President Roosevelt brought it under federal control because labor needs of war industries necessitated

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Farm Prices Boost To Offset Higher Wages Demanded

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Farm state representatives tied a demand for increased agricultural prices today to President Truman's call for a boost in labor's wages.

Led by Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), they sought to rewrite the farm parity formula so as to include the cost of farm labor in the "fair price" computation.

Parity is deemed to be a farm commodity price which will give farmers a purchasing power equivalent of a former favorable period, usually 1909-1914.

Pace told reporters it is as necessary to maintain the purchasing power of the farmer as that of the laborer.

The House has approved the parity change twice in recent years but the Senate has not gone along.

With the unanimous approval of the House Agriculture committee, Pace expected to present the legislation to the House in a formal report again today.

Pace said possibly labor costs were not included in the original parity formula because in 1909-14 farm labor outlays were considered by experts to be of little consequence. But farm wages now are three and a half times what they were before the war, he declared.

Top War Bond Workers To Meet in Roseburg

Plans for a meeting at Roseburg Wednesday, Nov. 7, of approximately 100 of the county's leading war bond workers, were completed at a luncheon meeting Wednesday by the Victory Loan executive committee. Each of the 17 community leaders will be invited to bring four of his principal community workers to Roseburg to attend a 6:30 o'clock banquet. This will be followed by a brief program, with a speaker from state headquarters, and a business session in which sales campaigns will be outlined by Chairman Earl Wiley. Letters announcing the program are being mailed today to all community leaders who are requested to report back acceptance at the earliest possible date.

Bids on Highway Jobs Less Than Estimates

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—State highway engineers said today they were amazingly surprised that bids on the first post-war road projects totaled only a trifle less than their estimates.

Contracts for the 10 projects awarded at the Highway commission meeting in Portland totaled only \$44,000 less than had been estimated.

Bids on three other projects were opened at the meeting, but these contracts have not yet been awarded. The low bids on these projects total \$136,000, while the estimates had totaled \$127,000.

SENTENCE ERASED

Georgia Mercy Comes to Burns After 23 Years

ATLANTA, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Georgia wiped away today a prison sentence which has hung over the head of the famous fugitive, Robert Elliott Burns, for 23 years and restored his civil rights.

The state pardon and parole board commuted his sentence to the time he had served but declined to grant a full pardon to the man whose book, "I Am a Fugitive From a Georgia Chain-gang," aroused a storm of protest in this state.

The board explained to Burns it did not grant a full pardon in any case in which the prisoner admitted his guilt—and Burns admitted a \$5 stickup in Atlanta in 1922.

He gave the three members of the board a detailed account of how, a hungry and jobless veteran after the First World War, he accompanied a flophouse acquaintance on the grocery store holdup.

"It is my great faith in you—that is the reason I am here," Burns told Annals as he shook hands with the governor, who was waiting in an outer office to receive him.

Annals said, "I'm glad to see you come back to Georgia."

Burns asserted his decision to return stemmed from reading newspaper articles about Annals' prison reform program, explaining, "I thought it was time for me to come back."

He declared his wife, Clara, was "not very inquisitive" for him to leave New Jersey but that "I told her we would have to face it some time, so why not now?" They have three children, the oldest 7.

Burns escaped twice and once turned up as a \$20,000-a-year magazine editor in Chicago.

Japanese Continue Battling British

BATAVIA, Java, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Extremist Indonesian forces, apparently out of control of President Soekarno of the "Indonesian republic," were reported intensifying their attacks on thin British forces in several sections of central and western Java tonight in defiance of an order of their president to cease fighting.

At Magelang, three British fighter planes struck at extremist forces and supported Gurkha troops in recapturing most of the town after the Indonesians had opened up with mortars. A bombing line was reported to have been established at Magelang to prevent extremist forces from reaching the town.

A squadron of tanks of the 11th cavalry was unloaded at Soerabaja today to reinforce British troops at that naval base. Tension lifted perceptibly elsewhere in Java after a conference between Dutch and nationalist leaders at Batavia. The Dutch information service said the meeting was cordial, and "discussions were of an orientating nature."

After the conference Soekarno was reported en route to Jogjakarta in central Java, to urge members of fighting youth movements there to cease hostilities.



YOUNGEST FATHER OF YOUNGEST VET—One of the nation's youngest war veterans has one of the youngest fathers. "We've always been buddies," says Buddy Spears, left, above, of Wynne, Ark., 31-year-old father of Pvt. Edward Spears, right, 15-year-old veteran of the fierce fighting on Leyte in the Philippines. The boy was an eighth-grader in a Little Rock, Ark., school when he enlisted in the Army with his dad's consent. He was given a medical discharge after 10 months' service.

Hirohito Coin To Be Drained For War Cost

U. S. Demand Indicates Brand of War Criminal May Be Put on Emperor

TOKYO, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Prince Konoye's new career as a liberal leader tottered today. Allied headquarters chomped away much of his prestige by announcing that he was not selected by the allies to revise the Japanese constitution—a task he already had begun.

Washington's announcement that Emperor Hirohito must pay part of Japan's reparations bill from his huge personal fortune is apt to become an even bigger political bombshell, however. It was the first indication that the emperor may be blamed, at least partly, for the war.

The economic value of the move is as yet indefinite, pending further investigation of what appears to be a land and bond-poor fortune.

All Japs on One Level

The imperial balance sheet, somewhat more than \$106,000,000, is a mere drop in the reparations bucket at best. Only \$22,410,658 are in liquid assets.

Japanese likely will have little to say now, but are almost certain generally to interpret the action as an indirect labeling of Hirohito as a war criminal. They heretofore have made little distinction between emperor and subjects.

Pro-Nazi Bankers Taken Into American Custody

FRANKFURT, Germany, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The United States Army started rounding up leading bankers in the American occupation zone today and arrested 21 directors of the six largest institutions, accusing them of financing the German war machine and helping the Nazis exploit occupied countries.

R. E. Nixon, deputy director of the U. S. military government division investigating cartels, said "It seems pretty sure that we will recommend trial of these men as war criminals."

He said the six "German banks started financing Hitler's rearmament back in 1935 and served virtually as spies during the war in economic and political affairs."

Hitler, Mistress Dead, Decision of British

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—(AP)—British headquarters said tonight that evidence shifted from intelligence reports shows "as conclusively as possible without the bodies" that Hitler and his mistress, Eva Braun, died last April 30 in the bunker of the reichschancellery.

The report concluded that Hitler shot himself and that his mistress, Eva Braun, poisoned herself at 2:30 A. M. on April 30 in the Berlin reichschancellery.

Their bodies later were burned just outside the bunker, the British intelligence reports said, even as Russian armies were applying the last touches to the conquest of Berlin.



DEATH CHEATED—Death in the waters of Lake Ontario seemed certain for the occupants of this car when it plunged down the sheer sides of Scarborough Cliffs at Toronto, Canada. Instead, the car wedged in a crevice 30 feet above the water. Two men and two women in the auto were only slightly injured.

Lust Orgy of Japs Told at Trial by Manila Women

MANILA, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Details of the mass raping of 25 Manila beauties—many of them only 12 to 14 years old—who were passed from Japanese to Japanese were related today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Yamashita.

The 25 were selected from among 400 females rounded up from Manila's rich Ermita district and submitted to a selection board which picked out the most comely for the lustful orgy.

The Filipinas were passed from man to man and room to room. Their protests and screams brought only slaps and more brutal treatment.

So frank and detailed was the Filipinas' testimony that correspondents as well as the public were barred from the room where a U. S. military commission of five generals is trying Yamashita. Military police flanked every door and corridor of the high commissioner's residence, scene of the trial. The press was handed resumes of the testimony to spare the witnesses as much embarrassment as possible.

Yamashita, as commander in the Philippines, is charged with responsibility for the actions of his troops.

Fires which raged in Manila on Feb. 12 brought them freedom. The girls escaped as the Japanese fled before the flames.

Miss N testified that she protested to Japanese officers at the Bayview against the treatment of the women and girls and was told that "we have an order from the high command to kill all civilians in Manila and we hate all white women."

Child Fed Jap Rations Poses Dietary Problem

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Two Oregon missionaries hope eventually to entice their three-year-old daughter to eat American food after a diet of Japanese fare consisting of fish, rice and salted vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Whetzel, missionaries to the Dutch East Indies, said their daughter, Beulah, has finally licked an ice cream cone, but persists in refusing milk, butter and meat. The parents and child were interned April, 1942, until a few weeks ago.

Advance Orders for Ford Autos Exceed 300,000

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The Ford Motor Company reported today that orders for more than 300,000 new passenger cars have been placed with its dealers despite the fact prices have not yet been announced.

J. R. Davis, director of sales and advertising, said prices probably would be made known within a few days.

He said Ford production currently is in excess of 1,000 units a day and should pass the 2,000 mark within a few weeks.

4,000 Employees Cease Work in Wage Dispute

Western Union Is Facing Strike Threat; S. F. Bay Idle Increases to 45,000

(By The Associated Press)
Travel of thousands of bus passengers in a wide section of the country was impeded today as service on Greyhound Bus lines east of Chicago into New England and Southern states was halted by a strike of 4,000 AFL employees over a wage dispute.

The walkout of drivers, ticket agents and garage employees after unsuccessful efforts at conciliation, affected service on six Greyhound lines serving scores of cities. A bus line spokesman in New York City said the runs would be shut down as the company did not plan to hire substitute drivers.

The strikers left their jobs in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, O., Washington, Boston and other cities at the midnight strike deadline shortly after a federal conciliator in Washington said a three-man parley had failed to effect a settlement. The AFL Amalgamated Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees union was asking for a quarter-cent increase in the mileage rate for drivers from three-fourths of a cent to a full cent. The drivers want 5.75 cents a mile instead of the present rate of 5 cents for eastern driving and 4.75 in the Chicago and St. Louis area.

The number of passengers carried daily was not immediately determined but a company spokesman said that the September daily average for the Central and Pennsylvania Greyhound was between 40,000 to 50,000.

Across the country, continuing labor disputes kept about 255,000 workers, a drop of some 20,000 in the last 24 hours.

A strike vote involving 50,000 Western Union Telegraph company employees outside New York City was asked yesterday by an AFL board representing three

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Goblins Rampant All Over Portland

(By The Associated Press)
Older Oregonians summed up the damage by Halloween goblins and witch visitations today and decided tricks learned from war tactics must have been a treat last night for the youngsters.

In Portland 1,000 police and auxiliaries patrolled city neighborhoods, but the annual toll of windows, fences, yard fixtures and business signs equalled any previous Halloween aftermath.

A dozen false alarms kept city fire hose and ladder trucks whirling through the city half the night. Greased street trolley tracks had to be sanded to put transportation on scheduled.

Up-state reports indicated the 'goblins' went unchecked.

TORONTO, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Halloween celebrations in Toronto's east end turned into rioting last night and a youthful mob which officers estimated at 7,000 stormed a police station in a vain attempt to free 13 persons arrested for an earlier disturbance. Mounted and foot police and hose-wielding firemen repulsed the rush. Five firemen and two police officers were injured.

Law Lands Stiff Jolt on Two-Time Drunken Driver

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Judge J. J. Quillen sentenced a second offender on a drunken driving charge to 90 days in jail, \$300 fine and suspension of driving privileges for one year last night with the comment it was time courts "clamped down for the public's safety."

He told Melvin Stone, 53, a salesman, the court was concerned with the larger number of persons killed or permanently disabled by auto accidents the past year.

Eleven Enlistees Die in S. F. Harbor Boat Upset

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The Navy today announced the names of eleven enlistees men officially listed as missing and believed drowned as the result of the capsizing of a whaleboat in the stormy waters of San Francisco harbor Tuesday morning.

None of the bodies has been recovered. None were from the Pacific Northwest.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Congress is about to vote \$550 million more for foreign relief. It seems that several war-torn nations will be unable to continue internal strife unless good old Uncle Sam keeps them supplied with food and clothing—the bill to be paid of course by Uncle's tax-paying nephews and nieces.