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Admiral on Trial

This week the French Committee of National Liberation in Algiers will supervise the trial of a French admiral in a special court established to review his complicity with the Germans in handing over the French war vessels in Tunis to them at the start of the African invasion in November, 1942.

The admiral's name is Derrien, and he will have to answer to the charge before a court composed of three high-ranking naval officers, and two French civil judges regularly connected with the appeals courts of Algiers and Rabat. It will not be a court martial, but, as in the case of Pucheu and other collaborators recently tried, a civil tribunal prepared to pass upon treason to the French state.

The particular case, as a matter of fact, is not so important as the motivating principleone of determination, on the part of the French committee, to proceed with "purge" trials of strongly suspected former collaborators with the German occupying forces, even before the invasion of metropolitan France. The French feel that the testimony of people now in North Africa, and such documentary material as they have there in the cases thus far called to court, are sufficient upon which a just and legal decision can be made.

Derrien is charged with turning his ships over to the Germans in spite of strict orders to sink them in case of attempted confiscation by the nazis. At Toulon, at the same time that his complicity is alleged to have occurred, another French admiral, de la Borde, did sinks his vessels rather than surrender them. Derrien, however, heeded the persuasion of a certain Admiral Platon, then a secretary in Marshal Petain's cabinet, and allowed the swastika banner to fly over previously French ships.

If the evidence is as strong as it appears, and the court as strict as in the Pucheu case and that of Col. Castigini, both of whom were recently executed in consequence of verdicts of guilty, Derrien can expect short shrift, and the Committee of Liberation will have one less problem to settle. As to the absolute legality of the proceedings-well, there was nothing legal about Germans using French ships.

Simplified Tax Returns

Let the public become sufficiently aroused over some governmental operation, as was the case when a great majority of income taxpayers groaned as they struggled with the vexatious paper work in connection with the 1943 tax return, and relief generally is forthcoming.

As a direct response to the thousands of protesting letters which piled high on each congressman's desk shortly after the recent taxpaying period, the house ways and means committee buckled down and produced a bill which, to say the least is a vast improvement over previous tax laws.

And when this bill came up for final passage in the house, it was passed by the overwhelming vote of 358 to 0, the first time in our history a tax bill has been passed in the house of representatives without opposition.

In place of our present victory tax of 3 per cent of gross incomes over \$624 per year, a new normal tax of 3 per cent is levied on net incomes over \$500. The present normal tax of 6 per cent and the surtax beginning at 13 per cent are combined into a single surtax, with

rates beginning at 20 per cent. The bill also substitutes uniform personal

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Copyright 1944 by the Associated Press

The first monsoon rains are falling on the India-Burma front, bolstering Admiral Lord Mountbatten's apparent belief that the Japanese "invasion" of eastern India is not only stymied but is facing

Within a week the full weight of the monsoon will develop. For the next three months it will halt active military operations everywhere in Burma except in the upper Irrawaddy valley where the monsoon rainfall is only a fraction of that in the India-Burma border sector.

Authorized British military commentators in his country attribute Mountbatten's withdrawal of his forces from Buthidaung on the Arakan front in Burma to the approaching monsoon. It represents the end of the campaign to recapture Akyob until the rainy season passes, but this time British troops have fallen back only into the hills above the town.

Their mission in any case, according to General Horace S. Sewell, was "primarily diversionary," to take enemy weight off the main allied operations in Burma, General Stilwell's Chinese-American drive to link up Ledo road communications with

the old Burma route to China. And it is in that sector, on the upper Irrawaddy, that monsoon rains will least affect operations. The average fall in the valleys of northeastern Burma is less than 100 inches compared to 250 inches during the monsoon months in Arakan and as much as 400 inches in the area through which the

Japanese forces advanced into India. The failure of that desperate enemy gamble with the monsoon in an effort to delay Stilwell's advance is arousing concern in Tokyo. It was reflected in a recent Nipponese broadcast beamed to Germany repeating a warning that American air forces in China are being strengthened to "raid

the Japanese mainland as well as cut off the Jap-anese supply line with the southern region."

The broadcast, as reported by the office of war information, has several angles of interest. It said "advance bases" of the American 14th (China) air force are located in southern and central Kwangzi province and are expanding. Some Jap-anese were reported to "believe" that American ibers" were to be assigned to General Clair Chennault for use against Japan and China

If that is so, the conclusion drawn by the Tokyo account is soundly based. It means that failure to halt Stilwell's operations or seriously delay him by the frustrated India "invasion" does expose Japanese China sea traffic and bases along the China coast itself, in French Indo-China and in the Philippines to stepped-up air blasting. The Japanese offensive in Honan province far to the north can do little to prevent it.

exemptions of \$500 per person in place of the existing system of exemptions. For example, a husband will be allowed an exemption of \$500 for himself; \$500 for his wife and \$500 for each other dependent.

The definition of dependents is also simplified. Instead of the present requirement that a dependent must be under 18 or mentally or physically incapable of self-support, the bill defines a dependent as any close relation for whom the taxpayer furnishes over half the support and who is not himself required to file

Also in the interest of simplification, taxpayers would be permitted to make standard deductions of 10 per cent of gross income, in lieu of allowable specific deductions for charitable contributions, taxes, etc. For incomes above \$5000, a flat deduction of \$500 would be per-

By these changes, it would become possible to determine the amount of taxes due with comparative ease, especially in the income brackets below \$5000. After the first year, members of the ways and means committee have asserted that approximately 30 million taxpayers would be relieved of computing their

These changes, made for the purpose of simplification, will necessarily cause some shift in tax burdens, but the general effect will be decrease the payments of individuals with large families and somewhat increase the payments of taxpayers with small families, a move to which no one could offer valid objection.

The bill is now in the hands of the senate and some changes may be expected although it seems almost certain that the features providing simplification of tax returns will remain when the bill is finally enacted into law.

Draft Confusion

Conflicting regulations coming from Washington, concerning draft deferments are working a definite hardship on men who are within the draft age limits.

First comes an order from the president to tighten deferments and next comes an announcement that men over 26 years of age and in vital war work will not be called. The heads of selective service and the manpower commission issue different instructions with the result that members of draft boards are themselves at a loss to know what to do next.

The recent order to halt induction of men over twenty-six who are employed in essential jobs, with daily revisions of orders and instructions to draft boards emanating from Washington, provoked Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio to declare:

"The time has come for the administration to quit playing fast and loose with the existence of our own citizens and their families. It is utterly ridiculous at this stage of the war to have married men telling their families goodbye, giving up their jobs, and selling their businesses, only to be told the next day it was all a mistake and they will not be needed; that they can go back home and pick up the scattered threads of their lives-but not securely for they might be called again on a moment's notice. Such confusion is not only harmful to public morale, but also must be a detriment to constancy in war production."

The time has arrived when some common sense should be injected into the draft program. Surely it would be no insurmountable task to make all draft classifications clear, definite and permanent; keep them that way unless a truly great emergency arose; end the confusion of all men of draft age, and allow the nation to get on with winning the war.

Breach of Trust

From early childhood we, in this country, are taught to respect our public officials and to look upon members of police departments as

In the great majority of cases, men chosen to serve the public so live and act that this trust is not misplaced. But when we read in the news columns of the Cheyenne, Wyoming, mayor and three members of his police department being convicted of accepting a bribe, the news is nothing less than shocking.

In the Cheyenne case, justice was meted out without undue delay. The mayor of the town drew a seven to ten year prison sentence, while the guilty policemen also were sentenced to prison for varying terms.

The specific charge against the men was that of "soliciting and accepting \$100 on two occasions" from a cafe proprietor for "protec-

Fortunate it is that betrayal of public trust is rare and equally fortunate is the swift punishment of the Cheyenne mayor and police officers who so lightly valued their duty to the citizens of their town.

Vigilance at Home

Partial destruction by fire of the town of Mapleton near the coast last Saturday and a slash fire which threatened a large forested area of Lane county bring into sharp focus the need of constant vigilance against fire-a most potent force of destruction.

For several years past Oregon has been most fortunate in having weather conditions unfavorable to the spread of forest fires. Another factor that certainly held down fire losses in the timbered areas of our state is the excellent fire fighting organization built up by State Forester Nels Rogers.

Destruction of timber by fire is more than an economic loss. We are in war. Lumber is a vital need of the armed forces. Every acre of trees swept down by fire brings a distinct vic-

tory to our enemy. Not everyone is in a position to participate in fire fighting but certainly everyone who tra-vels through the wooded areas or enters a for-est can do his or her part by ever remembering that carelessness with fire may result in hampering our war effort.



Growing Time in Europe

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM—WEDNESDAY—1399 Kc 6:30—It's The Truth. 6:45—News. 7:00—News. 7:15—Farm & Home Program. 7:30—Shady Valley. 7:45—Morning Moods. 8:00—Dr. Talbot. 8:30—Orchestra. 8:45—Wax Shop. 9:00—Booke Carter. 9:15—Pastor's Call. 9:30—News. 9:45—Bob Hamilton. 10:00—News. 10:15—Jack Berch. 10:30—Luncheon with Lopez. 10:45—Bartal Orch. KSLM-WEDNESDAY-1399 Kc. 10:45—Bartal Orch.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Songs of Service.
11:30—Skyline Serenade.
11:45—Around Town. 12:00—Organalities. 12:15—News. 12:30—Hillbilly Serv 1:00—News. 1:05—Spotlight on Rhythm. 1:15—Afternoon Melodies. 1:30—True Detective. 2:00—News. 2:05—Broadway Band Wagon. 2:15—Don Lee Newsreel. 2:45—Radio Tours. 3:00—News. 3:05—Concert Hour. 3:45-Johnson Family. 3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis.
4:15—News.
4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
4:45—Roundup Revelers.
5:00—Marche Militaire.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Dinner Melodies.
5:45—Gordon Burke.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
6:15—Nick Carter. KOAC-WEDNESDAY-550 Ke. 6:15—Nick Carter.
6:30—First Nighter.
7:00—Todd Grant.
7:15—War Commentary.
7:20—Interlude.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Would You Believe It?
8:15—Jan Garber. :00-News. 9:15-Cecil Brown. 9:15—Cecil Brown.
9:30—Fulton Lewis.
9:45—Music.
10:00—Beyond Victory.
10:15—Merle Pitt.
10:30—News.
10:45—Music.
11:00—Sign Off.

KGW-NBC-WEDNESDAY-620 Ke. 4-00—Dawn Patrol.
5-55—Labor News.
6-00—Mirth and Madness.
6-30—News Parade.
6-55—Labor News.
7-00—Journal of Living.
7-15. News. 8:00—Stars of Today. 8:15—James Abbe Covers the News 8:30—Music. 8:30—Music.
8:45—David Harum.
9:00—Personality Heur.
10:00—Music
10:15—Ruth Forbes.
10:30—News.
10:45—Art Baker's Notebook
11:00—The Guiding Light.
11:15—Today's Children.
11:20—Light of the World. 11:45-Hymns of All Churche 12:00-Women of America.

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repeat in reverse direction what the Germans accomplished four years ago in their drive through France and the low countries to the channel. The record to date however,

shows that the discipline of the German armies has remained good. They made their with-drawal from Russia in fairly good order, especially when one considers the way Hitler had his forces hold out even at the risk of entrapment. Few of the predicted Russian traps cut off large bodies of men. The same discipline will be invoked when the allied landings occur.

As for tensions here at home there is no use denying them; nor can they be exorcised merely by telling people not to worry. Minds are focused on rope—it is even hard to make a cutback to the Pacific theatre now. Our people are mentally braced for the shock of attack, but they, like the Germans, will have to await the event. We must however, steel our nerves to hold steady when the onslaught comes.

12:15—Ma Perkins.
12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
12:45—Right to Happiness.
1:90—Backstage Wife.
1:15—Stella Dallas.
1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
1:45—Young Widder Brown.
2:90—When A Girl Marries.
2:15—We Love and Learn,
2:30—Just Plain Bill.
2:45—Front Page Farrell.
3:90—Road of Life.
3:15—Vic and Sade.
3:30—B. Boynton. 3:30—B. Boynton. 3:45—Rambling Reader. 4:00—Dr. Kate 4:15—News of the World.

5:45-Louis P. Locuner. 6:00-Eddie Cantor. 6:30—Mr. District Attorney. 7:30—Kay Kyser's Kollege. 8:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time. 15—Commentator. 30—Beat the Band. 30—Mr and Mrs. North. 9:30—Scramby Amby. 10:00—News Flashes.

10:15—Your Home Town News 10:25—Labor News. 10:30—Orchestra. 10:45-Voice of A Nation.

11:00—Music. 11:30—News. 12:00-2 A.M.—Swing Shift.

10:00—News. 10:15—Homemakers Hour. 10:15—Homemakers Hour. 11:00—School of the Air. 11:30—Concert rall. 12:00—News. 12:15—Noon Farm Hour. 1:00—Ridin the Range. 1:00—Ridin the Range. 1:15—Rhythm and Reason. 2:00—Homemakers' Half Hour. 2:30—Memory Book of Music. 3:00—News 3:15-Music.
4:00-A to Z Noveity.
4:15-Red Cross.
4:30-Lawrence Welk.
4:48-Book of the Week.
5:00-On the Upbeat.
5:30-Story Time.
5:48-It's Oregon's War. :15—News. :30—Evening Farm Hour

7:30-Shorthand Contest. 8:00—Music of Czechoslovakia. 8:30—Music That Endures. KOIN—CBS—WEDNESDAY—950 6-00—Northwest Farm Reporter 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin

6:20—Texas Rangers. 6:30—KOIN Klock. 6:30—KOIN Klock.
7:15—News.
7:35—News.
7:45—Nelson Pringle, News.
8:00—Consumer News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:30—Stories America Loves.
8:45—Aunt Jenny.
9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
8:15—Big Sister. 9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
9:15—Big Slater
9:30—Romance of Relen Trent
9:45—Our Ga. Sunday.
0:00—Life Can Be Beautiful
0:15—Ma Perkins.
0:30—Bernadine-Flynn.
0:45—The Goldbergs.
1:00—Portia Faces Life.
1:15—Joyce Jordan.
0:30—Bernadine Flynn.
1:45—Perry Mason.

10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
11:45—Perry Mason.
12:00—News.
12:15—Neighbors.
12:35—Bright Horizons.
12:45—Bachelor's Children.
1:00—Broadway Matines.
1:25—Dorothy Fisher, Songs.
1:30—Mary Marlin.
1:45—Raymond Scott Show.
2:00—Open Door.
2:15—Newspaper of the Air.
2:45—American Women.
3:00—News. 3:00—News. 3:15—Lynn Murray Show. 3:30—Stars of Today. 3:45—The World Today. 3:55—News.
4:15—Bob Anderson, News.
4:30—Easy Aces.
5:00—Galen Drake.
5:15—Red's Gang.
5:30—Harry Flannery, News 5:45-News 5:55-Bill Henry 6:00-Frank Sinatra. 6:30-Jack Carson. 7:00-Music.

Stevens

8:00-I Love A Mystery. 8:00—I Love A Mystery.
8:15—Passing Parade.
8:30—Dr. Christian.
8:55—News
9:00—Orchestra.
9:30—Northwest Neighbors
10:00—Five Star Final.
10:15—Wartime Women.
10:20—Western Stars. 10:30—Report to the Nation. 11:00—Orchestra. 12:30-6:00 a.m .-- Music and News.

KEX-BN-WEDNESDAY-1190 Ka. 6:00-Musical Clock. 8:15-National Farm and Home. 7:00—Music. 7:05—Top of the Morning. 7:15—News. 7:30—James Abbe Observes. 7:45—The Listening Post. 8:00—Breakfast Club. 9:00—Common Sense and Sentime 9:15—Voice of Experience, 9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's. 10:00—News. 10:15—Sweet River. 10:30—My True Story. 10:55—Polly Patterson. 11:00—Baukhage Talking. 11:15—The Mystery Chef. 11:30—Ladies, Be Seated. 12:00—Songs. 12:15—Hollywood Star Time.

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12:30—News.
1:00—Sam Hayes.
1:15—Bob Nichols.
1:30—Blue Newsroom Review.
2:30—What's Doing, Ladies
2:30—Baby Institute,
2:45—Labor News. 2:45—Ruby Lloyd, Organist. 3:00—Hollywood News Flashes 3:15—Glenn Howard. 3:15—Glenn Howard.
3:45—Orchestra.
4:00—Connee Boswell.
4:30—Hop Harrigan.
4:45—The Sea Hound.
5:00—Terry and the Pirates
5:15—Dick Tracy.
5:30—Jack Armstrong.
5:45—Captain Midnight.
6:00—Livestock Reporter.
6:05—Music. 6:05—Music. 6:15—Chester Bowles. 6:30—Band. 6:35—Story Teller.

7:00-Raymond Gram Swing. 7:15—Top of the Evening, 7:30—Soldiers With Wings. 7:30—Soldiers With Wings. 8:00—News. 8:15—Lum and Abner. 8:30—My Best Girls. 9:00—Dunninger 9:30—News. 9:45—The Portland Plan. 10:00—Music. 10:15—Roseland Ballroom. 10:30—Broadway Bandwagon 10:45—Music. 11:00—Concert Hour.

By LILLIE MADSEN

Silverware

Chests

if it is too late:

circuit court.

Acting as Decoy for Nazis Not Much Fun Say Yanks

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, April 30-(Delayed)-(P)-This business of being a flying lure to lead the luftwaffe lads to limbo is all very well to look at but not much fun to do.

At least, that's what Sam Wellborn and Neil McPhail say and if they seem to be somewhat dogmatic on the subject it should be borne in mind that their attitude is not merely academic.

Sam is a staff sergeant from Bradley, Ark., who pilots one of the unarmored observation cubs through which the artillery boys on the beachhead fix their tar- fied to let the situation stand and gets. Neil is a first lieutenant from get on with their observing. Cincinnati who rides with him as

Twice in one day they served as unwilling decoys for enemy fighter planes which chased them down to the treetops and were reduced to the status of dead ducks by the ack-ack boys. It was a bright and sunshiny

were putt-putting pleasantly along in their oversized butterfly on a routine observation mission. Suddenly tracers started spitting by their wingtips, indicating that some ungregarious individual considered the sky was too stuffy. Looking around they saw an

Me109 making eyes at them with all its machine guns. Now a cub has about as much business arguing with a Messerschmitt as a snowball challenging a blast furnace. So Sam slammed the stick against the instrument panel and hung the grasshopper on its tail Out in Mail thus causing the over-anxious Messerschmitt to pass over it and miss its aim.

Me's seldom make more than one pass at the observation ships because the difference in timing makes them difficult to hit. But this particular German pilot was a stubborn sort and he swung around to try again.

Sam hit the treetops and streaked for home and neither he nor McNeil was exactly happy in the service at the moment.

But the boys behind the ackack guns heard them coming and when the Messerschmitt swooped in for the kill he found a freight car full of flak exploding in his face. Pieces of the German plane were still falling when Sam and Neil stepped out on friendly soil again, safe but sweating.

The gleeful anti-aircraft guys said gosh, this is fun, let's do it two parties." some more, or something like that, A slow down in the state trying to win the whole war in

Layton Case Goes to State Supreme Court Farmers Will

case of Richard Harry Layton, former Monmouth police officer, under death sentence for the slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, of Dallas, was filed in the state supreme court here Tuesday.

found floating in the Willamette enable Oregon farmers to conriver, south of Independence, in tinue essential transportation, June, 1943, and Layton later was speakers at the first of 12 district arrested, tried and convicted on a farm transportation meetings said first-degree murder charge in the today. Polk county circuit court. Attorneys for Layton, in seek-

was held in jail without legal seriousness of the situation. counsel and was not appraised of Twice the normal amount of his constitutional rights.

one day and said they were satis-

They'd no sooner eaten lunch and taken off on the afternoon run when they discovered they were not alone again. Another meantempered Me, was on their tail.

Well, the upshot of it was the same little scene was re-enacted with the same characters, except for a new villain who was also morning not long ago when they liquidated by the anti - aircraft gunners when he came in on the butterfly's tail.

All of which gave Sam and Neil credit for two successful ack-ack assists in one day, which is some kind of a record, and they're willing to let it go at that.

All of Voters' Pamphlets Go

Last of the voters' pamphlets for the 1944 primary election Since the fighter plane flies were mailed out here Tuesday, about 5 times as fast as a cub the within the statutory period required by law, Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, announced.

The law requires that these pamphlets shall be in the mails 10 days before the primary election which is slated for May 19. O'Hara denied reports that the pamphlets were not mailed out within the statutory period and

also that he had discriminated against the democrats by mailing the republican pamphlets first. "Even though this were true it would make no difference as to which pamphlets were mailed out first," O'Hara said, "for the reason that the democrats and republicans hold separate primary elections and there is no contest

but Sam and Neil saw no sense in printing department, due to the manpower shortage, caused considerable worry in the state elections bureau, but notwithstanding this the law was complied with and the pamphlets were sent out on time.

between the candidates of the

Petition for rehearing of the Get Rubber, Gas for Work

PORTLAND, May 9-(AP)-Gasoline and tire quotas will be lighter Miss Hildebrand's body was through 1944, but proper care may

Sponsored by the office of defense transportation, OPA, AAA, ing a rehearing, charged that he and the Oregon State college exmade a confession under threat- tension service, the meetings are ening gestures by the state police, to acquaint the public with the

truck parts will be available this Layton is now in the state pen- year but there will be only 80,000 itentiary here awaiting resentenc- new trucks compared with normal ing by Judge Arlie G. Walker, replacement of 600,000 annually who presided at his trial in the for the nation, O. E. Dagner, ODT maintenance specialist, said.

