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TOUHY'S GANG WIPED OUT BY G-MEN

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Army and Navy
Land Tax Sought
Nurses Needed by
Armed Forces
48-Hour Week
Drive Expected

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—One of the first bills to be introduced in January when the 78th session meets will be one to require the army and navy to pay taxes on all the real property it has taken off the tax rolls. This measure was introduced last summer but the session adjourned sine die before action could be taken and it died in committee. The idea is supposed to be so good that the bill will make its second appearance with what is believed to be a pretty fair prospect of being enacted. Reason this hope is held out is that almost every state in the Union is affected so widespread have been the purchasing activities of the military forces.

There are counties in the northwest which are suffering because the government bought so generously, and where more purchases are contemplated. One of the latest is the site for a large air base at Mountain Home, Idaho; another, the navy plans to expand the blimp base on Tillamook coast by 16,000 acres of fine pasture land. This blimp base, which was to have been located in California, is to be no temporary affair; it is being built permanently for win, lose or draw, Japan will always be an enemy and must be watched.

Every county court in Washington and Oregon, at least, which has seen property slip off the assessment rolls is behind the bill to make the army and navy pay taxes.

BY June, 1943, the armed forces want another 55,000 nurses; by June, 1944, 65,000 more. Training schools for nurses are all hospitals in the Pacific northwest and if a candidate cannot pay the fees the government will absorb them. Of the 55,000 scheduled for graduation by next June there is a shortage of 19,000. Eligibles are women.

SMALL BUSINESS GIVEN NEW HOPE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Small business concerns—the kind that serve suburban neighborhoods and crossroads towns—today received a promise from the war production board that in the future they can expect a more equitable distribution of dwindling stocks of furniture, clothing and other consumers' goods.

The WPB has set up controls over the size of stock inventories of large manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers which eventually will force large concerns to share their merchandise more equitably with smaller ones.

Affected by the order, which becomes effective early next year, are stores and stock-carrying branches of manufacturers whose individual annual sales total \$200,000 or more and whose inventories total at least \$50,000.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Bert Daugherty, old graduate from Yale and dressed up in his Navy uniform, and home for a brief visit before leaving for duty "somewhere" and being quite explicit about not wanting his name in the paper.

And Sgt. Don Lawrence of the army air force also home for a brief time after sojourning in Alaska and Las Vegas, Nev., which he describes as out-Renoing Reno.

TWO KILLED AND EIGHT CAPTURED IN CHICAGO DEN

FBI Men Surround Hideout, Move in At Early Morning Hour—2 Resistors Slain.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today announced that the terrible Touhy gangster—"the most vicious and most dangerous criminals the country ever had"—were killed or captured in a series of raids by G-men early this morning in the seizure of Roger Touhy and Basil (the Owl) Banghart.

Captured were:
Roger (The Terrible) Touhy, gang leader.
Basil (The Owl) Banghart, his lieutenant.
Edward Darlak, escaped Joliet prison lifer.
William Stewart, lifer.
Matthew Nelson, lifer.
Slain resisting capture were:
Eugene Lanthorn, alias James O'Connor, lifer.
St. Clair McInerney, alias Baby Doll and the Saint, a safe blower and robber.

"This wipes out the Touhy gang," Hoover said.

Two Mowed Down
After mowing down the two men who resisted, the FBI men moved against the gang leaders with Tommy guns, tear gas, and rifles in a north side apartment. Hoover described the scene this way:
"The zero hour was set for 5 o'clock this morning for the raid of the Touhy-Banghart hideout. "FBI agents surrounded the building. They had an apartment on the floor opposite Touhy's apartment. The FBI was equipped with machine guns, high-powered rifles and tear gas. The building was lighted with searchlights at exactly 5 o'clock.

Banghart First
"Loudspeakers which had been set up told the men to surrender and instructed them to come out of their apartment backwards, hands up and one at a time, Banghart first.

"The men deliberated 10 minutes. Banghart, acting as spokesman, indicated they would surrender and following instructions, backed out of the room, hands up, and was taken.

"The others followed and there was no struggle. They were Touhy and Edward Darlak. At that point Hoover smiled and remarked that the FBI's only jurisdiction was for draft evasion, except in the case of Banghart, machine-gunner for the mob as it was constituted in the roaring prohibition era, who was wanted on a previous federal conviction with 36 years to run for a \$100,000 Charlotte N. C. mail robbery.

Failed To Register
The boys had neglected to register for the draft after they broke from Joliet.

Touhy had dyed his curly black hair peroxide blond. The others were easily recognized by the men who had circled the nation for their capture since they shot their way over the walls of the Stateville penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., last October 2.

The mob's hair-trigger leaders surrendered with a docility in marked contrast to the resistance of two of their henchmen, Eugene Lanthorn, alias O'Connor, and St. Clair (Baby Doll) McInerney.

These men were surrounded in similar fashion at 11:15 p. m. and mowed down in a searing blast from Tommy guns when they tried to shoot their way out of the trap.

Had to Be Killed
"We were waiting for them and they fired on us and they had to be killed," Hoover explained.

Lanthorn, the FBI director said, was one of the most vicious and ruthless criminals in the country. He was a thief at 12, and at 15, while handcuffed, he swam a swamp and escaped from police. His left arm was paralyzed from bullet wounds.

The captures began at Minneapolis on Dec. 16 with Matthew

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Vichy Loses Somaliland, Last French Stronghold in Africa

War Bulletins

London, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—British fighting planes carried out patrol missions over the low countries and northern France today, an air ministry communique announced.

Mosquito planes of the bomber command attacked a railway target in France. Two British planes were missing.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt, discounting reports to the contrary from abroad, said today he fully expected to confer very soon with Gen. Charles De Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French.

The president said no definite date had been set for De Gaulle's visit. The trip of the French leader to the United States had been postponed twice, but he expected to see him very soon, Mr. Roosevelt added.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Allied units have been withdrawn from the hill position six miles northeast of Medjes El Bab in northern Tunisia, which they took on Christmas eve, the War department announced today.



YANKS ARE COMIN'—U.S. motorized columns in rapid advance in Algeria, raise a cloud of dust as they move up toward front lines over coastal road in the North African theater of war. These troops are now engaging Axis in Tunisia.

RUSSIAN PINGER PERILS THIRD OF INVADING FORCE

Moscow, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—A special Soviet communique said tonight that Russian troops had taken Kotelnikovo, important rail center southwest of Stalingrad.

Russian forces drove on Rostov from the north and the northeast today, developing a gigantic pincer potentially capable of isolating one-third of Adolf Hitler's armies.

The Red army had all but encircled Kotelnikovo, principal German base southwest of Stalingrad, and Soviet troops pushing down the Voronezh rail line were within 80 miles of Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus.

Success of the twin drives, together with the capitulation of 22 German divisions pocketed far to the rear of the present operations, would end the threat on the southern front for this winter at least and would seriously cripple Hitler's manpower reserves for operations on all fronts.

On the southwest Stalingrad front, driving forward throughout the night, the Russians took several more small towns and villages, killed more than 2,000 Germans and knocked out 20 tanks.

SWENSON'S OFFICE UNDER NEW CHIEF

Portland, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Russell P. Kramer today assumed his new post as special agent in charge of the Portland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, succeeding J. Douglas Swenson, who reportedly resigned because of displeasure over a proposed transfer to Dallas, Tex., has not announced future plans.

Jap's Bribery Try Nets Ten Months

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Atsushi Endo, 38-year-old Japanese, began a 10 months' sentence in the county jail today for attempts to bribe civilian guards at Santa Anita assembly center.

Endo was charged with offering \$50 weekly to guards if they would allow him to operate gambling games. He pleaded guilty.

TANK CARS FROZEN

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The Office of Defense Transportation today froze in eastern petroleum service all tank cars operating in that area.

MANPOWER NEED REVISED HIGHER BL PAUL M'NUTT

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt today revised upward to 65,400,000 his estimate of the number of men and women of this country who will be engaged in war industries and on the battlefield by December, 1943.

McNutt, at a press conference, declined to say whether the 2,200,000 increase over previous estimates of 1943 manpower requirements was due to needs of the armed forces.

He said 59,000,000 persons are now working in essential industries, agriculture, non-essential industries, professional or scientific professions, or are in the armed forces. This means that 6,400,000 more persons must go to work or become members of the armed forces in the next 12 months, he added.

Asked why the estimate had been revised upward from 63,200,000, McNutt said:

"We now have a more complete picture before us. It is due to needs of agriculture, lend-lease, and supplying our armed forces."

McNutt said 17,500,000 persons now are employed in war industries alone, an increase of 10,600,000 over December, 1941, or 1,800,000 more than it has now. This leaves 4,600,000 to be found for agriculture and the armed forces, he said.

Industry, he said, will need 19,300,000 persons by December, 1943, or 1,800,000 more than it has now. This leaves 4,600,000 to be found for agriculture and the armed forces, he said.

President Roosevelt said recently that the armed forces would have 9,700,000 men, exclusive of officers, by the end of 1943, an increase of 4,200,000 over the present estimated size. Thus, on McNutt's revised figures, it would appear that the remaining 400,000 are needed in agriculture.

AUSTIN TRIBUNE GIVES UP GHOST

Austin, Tex., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The last edition of the Austin Daily Tribune was issued today. A brief announcement in the paper said:

"This is the last publication of the Austin Daily Tribune. Conservation is ever in the public interest."

"We are grateful to those who have with loyalty supported this undertaking."

"Uncertainty and trial shall reign for some time, yet there are none but who with militant confidence face the future with unfailing hope. The Tribune began an ideal which shall remain."

Announcement came as a surprise even to editorial employees.

BAY AREA TREMBLES

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—A dish-rattling earthquake shook San Francisco, Berkeley, Richmond and other nearby communities at 11:18 a. m. today but no damage was reported.

Prof. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, described the tremor as "small but sharp". The quake was recorded over a period of three minutes on the university seismograph. Byerly said the epicenter of the quake was 15 miles from Berkeley.

Chandeliers swayed and dishes rattled in many homes. The tremor was felt in downtown office buildings.

The quake was felt as far east as Concord in Contra Costa county, where telephone lines quivered during the brief tremor.

Dish-rattling was reported at Richmond on the east side of San Francisco Bay, and in other metropolitan communities fringing the bay.

A quick, up-and-down movement was felt in top stories of San Francisco buildings.

HOUSING PROJECT OF 125 UNITS TO BE STARTED SOON

Plans for the Federal Housing Administration project to be constructed here near the Jackson school, are being prepared by Architects Francis C. Jacobberger and Frank C. Clark, assisted by a force of eight draughtsmen. The project will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000, and will consist of 125 family units, arranged in 28 rows of houses. The site is about 15 acres, bounded by McAndrews Road, Summit avenue, Clark street and Jackson street, Clark reported.

Besides the family units, there will be a Community House, with the administrator's office, storage space and social room. There will be a children's playground, and parks through the project. It will be used by defense workers and soldiers with families. Allocation of \$10,000 for landscaping had been made, Clark further explained.

Each unit will consist of a parlor, dining room, kitchen, bath room and bedrooms, the number of bedrooms varying. They will be built according to government specifications, with shingled exteriors, slate chip mineral composition roofs, and gypsum board and paneled interiors.

The plans were slated to be completed by January 1, but have been delayed by surveying details, Clark said. There also are several sewer and water problems to be adjusted.

The work will be let in a lump contract, to be 50 per cent completed in 60 working days, and the balance in 30 more working days, Clark further said.

Skelton's Cruelty Details Unrecited

Hollywood, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Edna Skelton, manager, gag-writer and wife of Red Skelton, the screen and radio comedian, accused her husband of cruelty today in a divorce suit.

Without detailing her charge, Mrs. Skelton said that she could not continue living with him because of his cruelty.

They separated last September 22, she said. They were married June 1, 1931, at Kansas City, Mo.

DUCKS COST MORE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—A temporary increase of from one-half cent to seven cents a pound in the price of ducks was authorized by the Office of Price Administration for producers and wholesale dealers to assure an adequate supply of the fowl for New Year holiday tables.

BRITISH SUBS GET FOUR AXIS SHIPS IN AFRICAN SEAS

London, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—British submarines have blasted four ships attempting to reinforce the Germans in North Africa, and the allied air attack has grown so heavy that observers said today that every axis-held port in Tunisia was damaged heavily.

The submarines struck along the axis' Tunisia-Sicily-Italy supply line and sank two ships, forced another to beach itself, and probably sank a fourth, according to a British Admiralty announcement.

German positions in Tunisia were under two-way attack from the air. Bombers and fighters attached to the British Eighth army roamed far from their bases to strike at German bases based on Tunisian airdromes took up the attack in what almost amounted to a round-the-clock air offensive.

American Lockheed Lightnings, long range, twin fuselage fighters, carried the battle from Tunisia into Tripolitania and attacked a German supply column 30 miles west of Tripoli.

CITRUS FRUITS TO GO UNDER CEILING

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—A price ceiling, effective within 48 hours, will be placed on Southern California's citrus fruits, local Office of Price Administration officials announced today.

Present regulations set the price on fresh citrus sold at retail at the highest price the retailer charged between September 28 and October 2, 1942, officials explained.

In addition the new order will bring citrus growers and wholesalers under OPA regulations already governing retailers, OPA chiefs said.

Despite an increase of approximately 8,000,000 boxes of citrus fruit for the 1942-43 season over last year, officials predicted less fruit will be available for civilian use. Large quantities of the pack will be diverted into concentrated orange juice and similar products for lend-lease and the armed forces, spokesmen said.

Control of France Given to Gestapo

London, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Reports from the continent tonight said Heinrich Himmler's Gestapo had taken over control of the entire internal administration of France.

The reports tended to confirm earlier ones that Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, had been recalled to Berlin and would not return to his post. The Allied occupation of North Africa was reported to have destroyed Hitler's confidence in Abetz.

STRATEGIC AREA FALLS TO ALLIES WITHOUT BATTLE

Fighting French Hoist Flag at Djibouti—Area Straits Between Red Sea, Aden.

(By United Press)

French Somaliland, Vichy France's last stronghold in Africa, came over to the cause of the United Nations today.

The flag of the Fighting French was hoisted last night at Djibouti, capital of French Somaliland and the terminus of an important railroad leading to Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

Announcement of Somaliland's adherence to the Allied cause was made at the London headquarters of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's Fighting French. The British foreign office announced later that a compact was signed between British and Fighting French leaders on one side and General Du Pont, acting governor of French Somaliland, on the other. Axis propaganda broadcasts attempted to picture hard fighting in Somaliland, but Allied sources indicated there was little resistance.

The strategic value of French Somaliland is that it controls the straits between the Red sea and the Gulf of Aden. It has 8,492 square miles of territory and a population of 45,000 natives and 1,700 Europeans.

Axis radios sought to make it appear that Britain was trying to take over French Somaliland before the United States did.

YANKEE BOMBERS ADD JAP CRUISER TO RABAU TOLL

Somewhere in New Guinea, Dec. 28.—(Delayed.—U.P.)—It's always good hunting for Lieut. James J. Crawford and the bomber crew of "The Yanks from Hell."

To the envy of more veteran pilots, Crawford, of Taylorville, Ill., destroyed an 8,000 ton Japanese freighter in St. George Channel at Rabaul, in New Britain, last Saturday and today led another attack that broke the back of a Japanese heavy cruiser at Rabaul.

Describing the action, Crawford said, "We arrived in the Rabaul area before dawn and hung around for a long time awaiting daylight. Finally we made a run across the harbor at a medium altitude. That's where Smitty (the bombardier) took over for the bomb run. We hit the cruiser the first time and unloaded our whole batch. Then we died away into the clouds because both ship and shore batteries were sending up plenty of stuff, hot and heavy."

POLICE HUNT DOGS TO HALT RABIES

New City, N. Y., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Police with high-powered rifles began hunting dogs today in an effort to stop a rabies epidemic.

The hunt extended over most of the county. Most of the dogs they sought to kill were former pets, now running wild in packs and killing deer like wolves. They sought only dogs "at large"—that is without visible means of support.

Twenty or more persons and 50 animals have been bitten by mad dogs recently, and, although many infected animals have been killed, cases of dog bite steadily increased.