

Today
Forget Your Points
And Eat Anyway
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NINETY-SECOND YEAR

Little Taxpayer Favored

Table below shows how income tax reduction plans being threshed out in conference committee at the legislature this morning would compare with present payments required of a married man without children, ignoring deductions other than the \$1500 marriage exemption:

Gross Income	Present Tax	Snyder-McKenna Plan Tax	Walker Plan Tax
\$ 2,000.	10.	0.	0.
2,500.	25.	5.	15.
3,000.	65.	25.	39.
4,000.	115.	50.	69.
5,000.	175.	95.	105.
6,000.	245.	145.	147.
11,500.	595.	395.	337.
21,500.	1,295.	895.	777.

Modified Walker Plan Expected Out This Morning

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER
A third of the income taxpayers of Oregon would receive an 80 per cent out in their tax next year, a few who pay this year would have nothing to pay next and the remainder would receive reductions ranging from 31 per cent upward under the compromise senate-house plan that appeared Friday night to carry most favor with the conference committee named to iron out differences between the two houses of the legislature on the tax program.

The conference committee is to meet at 9 a. m. today with the anticipation of reaching an early agreement to report out a modification of the Walker plan to the senate approved 24 to 6 Thursday afternoon. Rep. John H. Hall may bring in a minority report holding out for a reduction in income taxes payable in 1943 as well as in 1944.

Named Friday afternoon as senate members of the conference committee, Sens. Den Walker, Independence, and Coe A. McKenna, Portland, had already met with the house members, Reps. Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, and Hall, and asked tax experts to work out details of the compromise plan.

The new plan would hand back approximately the same amount of surplus from the income tax fund as the Walker plan but would favor the small over the big taxpayer, a proposal advocated by Rep. Snyder and adopted by Sen. McKenna. It would retain the section of the Walker plan that calls for reserving a \$5,000,000 cushion fund for future property tax reduction, along with \$9,500,000 to offset state and elementary school taxes and \$4,000,000 to offset school district levies, or a total of \$18,500,000.

The Snyder-McKenna plan provides that for each \$2,000,000 in income tax surplus existing above this sum, the taxpayer would receive a one-half of 1 per cent (Turn to Page 2, Story C)

Nazi Warships Said Grouped Off Norway

LONDON, March 5-(P)—London newspapers published dispatches Friday saying a powerful concentration of German warships had been assembled in the Trondheim area of Norway.

The stories carried in the Evening Standard and Daily Telegraph, without giving the source of their information, declared the concentration included the battleship Tirpitz, 35,000-ton sister of the lost Bismarck, at least two heavy cruisers of the 10,000-ton Hipper class and a number of fast destroyers.

The aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin, which was laid down in 1936, also was reported to be in the group, along with the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst, which was reported in the Skagerrak between Norway and Denmark three weeks ago.

The articles stirred immediate speculation over the possibility that the German fleet was preparing to make a forceful attempt to attack the allied supply route to Russia.

Such a breakout, unofficial sources pointed out, probably would involve the British home fleet in a hunt greater than that for the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen early in the war and the possibility of a major naval engagement in northern waters.

How Russian Forces Found Rostov



Residents of Rostov go about their work near the wreckage of the building which housed the executive committee of the soviet deputies of the working people. The building was described as "blown up by the Germans." Soviet troops took the key city on the Don river February 14. This picture was sent from Moscow to the United States by radio.—Associated Press Teletat.

Adjournment Plans Awry

House Denies Revote On Wine's Sales; Bills Conflict

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Roaring ahead on the overdrive toward a sine die adjournment goal, Oregon's lawmaking machine burned out a bearing Friday night and it was a widely held opinion that the mishap wrecked whatever chance there may have been for sine die adjournment at a theoretical—with the clocks stopped—11:59 p. m. tonight.

The house of representatives earlier Friday had adopted a concurrent resolution providing for a windup at that hour. The senate, working hard but in no such haste, had scheduled measures as "special orders" for Monday.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Third readings Saturday:
In Senate: SB 275, 297, 298, 300, 303, 255. HB 23, 209, 264, 291, 363, 392, 397, 391, 320.
In House: HB 89 197, 223, 229, 244, 252, 372, 381, 384, 399, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 417. SB 12, 23, 58, 74, 94, 95, 96, 103, 108, 117, 179, 181, 185, 191, 211, 223, 230, 238, 241, 242, 256, 257, 267, 271, 286, 292, 299.

W. H. Steiwer said it was "up to the members" but he held out slight hope of ending the session tonight.

But the larboard—house—motor already was smoking from the friction of daily battles on major issues. The breakdown came half an hour after the night session opened when Rep. A. W. Meyers, irked by a dazzling series of parliamentary moves whereby Speaker William M. McAllister sought to expedite bills onto the Saturday calendar, demanded "call of the house." Several members were missing so the house adjourned for the night. Even so, its calendar contains 55 bills and several memorial resolutions.

The house disposed, beyond reasonable expectation of reversal, of the fortified wine issue when it refused by a 30-30 vote to reconsider its earlier approval of the bill placing these wines exclusively in the state liquor stores. Of (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

3 Marion Men War Prisoners

WASHINGTON, March 5-(P) Names of 471 United States soldiers held prisoners of war by the Japanese in the Philippine islands were announced Friday by the war department.

The next of kin have been notified by the war department. Other lists will be issued later.

Friday's list included:

Oregon:
Pvt. Lyle E. Lee; mother, Mrs. Flora Lee, 1985 Maple street, Salem.
Pvt. George Linsen; mother, Mrs. Jean Linsen, Portland.
Pvt. Aloysis F. Nieltling; mother, Mrs. Mathilda Nieltling, route one, box four, Sublimity.
Pvt. Bill Peart; mother, Mrs. Katie Peart, Coquille.
Pvt. Lloyd S. Follock; mother, Mrs. Mamie Follock, Woodburn.
Pvt. James A. Sapp; father, D. A. Sapp, route one, Portland.
Pvt. Gerald L. Sherrett; mother, Mrs. Anna Sherrett, Eugene.
Pvt. William A. Southall; mother, Mrs. Clara Southall, La Grande.
Pvt. Willis C. Vincent; uncle, Walter W. Vincent, Malin.

Science Fools 'Brick Feet'

PORT BENNING, Ga., March 5-(P)—You may fool the top kick, but you can't fool science—and so the army's "gold-bricks," who would avoid work by pleading sore feet, are right back on active duty. It's done at the Fort Benning station hospital, where the moon-and-groan crew shows up with minor foot ailments calculated to gain relief from work. And experts of the orthopedic section say the object lesson is gentle but effective. The gold-bricks merely are shown a plaster of paris reproduction of a pair of feet.

One of the feet has only three toes. The other has but four. The whole structure of each foot differs so from an ordinary foot that the malingering wonders how they could be used effectively for walking. "That man," says the expert, holding up the casts, "the one who has those feet, is capable of a 10-mile march. He still is in the army and doing important work, because he feels it is his job to serve his country in this service."

Usual result, reports the orthopedic section, is that the goldbricks turn brick red. Most frequent sources of the injuries treated are parachute jumping, obstacle course running and automobile accidents.

Raver Calls PGE Rates Profiteering

PORTLAND, March 5-(P)—Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver testified at Friday's SEC hearing into the Portland Electric Power company's reorganization that rates of Portland General Electric company, a subsidiary, were below average but he believed the company still was profiteering.

He was convinced, he said, that PGE was making more than 6 per cent of investment. Referring to a \$750,000 rate reduction offered by PGE, if Bonneville would grant it a power contract for the war's duration, Raver said Ormond R. Bean, state public utilities commissioner, told me he was going to make the reduction regardless of a contract.

"I asked Bean why he didn't order it before the hearing and he replied he was afraid it would throw a monkey wrench into the proceedings. I told him he ought to make it right away."

Raver testified that a misunderstanding resulted in an editorial in Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague's Salem newspaper which asserted that he had opposed the cut because Bonneville wanted to acquire PGE properties and wanted them as debt-free as possible.

"I have the highest respect for Sprague," Raver said. "I am sure Mr. Bean would not have given any misinformation there was some misunderstanding. Bonneville is not interested in buying this property unless the public wants to buy it."

New Ship Astoria To Slide Today

WASHINGTON, DC, March 5 (P)—Oregon congressional delegation will travel with a navy party to Philadelphia Saturday to witness the launching of the new cruiser Astoria.

The vessel will be christened by Mrs. Robert W. Lucas, Astoria, Ore., daughter of Oregon State Sen. Merle R. Chessman.

Soviets Sweep For Smolensk

100 Localities Freed; Nazis Clinging to Some Sectors

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Saturday, March 6—Smashing stubborn Nazi resistance southwest of Rzhev in the central front sweep toward the enemy anchor at Smolensk, the Russians have freed more than 100 localities in two days, a midnight Soviet communique disclosed Saturday.

Fresh raids also were reported on the southern front where a 50-mile-wide red army salient was being driven westward to cut the Bryansk-Kiev railway in the sector between recaptured Lgov and Sevsk. This maneuver also was aimed at turning German defenses hinged on Bryansk and Orel to the north and northeast.

Approximately 2000 Germans were reported killed and 1165 captured during Friday's operations, but the Russians did not claim any advances in the Donets basin, where the Germans for days now have told of successful counter-attacks that have regained Kramatorsk, Slavyansk and Lisichansk in the sector north of Svatilo.

The German high command declared Friday that the Russian Third army was encircled south of Kharkov and about to be wiped out.

The Russians also were silent about further operations in the western Caucasus where the Germans still are clinging to positions pivoting on Novorossisk, Black sea port.

A new Russian attempt to land from the sea at that port was repulsed by German coastal batteries, the Berlin radio said Friday night in a broadcast recorded by Reuters.

On the central front the immediate Russian goals appeared to be Vyazma, 80 miles south of Rzhev, and Gzhatsk, 60 miles to the southeast. Although the Russians gave no indication as to how close their armies were to these points, the general direction of the Soviet drive made it likely that they intend to strike behind Vyazma between there and Smolensk. The latter point is 230 miles west of Moscow.

"The Germans are displaying stubborn resistance, throwing into the battle infantry, tanks and artillery," the communique said. "Our troops are smashing the enemy defenses without giving them the opportunity to entrench on convenient positions."

This central front push has (Turn to Page 2, Story D)

Folkes Trial Set April 7

ALBANY, Ore., March 5-(P)—Trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes for the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James was set for April 7 Friday after the 20-year-old Los Angeles negro entered a plea of innocent before Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Linn county.

The former dining car cook is under indictment on a charge of knifing Mrs. James to death as she lay in berth lower 13 of a limited train January 23.

Planes Finish Convoy Survivors In Bismarck Sea; RAF Bombers Blast at Coast on Tenth Night

Dunkerque Believed Target

Berlin Radio Silent; Explosions Rattle English Windows

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Saturday, March 6—The RAF sent its big bombers on their tenth consecutive night raid over the continent during the night and repeated blasts along the French coast were heard on this side of the channel.

Huge flashes, apparently the result of the explosions, also could be seen shortly after the bombers crossed the channel. The explosions were so terrific that residents reports they rattled windows in buildings on the British side. The roar across the channel was in the direction of Dunkerque which had been attacked several times recently.

Many European radio stations were silent Friday night including the Berlin radio. It went off the air at 9:15 p. m.—about the same time it was closed last Monday when the Nazi capital got its heaviest pounding of the war.

RAF bombers carried their assault on the continent through the ninth straight night Thursday night, laying mines in enemy waters and attacking targets in the industrial area of western Germany.

The Air Ministry News service said Typhoons and Spitfires of the Fighter command returned to the attack Friday and made a daylight sweep over the Netherlands coast on which they sank two small enemy torpedo boats and heavily damaged two others.

Black Market Hit in Control Of Slaughter

WASHINGTON, March 5-(P) Strict controls over the slaughter of livestock and the sale of meat, designed to stamp out black market operations, will go into effect April 1.

Secy. of Agriculture Wickard, announcing them Friday, said he did not regard the controls as a "cure-all for the defects in the present meat situation," but part of a broad program which includes consumer rationing and uniform retail price ceilings.

One order requires all livestock slaughterers who sell meat, including farmers and local butchers, to operate under a permit system. As an aid to enforcement, each wholesale cut of meat must be stamped at least once with the permit number.

Livestock dealers also must obtain permits to buy and sell livestock and keep complete records of their transactions. While farmers need not obtain permits, they were asked to keep records of their purchases and sales.

Uniform ceiling schedules, effective April 1, were issued for pork, and OPA said similar maximums would be "worked out" for beef, veal, lamb and mutton.

Pay-As-You-Go Tax By July 1 Approved By Subcommittee

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

WASHINGTON, March 5-(P)—A pay-as-you-go plan for all 44,000,000 of the income taxpayers—the wage earner and salaried man, the farmer, the baker and the candlestick maker—was approved tentatively Friday by the subcommittee, to be effective July 1.

The subcommittee skipped

Tunisia Feels Heavy Pressure

Patrols Said Active In North; 8th Army Feels Out Enemy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 5-(P) Enemy forces in northern Tunisia kept up their pressure in the face of stiff allied resistance Friday while advised reaching here from the southern sector reported that the British Eighth army in its first feeler brush with axis troops Thursday inflicted on the Germans "very heavy losses—very heavy enough to remember."

American patrols clung to Sidi Bouzie, about 25 miles south of Faid pass where the withdrawing Nazis hold high positions overlooking the valley.

Reports last Friday night said American troops are near the western end of the pass but their location was not given.

The Germans still held on to Gafsa in the south and Hadjeb El Aloun, about 22 miles northeast of Sbeitia, where French patrols had contacted them.

French patrols pushed to a point a few miles west of Pichon in the central sector and in the far south other advanced French elements continued to move forward east of Nefta. These units were "continuing their action in an easterly direction," a French communique said.

Tank forces of the British First army were said officially to have beaten off violent German attacks in the streets of Sedjenane, along the Mateur-Tabarka road in northern Tunisia.

Germans attacking down the road gained a foothold in the village Wednesday and remained there through the night. Then 40-ton Churchill tanks and infantry drove them out in a fierce dawn attack Thursday, front dispatches said.

An allied communique said that axis activity was intensified all along the Mareth line Thursday and that allied patrols in that sector were "very active."

Canned Goods Now Take Stamps, Ugh!

REDMOND, March 5-(P) Making her periodic visit to a Redmond grocery store Friday, a squaw from the Warm Springs Indian reservation ordered her usual supply of canned goods.

"Ugh!" she said, when the grocer took all but one stamp from her ration book.

Jap Lifeboats Sunk; Enemy Bases Raided

'Scarcely a Survivor' Said Remaining in Reinforcement Ttry

By The Associated Press

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, March 6—An allied airman saw 200 Japanese troops in three lifeboats—all that remained of 15,000 spilled into the Bismarck sea by the sinking of a 22-ship convoy—dropped his bombs and messenger his base: "No survivors."

That ended one of the most brilliant aerial strokes by American and allied fliers in the southwest Pacific, a spokesman said Saturday in commenting on the high command communique announcing "there was scarcely a survivor."

The final score: For Japan—Ten Japanese warships, cruisers and destroyers, sunk; 12 merchantmen, transports and cargo ships sunk; more than 80 enemy planes destroyed or put out of commission; and the troops, estimated at 15,000, which the Japanese were hurrying to their threatened foothold in the Lae-Salamaua sector of upper New Guinea.

For the allies—only one bomber and three fighters lost. The mopping up of the survivors of the New Guinea coast was carried out methodically Friday by allied bombers and long-range fighters sweeping the sea.

More than 400 Japanese perished in the final operations in an area from 20 to 75 miles off the New Guinea coast in Huon gulf. Barges, lifeboats and rough log rafts to which the enemy troops were clinging were torn up by high explosives or ripped apart by the fighters' machine-guns.

By nightfall only small bits of wreckage and oil slicks were all that remained to mark the grave of the Japanese armada that had set out from Rabaul, New Britain.

"Our long-range fighters and bomber units swept the entire area (of the Huon gulf) completing mopping up of barges, lifeboats and rafts from sunken ships of the Bismarck sea convoy," the noon communique of Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported.

"Efforts at escape were largely fruitless and practically all were destroyed. There was scarcely a survivor so far as was known." The convoy of 10 warships and 12 transports was sunk in a three-day attack, beginning Tuesday, as the Japs sought to send badly needed reinforcements to its garrison at Lae, New Guinea.

At Lae, seizing upon the opportunity presented by the destruction of the Jap planes, MacArthur's planes for the second straight day gave that Huon gulf base a terrific pounding.

"A series of coordinated attacks by all categories of our air force were made on the airbase and adjacent installations through the day," the communique said.

"Fires were started which were visible for 40 miles. Weak enemy forces attempted interception but were dispersed by our cover. Three enemy planes were shot down."

Mention of the weak interception appeared highly significant in view of the fact that in Thursday's stepped-up aerial operations at Lae, allied planes had to battle more than a score of Japs, shooting down 17 in addition to blasting six which were on the ground refueling.

Boston bombers, Beaufighters and Warhawks raked Lae while Flying Fortresses bombed and strafed Gasmata, in New Britain. Liberator bombers bombed Saumlaki in Tanimabar island in the northwestern sector above Australia.

Sea Lane Cleared

BALBOA, CZ, March 5-(P) Rear Adm. C. E. Van Hook, commander of the Panama sea frontier, declared Friday that the sea lanes between Panama and the United States had been cleared of U-boats as the result of an efficient anti-submarine campaign plus the enemy's necessity for using the submarines elsewhere.

Luncheon Without Rationed Foods Served in Red Cross Campaign

By MAXINE BUREN

There was no point at all to the luncheon served to Red Cross workers at the chamber of commerce Friday noon, but there was plenty of point to reports of success during the meeting that followed the meal.

Members of the nutrition and canteen committees of the Marion county chapter, headed by Mrs. Bjorne Erickson, served a luncheon which cost not a single food

ration point, yet brought most of the guests back for "seconds." Crisp carrot and apple salad, macaroni and cheese, bread, butter, tea with cream but no sugar, and apple pie, made up the menu. The dessert, the committee explained, was substituted for a gelatine-fruit mixture previously planned, only because some of the men on the Red Cross committee insisted that "sugar or no sugar, the great American dessert is always in order."

The luncheon, although proving that a mixed crowd can eat an un-rationed meal and like it and even clear off the table for volunteer kitchen workers, was primarily planned for checking on progress made toward collections for the war fund drive.

The women's teams, headed by Mrs. Charles A. Sprague and directed by Mrs. Douglas McKay, Mrs. William M. Hamilton, Mrs. E. M. Page and Miss Dorathen Steuosiuff, reported over \$6000 collected from the residential district, topping their quota by \$3000. They estimate that another \$1000 may be collected during the remainder of the week.

Men's teams reported less complete results, but all speakers were confident of their success in collecting their quotas.

Further interest was given to the luncheon when Judge George Rossman, chairman of the Marion County Red Cross for the past 15 years, presented William M. Hamilton, charter member and active worker, with a bouquet of red carnations on his "40th" birthday.