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CALLS REA HEAD 'UNTRUTHFUL'

Wickard Asks Dismissal
Of Slattery; Hints
At Dishonesty.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard today accused Harry Slattery, rural electrification administrator, of "untruthfulness" and added that "it is my opinion that his untruthfulness cannot be attributed to forgetfulness, but in most instances to self-interest."

Wickard told a senate agriculture subcommittee that one of the reasons he sought to remove Slattery as REA head was because Slattery's "word cannot be relied upon."

Answering questions for the committee which he refused to discuss some time ago, he said that there was no question now but that President Roosevelt wanted him to speak without reservations.

Education

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Rep. George A. Dondero (R. Mich.) charged today that state educational systems are being "threatened with domination and control by a bureaucracy here in Washington."

Dondero, ranking Republican member of the house education committee, said the educational system was the only institution which had thus far escaped federal domination and that it was essential that it remain in the hands of the states to "guard our democracy."

Dies Committee

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Chairman Martin Dies (D. Tex.) of the house committee on un-American activities, today promised a "showdown in the near future" on whether some broadcasting companies and radio commentators are "deliberately furthering and aiding a program of un-American propaganda."

Charging that there was evidence of "collusion" between some broadcasting firms and commercial sponsors "to mold public opinion by propaganda," Dies said his committee would subpoena scripts of certain commentators and possibly their sponsors and officials of the networks "to inquire into their motives and reasons for dissemination of falsehoods."

Helicopter Mail

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Postoffice officials tagged as "impractical" today the idea of extensive helicopter mail shuttle service between airports and postoffice rooftops, but met disagreement from other government experts studying the plan.

A survey of federal agencies concerned with the problem of helicopter postal service showed a wide divergence on the advisability of using some type of vertically-landing aircraft to transport air mail from the roofs of the local postoffices to the main depot in cities of more than 25,000 population after the war.

Soldier Vote

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Federal ballot and state's rights champions prepared for another battle today as the senate began formal consideration of the soldier vote bill approved by senate and house conferees.

Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) forewarned at least three days of debate, but Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky was a bit more optimistic and estimated that a single day of argument would suffice.

Tax Economy

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—A campaign to overhaul the "crazy quilt" tax structure in order to safeguard post-war economy was opened today by a special 25-member committee of house Republicans under sponsorship of House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts.

Martin announced the new Republican move as both congress and the administration were pressing a tax simplification measure that may relieve at least 30,000,000 wage earners of the chore of filing returns. It may be passed within the next two months.

Fight to Abolish FSA

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—A house agriculture subcommittee today climaxed a 10-month investigation of the farm security administration with the recommendation that the agency be abolished and certain of its functions transferred to a rejuvenated farmers home corporation within the agriculture department.

The subcommittee's complete recommendations, included in a bill submitted by Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D. N. C.), also called for the abolition of two other agriculture department agencies, the rural agricultural credit corporation and the emergency crop and feed loan administration, with the duties of these also to be lodged within the farmers home corporation.

Draft Deferments

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—War manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and WPA Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson were called to the White House today for a conference with President Roosevelt about tightening up of occupational draft deferments.

Mr. Roosevelt recently sent a memorandum to McNutt and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the selective service, saying that the present manpower situation was so grave that he felt the time had come "to call all occupational deferments with a view to speedily making available the personnel required by the armed forces."

Hershey then ordered local boards to be more strict relative to requiring occupational deferments, particularly to men under 26.

Record Crowd Assembles Here to Pay Income Taxes



Federal income taxpayers . . . the line will grow longer before Wednesday.

2 Fliers From Indianapolis Reported Killed in Action

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killed in action in the South Pacific. Son of Mrs. John Hofmann, he had been overseas 20 months and called home from an unknown port when his father died in June.

Ordnance man Hofmann, who had been 24, had been in the naval air corps two years and received preliminary training at the naval training station, San Diego, Cal.

Survivors believe Mr. Hofmann was his sister, Miss Eileen Marie Hofmann, and a brother, John Hofmann Jr., apprentice seaman in training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Memorial mass will be read at 10 a. m. Sunday in the Assumption Catholic church to which Ordnance man Hofmann belonged.

SGT. WILLIAM D. GLEICHMAN, son of Mrs. O. C. Gleichman, was killed when his plane fell into the Mediterranean sea while he was attacking a German convoy.

The 24-year-old airman had been reported missing since Jan. 29, 1943. He had been serving overseas on a Martin B-26 bomber since September, 1942.

A graduate of Broad Ripple high school, Sgt. Gleichman enlisted in the army air forces while a student at Butler University in November, 1941.

Besides his mother, survivors are a twin brother, Pvt. John F. Gleichman in the army air school at Altus, Okla., and three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Hornbeck of Dover, Del.; Mrs. C. Jackson of Long Branch, N. J., and Mrs. Paul R. Pike of Indianapolis.

LT. ORAL HERT, husband of Mrs. Oral Hert, 1236 E. Ohio st., has been missing since Feb. 22 over Germany.

The 23-year-old navigator of a Flying Fortress had been in England four months and previously had served in Alaska. Before entering the service in October, 1941, Lt. Hert attended Indiana University.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Hert, Bloomfield, and father of Phyllis Hert, who is almost 2.

PFC. RUSSELL HASHMAN, husband of Mrs. Genevieve P. Hashman, 1409 Bradbury st., was wounded in action in Italy Jan. 20 and has been awarded the purple heart.

Pvt. Hashman, who is 32, has been in the army infantry since May, 1943, and has been overseas since last October. He was re-signed to active duty again Feb. 1 after he recovered from his wounds.

A former employee of Allison division of General Motors, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hashman, 1409 Ringgold ave., and father of Russell Curtis Jr.

He has a brother, Petty Officer 2-c Lowell Hashman, serving with the coast guard, and a brother-in-law, Arthur Waltz of the merchant marines.

FIRST LT. CORBETT H. GREGORY, son of Mrs. Bessie J. Ford, 2036 E. 12th st., was wounded in action in Italy Jan. 28 and now back on duty in that area.

Mrs. Ford received the war department announcement two weeks ago. Lt. Gregory, who is 22, is a member of the army signal battalion and has been overseas 13 months.

LT. Gregory, entering the service three years ago, he trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and was graduated from officer candidate school at Ft. Montgomery, N. Y. He was promoted to first lieutenant in January.

Lt. Gregory attended school in Kentucky and worked for the Zenith Metal Co. before enlisting.

Some 35 tanks, 2,000 trucks and much other booty were captured. The 3d Ukrainian army 125 miles to the southeast forced the Ingul river, last barrier before the lower Bug, under heavy enemy fire and captured Ulyanovka, only 20 miles north of the Black sea port of Nikolaevo, in a drive that threatened to outflank that stronghold.

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ALLIES MAY CUT EIRE SUPPLIES

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PFC. JAMES T. SPITLER, hus-
band of Mrs. Rebecca L. Spitzer,
New Castle, was killed in marine
action, and S. Sgt. Harold R. Casell,
son of William L. Gassell, Michigan
City, lost his life in army combat in
the Southwest Pacific area.

WOUNDED
PVT. EMERSON S. J. Johnson,
husband of Mrs. Emerson Johnson,
Hagerstown; Pfc. Harold L. Russell,
son of Mrs. Marie Cross, Green-
field, and Pfc. Theodore Rutkowski,
son of Clemens Rutkowski, Ham-
mond, have been wounded in marine
action.

Pfc. Earl M. Arnold, son of Mrs.
Alice A. Arnold, DePauw, was
wounded in the Central Pacific
theater.

Among soldiers wounded in the
Mediterranean war zone are Pfc.
Russell J. Auler, son of Joseph E.
Auler, Alexandria; Sgt. Richard F.
Cyr, son of Mrs. Minni Cyr, Mishawaka;
Pvt. Max E. son of Mrs. E. E.
Ek, Kokomo; Pfc. James M.
Hall, nephew of James A. Hall,
Oscoda; Pfc. Edward F. Horstman,
son of Mrs. Henrietta E. Horstman,
Cpl. Edward J. Pisowicz, East
Chicago; Pfc. Lester D. Stife, son of
Mrs. Bonnie D. Stife, Gary; Cpl.
Monert L. Vance, son of Mrs. Effie
Vance, Rome City, and Pvt. Charles
J. Zavor, son of Mitchell Zavor,
Mishawaka.

HONORED
Lt. (j.g.) HARRY W. CLAY-
BAUGH of Muncie has been award-
ed the silver star posthumously for
gallantry and intrepidity as exec-
utive officer of a beach battalion dur-
ing the amphibious assault on Sicily,
July 10, 1943.

He was fatally wounded while
pushing forward three miles into
enemy territory, defeating and cap-
turing the enemy.

Depends on Allies

With only a handful of ships of
her own, Eire has been largely,
probably almost wholly, dependent
on British, American and other
United Nations vessels to bring her
vitally-needed supplies from abroad.

A London Daily Mail dispatch
from northern Ireland said curtail-
ment of shipments of oil and gaso-
line probably would force suspen-
sion of bus service in many sections
of Eire.

Shortage of coal, of which the
correspondent estimated Eire had
only a few days' supply on hand,
threatens to close industries and
throw thousands out of work, the
dispatch said. Eire depends entirely
on the United States and Britain
for oil, coal and machinery and in
large part, for her wheat and other
foods.

The Daily Mail also reported that
closure of the northern Ireland-Eire
border was under consideration in
London and Washington as a
further means of preventing leakage
of information regarding the opening
of the western front.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
Successful in Past

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—A diplomatic procedure which al-
ready has paid dividends for the
United States—application of eco-
nomic sanctions—may next be ap-
plied to Eire if she persists in re-
fusing to expel axis diplomats, well
informed quarters believed today.

The recent notes exchanged be-
tween the Anglo-American and
Irish capitals left no doubt of al-
lied concern over the presence of
enemy agents on Irish soil while
second front preparations are un-
der way nearby, and many obser-
vers felt that economic pressure may
follow London's imposition of re-
strictions on travel between Britain
and the Irish homeland.

Contacting a second large sub-
mersible three hours later, the Borne
aircraft launched a fierce attack, her
well-placed depth charges bringing
the enemy to the surface and her
four-inch guns blasting as she forged
forward of the conning tower to the
surface and caused her subsequently to
sink stern first.

While engaged in escort operations,
Lt. Hutchins made sound contact
with a hostile submarine and imme-
diately maneuvered to attack with depth charges which
forced the enemy vessel to the sur-
face and caused her subsequently to
sink stern first.

During the 20-mile advance yes-
terday brought Konev's forces to
the middle Bug along a five-mile
front after engulfing more than 60
towns and villages.

The capture of Gavron, on the north bank
of the Bug, cut a line linking Perv-
omaisk with the Odessa-Warsaw
trunk line, and brought the Russians
to within 41 miles of the Odessa-
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RUSS SMASH INTO
ODESSA DISTRICT

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IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY

Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Fireside Tire & Rubber exhibit, Clay-
ton. U. S. Trotting association, Sevier hotel.
Fire registration offices open at 7th
hall, Speedway City; City hall, Beach
Grove; Wrigley store, New Augusta, and
Edgewood school.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Fireside Tire & Rubber exhibit, Clay-
ton. Memorial meeting in honor of the late
W. S. Morgan, School Board repre-
sentative. Indianapolis Legal Aid society, club-
room of the Indianapolis Bar Association
building.

Indiana Fire Chiefs association, Hotel
Lincoln, 7 a. m.

Womans' Press club, Columbia club,
12:15 p. m.

Amateur Association of University Women,
Indianapolis branch, Broadway
Methodist church, 6:15 p. m.

Federation of International Travel-Study
Club, World War Memorial, 8 p. m.
Fernley Literary Club, Proprietary
3 p. m.

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