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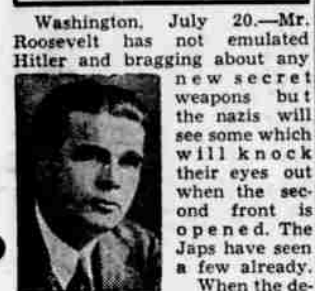
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WARTIME TAX BILL PASSES HOUSE

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



Washington, July 20.—Mr. Roosevelt has not emulated Hitler and bragging about any new secret weapons but the nazis will see some which will knock their eyes out when the second front is opened. The Japs have seen a few already. When the details of the be-fogged battle of the Aleutian Islands are let out, for instance, you will learn how the fighting army air corps sprang a new land based torpedo plane on the Nipponese (the first such ship in history), and accomplished much more damage than has yet been officially claimed. The Japs know of this new weapon. They found out the hard way.

The Jap invasion fleet in the Aleutians figured that all they would have to contend with were naval planes which naturally have to be much lighter to operate from carrier decks. These land based torpedo craft carry an unprecedented projectile which leaves no doubts as to sinkings when it hits. Where they came from the Japs do not yet know.

THIS is only an inadequate example of what is coming on land, sea, and in the air. An official of the inventors council testified to a congressional committee the other day that the army, navy and marine corps had let \$640,000,000 of contracts on their recommendation. The inventors council is a committee set up by Mr. Roosevelt to consider all the sensational innovations of warfare concocted by mechanically minded Americans. His testimony therefore, means nearly two-thirds of a billion dollars of new secret weapons will shortly appear on our side in this war.

These include extravagantly imaginative missiles and weapons that have never been seen

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Willkie Heartens Colored Conclave

Los Angeles, July 20.—(AP)—Americans are learning, says Wendell Willkie, that the test of a people is their aim, not their color.

He told the closing session of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People yesterday that the attitude of white American citizens toward the negro has "some of the unlovely and tragic characteristics of alien imperialism."

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.) Opening of the Times Square Service Men's Center, a New York spot which will provide food, refreshment, rest and recreation for men in uniform, will be a special Blu broadcast at 9 a. m. Tuesday. Helen Hayes, Irving Berlin, Ed Wynn and others are to participate.

Tonight: Blu—6:30, Radio Forum, Sen. Guy M. Gillette of Iowa on "The Rubber Problem."

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Helen Hedrick and Lola Stanley going fishing so early in the morning that it was too dark for them to see to thread their poles.

The Everett Fabers of Central Point enjoying a family picnic at Lithia park, and son Don giving him a close foot race up a hill.

Violet Lewis forsaking slacks to don a dress and a hat for a day, and very becoming, too.

Major General Charles Gerhardt apparently getting a large kick out of exchanging banter with the Kiwanians.

90 PER CENT LEVY ON EXCESS PROFIT IS FINAL ACTION

Combined Normal and Surtax of 45 Per Cent Is Levied On Corporations.

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—A \$6,143,900,000 wartime revenue bill was passed by the house and sent to the senate today, after a last-minute floor fight which resulted in levying a 90 per cent excess profits tax and a combined normal and surtax of 45 per cent on corporations.

The ways and means committee sought to have the excess profits tax raised to 90 per cent and the normal and surtax reduced to 40 per cent.

On the excess profits tax increase, the committee was sustained on a voice vote.

But on the surtax revisions the house decided, by a teller vote of 180 to 60, to retain the provision of 45 per cent.

Doughton Favors Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the committee urged the revised corporate rates in the interest of the small corporations which were not benefitting from the war program. But Rep. McLean (R-N.J.) said the changes would "help those corporations which are waxing fat by this war effort."

The legislation would raise about \$2,400,000,000 in new taxes from corporations and almost \$3,000,000,000 from individuals, primarily through steeply graduated individual surtax rates and reduced personal exemptions.

The committee took no action on the question of post-war credits for corporations based on their excess profits taxes—a provision once approved but later discarded.

TUG OF WAR IS TIRE SABOTAGE

Silverton, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—Two prominent Silverton farmers were charged in justice court today with willfully wearing out their rubber tires during a friendly tug of war on the city streets here last night.

The men, Herman Kuenzi and Walter Harri, accused of staging the contest between a farm truck and a tractor, appeared before Justice of the Peace Alf Nelson today and were given 24 hours to enter a plea. Bail was first set at \$1,000 each, but they were released later on their own recognizance.

They were charged under a 1931 law making it unlawful to commit any "indecent or immoral act not otherwise punishable."

New Tax Digs Deeper; Corporations Hit Hard

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The wartime tax bill passed by the house today would take \$19 of each \$100 of taxable income of individuals in the lowest brackets and \$45 of each \$100 of the taxable income of corporations, plus 90 per cent of their so-called "excess profits."

Here are principal provisions of the bill:

Individuals—present normal income tax increased from four to six per cent and surtaxes boosted to from 13 to 82 per cent, with the top bracket of 82 per cent affecting net incomes over \$200,000. Personal exemptions reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200 for married couples and from \$750 to \$500 for single persons. Collection of individual income taxes at the source beginning in January at the rate of five per cent of the difference between the amount of each pay check or pay envelope and personal exemptions plus deductions for the pay period. The rate would be 10 per cent in 1944.

All "withholdings" would apply against the next year's tax bill. Estimated yield from individuals, \$2,906,300,000.

Corporations—Present graduated excess profits tax of from 35 to 60 per cent replaced by flat 90 per cent, with the "specific exemption" to which all corporations are entitled raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000. On that part of income not subject to excess profits taxes, a 24 per cent normal and 21 per cent surtax would be imposed on corporations with earnings in excess of \$25,000. Present rates are 24 and seven. Estimated yield, \$2,479,400,000.

Miscellaneous—Increased excise taxes on liquor, beer, wines, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, cigars, lubricating oil, photographic apparatus, telephone and telegraph bills, train bus, plane and other transportation fares, and new taxes on freight and express shipments and on pari-mutuel bets. Estimated yield, \$758,200,000.

Girl Found Slain in Cabin



The body of Dorena Hammer (above) 20, with two bullet holes in the temple and another through the heart, was found in a San Leandro, Calif., auto court cabin, and a few minutes later Leslie B. Gireth (below), wealthy Glendale, Calif., jeweler, was arrested at a hotel in Fresno, Calif.



Accused Man Stole On Arraignment In Murder of Student

San Leandro, Calif., July 20.—(AP)—A week's continuance was granted today in the arraignment of Leslie Gireth, 37, wealthy Glendale jeweler, charged with the murder of Miss Dorena Hammer, 20-year-old meteorology student.

Her body was found Friday, in bed in a motor court near here. She had been shot three times, in the head and chest.

Gireth appeared today before Police Judge A. W. Bruner, for preliminary hearing. The information, charging murder, was read to him. He was cool and impassive. Judge Bruner asked him if he was represented by counsel. Gireth motioned to Albert Behrstock of Glendale, an attorney, and brother of Sam Behrstock, Gireth's partner in the Glendale jewelry firm.

SOUTH FORK CCC CAMP DISBANDED

South Fork CCC Camp was formally disbanded Sunday evening with approximately 150 enrollees being shipped to their homes in Arkansas and most of the equipment moved out, it was announced today by the Rogue River National Forest.

Disbanding of Camp South Fork marked the disappearance of the last remaining CCC camp in Jackson county, in line with the government's elimination of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Camp South Fork enrollees had been under the supervision of the Rogue River National Forest in fire prevention and other forest work.

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JACKSON COUNTY JOINS NEW DRIVE FOR METAL, FATS

County Chairman Fowler Announces Need For Iron, Steel, Fats From Kitchen.

To meet the nation's war needs for scrap iron, steel and other salvage materials, a new drive is being launched this week in Jackson county, it was announced today by R. G. Fowler, chairman of the Salvage committee. The county effort is a part of a nationwide drive announced by Donald M. Nelson, War Production Board chairman.

"As the war becomes more intensive on the various foreign fronts," said Mr. Fowler, "the needs for scrap materials has steadily increased. While Jackson county has made a good record so far in the collection of scrap iron, rubber and paper, the expanding requirements of the war program have made it necessary to obtain much larger amounts."

"This is a continuing program, but it must be speeded up to obtain the necessary salvage materials for the successful conduct of the war."

Housewives Can Help

"Fats especially are needed right now and in this the housewife will take the major part. The need is urgent as the war in the Pacific has greatly reduced our supply of vegetable fats from the far east and substitutes must be found. Fats make glycerine and glycerine makes explosives. We need millions of pounds of glycerine and the housewives of America can supply them."

"Here is what to do. Save all your waste cooking fats. Pour them into a clean, wide mouth can and be sure the can is spotlessly clean. Strain as you pour the fat in. Keep in a refrigerator or a cool, dark place until you have collected at least two pounds. Take it to your meat dealer who is cooperating in this drive. He will weigh your can of fat, pay you the established price which is now tentatively set at four cents a pound and start the fat on its way to war industries. Don't let fats stand so long they become rancid. If they do the glycerine content is reduced. Deliver your fat early in the week."

"For the time being the junk yards will be the depository for scrap materials. No waste paper or tin cans can be used in this section."

Portland, July 20.—(AP)—Oregon's participation in a concerted scrap collection drive got underway today with Granges playing a leading role in rural areas.

Ralph Mitchell, executive secretary for the state salvage committee, appealed today to farmers to co-operate and asked farm implement dealers to assist.

The OPA allotment amounted to \$45,000,000 more than the house had voted originally but \$5,000,000 less than voted by the senate, \$41,000,000 less than the figure approved by the budget bureau, and \$75,000,000 less than the total amount sought by Leon Henderson, price administrator.

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91st Division Keynote Sounded by Leader in First Camp Assembly

"I propose to make this new 91st Infantry Division the best the United States has ever seen." Thus did Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, in 17 pungent words, sound to hundreds of enlisted men and officers, key note of the 91st division, the keynote of the training program mapped out to prepare Camp White soldiers for their and America's fight to the death against Germany and Japan.

Speaking at a Camp White ceremonial Sunday morning, to his training cadre and a small group of civilians, General Gerhardt declared: "Your goal is to arrange things so that you can inflict more casualties on the enemy than you take."

Today's Training May Save Lives It was a fighting talk that General Gerhardt, commander of the 91st Infantry Division, to be activated August 15, delivered to the men and officers who will form the nucleus of the reorganized 91st. He didn't mince words in emphasizing the training program would be tough. "But," he said, "what you are learning now, and will learn in the future, may someday save your life."

He stated: "You must develop automatic reactions in military affairs; you must learn to salute and to shoot with equal facility. I don't want any man in my outfit that can't do those two things."

The 91st division chief had words of praise for the infantry and artillery officers assigned to his division, saying they were as well trained as any in the army, and of Major Theron W. Bean of the U. S. army engineers, for his accomplishments in the construction of the camp. General Gerhardt said he had submitted a letter of recommendation Friday that Major Bean be promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, in recognition of his splendid work on the military camp.

Officers of Staff Give Brief Talks Short, stirring talks were given by three officers of General Gerhardt's general staff.

Brigadier General P. W. Clark, assistant division commander, explaining the infantry's point of view in the triangular division, declared: "Under General Gerhardt I can assure you that we'll make a better record than the old 91st division of the first world war."

He said: "We are fighting professionals, not amateurs, in the art of killing, and although it is going to be tough learning we'll become professionals, ourselves. We can't be amateurs against that crowd."

Brigadier General Edward S. Ott, artillery commander, declared: "The motto of the 91st division is 'Powder River, Let 'Ed Buckle,' and that's the motto of the artillery. We are not separate from the infantry, but an integral part of the 91st division."

Emphasizing the unity that will exist between the infantry and the artillery, General Ott stated: "Our place in this division amounts to: 'Where do you want us to fire and when?' Let us know what you want and we'll give it to you."

Colonel F. S. Jacobs, chief of staff, in a talk on "Orientation," said that the 91st Infantry Division of World War I was created in the Powder River area, but that this new 91st of World War II will be created in the Rogue river area.

Division Activation Set for August 15 "Construction of Camp White is 90 per cent complete," he disclosed, "and will be 100 per cent when the new 91st is activated on August 15."

He added that the new division would be "tough, hard-fighting and effective."

The invocation was given by Captain V. P. Jaeger, division chaplain, who also conducted a short church service after the meeting.

Providing music was the Ashland city band, which played the national anthem, and the Medford senior high school band, which played America. Sebastian Appolo played the organ for the hymns sung during the church service.

Among the civilian guests at the ceremony were Mayor and Mrs. T. S. Wiley of Ashland,

RUSSIAN RETREAT BRINGS NEW PERIL IN ROSTOV SECTOR

Tremendous German Onslaught Forces Defenders Back Toward Caucasus.

By James M. Long Associated Press War Editor Rostov, whose armed citizenry helped the Russian army drive out the Germans eight months ago, was menaced anew today as Hitler's 1942 offensive, repulsed at Voronezh and checked momentarily toward the east, veered south in a tremendous onslaught which forced the Russians back toward the gateway to the Caucasus.

On the other fronts of the world at war:

British Take 4,000 The British, holding new-won gains in the Egyptian desert, announced they captured 4,000 Germans and Italians in last week's fighting west of El Alamein.

The United States air force in China smashed at the Japanese airfield at Canton and the invaders' base at Linchuan in Kiangsi province.

Driving through Voroshilovgrad, 100 miles north of Rostov, and Millerovo, on the Rostov-Moscow rail line, the Germans were converging upon the junction of the rail line and the Donets river at Kamensk. Rostov lies 85 miles to the south.

Exceeding even Berlin's accounts of the German gains, the Paris radio said axis advance forces had reached Shakhty, coal mining and railroad town 40 miles north of Rostov.

Orderly Withdrawal Russian dispatches said Marshal Semeon Timoshenko was drawing back his troops in orderly withdrawal to a new defense stand somewhere north of Rostov and the confluence of the Don and Donets rivers.

Although the Russians had wrested back the initiative at Voronezh, on the northern flank of the 300-mile battle line through the grain covered steppes of the Don's big bend, they declared the Nazi thrust to the south a serious threat.

United States and British-made tanks and planes were thrown into the fight in an attempt to stem the axis onrush.

"To the south of Millerovo," the Russian communique reported, "our troops engaged in a fierce defensive battle against advancing German fascist troops."

"In one sector the Germans drove a wedge into our positions. With a blow from the flank, our troops frustrated the enemy attempt to break our defenses. In this battle the fascists lost over 1,200 killed."

"In another sector our troops, under pressure of numerically superior forces, withdrew to new positions."

At Voronezh, however, the Russian communique said "our troops are waging stubborn battles with the enemy, who are now on the defensive."

The red army reported killing 1,500 Germans in street fighting for one suburban town, and said it recaptured another "important inhabited locality," and drove the Germans from one of their principal bridgeheads across the Don.

The increasing show of Russian power at Voronezh, coupled with German reports of large red army troop concentrations in that area, indicated that a strong soviet counter offensive against the extended flank of the German Don valley drive might be in the making.

The German high command, still clinging to its so far unsubstantiated claim to the capture of Voronezh 13 days ago, acknowledged that the Russians were counter attacking on that flank, but said the red army's "attempts to recapture" the city were repulsed.

NEW TROUBLE Tacoma, July 20.—(AP)—Jack Morgan, 32, was arrested today at the entrance of McNeil Island federal penitentiary by Pierce county officers at the request of authorities in Pittsburgh, Pa., who want him on a forgery charge. He had just completed serving a sentence under the Mann Act.