

# 1ST LADY URGES AID FOR 'OKIES'

Paints Dreary Picture of Plight for House Committee.

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that she has testified at a Congressional investigation. Last spring she appeared before a House Committee to criticize conditions at a local hospital which she had visited.

**On Stand an Hour**

She concluded her testimony today after having been on the witness stand in the brightly lighted, crowded caucus room—temporary quarters of the House—for more than an hour.

Before leaving the hearing she shook hands with Mrs. David Thomas, mother of a migrant family whose earlier testimony had precipitated the union discussion. Mrs. Thomas said her husband, an electrician, had sought work at \$1.65 an hour at Ft. Meade, Md., project, but was told that he must pay \$300 in union initiation fees and dues.

"What is your thought about that?" asked Rep. John Sparkman (D. Ala.).

"Was the union A. F. of L. or C. I. O.?" Mrs. Roosevelt asked. Rep. Sparkman said he didn't know, but asked her to comment.

**"May Be a Racket"**

"There is a division in the electrical workers," Mrs. Roosevelt said. "There are certain racketeers. I suppose that may be one, but I don't know the immediate situation and I could not pass upon it."

"If it is not a racket there are possibilities of adjustment. I think you ought to get the local union head here, and find out about it, and have it out. It would be very interesting."

Mrs. Roosevelt said, in reply to a question by Rep. Frank Osmers (R. N. J.), that unless there is planning now for the future when the defense program slackens off "we are going to have mass migration again."

"We have time. We are not at war. There are plenty of people with brains and ability to see into the future. And it is criminal if we are not using them today."



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# Draft of U.S. 'Slacker Cash' Urged as Defense Policy

Morgenthau Wants Congress to Tax Bonds; Sets Pace With Note Issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (U. P.).—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. today backed a draft of funds to force "slacker money" to contribute to national defense by removing tax exemption privileges from Federal bonds.

"We feel here very strongly," he said, "that in view of this national defense program we should draft all money. By that I mean to say if a man is going to lend his money to the United States Government, that he should pay taxes on it."

He said that to continue the issue of tax-exempt bonds would make "possible the additional creation of what I call slacker money."

The Treasury, he explained, will request the new Congress for authority to issue wholly taxable bonds. He pointed out that his department already has that discretion in Treasury notes and will take advantage of it in a \$500,000,000 financing tomorrow.

**Small Sums Welcome.**

Referring to income from tax-exempt bonds as "slacker money," Mr. Morgenthau said he was considering plans to give every citizen the "privilege" of contributing to national defense; that he "would not turn down 25 cents" if it gave the average American the feeling that he was part of the rearmament program.

"You can't expect a man to work eight or 10 hours a day" (as a drafted soldier) for one dollar a day unless he feels that everybody else is making his contribution too," he said. "We have got to raise an awful lot of money and I want as many people as possible to take part in raising it."

**Savings Bonds Widely Held**

He described a program, similar to the Liberty Loan drives of the World War, in which every citizen would be called upon to contribute. He recalled the World War "stamp plan" in which Americans could buy 25-cent stamps to paste in a book and indicated he was giving it serious consideration.

The tax exemption plan, he said, had been discussed with the Federal Reserve Board and members of Congress who had approved it. Approximately 2,500,000 citizens hold U. S. savings bonds, Mr. Morgenthau estimated. He declared he would like to see that figure tripled but that tomorrow's financing would be restricted to wholesale lots.

Mr. Morgenthau told the House Ways and Means Committee Saturday that he had limited the December financing to \$500,000,000 because he wanted to see what action Congress would take on such questions as raising the debt limit and imposing new taxes. He believes the legal debt limit should be raised to match national defense appropriations "at least."

**British Resources Studied**

Meanwhile, speculation arose in connection with talk of financial aid to Britain as to the possibility of counting \$1,000,000,000 in Dutch resources with British holdings in this country in determining the need of anti-Axis powers for credits.

Mr. Morgenthau and Sir Frederick Phillips, representing the British Treasury, are exchanging information preliminary to President Roosevelt's return next week when the British financial picture is expected to be complete for his examination. Mr. Morgenthau said yesterday that Great Britain had not yet asked for financial aid directly or indirectly. He implied that the Administration was ignoring the statement made to the press last month by the Marquess of Lothian, British Ambassador, that his country must have financial aid.

Mr. Morgenthau and Sir Frederick resumed their conferences for two hours last night at the former's home, announcing nothing of what transpired further to illuminate their original statement that the Englishman was preparing a British balance sheet for the information of this Government.

**RABBIT FEVER FATAL**

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 10 (U. P.).—Harry Andrew Scott, 58, local barber, died today at his home of tularemia contracted a month ago while cleaning a rabbit. He was the second to die here of the disease within a week.

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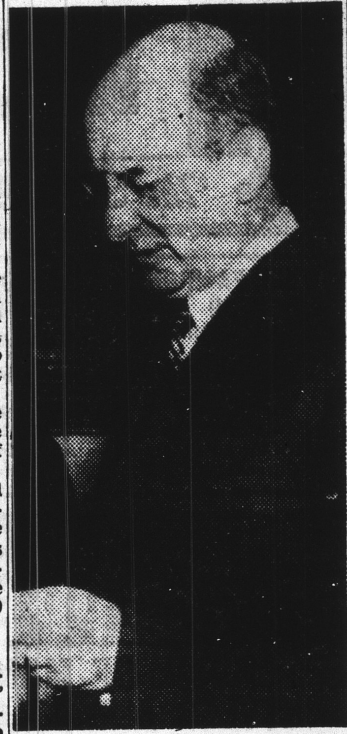
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# NAZIS SOW NEW CYLINDER BOMB

Looks Like Container for Gas Mask, Londoners Are Warned.

LONDON, Dec. 10 (U. P.).—Police and air raid wardens warned Londoners today against a new, deadly German bomb which resembles a gas mask container and explodes in the hands of anyone who picks it up.

Bombs of this type were scattered about London during the ferocious all-night German raid Sunday night and Monday morning.

The bomb consists of a metal cylinder, which contains a small bomb and from which dangles about five inches of wire. The cylinder is in four parts, which are supposed to separate as the bomb falls. Two of these parts become a rough sort of parachute, two becoming rotating vanes. The bomb drops from the cylinder to the end of the wire, which keeps it attached to the parts of the cylinder.

The bomb may explode on landing. If it does it may cause casualties within a radius of 50 feet.

**SCALDED AS WIFE FINISHES LAUNDRY**

Ernest Morris, 27, worked all night at the International Harvester Co. and was just returning home at 1102 Wiley Ave.

As he rounded the corner of the house, his wife, who did not expect him so soon, was just finishing washing clothes. She threw the water out and it doused him. He was treated at City Hospital for scalding.

**STATE PROVING AREA ORDERED BY ARMY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The War Department today ordered its agents to acquire 50,000 acres of land north of Madison, Ind., as a site for a proving ground for the Army Ordnance Department to supplement the department's present proving ground at Aberdeen, Md.

The announcement was made by Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.).

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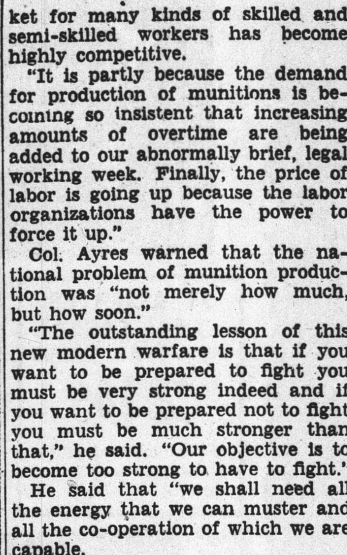
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