

## Senate May Pass Old Plan

### Showdown Battle Sees Close Vote On 'Skip-Year'

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY  
WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—Terminating one of the bitterest party battles of recent years, the house Monday passed, 313 to 95, a pay-as-you-go bill wiping out the 1942 federal income tax liabilities completely for approximately 90 per cent of the taxpayers and imposing a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portions of wages and salaries, effective July 1.

The action came in a dramatic series of steps in which the democrats barely battered down, 206 to 202, the modified Ruml plan which would have skipped a complete tax year.

Against the Ruml plan were 192 democrats, 11 republicans, three minor party members.

For it were 188 republicans and 14 democrats.

When the Ruml bill failed the republicans swung almost to the man to the compromise, and a measure supported by democratic leaders never came to a vote.

In the debate, tempers flared, at one time reaching such a pitch that Speaker Rayburn got out the

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# German's Grim as Tunis Doom Near

### US Tank Destroyers Wait for Foe



Three tank destroyer soldiers of the United States second army corps in Tunisia find cover in a foxhole protected by an overhanging ledge (above) as they lie in wait for axis tanks to come within range.—U.S. Signal Corps.

## Nazis Fear Attack

### Berlin Admits Allied Attack Imminent; Hitler Shaky

By JAMES M. LONG  
LONDON, May 4—(AP)—The nazis acknowledged Tuesday that the grim prospect of an allied invasion of Europe is so imminent it might by-pass the Tunisian bridgehead and come in the form of an amphibious assault on the Sardinian and Sicilian stepping-stones, even before the collapse of Tunis and Bizerte.

Broadcasts by the Vichy radio and the chief military commentator of the Berlin radio suggested hastily mounting axis apprehension that the allies already may have men and boats ready for the blow, against which Premier Mussolini was reported renewing urgent appeals direct to Adolf Hitler for fighting assistance.

The Russian front was being watched closely by observers here for a ready clue to the actual weight of Hitler's fears. The Russian barometer was based on the belief that Hitler would hardly dare to attempt the usual full-scale spring onslaught on the eastern front if faced with the imminent menace of a British-American invasion.

## Battle Rages in Kuban Area Of Caucasus

LONDON, Wednesday, May 5—(AP)—Heavy and bloody fighting in the western Caucasus which has cost the Germans "serious losses in manpower and equipment" was announced early today by the soviet command, several hours after the Germans acknowledged a forced withdrawal in that area some 20 miles above the port of Novorossiisk and the loss to the Russians of the town of Krynskaya.

## Axis Radio Says US Took Island

LONDON, Wednesday, May 5—(AP)—The German-controlled Paris radio reported today that the United States, with the consent of Chile, has occupied Easter Island in the south Pacific, a move which the broadcast said had given the United States an "important air and naval base."

## Mines Get Six-Day Week

### Wage Controversy Still Deadlocked Despite Truce

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—An order for a six-day week in all coal mines was issued Tuesday by Fuels Administrator Ickes, while the miners' wage controversy appeared to be as deadlocked as ever despite resumption of production under a 5-day truce.

Ickes, government boss of the mines, said he ordered the six-day week to assure coal for war industries. Some labor men took the view that its assurance of overtime pay for miners opened an avenue for John L. Lewis, the United Mine worker's chief, to retreat from his present wage demands, but others minimized its importance.

Lewis had no comment. Meantime, with virtually all the miners back at work, the War Labor Board announced hearings would be resumed Thursday by the panel it appointed to find the facts of the soft coal wage dispute. The same panel was directed also to inquire into the anthracite dispute.

Hearings were stopped when the board referred the case to the White House last week, after (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

## Prisoners Face Draft Under Plan

Prisoners at the state penitentiary will have a chance to get earlier release if they qualify before a prison draft board which has been set up to review cases of men of draft age who might be inducted into the armed forces. The board consists of Ray Stumbo of Marion county local draft board No. 1, Roy S. Keene, chairman of the state parole board, and George Alexander, warden at the prison.

## Miner Reports Seeing Plane

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## PUD Obtains Facilities

NEWPORT, May 4—(AP)—West Coast Power company facilities in Lincoln, Coos, Douglas and Lane counties will become the property of the Central Lincoln County people's utility district Wednesday.

## Women Supply Heavy Scrap Nylon Stock

PORTLAND, May 4—(AP)—Oregon women provided 6827 pounds of silk and nylon hosiery to the defense supplies corporation for the month ending April 15, giving the state third place in the nation on a per capita basis, the state salvage committee said Tuesday.

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(Weather on Page 8)

### Crash Victim



LT. GEN. ANDREWS

## Plane Crackup Claims Life Of US General

LONDON, Wednesday, May 5—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, distinguished flying general and commander of all US forces in the European theatre of operations, was killed Monday in an airplane accident in Iceland, his headquarters announced early today.

Methodist Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, who was representing 31 American Protestant denominations in a global tour of US military bases, also was killed in the crash, his son announced in Pittsburgh. Eighth airforce headquarters here, however, said it could "not confirm" the report.

Bishop Leonard was chairman general of the commission of US army and navy chaplains.

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## Bizerte In Gun Range

### Axis Retreat Still Continues as All Fronts Advance

By WILLIAM B. KING  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 4—(AP)—Bizerte now is within heavy artillery range of American and French troops driving along the northern shores of Lake Achkel toward the big naval base, dispatches reported Tuesday night.

This allied column pushed forward two more miles overnight to occupy more than half the northern shores of the lake, and now has swung toward Bizerte, meeting "some resistance" in rough country, Associated Press Correspondent Harold V. Boyle reported from the front.

Meanwhile, American troops fanning out from captured Mateur were striking toward Bizerte and southeast toward Tunisia.

The nazis retreat east of Mateur continues, Boyle said, and the Americans are mopping up axis soldiers, apparently in large numbers, who were by-passed and then pocketed between the Jemna position and Mateur when the US troops plunged in a lightning, 14-mile advance into the strategic rail center.

## Powder Plant Blast Kills 15 Workmen

ELKTON, Md., May 4—(AP)—A shattering explosion, followed by fire in a number of buildings of the Triumph Explosives, Inc., caused the death of at least 15 workers Tuesday with scores injured and indications that the death toll may mount even higher.

Company officers said Tuesday night officially 15 persons were known to have lost their lives in the disaster, while at least 54 were injured.

Twenty-four of the injured were taken to hospitals where five were said to be in critical condition. Thirty were treated for less serious burns and injuries at various emergency first-aid stations set up throughout this small war-booming town.

Benjamin F. Pepper, Triumph company president, said the army, navy and federal bureau of investigation officials quickly took over direction of relief work and started checking the cause of the blast.

## Publication Of Community Prices Slated

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown said Tuesday that publication of "community-wide" dollars and cents maximum prices on foods will begin Sunday in about 150 cities.

Local OPA officials will issue lists of maximum prices, effective Monday, on poultry, fluid milk, bread, eggs, butter, packaged cheese, sugar, cereals, evaporated and condensed milk, flour and a number of other grocery items. Additions to the list will be made later.

These prices will not ordinarily be any different than the top legal prices now in effect in these communities but their publication in handy pamphlets is aimed at facilitating enforcement and enabling consumers to avoid black markets and other illegal practices.

## US Bombers Raid Antwerp

A US BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, May 4—(AP)—Flying Fortresses of the 8th US air force bombed industrial targets in the Belgian city of Antwerp today in their second daylight attack on Nazi-held Europe this month.

Returning fliers reported that the mission was "perfect." The bombers met their fighter escort on the dot, dodged between the Germans' light anti-aircraft barrages and counted only a few enemy fighters.

They saw their bombs go right into the target and arrived back within 30 seconds of the scheduled time.

## Those 'Eggs' Pack a Wallop

SOUTHWEST OF MATEUR, Tunisia, May 4—(Delayed)—(AP)—A number of Italian officers were enjoying breakfast today in the line of the American-French advance toward Bizerte on the Mediterranean flank. They were approached by a group of gnomiers, native Moroccan mountain troops, who calmly asked the Italians if they wished to buy some eggs.

## Draft Exams Discover TB

Early Diagnosis Is Combating Dreaded White Plague Here

Selective service physical examinations are providing the basis for one of the greatest early diagnostic programs in the battle against tuberculosis ever carried on in this area. That statement was made here early this week by Dr. H. M. Erickson, assistant state health officer, who with Capt. R. F. Kaiser of the US public health service district office and Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, is working out details of tuberculosis control in Marion county.

Although more than 500 Oregon men have been rejected by selective service because they were actively tubercular when examined, they have been in most cases in the early stages of the disease and represent a salvageable group, Erickson pointed out.

## Davies Reported Bound for Moscow

NEW YORK, May 4—(AP)—The New York Times says in a dispatch from Washington that Joseph E. Davies will leave Wednesday on a second "mission to Moscow" as a special representative of President Roosevelt to propose to Premier Joseph Stalin a meeting between the heads of the two governments.

The Times said the information was "learned definitely on authority that is not open to question," although no comment was made at the White House.

## US Production Reaches 'Peak,' Knox Reports

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson, said Tuesday that America's war plants increased their output in March 11 per cent above February while Navy Secretary Knox reported that the nation has "arrived at the peak period" of war production and that navy plane and ship completions in April set new records.

Knox added that April was a good month in more ways than production with merchant shipping losses down considerably as compared with March.

## Labor Says Lumbermen Ask for Army

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4—(AP)—Charges that lumber operators have asked the army to take over logging in the Pacific northwest came from labor Tuesday and were denied by employers.

## Student Wins Mexican Tour

DENVER, May 4—(AP)—A speech on inter-American affairs by Oliver A. Johnson of Linfield college, McMinnville, Ore., won for him Tuesday night an expense-paid tour of Mexico.

Johnson was victorious in the Pacific Regional conference of the national discussion contest on inter-American affairs at Denver university. Before going on the Mexican tour, he will participate in the national contest in New York City, May 22.

## 125 Donors Give Blood To Red Cross

One hundred twenty five residents of the Salem area contributed blood to the Red Cross blood plasma bank as the mobile unit, working out of Portland, operated here for the third day Tuesday.

One hundred forty persons had been registered, and workers at the First Methodist church, blood donation headquarters, explained that examination had proved a number of would-be donors either in physical condition which made such a contribution at that time seem unwise or had revealed their blood to be of a type not satisfactory for use as plasma.

## China Leader's Son Is Student In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4—(AP)—The 12-year-old son of young Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang, Manchurian military leader, who kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek in 1936 in a prelude to the Sino-Japanese war, was disclosed Tuesday as a student in a private military academy here.

The boy, Chang Lu Ling, said his mother brought him to this country three years ago, then returned to China, where she and his father remain. He has been a student here two years.

## Where US Took Over



(See Page 2 for complete story of United States Pacific ocean victories.)  
The navy department has announced American occupation of the Russell Islands (white arrow) on the exposed flank of any Japanese attack from Truk (A) along the line shown by black arrow (number two). American supplies to Henderson field follow the general line shown by black arrow (number one).—Associated Press Map.