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British, French Attack in North Tunisia

4 Puzzles Faced On Taxation

How Soon, How Much, Formula, Ceiling; Deficit Possible

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Whether reductions in the state income tax, contemplated in the program upon whose broad outlines the legislative tax committees and Gov. Earl W. Snell are in agreement, can be applied to taxes upon 1942 income payable this year, was one of the four intricate puzzles which faced the house taxation and revenue committee Thursday as it tackled the job of drafting detailed specifications.

Offhand, the answer is "no." Apparently the emergency clause cannot be attached to a tax bill, even if it is one reducing taxes. Lacking that, the bill will not become law until late May or early June, some weeks after the deadline for filing returns.

9 Men Apply, Postmaster Exams Here

Ships to Be Named For Dionne Quints

TORONTO, Feb. 11-(AP)—The Dionne quintuplets will launch five cargo ships for Britain at Superior, Wis., next May 9 and each vessel of the "quint fleet" will bear the name of one of Olive Dionne's famous daughters from Callander, Ont.

The announcement of their first visit to the United States was made to the Ontario legislature Thursday by Premier Gordon Conant, who said the government concurred in the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Dionne to participate in this international gesture of good will.

AP Lists Three From First Examination For Salem Post

Nine men have applied for the second series of civil service examinations for the Salem postmaster's office. The Statesman was advised Thursday night by the regional service of The Associated Press in Washington, DC.

Only three of the applicants listed were among the nine who applied for the \$4500-a-year position last fall. After local democratic organizations had protested to the postmaster general over the commission's certification of only one man from the first list, and he an independent, new examinations were ordered.

Applicants as listed now by the AP are: Harry Stillwell, auditor for the Oregon secretary of state; Donald L. McBain, personnel office director for the unemployment compensation commission; Paul M. Gemmill, auditor for the secretary of state; Anson L. Lindbeck, head of the Salem bureau of the Oregon Journal; Chet L. Nelson, former state NYA director and now connected with the personnel department of the Kaiser shipyards, who maintains his home on Croisan road; Albert C. Gragg, salesman for Valley Packing company; Chester Thompson, believed to be Gordon D. Thompson, Salem postal clerk; Kenneth W. Bayne, local democratic leader, and Joseph J. Gallagher, benefits supervisor for the unemployment compensation commission, who was the only man certified from the first list of applicants.

Absence of the name of Paul Lynch, deputy collector of internal revenue, was not understood, since he also had applied a second time, as had Gordon Thompson. No Chester Thompson is listed in the city directory.

The examinations for a first class postmaster's office for an office the size of Salem's are not formal, written tests, but investigations of the applicants' experience and personal suitability for the position.

Swedes Down German Plane

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 11 (AP)—A Swedish warship's anti-aircraft guns shot down a German seaplane Thursday off Karlskrona on the southern coast, an official announcement said Thursday night.

The plane flew into Swedish territorial waters northwest of Skaneateles. After it failed to heed the warning shot, the communique said, the warship opened fire.

The plane landed in the water and the crewmen, unhurt, were taken into custody by the military. A second German plane flying over Karlskrona naval harbor turned away after a warning shot.

This was the first German plane announced shot down since the autumn of 1940.

Reds Cut Railway

MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP)—The red army in a methodical isolation of the big German bastion of Kharkov has cut the Ukraine capital's main railway to the Crimea and the Donets basin by capturing Loozovaya, a junction 75 miles to the south, a special soviet communique announced Thursday night.

Other Russian units were closing in on Kharkov itself along a 59-mile sickle-shaped front, some of them 22 miles to the southeast at Chuguyev and 36 miles to the northeast at Volchansk.

The capture of Loozovaya represented a 35-mile westward sweep from the Barvenkova-Izium sector. This flying Russian column now may turn south toward the sea of Azov in an attempt to trap hundreds of thousands of German troops in the Rostov and Donets basin sectors far to the east.

The rail junction's seizure also gave the Russians an additional base for the approaching battle for Kharkov, and for a sweep on westward to the Dnieper river, 65 miles away. The Dnieper generally is considered the Germans' best defense line should Kharkov fall.

Big Jay Force Routed

MacArthur Moves Toward Salamaua; Airmen Harass

By MURLIN SPENCER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, Feb. 12-(AP)—A large Japanese ground force which on January 30 had attempted to capture Wau, New Guinea, 35 miles southwest of the important Jap base of Salamaua, has been "decisively defeated" in a series of engagements and is in full retreat, leaving behind an estimated 1000 dead.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's noon communique announced Friday that the Japanese force, estimated originally to have constituted a regiment, or 2000 men, is fleeing toward Mubo, some 12 miles below Salamaua, after being battered by jungle-trained Australians, harassed by American fliers and badly hurt by artillery.

Australians mopping up in the rugged country southeast of Wau in the vicinity of the Wandumi track found 200 more Japanese dead which previously had not been reported.

"This brings the total of his abandoned dead to nearly 1000 since the initiation of his unsuccessful attack of January 30," the communique said.

In addition, it was estimated that other Japanese casualties—wounded and sick—"probably are many times as great" whereas "our own losses have been relatively light."

Air activity was comparatively light in the southwest Pacific. One Flying Fortress harassed the big Jap base of Rabaul, New Britain, for more than two hours, finally dropping bombs that started fires near the Lakunai airdrome.

The communique also reported the sinking of an allied merchantman off the east coast of Australia by a submarine. All personnel have been rescued. It was the second announced submarine action in this area approximately within a week's time.

Food for Occupied Europe Sought

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP)—The Greek aid plan has demonstrated that without interfering with the war effort food can and should be sent immediately to other starving occupied European countries, Herbert Hoover and Hugh Gibson, former ambassador to Belgium, maintain in an article published in Collier's.

Assistance can be given to the 50,000,000 starving men, women and children in Norway, Belgium, and Holland by lifting the blockade of Germany to permit limited quantities of supplies through, the authors asserted.

2nd Dutch Nazi Leader Slain

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Dr. H. Reydou, Dutch propaganda chief, and his wife were fatally wounded in the second slaying of a Dutch Nazi leader within a week, the Dutch news agency, Aneta, reported Thursday night. The report came from Amsterdam via Stockholm.

Aneta said the Scandinavian telegraphic bureau reported that "unknown terrorists" shot Dr. and Mrs. Reydou and predicted "strong reprisals" by the German authorities.

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Shipyard Workers Die in River



A tugboat serving as a ferryboat capsized in the Columbia river en route to Kaiser's Vancouver shipyard early Thursday morning. Nine yard worker-passengers and crew members were rescued, all bodies recovered and four persons were still missing. The photo shows recovery of the third body, that of William H. Bennett.—Associated Press Photo.

Eisenhower to Command North African Fighting; Top Britons Under Him

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, new allied commander-in-chief in North Africa, conferred Thursday with British staff officers from the Middle East on completion of his unified command of powerful allied forces for a final, crushing offensive to drive the axis from Tunisia.

The array of military leaders serving with Eisenhower, who commanded the allied occupation of North Africa, includes Britain's foremost commanders of land, sea, and air successes in the Mediterranean area, battle-tested American generals and French army generals.

To head this centralized command of generals and a British admiral, the popular Eisenhower was nominated by President Roosevelt to become a full general, a rank otherwise held only by John J. Pershing, George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur and Malin Craig.

As his deputy commander-in-chief, Eisenhower has Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, former British

Secretary of War Stimson and Prime Minister Churchill on Thursday disclosed other plans and developments in the war against the axis. Reports by them are on page two.)

middle east commander, who will direct all land operations. Like Eisenhower, he is young an energetic, and favors direct action.

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6 Known Dead In Boat Loss

Four Still Missing In Columbia; Man Lauded for Saving

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11-(AP)—A diver recovered two bodies from the sunken Tugboat May Thursday night, bringing the toll of known dead in the worst Columbia river disaster of modern times to six and leaving four still missing.

Diver Fred Devine brought up the bodies of Ben Lewis, 47, deckhand, one of the tug's crew of three, and Benjamin A. Benson, 58, one of 16 workers being transported from the Oregon shore to the Henry J. Kaiser shipyard at Vancouver, Wash.

Bodies of Phillip Gerstenkorn, 48; James H. Westmoreland, 29; William H. Bennett, 54, and Nels E. Nelson, 32, all shipyard workers were recovered earlier Thursday.

Still missing were Ray Lewis, 45, deckhand and brother of Ben, and two shipyard workers—Walter Pearson, Jr., 17, and Mrs. Esther Chamberlain, 35. The Multnomah county sheriff's office said another was missing but the name was not known.

Clarence Harvey, 38, captain of the tug, and eight shipyard workers were rescued by Harold Grant. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

V Garden Committees Appointed

A committee of seven members to formulate rules and arrange for judging of victory garden contest, sponsored by The Oregon Statesman and the Salem Men's Garden club, was named at Thursday night's largely-attended meeting of the club.

C. A. Cole, James McGilchrist, Ernest Inzer, G. W. Alling, Robert Shinn, E. T. Saling and G. O. Hollowell, who comprise that committee, are to hold a preliminary meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the YMCA.

Until another committee can be organized to care for that phase of the club's newest project, persons having plots of ground they would like to lend landless gardeners and others interested in securing the use of garden spots should call the YMCA to register, club officers declared at the close of the meeting Thursday night.

Approximately 50 men, including 10 new members attended the meeting, held at the YMCA.

More than 100 colored slides of camellias, shown by John Henry, aroused considerable discussion among camellia fanciers. Preparation of a plot of ground on Highland avenue recently given to the club for use as a demonstration garden was assigned to a committee composed of Knight Feary, Glen Slentz and K. S. Wilbur.

C. A. Cole won first prize in the garden quiz, while second was awarded to Rex Peffer. The prizes were given by Russell Pratt, club president.

Crash Kills 18

MONTREAL, Feb. 11-(AP)—Five crewmen and 13 passengers of a royal air force commandeer Liberator bomber were killed in a crash Tuesday in Newfoundland, it was announced here Thursday night.

8-Mile Advance Made; Rommel Fights in South

Americans and British Take Over Center, While French Fall Back for Re-Equipment

LONDON, Feb. 11-(AP)—British and French troops were reported Thursday night by a field correspondent in the Mateur area to have set the long-dormant northern front in Tunisia into action with a continuing attack that has advanced them about eight miles.

The report came from a Reuters correspondent in the Mateur sector—about 15 miles south of Bizerte—who declared that allied troops including British and French commandos attacked the Italian-held line in the northern area at Dawn Wednesday.

The smash carried eight miles deep over an area of about 100 square miles, he said, adding: "By evening the men reached their primary objectives."

"According to information so far available the operation has gone well, but full results will not be known until the second sweep now in progress has been completed."

There was no word of the attack immediately from any other sources.

Meanwhile, far to the south on the vital Tunisian battlefield, the British Eighth army was reported fighting 20 miles inside the southern border from Libya, smashing the retreating forces of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with artillery fire east of Ben Gardane.

Dispatches from the north African front said Rommel appeared to have called at least a temporary halt to his retreat, and in the biggest action since El Agheila had thrown tanks, infantry and artillery against the British forward forces of Gen. B. L. Montgomery. This apparently was an effort to save Ben Gardane, which commands the roads important to the British advance.

Farther south British tanks under General Montgomery were probing the more vulnerable end of the Mareth line.

The other arms under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower were deployed along a 200-mile Tunisian spine 50 to 60 miles inland from the Tunisian east coast, hemming in the German and Italian forces. Incessant rains kept the sticky black soil of the center and north so soupy that only patrols were active.

American troops and Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's British First army, veterans of Dunkerque, took over large sections in the center from the severely buffeted French troops of Gen. Alphonse Juin, whose obsolete weapons had been no match for the enemy.

The French moved to the rear for re-equipment and reorganization and Gen. Juin declared in an order of the day that they would reappear "at the front in the near future with modern armaments." New materiel was arriving swiftly from the United States.

US planes hammered ceaselessly at the enemy supply line across the Mediterranean narrows and at bases in Sicily, sinking one and probably two small troop ships 30 miles north of Cape Bon. Each carried 250 enemy troops.

LONDON, Feb. 11-(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from the Tunisian-Tripolitanian border said Friday that Field Marshal Rommel's troops had fallen back in good order on the southern sector of the front.

It said this maneuver accomplished a shortening of the whole battlefield.

Georgia Senate Okehs 18-Vote

ATLANTA, Feb. 11-(AP)—The Georgia senate Thursday voted for a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 and Gov. Ellis Arnall asserted it was the first such legislative action in the country.

Arnall said he believed the house would approve submission of the change to popular vote, too, and he promised to campaign for it. The governor is 35.

The governor contends that a person "old enough to fight is old enough to vote."

Salem Included In Portland's 48-Hour Area

US Chamber Advises Wait for Official Rules on Change

PORTLAND, Feb. 11-(AP)—Salem, St. Helens, Hillsboro and Oregon City are included in the Portland Metropolitan area affected by the 48-hour work week directive, L. C. Stoll, regional war manpower commission director, said Thursday.

He explained the area embraces Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties and parts of Washington and Marion counties in Oregon, as well as Clark county in Washington.

William H. Baillie, Salem office manager of the US employment service, stated Salem's inclusion was a surprise to his office, and that he would be better able to advise when official instructions from Washington have been received. Baillie stated that most essential industries in the Salem area are already operating on a 48-hour week.

Draft to Call Fathers Now, Says Hershey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11-(AP)—Most draftees within the next two or three months will be fathers, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey reported Thursday, "because there'll be no one else left to induct."

The selective service director declared it necessary to draft men with children in testifying against a bill by Rep. Kilday (D-Tex.) to put the draft on a state-wide instead of a local board basis and to require draft boards to consider dependency as a ground for deferment. Further hearings are set for Monday after which, Kilday said, he would demand that the house military committee approve the bill.

The measure would provide for this order of induction within state limits: Single men without dependents; single men with collateral dependents such as parents; married men without children; married men with children. In effect, it would prevent the induction of a married man in any state so long as eligible single men are available.

Hershey said he had no desire to put heads of families into uniform but presented figures which proved, he said, that it was necessary. These figures showed an available pool of 22,000,000 men of draft age of which Hershey said only about 14,000,000 could meet physical requirements and of those 14,000,000, approximately 1,500,000 must be deferred for essential work, leaving 12,500,000 to meet the requirements of the armed forces.

Captain Carl Named Major

PORTLAND, Feb. 11-(AP)—Capt. Marion Carl, Hubbard pilot ace widely feted on his return to this area recently, has been promoted to the rank of major in command of a marine fighter squadron, according to word received here Thursday. He is at Santa Ana, Calif.