Officials Cite Lafky Reverse On Tax Issue

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Students of the problem suggested Tuesday that there remained one currently - available settlement for both rural and city taxpayers: The city council may approve the issuance of bonds to be considered as part of the water properties' purchase price sufficient to pay the $27,517.05 tax debt principal and may thus wipe from the properties the tax lien.

If Lafky's "rural taxpayer' clients want the county to collect the $12,000, they run the risk of losing the remainder of $27,517.-05. If those "others who have referred this matter to" him for action in 1939 are still interested, they may be able to stop the entire payment. Lafky may take his choice as to which course is advisable.

The county court has no choice, these same students of the problem declared Tuesday, for the court, itself, initiated the movement to collect the principal and forget the interest which has accrued during six years of litigation. Under date of September 28, the court and tax commission jointly addressed a letter to the water commission, calling attention to the decision of the supreme court holding the tax a lien, adding:

"Marion county wishes to be reasonable and fair in the matter. Therefore if the city at an early date will arrange to make full payment of the principal amount of such taxes the county will agree in any reasonable settlement or compromise of the accrued interest charges."

Following conference of a committee from the city council and the water commission with county court and the state tax commission, a letter of November 24, was written including this paragraph:

"Therefore if the City of Salem on or before March 1, 1944, will pay the principal amount of the taxes in question, that is, the sum of $27,517.05, the Marion County Court and the State Tax Commission will agree that such payment will be accepted in full of such tax claim; that all accrued interest thereon will be canceled and that any lien or claim resulting from such taxes will be fully satisfied." The correspondence was again signed by county court and tax commission.

A large share of the principal due, $11,562.21, reverts to the city, while school district No. 24, most of which is within the city limits, would receive $8,179.38. Marion county, which has paid the state tax on the properties, would receive $7,775.46. "Rural taxpayers" interested in obtaining the interest by foreclosing on the $12,000 piece of property might figure for themselves what share of such a sum would go to the county.

Vandegrift Is Marines Chief

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—(AP) Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, veteran of some of the fiercest fighting ever engaged in by the marines in their 168 years of history, today was named commandant of the corps.

President Roosevelt chose the 56--year-old officer to succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, commandant of marines since 1936 who is stepping down from his post after reaching the statutory retirement age of 64. Secretary of the Navy Knox, announcing Vandegrift's appointment to be effective January 1, said Holcomb would return to government service in another capacity soon.

Bi-Partisan Board Backed

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O'Daniel of Texas and Reynolds of North Carolina.

It was the first major contested change put into the service vote bill, threatened by a barrage of floor amendments which would do everything from making technical alterations to scrapping the entire proposal. Most of the amendments are opposed by Senators Lucas (D-Ill) and Green (D-RI) who wrote the bill.

One of these proposals—to exclude merchant seamen from the war ballotting—was rejected by the senate after heated debate.

Fourth Term Has Support, Georgia

DONALSONVILLE, Ga., Nov. 30.—(AP)—Of the first 101 votes counted in a sentiment-sounding presidential preferential primary today in rural Seminole county, 100 favored a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

Joe Johnson, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, said the count was from a single box in the Donalsonville city precinct.

The primary, called by the county's democratic executive committee, asked voters to indicate whether they favored or opposed a fourth term for the president.

Film Actors Show Mettle, Tarawa Fight

WITH THE MARINES AT TARAWA, Nov. 28. – (Delayed) – (AP) – Two former Hollywood actors—Marine Capt. Charles L. Hayward, known to film fans as Louis Hayward, husband of Actress Ida Lupino, and Navy Ensign Eddie Albert—were in the thick of the fighting on Tarawa.

Captain Hayward, in charge of second marine division official movies and still photographs, went ashore the first day. He photographed scenes under fire for three days. Hayward headed a group of official photographers, one of whom was killed. A bullet put a deep dent in the captain's steel helmet.

Albert, known as a bewildered and timid hero in the movies, was a salvage officer in a navy shore party. For several hours, when the fighting was the most intense and the beach was being swept by bullets, he carried wounded to evacuation boats and first aid stations.

Junkers Plot Coup; Allies Aren't Misled

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nazis themselves would not hesitate to promote such promises in order to sow doubt, disunity and complacency among the allies.

The most reliable information from backstairs Germany gives this picture:

The old-line professional soldiers, like Marshal Von Rundstedt and Marshal Von Brauchitsch, and the Junkers are determined to fight on, hopeful of obtaining "reasonable" armistice terms, even though they have despaired of victory.

Their ultimate aim is to wrangle peace terms which will leave enough of German militarism to form the core of a new world conquest attempt under a new fuehrer.

Hence their interest in a reported tri-power conference, on which there still was no official statement today.

Hitler knows of the existence of this group reported ready to attempt his overthrow, but, unable to liquidate it because of its strength, plays it off instead against the nazi party and generals like Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, General Alfred Jodl, General Kurt Zeitzler and Admiral Karl Doenitz, chief of the German fleet.

Tule Hearing Testimony Is Questioned

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 —(AP) Rep. Eberharter (D-Pa.) declared he believed much of the testimony presented to the California senate committee which investigated the disturbances at Tulelake was "hearsay."

At Eberharter's request, Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) will be recalled tomorrow for further questioning by the Dies sub-committee investigating Japanese activities. Engle earlier reviewed the testimony obtained at the California hearing.

Eberharter's request came after Engle had read the testimony that the camp's white personnel had been manhandled during the recent disturbances and that War Relocation Director Dillon S. Myer and other camp officials had been held prisoners by the Japanese during a "well organized" program of disturbance.

"The whole social theory of the (WRA) program," Engle said, stemmed from "national leadership."

Bonga Taken; Japs' Supply Line Severed

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Japanese airdrome on Cape Gloucester, eastward from the New Guinea coast and on the western tip of New Britain island.

In pinning the enemy air force to the ground, 29 Mitchell and Marauder medium bombers escorted by 12 Airacobra fighters dropped 46 tons of explosives, pitting the airstrips and setting fires in supply dumps.

Six Liberator heavy bombers on the same day attacked Manokwari on the northern coast of Dutch New Guinea, doing some damage to shipping in the harbor and bombing Nabire airdrome in the face of anti-aircraft fire.

A half-dozen Mitchells bombed Japanese forward defensive positions in the Empress Augusta bay area on Bougainville island in the North Solomons. United States marines and army troops have been slowly prodding their way through the jungle surrounding the bay beaches, after landing there November 1. No mention was made in today's communique of ground fighting here.

A loaded Japanese barge was destroyed by Navy P-T boats off Molia Point, on the southern tip of Bougainville.

Noteworthy was the absence of mention in today's communique, as well as other recent official announcements, of Japanese air interception to allied bombing forays in the southwest and south Pacific.

Allied airmen ventured the explanation that the enemy's apparent timidity in the skies might be due to lessons learned the hard way after meeting the terrific fire power of our concentrated heavy bomber formations.

The potency of this fire power and dash of allied fighters accounted for 520 enemy planes destroyed in November.

Forts Attack Solingen; Day Raid Success

LONDON, Nov. 30—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses, winding up the Eighth air force's best operational month of the war, bombed the Ruhr city of Solingen by daylight today in the first allied attack on that target, site of a high-grade steel plating mill and a plant making parts for German fighter planes.

The big four-engined American bombers, accompanied over their target by Thunderbolts and Lightnings and covered in withdrawal by RAF, dominion and allied Spitfires and Typhoons, had an unusually strong escort for the mission, which brought the month's total of American heavy bomber attacks from Britain to a record of 11.

Two heavy bombers and five fighters were lost, while seven enemy aircraft were shot down.

While the Eighth air force hit Germany from the west, the Budapest radio said two waves of US bombers flew northward over western Hungary in the direction of Vienna suggesting that Mediterranean-based allied planes might again be striking at industrial Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna.

Solingen, three miles square, is 14 miles southeast of Duesseldorf. It was well known for the manufacture of cutlery and weapons, even in peacetime, and was celebrated in the middle ages for its sword blades.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

There was no odor of alcohol about the almost-handsome man who told me this simple little Thanksgiving story which may do good to the hearts of some of the many hundreds of Salem women who served turkey dinners to families augmented by soldiers far from home:

"My buddy had a bottle of brandy and, it being Thanksgiving day, we thought we'd sort of celebrate. But first thing in the morning, you want coffee, so we came in here, and here we stayed to help Miss Cook with the table." (Here was the Court Street USO, where Miss Jessie Cook, program director, and Adjutant and Mrs. C. H. Thomas and other staff members along with some volunteers had the time of their lives serving a big turkey buffet dinner last Thursday.)

"Then, someone announced that a family here in Salem wanted two soldiers to come to dinner, so we thought that might be nice. Besides we couldn't have a drink here, all these kids around, and so we set out, sort of hoping that we might pour one out there. The minute we got inside the door, I knew it couldn't be done in that household.

"But we stayed. And we had a fine time, were royally treated and made to feel as if we belonged." . . . Here the raconteur went into a side story about how many children there were in the family.

"And so we didn't get a drink at all, but this has been one mighty nice Thanksgiving day. There's my buddy over there."

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As I left the USO canteen that night I noticed that the "buddy" hadn't had any of the brandy either, Friendship and foster family had provided sufficient warmth?

Some Rents Up; Control Office Opens

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charge therefore, it shall be the duty of the landlord to segregate the charge made for room and for meals, and the maximum rent for such room shall be in accordance with previous subjections of this section.

Provisions are made in the ordinance for adjustment of rents either up or down, following registration of properties, and upon investigation by the committee.

Mrs. Herman Estes, executive secretary of the rent control committee, announced Tuesday that she would receive registrations from 9 to 4:30 each week day at the committee's offices.

Russians Lose Rail Junction

Fall Back at Key Point in Kiev Area But Gain Elsewhere

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ions — perhaps 120,000 men — to join the already powerful German forces who had been storming Russian lines in the area for two weeks. Some of these divisions, Moscow said, came from Italy, Greece and Norway.

But the Russians forged gains to the north and south, though at a less spectacular pace than on previous days.

Northwest of Gomel the Russians made advances despite stiffened German resistance which included 15 counterattacks in 24 hours. Breaking these, the Russians continued their advance, leaving 1500 German dead.

East End Nazi Line Smashed

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munique reported that the enemy's defenses on Sangro ridge had been penetrated and the bridgehead across the Sangro river enlarged to a depth of four miles and a width of 12 miles in the face of desperate German resistance.

Swept up in the Eighth army's churning advance through the mud were seven villages and the town of Mozzagrogna, the latter four miles northwest of the Sangro and some seven miles inland from the sea. Montgomery's spearheads at last reports were only about 22 miles from the important Adriatic seaport of Pescara, whence a major highway cuts directly across the Italian peninsula to Rome.

A deadly artillery and aerial bombardment rolled ahead of Montgomery's infantry — a barrage so incessant and earth - shaking that many troops of the crack 65th nazi divisions were rendered "bomb happy" and fell easy prisoners.

Fighting at the Eighth army's second bridgehead across the Sangro opposite the town of Archi, 13 miles inland, apparently had moderated for the time being while the main blow was being struck nearer the sea.

American units of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army, meanwhile fought their way forward one mile on an inland sector of the line to seize the town of Castelnuovo, northwest of Montaquila. Fighting in this area was described as heavy, with the nazis' artillery bombardments increasing in violence in apparent expectation of a major attack by Clark's forces.

Famed Skipper Of Subs Missing

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30—(AP) Lt. Comdr. Dudley W. "Mush" Morton, famed United States submarine skipper, is missing in action, his wife said tonight she had been advised by the navy department.

Comdr. Morton, whose submarine wiped out a Japanese convoy in action in the Pacific last spring and who had at least 19 enemy ships to his credit, was only 36 years old.

Father Draft In January Will Be Heavy

Selective service will make its first major call upon Oregon pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in January when between 30 and 50 per cent of the men called will be in this classification, it was disclosed Tuesday by Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director.

"Unpleasant as they may be we must face the facts," Wooton declared. "We have got to provide our quota of men and there aren't enough childless men left."

Wooton said the rejection rate is running high with more than 35 per cent of all draftees being rejected on physical grounds.

"Fathers always have been at the bottom of the list," Wooton continued, "and we have drafted only a few of them since such action was authorized in October. Up to this time we have had a sufficient number of single and childless men to fill most of the draft calls."

Wooton said boys who are becoming 18, and thus subject to draft, aggregate only about 20 per cent of the state's quota each month. Thirty per cent of the draftees are men in essential industries who are being replaced while 20 per cent are men whose occupational deferments expire.

First Parley Results to Be Released Soon

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virtually word for word the Reuters story, which follows in full:

"LISBON, Nov. 30 -(Reuters)- President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have already completed a long conference in Cairo and are now en route to somewhere in Persia to meet Premier Stalin, it is known here definitely.

"Generalissimo Chiang Kai - Shek took part in the conference and will also meet Stalin.

"A communique agreed on after the Cairo conference will be published later this week. The three statesmen met on one occasion in a tent in the shadow of the pyramids.

"During the conference Cairo was cut off from communications with the rest of the world. Roosevelt and Chiang Kai-Shek, who was accompanied by Madame Chiang, traveled to Cairo by air while Churchill traveled by sea."

Willkie Gives Four-Point National Plan

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 30—(AP) Wendell L. Willkie tonight outlined a four-point governmental program which he urged the republican party to consider for the 1944 campaign:

1. Modification of income taxes "so that the ordinary fellow may have enough 'seed corn' to plant the 'corn of tomorrow'."

2. Formulation of a regulatory system that will not dam the flow of capital.

3 Changing the relationship of government toward the people "so that people will feel responsibility toward the government, rather than think of it as a grab bag for what they can get out of it."

4. Restoration of "the moral aspects of American life and government."

South May Be Left Out, Coal Parley

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 — (AP) The United Mine Workers and most of the nation's soft coal producers decided today to negotiate a wage contract without the participation of southern producers.

In the presence of Secretary Ickes, who made another appeal for speed, John L. Lewis and the northern and western operators voted to meet tomorrow morning to write a contract based on the Ickes-Lewis formula.

The Southern Coal Producers association and Alabama Commercial Producers were the only major groups refusing to negotiate on that basis.

It was understood that the representative of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company asked for more time to announce his vote, and that all other coal associations including the northern "captives" (steel company-owned) voted with the contract.

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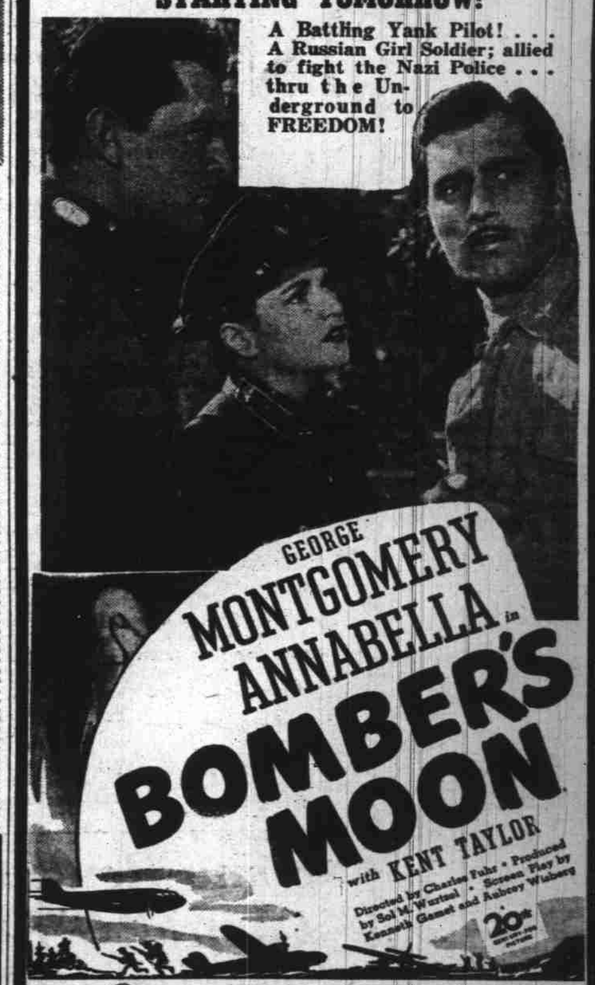
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