

## Gerhardt Trains 'Em Tough Says Time Magazine Story

Early this month William Gray, representative of Time, Inc., publisher of Life and Time magazines, visited Medford and Camp White. At the cantonment he watched the 91st Infantry Division troops go through their training routine, talked with Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt.

In the Dec. 14 issue of Time, the country's leading news weekly, appeared the following sketch of the 91st's commanding officer: Perhaps the toughest trainer in the U. S. Army is a wiry little man who carries a full pack and a rifle while marching his troops across stony Oregon desert and who expects his middle-aged staff officers to be as taut-bellied as the hardest young private. Major General Charles Hunter Gerhardt breaks in new men "gent-

ly" by sleeping them in pup tents in the rain, making them swim icy Oregon rivers.

Since General Gerhardt formally activated the 91st ("Wild West") Division at Camp White last August, some of his junior officers have developed convenient hernias or obtained transfers to softer outfits; but he himself takes raw men under pack five miles through the rain in one hour, nine miles in two, finishes at the double, insists that every officer under him be able to do the same. Even Gerhardt's chaplains practice marksmanship, swim icy rivers, make themselves physical as well as moral exemplars.

For critics who call Camp White the Alcatraz of training camps, Charlie Gerhardt has an answer: "We are trying to guarantee every man that, by God, when his platoon leader takes him into action, he'll have a chance of getting back alive."



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## AMERICA EXPENDS \$48,000,000,000 IN ONE WAR YEAR

Treasury Struggles to Keep Government on Even Keel—Borrowing Important.

By Richard A. Blackburn United Press Correspondent Washington (U.P.)—Mechanized global warfare costs a lot. The United States already has committed itself to spend the staggering sum of \$240,000,000,000, the amount voted by Congress since France fell before the German juggernaut in June, 1940. A new budget of close to \$100,000,000,000 soon will be placed before Congress.

During the year since Pearl Harbor, Congress has provided \$180,000,000,000 in cash or contract authorizations for planes, tanks, guns, ships, ammunition and all the other hundreds of materials needed to keep millions of armed men fighting or ready to fight on fronts scattered all over the world.

Actual war expenditures have leaped commensurately until government disbursements chargeable to the war now are at a rate of nearly \$6,000,000,000 a month. Since June, 1940, they have amounted to about \$60,000,000,000. During the past year alone war expenditures have approximated \$48,000,000,000.

Nine Billion Tax Bill To finance these vast expenditures, Congress two months ago enacted a record-breaking \$9,000,000,000 tax bill and is prepared to take up a new revenue bill soon after the new legislative session in January. It has raised the national debt limit from \$85,000,000,000 to \$125,000,000,000, and soon will boost that ceiling again. Estimates are that by the close of the current fiscal year—June 30, 1943—the national debt will be within \$15,000,000,000 of the present limit.

The Treasury, struggling to keep the government's fiscal structure on an even keel and to ward off inflation, has called on all Americans to invest at least 10 per cent of their income in War Savings Bonds.

On January 1, wage earners will find deducted from their pay checks or envelopes the new Victory tax, amounting to five per cent of everything earned in excess of \$12 a week. Some of this tax, however, will be re-

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turned eventually to the taxpayer as a credit—25 per cent to single persons, 40 per cent to married persons with an additional two per cent for each extra dependent.

And income taxes will be computed next March on the basis of the record rates provided in the 1942 tax law.

Despite the increased taxes, however, the Treasury is compelled to finance nearly three-fourths of war expenditures by borrowing. Thus far, most of the borrowing has been from banks, but the Treasury currently is seeking to put new vigor into the campaign to sell war bonds to the public. Sales of these bonds in recent months have averaged a little more than \$800,000,000 a month, but the Treasury hopes this figure will show a sharp rise. The war bond sales drive is being inaugurated in connection with the \$9,000,000,000 government borrowing operation for December, largest in history.

Estimates upward Estimates of future war expenditures have risen steadily during the year since Pearl Harbor. Last January, President Roosevelt in his budget message to Congress estimated that during the fiscal year 1943—June 30, 1942, to June 30, 1943—war expenditures would amount to \$58,000,000,000. In April he revised that estimate upward to \$70,000,000,000. In October he revised it to \$78,000,000,000.

War expenditures during the first year of America-at-war have amounted to nearly \$58,000,000,000. This fact becomes more impressive when it is realized that expenditures for war

materials in Dec., 1941, amounted to only \$1,886,000,000. Final figures are not yet available, but the amount for Nov., 1942, was about \$6,000,000,000.

## MIX SALE CHARGE WAITS GRAND JURY

A. K. (Si) Owens and Bertha Van Hill, operators of the Zero club, near the northern city limits, just off the Pacific highway, charged with sale of mix, and providing of facilities for mixing intoxicating liquor, waived preliminary hearing in justice court yesterday and the case was referred direct to the next grand jury session, scheduled for early in January.

Counsel for the defense had previously contended the justice court had no jurisdiction in the case.

The complaint was signed by the state police and State Liquor commission agents, following an investigation by the latter last week.

Taylor and Stanwyck PREFER SCREEN NAMES Hollywood, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Robert Taylor and Barbara Stanwyck, husband and wife in real life, today filed petitions in court asking their screen names be made their legal names. Taylor in off-screen life is Spangler Arlington Brugh, and his wife, Ruby Stevens.

## CHRISTMAS BALL AT CLUB NO. 1 MONDAY EVENING

There will be a gala time at Service club No. 1 at Camp White Monday evening when enlisted men enjoy the formal Christmas ball which begins at 8 o'clock. A floor show with outstanding numbers is in charge of the Special Service department of the 91st division.

Girls from Medford and vicinity who desire to attend are asked to telephone the Outpost by 10 a. m. Monday to make reservations for transportation. Buses will leave the chamber of commerce at 7:30 p. m. Decorations will be in keeping with the holiday season and the club promises to be gay with Christmas trees, bells and other holiday motifs.

This formal dance is one of a series of evenings planned for the entertainment of Camp White soldiers during Christmas holidays and is in charge of Mrs. Curt Hopkins, director of the club. Dancing will be concluded at 11:30 p. m.

## MUSIC PROGRAM AT CAMP SUNDAY

A musical program is presented each Sunday afternoon at Service club No. 1 at Camp White for enlisted men. Talent for the program, which begins at 3 o'clock is furnished by the Medford Musical society. Last Sunday the woman's trio, Mrs. Darrell Huson, Mrs. William McAllister and Mrs. Chester

Wendt presented a group of selections and Mrs. Elsie Alexander's stringed Hawaiian band was also in attendance. A group of selections were played by Roger Wolf, Medford pianist; Miss Mary Ann Gates, vocalist, and Miss Clara Daniels, reader.

Community singing is enjoyed at 7:30 p. m. in the evening and especially features boys at Camp White. Last Sunday the program included a series of request numbers by Pvt. Ray Watson and his solavex. Ashland high school acappella choir of 62 voices will give the program this Sunday.

## BONELESS PORK

Washington, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—A purchasing report of the department of agriculture showed today that the Food Distribution Administration has bought 3,000,000 pounds of evinaya tushonka. It's not a typographical error. It's highly-spiced, precooked and canned boneless pork.

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There is more to be done before this war is won—much more. And there is a place, a very important place for you. One of the most urgent programs of the Office of Civilian Defense is under way right now. It's called the Block Plan for organization for civilian war services.

Right now in Oregon the OCD needs thousands of Block Leaders to carry out this plan. Block Leaders should not be confused with Block Wardens who are a part of the Air Raid or protective branch of the OCD. Block Leaders are members of the Service branches of Civilian Defense.

As the name suggests, a Block Leader will be assigned to one block—the block in which their

home is located. The functions of a Block Leader are in general these:

- 1) To promote a spirit of cooperation in neighborhood enterprises, such as block discussion meetings, rallies, car sharing plans, the sharing of scarce mechanical household equipment, and any other activity of the committee's war services.
- 2) To carry forward civilian war activity, quickly and effectively.
- 3) To collect information which may be needed for community war planning, and to bring back to the homes the answers to questions which have been raised.
- 4) To get vital civilian war information into every home rapidly and accurately.

Hundreds of Oregon people have already volunteered for the job of Block Leader in their neighborhoods: housewives, professional and business people. Thousands are needed. How about you?

Volunteer today at the Jackson County Civilian Defense Headquarters. Address Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Medford