

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 "safeguard 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 post-offices to the main depot in cities of more than 25,000 population at 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.) foresaw 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 speed 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. Conley (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.

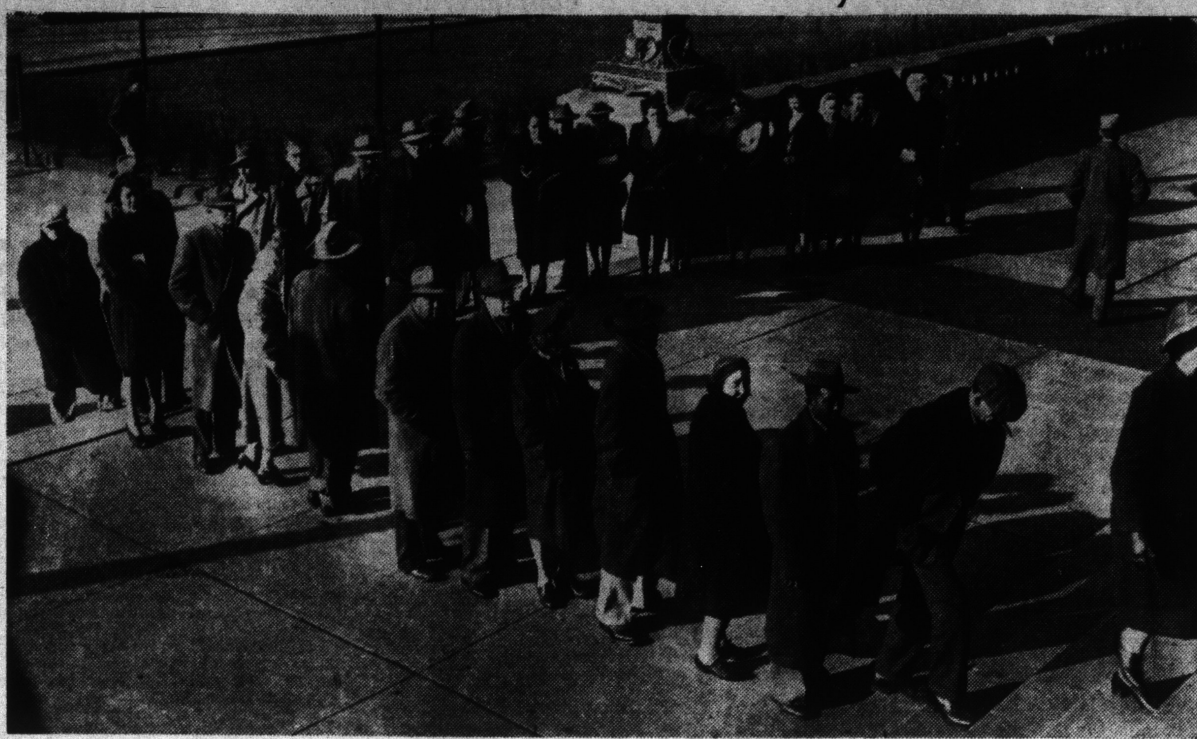
Draft Deferrals

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.).—War Manpower Commission Chairman W. McVitt, War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and WPB 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, national selective service director, saying that the present manpower situation was so grave that he felt the time had come "to reveal what 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 granting 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 post when his father died in June.

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

Survivors besides his mother, Mr. Hofmann, are his sister, Miss Ellen 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 P. Gleichman in the army air school at Altus, Okla., and three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Hornbeck of Dover, Del.; Mrs. W. C. Jackson of Long Branch, N. Y.; 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. Orville Hert, Bloomfield, and father of Phyllis Hert, who is almost 2.

PFC. RUSSELL HASHMAN, husband of Mrs. Genevieve P. Hashman, 1409 Broadway 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 reassigned 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, 1403 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, 2306 E. 12th st., was wounded in action in Italy Jan. 28 and is 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.

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KILLED
PFC. JAMES T. SPITLER, husband of Mrs. Rebecca L. Spitler, New Castle, was killed in marine action, and S. Sgt. Harold R. Gasell, son of William L. Gasell, 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, Greenfield, and Pfc. Theodore Rutkowski, son of Clemens Rutkowski, Hammond, 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 P. Cyr, son of Mrs. Minnie Cyr, Mishawaka; Pfc. Max Ek, son of Mrs. Elsie Ek, Kokomo; Pfc. James M. Hall, nephew of James A. Hall, Ocoosa; Pfc. Edward F. Horstman, son of Mrs. Henrietta E. Horstman, Evansville; Cpl. Edward J. Pisowicz, son of Mrs. Veronica Pisowicz, East Chicago; Pfc. Lester D. Stiffe, son of Mrs. Bonnie D. Stiffe, Gary; Cpl. V. Vance, son of Mrs. Elsie Vance, Rome City, and Pvt. Charles J. Zavor, son of Mitchell Zavor, Mishawaka.

HONORED
LT. (J.G.) HARRY W. CLAYBAUGH of Muncie has been awarded the silver star posthumously for gallantry and intrepidity as executive officer of a beach battalion during the amphibious assault on Sicily, July 10, 1943.

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

FIRST LT. NORTON H. ROBINSON of Gary and S. Sgt. LLOYD V. ALLEBRIGHT, of Terre Haute, have been awarded the distinguished flying cross and the silver star, respectively.

Sgt. Allebright was decorated for gallantry in action while serving as right waist gunner on a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, Nov. 13, 1943, when he was seriously wounded.

LT. CMDR. CHARLES H. HUTCHINS, U. S. N. R., of Terre Haute, was awarded the navy cross for extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of the U. S. S. Borie during action against two enemy submarines in the Atlantic.

While engaged in escort operations, Lt. Hutchins made sound contact with a hostile submarine and immediately maneuvered to attack with depth charges which surfaced and caused her subsequently to sink stern first.

Contacting a second large submarine three hours later, the Borie again launched a fierce attack, her well-placed depth charges bringing the enemy to the surface and her four-inch guns blazing as she forged full speed ahead, rammed her foe forward of the conning tower and held fast.

RUSS SMASH INTO ODESSA DISTRICT
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Juggernaut. They previously had abandoned their tanks, self-propelled gun batteries, stores and other heavy equipment.

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

The capture of the railway junction of Galvorn, on the north bank of the Bug, cut a line linking Pervomaisk with the Odessa-Warsaw trunk line and brought the Russians to within 41 miles of the Odessa.

Warsaw lies itself, 50 miles northeast of Bessarabia and 130 miles north of Odessa. Daulinka, five miles northwest of Galvorn, was seized.

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 Nikolayev, in a drive that threatened to outflank that stronghold.

ALLIES MAY CUT IRE SUPPLIES

Coal, Food and Machinery
Expected to Be Curtailed.

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the fact that she asked Australia to intervene for the withdrawal of the American note.

At Canberra, Prime Minister John Curtin said Australia not only rejected Eire's plea, but notified Eire she was in accord with the American request and hoped the Irish government would "see its way clear to agree thereto."

A sharp reduction in the shipments of wheat, oil, coal and machinery to Eire was expected momentarily in order to release every ton of united nations shipping possible for the opening and maintenance of a western front.

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 curtailment of shipments of oil and gasoline probably would force suspension 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 already has paid dividends for the United States—application of economic sanctions—may next be applied to Eire if she persists in refusing to expel axis diplomats, well informed quarters believed today.

The recent notes exchanged between the Anglo-American and Irish capitals left no doubt of allied concern over the presence of enemy agents on Irish soil while second front preparations are under way nearby, and many observers felt that economic pressure may follow London's imposition of restrictions on travel between Britain and the Irish homeland.

EVENTS TODAY
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Cincinnati	54	29
Cleveland	54	29
Denver	56	28
Evansville	56	27
Indianapolis (city)	56	28
Kansas City, Mo.	56	28
New Orleans	78	60
Minneapolis-St. Paul	19	14
New York	43	32
Oakland	52	32
Omaha, Neb.	39	29
Pittsburgh	46	28
St. Louis	57	39
Washington, D. C.	50	40

Hundreds Arrive Before Daylight

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lined up in front of the nine receiving cashiers.

For the most part, those handing over their tax money were looks of resignation and relief. Cashiers said a deep-felt sigh, not conversation, was the principal characteristic of the average person unloading himself of his tax burden.

Million Dollar Mistake
One man, after standing in line for two hours in order to have his return rechecked, discovered that his original sum was 20 cents above the rechecked total, a deputy collector said. Another, nervously filling out a check for \$47, made a million dollar mistake, when he inserted a one and six zero—by what strange quirk of psychology nobody knows.

So far, the great bulk of Marion county's 150,000 taxpayers have filed returns. Revenue Collector Smith declared. His staff of 200 worked overtime yesterday sorting out some 100,000 letters containing payments, returns and considerable extraneous matter. Eight switchboard operators gave telephonic information to five or six hundred inquirers yesterday, also.

By 10 a. m. today 439 persons had gone through the filing section, with hundreds of other stepping up to the cashiers' windows at the same time. Deputy collectors estimated that about 450 taxpayers would be processed every hour today.

Mr. Smith said he wished to emphasize that payments can be made through check or money order, as well as personally. The internal revenue office will remain open until 9 p. m. tonight and tomorrow night and until midnight Wednesday.

RULES INDIANA CITIES MAY HAVE AIRPORTS

Atty. Gen. James Emmert today held constitutional the new 1943 law authorizing cities of the second, third and fourth class to acquire and construct landing fields.

The opinion was asked by Otto K. Jensen, state examiner, because it was believed that the title of the act was insufficient. Mr. Emmert's ruling makes it unnecessary for the coming special session of the legislature to consider amending the 1943 law. This was one of the measures with apparently defective titles which it was believed the legislature might have to consider.

The attorney general also held that the surplus of municipally-owned utilities can be used only to finance acquisition of an airport if it is transferred to the general fund in the manner provided by statute, and that there is no limitation on the sums of money that can be appropriated for operation of airports other than the constitutional limitation against indebtedness.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

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New Orleans	78	60
Minneapolis-St. Paul	19	14
New York	43	32
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War Theaters— SEIZE ANOTHER PACIFIC ATOLL

Yanks Strike in Marshalls;
Bombers Raid French Coast.

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of the allied front line on Cape Rigny.

Rabaul, another enemy bastion at the eastern tip of New Britain, was hit again by allied planes, which sank three small craft and damaged many others.

Air War
LONDON, March 13 (U. P.).—American Flying Fortresses blasted again at mysterious military installations in northern France today, a few hours after the R. A. F.'s night-raiding Mosquito bombers stabbed at targets in western Germany.

Observers along the British coast reported feverish daylight aerial activity over the channel, but a U. S. 8th air force communique reported only that a "small formation" of fighter-escorted Fortresses attacked the French targets.

The Luftwaffe again made no attempt to interfere, but Nazi anti-aircraft batteries shot down two Fortresses.

Italy
A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 13 (U. P.).—Allied long-range guns raked German positions around the Anzio beachhead with good effect yesterday, but bad weather grounded most of the opposing aerial forces and limited ground fighting throughout Italy to isolated patrol clashes, a communique announced today.

The bombardment ripped through enemy front line positions and the network of roads leading down to the beachhead from Rome in an apparent effort to prevent the Nazis from thrusting in strength for another massing at the allied lines.

Meanwhile, leaders of three leftist political parties were expected today to forward to the allied nations a resolution calling for abdication of King Victor Emmanuel and establishment of a democratic Italian government.

A mass meeting of 7000 Neapolitans adopted by acclamation yesterday the resolution prepared by leaders of the Communist, Socialist and Action parties calling for "purification of the state administration beginning with the exponents of monarchism and their collaborators and Fascist accomplices, and establishment of a democratic government composed of all political parties."

Rumania
LONDON, March 13 (U. P.).—The Daily Herald reported from Ankara today that a Rumanian peace delegation was working feverishly in the Turkish capital, but was meeting with little success.

The dispatch said British and American diplomats had declined to help Rumania against Germany so long as Turkey remained out of the war and that Russian representatives at Ankara had been instructed to turn a deaf ear to Bucharest's overtures.

Prince Barnu Stirbey, whom former King Carol had exiled to Switzerland, and Gen. Ion Manescu, 75-year-old leader of the Rumanian youth movement, are the two peace envoys now at Ankara, the Herald said.

Finland
STOCKHOLM, March 13 (U. P.).—Russia has suggested that Marshal Carl Mannerheim, Finland's strong man and commander-in-chief of her army, come to Moscow as a member of any Finnish peace delegation, but his countrymen never will consent to send him, usually well-informed and reliable quarters reported today.

The Russians suggested that Mannerheim participate in the peace talks some time ago, reliable sources said.

According to these same quarters, however, the Finns were opposed to allowing him to go to Moscow, fearing that regardless of the outcome of the peace talks, the Soviets might refuse to permit Mannerheim to return to Finland.

FDR Encourages Post-War Security Plans of Industry

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in the first five post-war years may average 78 per cent higher than in 1940-41, greatest increases expected being in dishwashers, ironers, small air conditioners.

The post-war committee of the American Washer & Ironer Manufacturers' association predicts domestic market at an annual rate of 2,500,000 washing machines and upwards of 400,000 ironers for 10 years. (Peak washer production, in 1941, was 1,960,000 units.)

Telephones in buses and trains are no post-war dreams. Radiotelephone equipment, highly developed for military uses, makes them easily possible.

Restaurants will be the No. 1 market for air-conditioning systems, says the American Restaurant magazine. They're also making extensive plans for new buildings, remodeling, purchase of dining room and kitchen equipment.

The country's 170,000 restaurants are now serving 30 million meals daily, compared to 20 million a day in 1929, and expect to hold most of that wartime gain because so many people have acquired the eating-out habit.

Plate-glass cool chutes might seem one of the unlikeliest developments, but they're already being used at several mines. They resist abrasion, outwear steel chutes, aren't affected by chemicals.

Don't expect jet-propulsion to revolutionize aviation any time soon, authorities warn. Jet planes,

like helicopters, are still in the early stage where much more engineering is required.

Jets, used as auxiliaries to motors, have great advantages for providing brief bursts of extra power, as in takeoffs and under combat conditions. But they burn much more fuel than internal-combustion engines and aren't likely to displace them, at least for a good many years.

Surplus military stocks may total 60 billion dollars or more, but will be no such menace to post-war markets as some manufacturers and merchants have feared. Three-fourths of them probably will be specialized ordnance not usable by civilians, according to A. D. H. Kaplan, Denver university economist, who has been studying the subject for the committee for economic development.

Stocks salable to civilians aren't likely to total more than 15 billion dollars, of which half or more may be abroad, where it will be acutely needed. And, in line with the Baruch-Hancock report, large quantities of the surplus goods in this country may be sold before the war ends, and in the industrial reconstruction period, thus combating inflation.