

Three Subjects Fill Docket For Congress

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Legislation can be disposed of by June 15.

It seems unlikely now that legislation to simplify income tax statutes will come on the firing line before autumn. The House ways and means committee has approved the principles of simplification, which if made law would not be effective until 1945.

The OPA and general home front economics embody the biggest issue, with Senator Butler (R-Neb.) and Rep Wolcott (R-Mich.) ready with attempts to ban consumer subsidies by attaching a rider to the price control act. President Roosevelt has been able only by the use of his veto power to turn back two previous congressional uprisings against the subsidies which the administration insists it needs to hold its anti-inflation line.

Rain Improves Winter Wheat Crop Prospects

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Marked improvement in winter wheat prospects due to good rains was noted today by the agriculture department in estimating a 1944 crop of 601,759,000 bushels on the basis of April 1 conditions, or 72,153,000 bushels more than last year's production.

A gain of 175,000,000 bushels over last fall's prospects was seen. The most important change during the winter was in western Kansas and the adjoining wheat sections in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado, where precipitation offset a moisture deficiency of last fall.

Nebraska was regarded as still in the balance, survival of the weakened plants being more uncertain and the outcome depending more on subsequent rainfall than in the territory from Kansas south.

The crop producing areas of the country, however, have had the wettest March since 1922, the department said, adding that either frequent rains or snows have delayed farm work in nearly all states. Only in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and in the northern two-thirds of California the winter drought has not been relieved, and prospects for crops and ranges are quite uneven "and locally discouraging," the report said.

A seeded yield of 12.8 bushels of winter wheat per acre is indicated as of April 1, a half bushel above the 1933-43 average and a bushel less than last year.

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Garden Clubs Slate Spring Flower Show

Lobby of the YMCA will be profuse with color and heavy with spring scent Thursday night when garden clubs of the city present a camellia and an early spring flower show in conjunction with a no-host supper. The flower show will open at 6:30 o'clock and the supper will get under way at 6:45.

Special features by the Salem Men's Garden club at 7:45 will be a discussion of camellias by C. L. McDonald, a talk on landscaping of home grounds by S. A. Doerfler and some facts on tuberous begonias as contributed by Dr. Daniel H. Schultze.

Prizes will be awarded for best show exhibitions and best club attendance record.

All garden club members and other interested persons are invited to attend and bring own flower arrangements. Each person is asked to bring individual table service.

The supper will be in charge of lady members of the various garden clubs.

New Roseburg Sawmill Starts Cutting Lumber

ROSEBURG, April 10 (AP)—A sawmill erected here by the defense plant agency began cutting lumber today for military needs.

Operated by the Young's Bay Lumber company, the mill will turn out material for crating and boxing for the duration, and will be operated by the company after the war. It will cut about 200,000 board-feet daily when maximum production is attained several weeks hence.

Spars Marvel At Escape From Death

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ter park ski area on the western slope.

Victims of the Colorado mountain storm were taking their plight in stride tonight. Food was at a premium, pending the return of soldier rescue workers, and was a repetition of breakfast and lunch—hamburgers and coffee. The fuel supply, however, was still ample. A number of babies and small children enjoyed the experience by sleeping, while their elders washed diapers, tended fires and did other emergency chores. The youngsters, in fact, were the only ones completely relaxed.

DENVER, April 10 (AP)—Central Colorado's second heavy spring snowstorm marooned 34 persons atop a continental divide pass today, indirectly killed a woman in Pueblo and a man near Trinidad, and tore down thousands of power and telephone lines in Pueblo and Greeley.

Thirty-one adults and three babies trapped last night near the summit of Berthoud pass 60 miles west of Denver took shelter today in a long, wooden ski hut at the top of the 11,314-foot pass. By midday they had consumed most of the food—hamburgers, cheese sandwiches and coffee—available at the small inn on top of the pass.

Soldiers training for Arctic rescue missions transported medical supplies and water to the group by snow vehicle from their camp at Echo lake this morning and planned to haul up food and blankets tonight.

Lt. J. R. Kennedy, an army medical officer stranded with the others while on his way from Salt Lake City to Salina, Kans., working all last night and today, administering to frostbites and caring for a WAVE officer, Lt. Helen Durfee of Denver, who suffered a possible spinal fracture when the car in which she was riding was swept 150 yards down a mountainside by an avalanche.

In southern Colorado, Mabel Gomez, 23, was electrocuted instantly in Pueblo when she stepped on a "live" power wire today and Nick Villani of Trinidad was killed last night when his auto left a highway in a heavy fog that preceded a 15-inch snowfall.

India Battle Centering Near Kohima

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Britain campaign opened last December 15."

A New Delhi communique reported hard fighting in the Kohima sector, 35 miles from the Bengal-Assam rail lifeline, after the British and Indian defenders bested a strong Japanese attack and "eliminated" a Nippon penetration of the town's outer fortifications.

The Japanese claimed occupation of Kohima April 6.

The Berlin radio quoted a Japanese spokesman as saying the capture of Imphal is a matter only of days.

Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal, has been under siege since last Friday by Japanese forces that invaded from the Burma border, 30 miles eastward.

The invaders were closing steadily on Imphal from both east and south. Japanese pressure from the south was increasing.

A Pearl Harbor fleet headquarters announcement Monday told of the American air raids in the central Pacific Saturday. Ponape and Oroluk islands in the Carolines were hit. The Ponape air field was a target. Fire bombs were unloaded on Oroluk.

Army, marine and navy planes lashed for Japanese positions in the Marshalls with 48 tons of bombs, hitting runways and starting fires.

All the raiders returned to their bases.

Textile Mills' Week Longer

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The war manpower commission tonight ordered a minimum 48-hour work week in the cotton textile industry, effective May 14.

Manufacturing of "narrow fabrics," such as shoe strings, ribbons and hat bands, is not affected by the order. It applies to all other cotton textile manufacturing—yarns and broad fabrics—including supporting activities such as office workers on the mill premises.

Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt announced he signed the order at the request of both labor and the industry.

Many mills are already on a 48-hour week, especially in the tight labor areas, and possibly three-fourths of the industry now is on the longer week in its bottle-necked departments.

McNutt said, however, that a continuing decline in production makes it necessary to apply the order throughout the country.

Three other industries now are on a mandatory 48-hour week, steel, lumbering and non-ferrous metal mining and milling.

Avila Camacho Escapes Death From Assailant

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he descended from his automobile in the national palace. He saluted and then fired one shot which missed. The man in question was disarmed, arrested and sent to the military prison for investigation. Several documents from Nazi sources were found in his possession.

The man, in the uniform of an artillery lieutenant, waited in the "patio of honor" of the palace until the president arrived a little before 10 a.m. He saluted as the president's black, closed car entered the patio and stopped.

As the president left his car, the assailant advanced and saluted again. The president, thinking he wanted to speak to him, waited until the man was near. The man drew a .45 caliber automatic and fired one shot. The bullet pierced the president's coat and vest at the level of his chest, but did not touch him.

Before the man could fire again, the president seized him and disarmed him. The president then ordered the man brought to his office and himself took him by an arm. President Avila Camacho, his doctor who came to the palace with him, guards and the prisoner all rode the elevator together to the presidential offices.

The president questioned the man about the reasons for the attempt. Later the man was turned over to military authorities and the president continued with his list of appointments for the day.

Supreme Court Throws Out Florida Law

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The supreme court today ruled unconstitutional a Florida law making it criminal for a person to obtain money by a fraudulent promise to perform labor.

In a 7-2 opinion delivered by Justice Jackson, the court declared the law violates the 13th amendment (prohibiting involuntary servitude) and the federal anti-peonage statute.

The case involved Emanuel Pollock of Brevard county, Fla., whom the court described as an illiterate negro. Pollock pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining \$5 from J. V. D'Albora with a promise to work which he failed to carry out. He was fined \$20 for each dollar of the five, and in default of payment was sentenced to serve in jail at the rate of less than nine cents a day until the debt was discharged.

The court's opinion said the unquestionable aim of the 13th amendment and the anti-peonage act "was not merely to end slavery but to maintain a system of completely free and voluntary labor."

In another case, the court ruled 8 to 0 (Chief Justice Stone not participating) that the national labor relations board could order a company to bargain with a union which had lost its majority among the firm's employees after the company "wrongfully" refused to bargain.

Involved were the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Franks Bros. company of Lawrence, Mass. The union at one time claimed a membership of 45 of the company's 80 production and maintenance employees. The company refused to negotiate and the board accused the company of unfair labor practices. During subsequent proceedings, the union's membership dropped to 33 but the board nevertheless directed the company to bargain with the union.

Justice Black's opinion said the board "might well think" that it did not adopt this type of remedy. "Recalcitrant employers might be able, by continued opposition to union members, indefinitely to postpone performance of their statutory obligation."

Choir Sings At Sunrise

The blue-robed Presbyterian choir led by the director, Virginia Ward Elliott, came from the nearby church to take part in the Sunrise Easter service on the steps of the Oregon capitol building. The choir sang "Christ the Lord is Risen." Organ music was provided with an electric organ.

The crowd which came out to attend the service was not as large as in previous years but was encouraging to the Tri-Y and Hi-Y groups which sponsored this year's service in cooperation with the Ministerial association.

Dr. Henry Marcotte, Presbyterian minister, gave the Easter sermon closing with a prayer.

Roosevelt Off On Vacation To Southland

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chill-Roosevelt conference speculation. The trip apparently means that any conference with Churchill in the immediate future is out.

The formal announcement issued at the White House said also that correspondents for the Associated Press, United Press associations and International News Service who regularly cover the president also had left Washington but that their news reports would not be published until the chief executive returns.

Reds Capture Odessa, Kill 5500 Germans

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sky avenged one of the bitterest Russian defeats of the war. It was a surprisingly easy triumph which found the Germans fleeing along the coastal road 18 miles southwest of Ovidiopol, ferry terminus on the four-mile-wide Dniestr estuary opposite lower Bessarabia.

The Russians rolled on after them, hoping to crush a large segment of the army which did not risk a last ditch stand. Berlin said Odessa had been wrecked before the axis evacuation.

The communique announced the capture of Alexandropol, six miles from Ovidiopol, as the Russians sought to annihilate the axis remnants pinned against the coast.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's second army invading Rumania has picked up 35 miles since Saturday, said the Moscow bulletin. Its upper wing was within 35 miles of Hungarian-held Transylvania with the capture of Suceva, 19 miles northwest of Suceava, whose fall also was reported.

These troops were striking westward on both sides of the Dardanelles - Budapest railway leading to Campulung and over the Carpathian mountains into Hungary. Radauti, another of Bucovina's largest cities, also was among the 150 seized on a 50-mile front between Radauti and Liteni, which is 12 miles southeast of Suceava.

Konev's lower group, which has half-encircled the Romanian city of Iasi, overran 30 more localities, including Targu-Frumos, a station 27 miles west of Iasi and 16 miles from Pacsani, where the line meets the Cernaui-Bucharest trunkrailway.

Vultur, four miles northwest of impelled Iasi, also was seized, and in the wheeling movement southward toward the Danube the Russians also took Goesti, 20 miles west of Iasi and four miles south of the broken east-west axis communications between Iasi and Pacsani.

Moscow's bulletin did not mention Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first army attacking along the Czech-Slovak border north-west of Konev's forces, but Premier-Marshall Stalin sent a message to Eduard Benes, president of the provisional Czech government in London, saying "I am sure the common struggle of our peoples against our common enemy will lead soon to the restoration of freedom and independence of the Czech-Slovak republic."

Stalin's message, broadcast by Moscow, was a reply to Benes' congratulations on the breakthrough to the frontier by the Red army and a Czech brigade attached to it.

A Soviet midnight bulletin said the Germans were suffering heavy casualties all along the 500-mile front from the Crimea to the Czech border. One Red army formation alone killed 1500 Germans and captured 600 in two days of fighting in Romania, it said.

Another block of 1500 Germans were wiped out in the Skala river above the Middle Dniestr river during the day, Moscow said, boosting to 20,400 the announced total of Germans killed in seven days.

Anzacs Tell Why Army Numbers Cut

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tralian news and information bureau said:

"About 60 per cent of the Australian working population is engaged in the services or in war work. There is complete military and industrial conscription and the present re-allocation of manpower has been made in close consultation with the allied high command to keep the Australian contribution to the United Nations' war effort at its effective maximum."

It is to be given in Brush College community club night, Friday, April 14, and there will be no admission charge. A general invitation is extended.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

When Kenneth Talmage out in our shop blossomed out in a new bright blue eyeshade we were torn between two explanations: Either Kenny thought the new Easter headgear custom should apply to men as well as women (and we agree with Ralph Cooley and Holly Huntington that it should) or he was preparing to leave us to go to work in the Marion county sheriff's office. Over there I shade my eyes now when I walk through the door.

That office has been going through the throes of spring cleaning.

All the time we knew it was the feminine inspiration, but it does seem a bit strange that the windows should be washed, the black-out shades piled off, the walls calcosmained and the woodwork painted within a single month!

Andy Burk just grins when we ask him if he's cleaning the place in preparation for a republican sheriff.

We have it on good authority that there are to be new curtains in the ancient high-ceilinged room, and surely that's not to be done for the sake of Alma (her name is Alma Johnson and she's the efficient new office deputy).

It may be that Andy is just getting his headquarters ready for a good clean campaign: A sort of second and fresher front, as it were! A brighter background for the new campaign picture. But, what about economy? Two buckets of calcosmine, at least a half gallon of paint, the services of a painter (they borrowed the ladders), some bon ami, all this plus new eyeshades for all the deputies—add it up, taxpayers, add it up!

Kaiser Yards Waste Labor Charges Solon

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—As a "partial revelation" of reasons for the west coast labor shortage, Rep. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) says that it takes six times as many men at the Kaiser shipyard to make copper fixtures for cargo vessels as it formerly took a separate firm to do the same job.

Kefauver's statements were contained in a news letter to constituents based on a recent trip to the west coast with the house small business committee. The news letter was made public here today.

He wrote that "a good example of how much more efficient small business can be in certain types of production" was evident in the case of a small San Francisco plant making fixtures for Kaiser, supplying them as fast as ships were built.

"Recently the Kaiser yards decided they would prefer doing this same work themselves instead of sub-contracting," Kefauver stated. "It is reported that Kaiser now employs 150 people to do the same work that 26 did before in the small plant."

Kefauver also said the west coast shipyard manpower situation had been aggravated both by management and labor, the former due to "hoarding and over-estimating employment needs" and the latter by "blocking" attempts to utilize best the available workmen.

Saying it was estimated that three-fourths of the manpower problem in the Los Angeles area could be wiped out by a "mere rearrangement of shifts in the shipbuilding industry," Kefauver charged that shipyard worker unions are blocking maritime commission action on a recommended change from three eight-hour shifts to two 10-hour shifts, which, he declared, would "work more efficiently."

Minstrel Show To Be Presented

BRUSH COLLEGE — The annual Spring Dance Revue which the teachers of Brush College school, Miss Truall Grant and Miss Muriel Kaster and the pupils plan will be supplemented with a negro minstrel show this year, an innovation for the school.

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Newberg Thief Reforms; Returns Stolen Money

NEWBERG, April 10 (AP)—The thief who stole \$13 from the Houser Lumber company cash register apparently reformed.

Employees came to work to find thirteen \$1 bills shoved neatly under the front door.

One Killed, Five Injured At Hospital

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He was transferred to the Oregon hospital because he was an Oregon resident.

Another was Robert Jensen, received at the hospital from Wasco county on March 12, 1940, where he murdered a farmer by the name of Donville and buried the body in an orchard.

The trouble started when three hospital attendants, Andrew Trimpey, in charge of the criminal insane ward, and Oliver Shirman and George Benson, at 8:10 a. m., launched a search of the criminal insane patients for a castiron part of a bed which was discovered missing.

Wakefield, armed with a black-jack, attacked the three attendants and struck them glancing blows on the head. Trimpey countered with a piece of wood and Wakefield fell to the floor unconscious. The other patients in the ward were then subdued and locked in cells. The attendants escaped without serious injuries.

Dr. Evans said the black-jack was made of the missing bed part, wrapped in two pairs of heavy socks and tied at either end with a strong string.

Officials declared it was evident that the patients had designed the black-jack with a view of attempting to escape and that the search for the bed part provided them with the opportunity.

A complete investigation of the affair will follow, Dr. Evans said.

Women Give USO Trouble

PORTLAND, April 10 (AP)— If it could solve its woman problems, the USO would have easier sailing, a national officer said here today.

The women, enlisted personnel and service wives, are causing sleepless nights—the former because there aren't adequate facilities for them around entertainment centers, the latter because there aren't adequate facilities for caring for them, said Dr. Lindsay F. Kimball, national vice president of the recreation organization.

The volunteer hostesses, Dr. Kimball said, are jealous of the WACS, WAVES, SPARS and other feminine service personnel. The remedy, he said, would be establishment of all-woman centers, where the girls could relax, in uniform or out, and could pick up an individual date if they wanted one.

Service wives need attention, such as being found jobs, dwelling places, and care for children.

The USO is attempting to cure both headaches, Dr. Kimball said.

Air Forces Hit Europe Day, Night

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forays by British bombers last night.

Tonight this latest phase of the serial battle of Europe was continuing. In the last English dusk two more bomber formations were seen sweeping across Dover strait toward northern France.

American Liberators and Fortresses in today's daylight operations bombed those much-pounded "military objectives" in the Pas-de-Calais area; aircraft repair works at Evreux and Villvorde and the airfield at Melsbroek near Brussels; a plane factory at Bourges 115 miles south of Paris and an airfield at Orleans, 60 miles south of Paris.

For the first time in weeks the Nazis threw their coastal fighter defenses into action. Escorting fighters shot down seven. Some 40 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and those shot down by the bombers remained to be tabulated.

Many other targets besides those listed felt the sting of the American attack. Among them was the Hasselt railway yards due east of Brussels which were strafed by Mustang fighters. Marauder mediums and Thunderbolt fighter-bombers had hit them Saturday.

The US ninth air force announced that its Marauder medium bombers had completed their "biggest day of operations" not only bombing military objectives in northern France in 11 waves but also two Belgian railway yards and the Coxyde, Belgium, airfield under the cover of the ninth's Thunderbolts and Mustangs and RCAF Spitfires. Coxyde last was hit by Marauders Saturday.

Almost 350 sorties (individual plane flights) in one day were made by Marauders on March 26 when they dumped more than 600 US tons of bombs on the Nazi E-boat nest at Imuiden, and it was assumed today's sorties exceeded this figure.

RAF Spitfire fighter-bombers joined in the day's widespread assaults, stabbing at military objectives in northern France, while fighters of an RCAF Spitfire unit swept over France on offensive patrols.

The heavy formations struck in clear weather and were home before noon. But long before that a force of about 200 Marauder mediums began a swift series of attacks against military objectives on the northern coast of France.

They bombed in 11 waves at 20 minute intervals and spent an average of only two minutes over enemy territory. Flak was intense but the bombs apparently exploded several ammunition dumps. Neither the Marauders nor their escort suffered loss.

Mitchells and Bostons of the British tactical air force escorted by Spitfires bombed railway yards at Charleroi in Belgium "this evening," it was announced.

In a reassessment of the damage done to the Messerschmitt 109 assembly plant at Regensburg in the joint US eighth and 15th air force attack in February, army

headquarters announced that seven of the 10 large assembly plant buildings were almost entirely demolished, four medium work shops were nearly or wholly wrecked, a powerhouse was almost destroyed and five wings of a large barracks building were partly demolished.

Latest photographs, taken almost six weeks after the attack, carried out by planes based both in Britain and the Mediterranean theatre, indicated the Germans had made little or no attempt to clear the debris.

New Mexico Leads In Trade Gains

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (AP)—New Mexico led far western states' trade, with a 15 per cent gain in February over the 1943 month, and was second to Florida, which had a 25 per cent increase, a census bureau survey of 34 states showed today.

Montana had a 9 per cent gain and ranked fourth in the 34-state list. Wyoming, third among western states with a 7 per cent rise, was seventh.

Other western states: Idaho up 6 per cent, 8th nationally; Washington up 3, 12th; California up 3, 13th; Oregon up 3, 15th.

The survey was based on reports from nearly 19,000 stores, whose month's business exceeded \$267,000,000.

Salvador Revolters Executed Monday

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, April 10 (AP)—Ten army officers who participated in an abortive revolt last week against the government of President Gen. Maxmiliano Hernandez Martinez were executed in the police barracks here today.

Among them were Alfonso Marroquin, commander of the first regiment infantry, which revolted; Col. Tito Calvo, commander of Acajula post, and Maj. Julio Faustino Sosa, second chief of military aviation.

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