

**SEEMS TO ME**  
By Charles H. Stroup

IT SEEMS TO ME that the spectacle of the vice president of the United States and the secretary of commerce engaging in a verbal public brawl in the depth of something or other. Added to the previous collisions between prominent administrative heads of government it shows that Washington suffers not merely from war-time nerves but also from grave deficiencies in organization. Jimmy Byrnes, the new chief mobilizer, has had nothing but a series of pop-offs and headaches among his ill-assorted underlings. The president himself, in what must have been a tone of weariness expressed "surprise" at Wallace's attack on Jesse Jones.

This lack of cohesion on the home front is more than the natural result of a democracy catapulted into war. After all we have been getting ready for war ever since 1939. And we have had reorganization after reorganization in this four-year interval, each the reorganization to end reorganization.

The prime difficulty is that President Roosevelt is not a good administrator. He never has been. He grew up in politics, not business. His term as governor of New York was marked by an orgy of spending which left a huge deficit, which took his successor, Governor Lehman, years to extinguish. As president he continued the policy of spend, spend on a vast scale, with succeeding nightmares of NRA, SERA, FERA, WPA, etc.

In the 1940 campaign I was invited to give a number of addresses in behalf of the Willie-McNary ticket. I accepted the invitation and spoke at a number of north- and mid-western cities. At that time the general tone of campaign speeches of both candidates was that of keeping out of the war. I took a different slant, saying plainly that we were headed for war; that the president was not a good administrator; that we should make the change.

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**Senators to Visit Fronts**  
Five Chosen for Coveted Seats in Inspection Group

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—Amid predictions that "they won't see enough to stick in their eye," five senators got unofficial clearance from the senate Wednesday night for a trip around the globe in an army bomber to visit American fighting forces in the battle zones and inspect their equipment.

Ending a three-months back-stage controversy over the personnel of the inspection group, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky told the senate he had reluctantly picked the members after conferences with Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, Secretary of War Stimson and Minority Leader McNary of Oregon.

Barkley named Senator Russell (D-Ga.), a dark horse, a chairman of the committee and split the other four places between the Truman war investigating committee and the senate military affairs committee, which had been battling with boyish enthusiasm for three months to carry off the coveted assignments.

Russell was named as a representative of the appropriate (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

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### Chief of Martinique Asks US Intervention

#### Admiral Requests Envoy To Fix Terms for Change Of French Isle Authority

NEW YORK, June 30—(AP)—Admiral Georges Robert, Vichy French high commissioner of Martinique, has asked the United States government to send an envoy "to fix the terms for a change of French authority" on the island, radio reported Wednesday night in a broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission.

The broadcast declared that Robert had taken the step "to avoid bloodshed" and had made his request to the United States "under the double condition of their renewing the guarantee to maintain French sovereignty in these islands, and of the non-intervention of American forces."

The broadcast, in the French language, presented Robert's statement as a "communique to the population."

There have been several recent reports of disorders in Martinique. The FCC text of the broadcast, which was marred by poor reception, follows: "Communique to the population: 'In order to avoid bloodshed between the French and... the... I have asked the government of the United States, under the double condition of their renewing the guarantee to maintain French sovereignty in these islands, and of the non-intervention of American forces, to send a plenipotentiary to fix the terms for a change of French authority... my duty to the people and the marshall... (Signed) Admiral Robert.'"

Presumably Robert's allusion to a change of French authority meant that he was willing to permit the island to divorce itself from Vichy and associate itself with the French national committee of General Giraud and General DeGaulle which has been set up in North Africa.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and the French island were severed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull on April 30 (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

### Norse Saved \$92,000,000 Bullion Store

LONDON, Thursday, July 1—(AP)—Norse saved \$92,000,000 gold reserve by sneaking it out from under the noses of the Germans in ammunition trucks and fishing boats in the spring of 1940, it was disclosed today.

The coup was made public when awards were announced for two British naval officers who helped rescue King Haakon and the gold just a step ahead of the invading Germans.

### Capital Feuding Renewed

#### Wallace-Jones Fight Flares Anew After Conciliatory Talk

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—The capital's hottest controversy flared again Wednesday night as Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones issued a new statement accusing Vice President Wallace of making a "dastardly" and "untrue" charge against the reconstruction finance corporation, which is under Jones' jurisdiction.

Earlier in the night, Wallace said he intended no reflection on Jones' "patriotism or his interest in the war effort" by accusing the RFC of hampering work of the board of economic warfare.

Jones replied that "This dastardly charge (against the RFC) is as untrue as when he first made it."

Jones and Wallace, who is chairman of BEW, had been called to the white house during the day to explain their feud over imports of strategic materials and had conferred there for two hours with War Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Wallace then said he had agreed with Jones that "for the time being" the BEW would continue the present arrangement under which it draws funds for its activities from the RFC, but would later press congress for direct appropriations. He added that Jones had made no objections to this decision. Jones declared sharply, however, that "Mr. Wallace was not authorized to speak for me."

Wallace's statement: "I have talked with Mr. Jesse Jones. He and I have agreed for the time being to continue the present arrangement under which the board of economic warfare is functioning. Preparing to the congress reconvening, the board of economic warfare will initiate steps through the budget bureau which will result in a proposal to congress that there be made available to BEW the necessary program funds for the procurement and development of all imported strategic war materials under (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

### Hanging Near



MAX STEPHAN

### Traitor Set To Die Friday

#### Only Hope Left Is Reprieve by FR; Gallows Built

DETROIT, June 30—(AP)—Unless President Roosevelt intervenes, 52-year-old Max Stephan, convicted of treason for aiding the flight of a German flying officer from a Canadian prison camp, will die on the gallows before dawn Friday at the Milan (Mich.) federal correctional institution.

Twice granted stays of execution by the United States supreme court in order that he might utilize all avenues of appeal, the German-born former Detroit restaurant owner has lived nearly eight months beyond the November 15 date first set for the hanging.

Three times the supreme court has refused to review the case, but Stephan's attorney, Nicholas Salowich, expressed belief yet Wednesday that presidential reprieve would again postpone the execution.

Hope for clemency visibly faded, however, as workmen prepared the gallows for the nation's first convicted traitor of the century. Plans provide for completion of the hanging in time for evidences of the execution to be removed before the regular prison routine starts at 6 a. m. Friday.

Salowich insisted "I still think the president will commute the death sentence."

Stephan had boasted shortly after his conviction last summer that "Germany will never let me hang."

### New Tax Reality Today

#### First Payroll Period Starting in July To Take Cut

WASHINGTON, July 1—(AP)—Pay-as-you-earn income taxes become a reality today for some 44,000,000 Americans.

For the first time since the government began taking a bite out of incomes 30 years ago, a current collection system based on a 20 per cent withholding levy above personal exemptions goes into effect with the start of the new fiscal year. The first actual cut comes out of pay for the first payroll period beginning in July.

For persons on a calendar week basis that period begins Sunday, July 4.

Enacted after a bitter, four-month congressional battle that raged chiefly over one word—"forgiveness"—the plan wipes out an estimated \$6,533,000,000 in present tax liabilities, yet the treasury expects it to yield \$3,600,000,000 more in the fiscal year 1944 and \$1,094,000,000 more in 1945 than the present law, which would have brought in \$9,500,000,000.

Hence, although on paper from 75 to 100 per cent of each taxpayer's debt to the government was cancelled, actually the highly-disputed "forgiveness" will not save him any money currently.

If his 1942 tax bill was \$50 or less and his income unchanged, he will pay the same amount he would have paid under the existing law. But if he owed the government more than \$50 he must pay all that he would have paid anyway, plus the unabated portion of that debt, which will fall due in equal installments next March 15 and March 15, 1945.

The 20 per cent withholding levy, which applies above exemptions of \$624 a year for a single person, \$1,248 a year for a married person and \$312 for each dependent, is intended to cover only the six per cent normal and 13 per cent first bracket surtax plus the three per cent net victory tax. As a result single persons earning more than \$2,700 a year and married persons whose income exceeds \$3,500—those who fall into the second and higher surtax brackets—will have an additional tax liability, to be estimated and paid in four equal installments.

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—Ivan D. Carson Wednesday was appointed acting deputy administrator of the rent department of the office of price administration, succeeding Paul A. Porter, who resigned Monday to become associate administrator of the war food administration.

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—The Berlin radio, in a special broadcast from Cologne Wednesday night, said that four large British time bombs are known to be still buried in the Cologne cathedral.

### Yanks Attack Islands

#### Trobrind, Woodlark Islands Captured Without Fight

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, July 1—(AP)—Allied land, naval and air forces under the personal direction of General Douglas MacArthur have occupied the Trobrind and Woodlark island groups between New Guinea and the Solomon islands and are attacking the neighboring New Georgia islands and are engaging Japanese land forces near Salamaua on New Guinea, it was announced today.

The occupation of the Trobrind and Woodlark groups was accomplished without opposition, apparently unknown to the enemy, a communique said. In the New Georgia group American forces have successfully landed on both New Georgia and Rendova islands and are engaging the enemy's defenses, it added.

"All elements of ground, naval and air forces are being employed in the closest synchronization," the communique said.

(Announcement of these new landings expanded greatly on the score of the operations in the Southwest Pacific for it followed closely on an earlier navy announcement that American forces had landed on Rendova in the Solomons.)

Fighting was in progress at Nassau bay, a few miles from Salamaua, where American forces affected a landing shortly after midnight on the heels of concentrated bombing by attack planes and medium bombers.

The planes also carried out strafing raids against enemy positions on the bay shore and along the Bitul river," the communique said.

The operations took place during the last 48 hours.

They placed United Nations troops only 12 miles south of Salamaua, and on the Trobrind, Woodlark and New Georgia groups which are between the ex-

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WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—The war labor board foresaw Wednesday the breakdown of all collective bargaining unless labor and industry write binding umpire procedure into their contracts and stop the tendency of running to the board with every grievance.

Emphasizing that the board might find it necessary to order such procedure, vice chairman George W. Taylor remarked at a press conference, "It would be much better for the parties to do that than for the board to do it."

Board members emphasized they were not talking about the negotiation of contracts, but about the interpretation and application of contracts after they are made.

"Collective bargaining," Dr. Taylor said, "is tending to break down because to often the parties say, when a grievance arises, 'Take it to the war labor board.' The board can't handle the vast number of grievances. It can't do it with the limited facilities, and shouldn't do it if it could. One of our jobs is to preserve as much collective bargaining as possible."

### Red Artillery Wipes Out Nazi Charge

LONDON, Thursday, July 1—(AP)—Massed Soviet artillery fire wiped out a company of attacking infantrymen Wednesday in the Leningrad sector, Moscow announced early today, while the German radio suggested that the Black Sea-Caucasus front was stirring once more.

In the air the Red air force maintained a vigil over the long front, where the communist newspaper Pravda said 211 German divisions were concentrated despite allied invasion threats in the west. Nine German planes were declared shot down in the last 24 hours.

The midnight bulletin, recorded by the Soviet monitor, announced that 1,000 German troops were killed during a Soviet air attack on Pakov near the Estonian frontier June 23, when a German military headquarters, munition and fuel dumps, and 12 parked planes were destroyed.

Wednesday's noon communique said Russian scouts had overwhelmed a strongly defended hill in the Kalinin sector below Leningrad, killing 200 Germans, and the midnight bulletin reported scattered fighting on the front west of Moscow and near Belgorod in the south.

Washington, June 30—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren Wednesday termed the Standard Oil-navy department contract for development of the Elk Hills petroleum reserve "illegal" and "strikingly similar" in its provisions to contracts involving in the Teapot Dome oil scandals. He said, however, there was no evidence of fraud in the Elk Hills contract, which was recently abrogated by the navy.

Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littell, who has informed the house public lands committee he also believes the contract was "beyond" the oil scandals of the Harding administration, said Wednesday the navy department had furnished him with an "incorrect" map of the reserve.

"The west boundary of the production area on the map submitted to the committee was in error," Littell stated, "based upon a map submitted to me by the naval petroleum reserve staff."

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### Pinball Law Indictments Dismissed

One grand jury indictment against John Moore and Pop Wolf, allegedly operating pin ball machines, was dismissed from circuit court Wednesday because the indictment filed by District Attorney Miller Hayden failed to state that the machines were the "games of chance" forbidden by a series of Oregon laws passed from 1901 to 1937.

Hayden has made a second motion for indictment to the grand jury charging the same defendants within a second similar charge, it was learned Wednesday.

According to the Oregon code of laws any machine which requires the deposit of money, in a game of chance, and offers prizes of merchandise or slugs to be deposited in the machine is illegal and makes its owner and operator liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

Two high court officials stated Wednesday that 23 jurors were brought to the court house at an expense to the county of approximately \$100 plus the salary of court judges, clerk and other officials, all to try a case which carries a maximum penalty of 1000.

### Fliers Strafe Locomotives

LONDON, June 30—(AP)—Allied fliers on offensive patrols against axis transportation in France and Belgium Wednesday shot up more than 20 locomotives to boost the bag to well over 30 in the last 24 hours.

The air ministry communique said Mustangs, Typhoons and Spitfires participated in these forays, which have played havoc with continental transport services.

Royal Canadian air force "trainbusters" were credited with getting 19 of the "more than 20 locomotives" reported in a supplementary bulletin issued by the air ministry news service.

The bulletin said that two Canadian fliers, Flight Officer A. Collins of Renfrew, Ont., and Flight Officer Frank Hanton of Kenora, Ont., a former minor league hockey professional, damaged 14 of the locomotives in 55 minutes.

"We found the first train a few minutes after we crossed the coast and gave it several long bursts of fire," Collins said. "Throughout the sorties we didn't have a shot fired at us."

"Many people were watching from the fields," Hanton said, "and one or two of them waved."

### Twilight Plan In Operation

#### Evening Parties Pick Valley Cherries to Ease Labor Lack

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
"Twilight cherry picking parties" are all the rage this season. Other sources of harvest labor being exhausted and the supply of cherry pickers still at least 300 short of the demand in the Salem area, this means of meeting the crisis is being stressed by the emergency farm labor service.

Twilight—sufficient light for cherry picking—lasts until 9 p. m. That leaves several hours after most daytime workers' usual quitting time, within which they may contribute substantially to this critical harvest and thereby augment substantially their day's earnings. Groups planning a "twilight cherry picking party" may call the employment service earlier in the day for directions and for such assistance as is possible in the matter of transportation. No buses are available for this program at present.

Representatives of the emergency farm labor service surveyed the situation in Polk county Wednesday and reported that only about one-third of the number of pickers required were on hand in Ernest Brunk's orchard at Brunk's Corner and at Wes Elliott's orchard near Dallas. It was announced that Polk county pickers need not call the emergency farm labor office in Dallas before driving to these orchards since the need for pickers is known. These and other large orchards are threatened with considerable loss from "sunburn" if the cherries are not harvested soon.

The registration lists of volunteer part-time workers obtained by the Salem chamber of commerce are producing a considerable number of cherry pickers, it was reported; for this particular harvest the women's registration is not so productive since many women do not feel (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

### Police Close Five Games At Carnival

Declaring them in violation of the ordinance dealing with gambling and gaming devices, city police "closed" five games operated by the American Legion-sponsored Bryonning carnival Wednesday night in Salem.

The carnival, a feature of the Legion's plans for Salem's Fourth of July celebration, opened Wednesday a five-day stand on Marion street between Front and Commercial, beside Marion square.

Representatives of the concern's management, told by police to cease operations of the baseball throw, moving target, ring over peg and similar games paying off in merchandise, closed them. However, representatives of the Legion maintained that the games were not illegal under the city's ordinance and whispered threats of damage action against the chief of police, who, they said, gave the closure order.

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### Wavell Gets Viscounty

LONDON, Thursday, July 1—(AP)—No. 10 Downing street announced today that King George VI had conferred a viscounty on Field Marshall Sir Archibald P. Wavell as intended when he was appointed the new viceroy of India.

It is understood that Wavell will retain his family name and become Lord Wavell.

### 210th Is Launched

The Singer Hermann, named for an oldtime Oregon congressman, was launched Wednesday by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation; it was the yard's 210th Liberty freighter.

### Oil Coupons Value Put at 10 Gallons

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The coupons are those numbered 1 on the new ration sheets and represent about 1/6 of the household's total heating ration, the office of price administration estimated in making the value announcement.

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