

KILL THE POLL TAX The poll tax repeal bill -- H.R.7 -- passed the House last May by an overwhelming 265 to 110 majority and now comes before the Senate where it is scheduled to meet with much opposition. Sixteen poll tax senators are planning a last-ditch filibuster to talk the repeal to death.

The only way to stop a filibuster is to limit debate. Two-thirds of the Senate can do this by voting "cloture," a motion which gives adequate time for discussion, but not for filibuster.

Give 10,000,000 citizens in the South, Negroes and poor whites, a chance to vote. Wire or write your Senators (Hon. James Mead and Hon. Robert Wagner in New York State) urging that they vote for "cloture" on the poll-tax repeal bill, and then vote for the repeal, itself.

HUNGER Reporting on his experiences in Corsica, Thomas R. Henry describes hunger both as a physical and mental condition. He says, "Hunger might be described as a gnawing feeling in the pit of the stomach, plus mental uncertainty of being able at any time in the near future to do the one thing necessary to relieve it. It takes a combination of both to create the phenomenon of which I want to convey some impression. There must be a gnawing sensation in both stomach and brain."

INNOCENT DIE In the occupied countries of Europe, the heaviest burden incident to war has fallen upon those least able to bear it -- the children. A recent report on The Health of Children in Occupied Europe published by the International Labor Office gives a picture of the lamentable situation with statistics, analysis of causes and needs, and a forecast of consequences. In the Netherlands during the first two years of occupation the death rate among children between 5 and 14 increased 27 per cent, while in the 15-24 age group it rose 43 per cent. In Paris there was a decrease in child mortality from 1941 to 1942; elsewhere in France, a heavy increase. France and Belgium have shown a steady fall in population. Such figures as are available indicate a marked decline in children's weight and height as compared with pre-war tables.

Recent word from Dr. Howard Kershner, former director of relief in Europe for the American Friends Service Committee, tells us that the decision of whether or not to feed Europe's children now hangs in the balance. Your letters to Secretary Cordell Hull, State Department, Washington, might tip the scales so that innocent children may not die. Write today while you think of it.

AT LAST For the first time a United States religious organization has been permitted to send food to the Bengal (India) famine victims. The United States Government told the American Friends Service Committee that it may ship to India some 20,000 cases of evaporated milk (value \$100,000) to be distributed cooperatively by Hindu, Mohammedan, and Christian agencies.

WELCOME CHINESE The repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, an injustice of sixty-one years standing, has been passed by both houses of Congress and will shortly be approved by President Roosevelt. The repeal of this law allows but a few more than one hundred Chinese to immigrate to this country each year. To those who have written in support of repeal and to those congressmen and senators who supported the bill go sincere commendation.

BEHIND MOSCOW In his interview with the press following his return from Moscow, Secretary of State Cordell Hull revealed that there were certain understandings mutually accepted by the representatives of the "Big Three" before the conference got under way. The four prior agreements accepted were these:

1. All questions concerning distribution of territory involved in the war are to be left for settlement until the war's end.
2. All policing of occupied territories should be left in the hands of the armies in occupation at the hour of victory.
3. All questions of fixing boundaries and dividing up territories are to be settled by the victor powers at the end of the fighting.
4. Matters concerning the self-determination of peoples, plebiscites as to forms of government, and the like, are not to be taken up until after the victor powers had finished their redrawing of the map.

In its December 1st issue, the editor of the Christian Century points out that the Moscow promise of a "general international organization" has been bought first, with a provision which is likely to transform the entire war in Europe into a race for territory; second, with the scuttling of the Atlantic Charter with its promise to "respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they live"; and finally, with the consent of the United States to numerous hotly contested political decisions, on the ground that the international organization can correct them later.

CAUSES OF WAR "It is a fallacy to believe that by the application of unlimited force peace can be insured. Police power did not prevent Southern Ireland and the American Colonies from breaking away from Britain. It did not prevent any war. . . . The causes of revolution and war are moral and economic. They do not relate to police power." This was said by William B. Ziff, author of the forthcoming book, The Gentlemen Talk of Peace.

WAR GUILT The punishment of Axis leaders guilty of fomenting war has stirred the imagination of a teen-age southern Negro girl. Her suggestion for appropriate punishment to Hitler is this: "Just blacken his face and make him live in the South."

FREEDOM FOR ALL Free French troops, struggling on the one hand to gain back freedom and independence for France, have for the time being effectively stifled a move for freedom and independence in one of France's League of Nations mandates, Lebanon. In 1941, after Free French and British troops had ousted the Vichy controlled administration of Lebanon, General Catroux published the following proclamation, "Free France, identifying herself with the real traditional France and in the name of General de Gaulle, will come to put an end to the mandatory regime and proclaim you free and independent."

The Arabs, however, asked in vain for their promised independence. Many riots took place. Finally, on November 8, 1943, the Lebanon Chamber of Deputies unanimously voted for full sovereignty and independence. On the evening of November 10, the French Governor, M. Helleu, declared at a party in the presence of a Lebanon Minister of State: "Although I don't like what has happened, I give you my word I will not take any drastic action."

A few hours later the President, the Prime Minister and most of the state ministers of Lebanon were arrested and the newly elected parliament was dismissed. A Quisling Premier was nominated and Senegalese troops fired on the Arab people, while young Arabs formed guerilla bands, which are now fighting French soldiers in the mountains.

WHITE MAN'S BURDEN "If India is to hold that place which we believe she is entitled to among the nations of the British Commonwealth and the nations of the world, she must be strong and secure. And she can only do so if she is defended not only by her army but by her navy and by her air force and by her own resources and products of her own industry, but, above all, by trained and brave men who are ready to come forward and take their share in India's Defence Services."

--The Rt. Hon'ble L. S. Amery

"From my college days I have heard of the 'White Man's Burden' and have often wondered what is inside that knapsack. I have now discovered that it is only canned goods."--(The Rt. Hon'ble) Lin Yutang.

EQUALITY FREE-- CHILDREN'S DAY: GREENSBORO FAIR. All white children of Greensboro City Schools will be admitted at the Main Gate upon payment of 3¢ Federal Tax, Tuesday, October 5, up to 7 P.M.---Announcement in The Greensboro (N.C.) Daily News.

ONCE UPON A TIME In one of the galleries of the Victoria and Albert Museum there is a bound volume of the Illustrated London News for 1842. It is open at a page dated June 16 and at the top of the page is written:-

DESTRUCTION OF CITY OF HAMBURG

This sad and deplorable event, which rendered destitute so many thousands of our fellow-creatures, continues to excite the liveliest sympathy, not only among the mercantile communities of the civilized world, but among all classes of individuals, from the Sovereign on the throne to the lowliest shopkeeper. We rejoice to see that the most liberal subscriptions continue to pour into the calamity fund from France, Austria, Prussia, Denmark, Germany, and though last, not least, from our own benevolent and kindhearted community, the citizens of London. . .

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