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# REMINDER: U. S. TAX AGAIN DUE

Taxpayers were reminded today by Clark Squire, collector of internal revenue, that third-quarter installments of estimated income tax for 1944 are due next Friday. Statements have been mailed to approximately 120,000 taxpayers in the district who filed declarations of estimated income tax. Taxpayers whose estimated tax was substantially increased or decreased since filing their original declarations should disregard the statements and file an amended declaration and make payment of the correct amount of tax.

# Record Saves Ex-Soldier From Jail Sentence

Because Eddie Gross, former Army sergeant, had a good service record, a six-month sentence given him today for illegally wearing the uniform of an Army private was suspended in favor of five years' probation. United States District Judge John C. Bowen stipulated, however, that Gross support his two children in accordance with a previous court order. Gross, 40 years old, a truck driver and tavern operator, pleaded guilty. Allan Pomeroy, assistant United States attorney, said Gross had been discharged from the Army more than a year ago, but began wearing a uniform again this summer and attended U. S. O. dances, used service men's clubs and service men's franking privileges.

All tractors repaired in Russia must be government inspected before being used for farm work.

# China Looking to U. S. For Both War and Postwar Aid

(How China leans heavily upon the United States, not only for wartime but for postwar assistance, is pointed out by A. T. Steele in the following article, one of a series on conditions in China today. Mr. Steele, an authority on Far Eastern affairs, bases his statements upon a just-concluded six-weeks' visit to China.)

By A. T. STEELE  
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
AT A FAR EASTERN BASE—(Via Clippert)—China is leaning more heavily upon the United States today than at any time in its history. It is looking to America not only for materials with which to wage war but also for materials to reconstruct China after the war.

All thoughtful Chinese know that if China is to become a first-class power in the shortest possible time it must have the fullest help from other members of the "Big Four," and especially from the United States. Even with this help, it may take this weakened, impoverished country a generation to attain first-class status.

**American Views Noted**  
It is evident from the close attention given by Chinese leaders to the views of Vice President Henry A. Wallace that China is very sensitive at this stage to American suggestion. This is confirmed, too, by Chinese reaction to American press criticism.

Thousands of Chinese, especially among intellectuals, hope and believe that American influence will have a profound effect in persuading China's rulers to follow the paths of Democracy instead of Fascism, to avert civil war and to modernize China's army.

American aid to China is both material and advisory. The material help takes three main forms. First and biggest is the support for Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force. Chennault gets first priority because he is knocking out Japanese shipping in the South China Sea; because he is giving invaluable air

support to the badly harassed Chinese army; because he is whittling down the Japanese air force and protecting China from air attacks, and finally, because his planes may some day be needed to help cover an American naval landing on the China coast.

That's why a good part of all air tonnage over the "hump"—the Himalayan Range on the Indian border—into China consists of fuel and other supplies for Chennault's Flying Tigers.

**New Burma Road Aid**  
Second biggest item of American assistance consists of munitions and other materials needed to supply Chinese divisions in Burma and Southwestern China, which are pushing toward each other with the purpose of opening a corridor for a new Burma Road. Very few American arms have been available so far to Chinese forces elsewhere in China (outside Yunnan).

Third on the list are quantities of raw and finished materials needed for China's few basic industries and its essential services—things like spare parts for motor trucks.

In a general way, this is likely to remain the pattern for American help to China until a much bigger flow of materials is possible. When will that be? Probably not this year; maybe, early next year, at best. The new Burma Road cannot be opened until the Japs have been cleared from Tengchung, Sunghuan and Lungling, last enemy-held strong-points on the road's advance.

**No Overnight Job**  
That's no going to be an overnight job. Witness the long siege of Myitkyina, which has just ended. However, highway construction can proceed even while these strong-points are being reduced.

In any case, the new Burma Road will serve as a palliative, not a cure, for China's blockade problem. Not until the Allies have seized a port or two on the China coast will it be possible to begin pushing supplies into China on an impressive scale.

There are still doubters, in the Army and out, who believe that Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Burma Road is not worth the effort. These critics point out that the war in Europe may be over before Stilwell gets a road through, and that our whole strategy in the Far East then may change, making the new highway unnecessary.

General Stilwell's supporters—and there are plenty of them—don't look at it that way. They assert that even if the road got no farther than Myitkyina it would still be worth while. By occupying Northern Burma, they point out, Stilwell's troops have provided a valuable cushion of protection for American transport planes flying to China. Transport pilots are now able to fly a safer run. Eventually, they may be able to use Myitkyina airdrome as a stopover and fueling point, which would make it possible to carry bigger loads.

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La Paz, capital of Bolivia, lies in the heart of a gigantic canyon about three miles wide, ten miles long and 1,500 feet deep, at an altitude of about 12,700 feet in the Andes Mountains.

# 6 HOMES LOST IN BRUSH FIRE

ELSINORE, Calif., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A brush and crop fire that for a time threatened this community was checked at the city limits today but, fanning out on two fronts, still raged uncontrolled after destroying six homes, damaging a score of others and sweeping across 6,000 acres of farms and wastelands. State Ranger J. W. Tomblin said damage probably would run into several thousand dollars.

# Argentina Again 'Insulted' by Hull

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Nationalist newspaper Cabildo asserted today, "Hull Again Insults Argentina" in a first-page banner over United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull's declaration yesterday that Argentina was the headquarters of a Fascist movement in the Western Hemisphere.

Although afternoon papers yesterday did not publish Hull's charges, it was understood that morning papers today were encouraged to use the article.

# Pope Pius Indorses Polish Women's Plea

LONDON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Polish Telegraph Agency said today that Pope Pius XII had replied to an appeal for Vatican aid from Polish women of Warsaw and had expressed to President Rackiewicz his "whole-hearted" indorsement of the plea.

# THIL, EX-FIGHTER, LED REIMS F. F. I.

By THOMAS R. HENRY  
North American Newspaper Alliance  
NEAR THE BELGIAN BORDER, Sept. 2.—(Delayed)—In Reims today I dined with the leader of the local French resistance for the past three years. He is Marcel Thil, former world middleweight champion, who lost his title to Fred Apostoli in Madison Square Garden, New York. Thil is now a wealthy coal merchant.

His activities were suspected by the Germans but never proved. A few weeks ago they sent eighteen armed men to his home to beat him up. "Oo-la-la, they did," said the former champion. "I could have taken on all eighteen unarmed, but two held pistols to my head while the others stood around with guns pointed."

Thil said he was careful never to keep a gun in his house since it was frequently searched and discovery of a weapon meant death.

# Priorities Urged For Small Concerns

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Congressional applause for a War Production Board decision to remove most controls over civilian production as soon as Germany falls was mixed today with a demand for protective action to prevent big corporations from "gobbling up" released materials. Senator Stewart, Democrat, Tennessee, said that while he is aware of W. P. B.'s assurance of plans to protect small business in the reconversion period, this protection should be supplemented by the extension of "emergency priorities" to little concerns for materials and component parts.

# Woman Driver Is Charged In Death of Man

Mrs. Thomine Christensen, 3031 Beacon Ave., whose automobile struck and fatally injured a pedestrian at Ninth Avenue South and Jackson Street August 14, yesterday was charged in Superior Court with negligent homicide.

Mrs. Christensen's automobile struck John A. Tonjum, 56 years old, of 7314 32nd Ave. S., as he crossed the street from the Western Gear Works, where he was employed as a guard.

The central zone of Africa produces the finest ivory in the world. African elephants have tusks larger and whiter than those of Indian elephants. The average weight of African elephant tusks is 55 pounds, but some big bull elephants produce tusks weighing more than 200 pounds.

# 30,000 JAPS LEAVE CENTERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—More than 30,000 Japanese-Americans have left War Relocation centers on indefinite leave and they are going out at the rate of 400 a week, the War Production Authority reported today.

Director Dillon S. Myer said about 60,000 remain in the eight regular centers and 18,500 are in a segregation center for persons of questionable loyalty at Tulelake, Calif. In addition, 5,000 are now outside the centers on seasonal leave, working in such activities as canning, beet thinning and harvesting.

Most of the 30,000 on indefinite leave have settled permanently in communities scattered across the country. Some are in the Army.



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