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But Important Post-war Relief Proposals For Industry

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The Chancellor's "Mixture As Before" Budget

NO MAJOR CHANGES IN TAXATION, BUT IMPORTANT LIEF PROPOSALS TO ASSIST IN RE-ESTABLISHING INDUSTRY A PEACETIME FOOTING AFTER THE WAR AND TO COURAGE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH WERE OUTSTANDING TURES OF SIR JOHN ANDERSON'S FIRST BUDGET SPEECH DAY.

This new income-tax policy, which will not come into force until the rn to peacetime production, will include special allowances on the of new plant and buildings. In addition, any capital research expen- re will be allowed for five years as a deduc- from profit for income-tax purposes.

"The mixture as before" is how the ncellor himself described the Budget.

In addition to the new income-tax measures, his posals included:—

The 100 per cent. Excess Profits Tax to continue the duration of the war, but concessions to benefit 00 small businesses at a cost of £12,500,000 in a year.

Beer duty to be raised a penny per degree of ity per standard barrel. The effect of this is the Treasury takes what the brewers have saved he reduction in the price of barley and it will not publicans or consumers.

Sir John intimated that the policy of wartime ies would be continued, but that the cost-of- index figure may be allowed to rise above the ar figure—from 25 to 30 per cent. to 30 to 35 per . This would be continued in.to the transitional od between war and peace.

The Chancellor budgeted for a total expendi- n 1944-45 of £5,937,000,000 and said he estimated nue at £3,102,000,000.

At the outset, the Chancellor had revealed that revenue last year was £3,039,000,000, which ded. by £131,000,000, the late Sir Kingsley 's estimate.

The Chancellor

The Beer Duty

The effect of the increase in the duty on beer is that the Treasury takes what the brewers have saved by the reduction in the price of barley during the past three years.

A brewing authority said: "The increase affects neither the publicans nor the consumer. It is a matter between the brewers and the Government.

"During the last three years the maximum price of malted barley has been brought down from 140s. to 106s. per cwt. The extra penny per degree of gravity is the equivalent of that reduction of price."

OVERSEAS TRAVEL BAN

In addition to the restrictions on travel to Ireland further severe restrictions have been imposed for military reasons on all travel from Britain to destinations other than Ireland. Travel to all destinations overseas is being suspended except for business of urgent national importance which cannot be postponed, the Home Office stated last night.

Persons who have already been granted exit permits will be allowed to use them up to midnight on Thursday, April 27th. After that date no exit permit will be valid unless it was issued on or after April 10th.

These restrictions will remain in force until further notice, but they are temporary and will be relaxed as soon as military considerations permit.

BEACHHEAD POSITIONS IMPROVED

ROME REPORTS FOREST CLASH

To-day's Allied *communiqué* from Mediterranean Allied advance headquarters in Italy stated that normal patrol and artillery activity took place on all fronts.

A Reuter despatch says that American troops in the Anzio beachhead have further improved their positions by the occupation of another German stronghold after a brisk small arms clash.

The enemy staged a raid on the Naples area last night, lasting about one hour.

Enemy Report

Fierce fighting for a forest in the Anzio beachhead area is reported by German-controlled Rome radio which says that, on the southern perimeter, Allied forces, after laying an artificial fog screen, succeeded in penetrating a German head forest. It claimed: "Counter-attacks are in full swing."

An Allied attack with a force of several companies also took place south-east of Carroceto, it was added.—Reuter.

Investment of Sebastopol

Soviet warships and bombers, ranging over the Black Sea between Sebastopol and the Rumanian coast, are speeding up the chase of fleeing Germans who succeeded in slipping through the Russian net.

The plight of the German garrison grows worse as moving pounds positions round the city where port fires have flared up again.—Reuter.

Wedding of Miss Kathleen Arrowsmith

A wedding of considerable interest to North Staffordshire took place at St. Leonard's Church, Woore, yesterday, the bride being Miss Kathleen A. Arrowsmith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arrowsmith, of Brookland's, Pipe Gate, near Market Drayton, and the bridegroom, Lieutenant A. Michael Hollins-head, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hollins-head, of Kingsley, Woore.

The bride, given in marriage by Chairman of Directors of the well-known firm of F. Arrowsmith and Sons Ltd., Burslem, is serving in the Women's Land Army. The bridegroom, before entering the Services, was a member of the staff of Lloyds Bank, Hanley.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Moss and the hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung.

A charming dress of cornflower blue chiffon, with tulle cap to match, had been chosen by the bride.

The duties of best man, in the unavoidable absence of Lieutenant B. Hollinshead, the bridegroom's brother, were carried out by Mr. T. Sadler.

A reception was held at Brookland's. Pipe Gate, and later Lieutenant and Mrs. Hollinshead left for their honeymoon at St. Annes-on-Sea.

Youths' Damage On Playground

At Fenton Police Court today, Leslie Dicken, aged 18 of 88, Vivian-road, Fenton, and Philip Perry, aged 17, of 59, Broade-street, Fenton, were each fined £1 and ordered to pay £5. 6d. costs for damaging goalposts to the amount of 18s. 6d. on a children's playground, the property of the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation.

Sergeant Tomlinson said he was attracted to the Manor-street recreation ground on Sunday, April 9th, on hearing splintering noise. He found both defendants in a boisterous mood, and the crossbar of some goalposts broken. Perry was carrying a piece of wood, which he took from him. Witness advised them to report the damage, and to go and settle up for it, but as both denied breaking the crossbar, they were cautioned.

In court, Dicken expressed regret and Perry said they swung on the bar but did not mean to break it.

Rail Shopmen's Wage Increase

Railway shop workers throughout Britain, numbering about 110,000 are to receive an increase in the war wage of 5s. a week as the result of an agreement reached yesterday in London after a long meeting of representatives of the railway companies, the craft unions, and the N.U.R. The settlement applies to all adult staff in the railway shops, men and women, and there will be appropriate increases for junior staff.

Black-Out Time

9.57 p.m. to **6.16** a.m.

Lighting-up Time: 10.27 p.m. to 5.46 a.m.

Hitler and Mussolini: Second Front Talks

With "second front" tension increasing on the continent, Hitler and Mussolini—with Ribbentrop and Field Marshal Keitel—have met again and discussed political, military and economic problems concerning their two countries and their common aims.

A communique quoted by the German News Agency says the talks took place "in the spirit of the old friendship between Führer and Duce," and goes on:—

The Duce informed the Führer of the decision by the Republican Fascist Government, the only representation of the entire Italian people, further to activate its war effort by the side of the Allies of the Tripartite Pact.

This decision has been warmly recognised, and the efforts of the Government of the Duce are being effectively supported by the Reich in every respect.

The determination of the Tripartite Powers previously taken the war against the Bolshevists is the East and the Jews and plutocrats in the West, and to guarantee to the nations a life based on a new and just order, was expressed, in a statement by the Führer about the deployment and the fighting of all the resources at present for the prosecution, as well as about post-war.

You Ribbentrop (Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel (Chief of Staff of the German Armed Forces) and the Duce, Mussolini (Minister of Defence) and Signor Mezzasoma (Secretary of State), on the Italian side, took part in the conversations.

The conversations confirmed the unshakable resolve to continue the struggle shoulder to shoulder till final victory had been won and the political aims of the Axis and the Tripartite Powers had been achieved.

At the German Ambassador and Commissioner of the German Reich in Italy (Rudolph Rahn) and the Italian Ambassador in Berlin (Filippo Anfuso) also took part.

It will be noted that, despite the reference to the "political" aims, no announcement of any change in representative at the meeting.

CASUALTIES

Death of Cobridge Gunner

Notification has been received by relatives of the death, while in action overseas of **Gunner J. W. Allmark**, whose home address is 3, Elm-street, Cobridge.

Aged 42, Gunner Allmark joined the Forces in August, 1941. He took part in the Tunisian campaign and, after subsequently served in Italy. In civil life he was employed by Messrs. Doulton and Company, Ltd., Burslem. Deep sympathy will be extended to his relatives.

Wounded

Further North Staffordshire soldiers reported wounded while serving overseas are:—

Gunner Harold Joseph Salt, Royal Artillery, of Birches Head:

Private Kenneth Plimbley, of Stanfields, Tunstall; and

Private Colin Donaldson, of Northwood.

Gunner Salt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Salt, 59, Turnock-street, Burslem. He is aged 22. He was called to the Colours as a Territorial on the outbreak of war, before which he was employed by Messrs. J. H.

J. W. Allmark

H. J. Salt

Wardmore and Sons, Limited, Longton. Prior to joining the Army he had been employed by Messrs. Hawley Bros., Limited, Cape Tools, and was one of the Burslem Territorials. Mrs. Hawley, of Bedford Road, Cobridge, is his mother.

Ordinary Seaman John Salt, of the Navy.

Private Plimbley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Plimbley, of Tunstall-road, Stanfields. Twenty-one years of age, he joined the Forces two years ago, and was employed in the Wedgwood works. He is now stated to be in hospital in Egypt, suffering from wounds.

Private Donaldson, who is also the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson, of Northwood, is a Territorial. He joined the Forces two years ago, before which he was employed at the Burslem Port Works. Mrs. Donaldson, who resides at 2, Bedford-street, Northwood, has been informed that her husband is progressing favourably.

Laforey Survivor

Mrs. J. Newcombe, Institute Forces' Canteen, Baddeley Edge, has received news that her husband, **Able Seaman J. Newbrooks**, who was serving on H.M.S. Laforey,

C. Donaldson

J. Newbrooks

has been reported missing. The loss of which was recently announced, stating that the ship was in hospital, but no progress had further to report. In this letter he states that he is all right.

TALE OF TWO HENS

Brothers Fined for Theft

Fenton Magistrates to-day imposed fines of £3 each on Harry Woodley, aged 22, and Sidney Woodley, aged 22, both of 31, Elgin-street, Stoke-on-Trent, for stealing two hens, together value 5s.

Police-Constable Harper said the two defendants, of Whieldon road, Fenton, at 12.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12th, were seen by him to be in possession of a sack, in which he had formerly seen a hen. Under questioning produced a brown hen, and said he had bought it from a man unable to pay the fine at Berrisford.

While proceeding to Fenton Police Station for further inquiries to be made, both men ran away, said the officer.

Police-Sergeant Ende and witness caught Harry Woodley, who produced a black hen from his trousers and said the brown hen had fallen out of his pocket in the chase. It was afterwards found by Police-Constable Ende.

In making the Police Station, Harper did not see any of them throw away anything, but when saying the hens had run off, something to drink at the time.

NON-STOP AIR OFFENSIVE

MUNICH ABLAZE AFTER R.A.F. ATTACK

A few hours after attacks on key German railway points at Karlsruhe and Munich by R.A.F. bombers in very great strength, the daylight offensive was resumed to-day on what the Press Association describes as a "gigantic scale."

A Mosquito pilot who carried out a reconnaissance over Munich after last night's raid reported that huge fires had spread over a very wide area and that there was an enormous pall of smoke nearly four miles high.

The pilot dived through dense smoke clouds and saw huge fires raging in the city with whole blocks of buildings ablaze. The Germans report that heavy damage was caused.

Battle With Weather

A very large force of Lancasters and Halifaxes bombed Karlsruhe while another large force of Lancasters attacked Munich. Both towns are important railjunctions.

It is at Karlsruhe that much of the coal supplied from the Ruhr to Italy is transferred from Rhine barges to railway wagons for the completion of the journey.

The force which attacked Karlsruhe had to battle against bad weather nearly all the way.

Through a gap in the clouds the crews could clearly see the target indicators and the great fires sprang up and swelled into one glowing mass as the last of bombers turned for home.

Thirty Missing

The following is the text of the Air Ministry's official announcement.

Last night, aircraft of Bomber Command were over Germany in very great strength with Karlsruhe and Munich as the main objectives.

First reports indicate that both attacks were well concentrated.

A reconnaissance aircraft was over Munich an hour after the main force had left and, by that time, the fires had developed over a large area.

Mosquitos made an attack on Duisseldorf.

The railway depot at Chambly, 20 miles north of Paris, was also attacked and direct hits laid in engineering workshops.

Thirty of our aircraft are missing.

Paris Sirens Heard

A number of forces rented out to the Continent in great strength to-day. The offensive started up almost before day-break.

German and German-controlled radio stations were very busy broadcasting warnings. Strong Allied bomber formations were reported by Cologne to be over South-West Germany and Munich.

Sirens were heard in the background of one Paris radio programme this morning. Other Paris transmitters went off the air.

An alert was sounded in West Sweden and shortly before 9 a.m. (local time).

Heavy Damage

A U.S. communique states that photographs taken during and after yesterday's bombing show serious damage to the centre of the works of the Dornier Aircraft Company and a large tank-gear factory at Friedrich-haven.

Messerschmitt's factory at Leuthem; the Me 410 assembly plant at Ovoglatt-fenhofen; and aircraft parks at Guntlingen, Langeleng and Erding — all in the Munich area.

Ploesti Raid

For more than an hour, Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Mediterranean Force dropped their bombs on Ploesti and Bucharest yesterday.

The Allied communique says that the Ratcis factory at Belgrade was also attacked by a small force of heavy bombers.

During the day's operations, 20 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Fourteen of our aircraft are missing.

Enemy Activity

Last night, there was slight enemy activity over parts of Eastern and South-Eastern England. Bombs were dropped at one point. Slight damage was done, but there were no casualties.

The Prime Ministers of Northern Ireland (Sir J. Basil Brooke) are in consultation with British Ministers.

THE KING'S ANZAC DAY MESSAGE

To-day is Anzac Day, and this special message from the King has been read by Lord Gowrie (the Governor-General) in Australia:—

'After long years of effort the tide of battle is flowing towards final victory.

I know that in what still remains to be accomplished the men of my Australian and New Zealand Forces will continue to display the same valour and resolution which was so gloriously manifested by those whom this day we commemorate.

New Guinea Progress

General MacArthur's massive week-end invasion of North-Eastern New Guinea is making excellent progress.

Latest reports say that his forces at one point—the Tanahmerah Bay sector — have reached the village of Sabron, lying six miles inland.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters says that resistance generally has been weak. A number of the enemy captured were unarmed.

General MacArthur's *communique*, says the Hollandia town has been captured, and that great quantities of supplies and equipment are falling into Allied hands.

Dutch authorities have arrived at Hollandia and will supervise the resumption of Dutch rule.—Reuter.

Big Raid on Airfields In France

Late this afternoon Headquarters of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe announced that medium - sized forces of Liberators and Flying Fortresses of the U.S. 8th Air Force attacked German aerodromes at Nancy, Metz and Dijon in France to-day.

The heavy bombers were escorted by strong forces of Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts of the 8th and 9th Air Force, and R.A.F. Mustangs of the 2nd Tactical Air Force.

To-day's operation was the fifteenth in less than 36 hours by the Force this month and the eighth in nine days.

It is probable that between 250 and 300 heavy bombers escorted by an even greater number of fighters took part in the U.S. mission.

Invitation to Soviet Miners

The Mineworkers' Federation are hoping to arrange direct contacts with Soviet miners.

A Soviet delegation attended the world Trade Union Conference in London, and during the Red Army Week raised a donation of £5,000 for the Soviet miners.

Mr. Will Lawther, president of the Federation, has granted a request that he should go to Russia as a member of a mine rescue team, and is in process of obtaining the necessary visas.

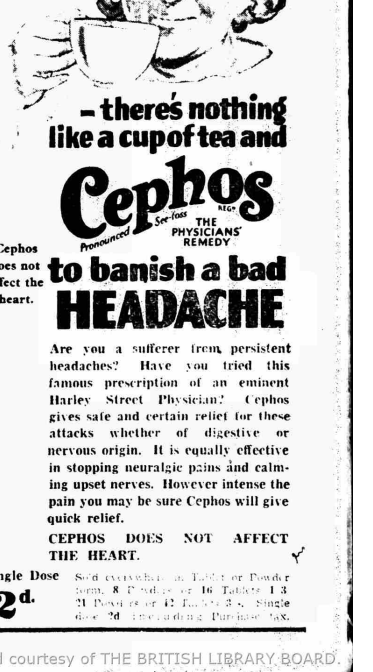
Father's Appeal

At Tunstall Police Court today, before Mr. J. Cope, presiding, Mr. H. Goldstone, Mr. P.W.L. Adams and Mrs. Hudson, Alf. F. H. Walker made application for the exemption as a Conscientious Objector, which was sent to an appeal tribunal. He appealed on the ground that notice of appeal against the decision had been given by the father.

This had been sent to a round home by Hanley magistrates, and would appear before the tribunal at Stafford on Hanley magistrates.

The Chairman said the application be granted and the appeal dismissed.

Walker said he would appeal to the Appeal Tribunal at Sessions.



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