

CONGRESS PASSES HUGE WARTIME TAX BILL

MEASURE SENT TO ROOSEVELT FOR SIGNATURE

Washington — (P)— Congress completed 10 months' work on a gigantic new wartime tax bill today and sent it to President Roosevelt for his expected prompt approval.

The senate wound up work on the measure by adopting a conference report which previously had been approved by a 130 to 2 vote by the house. Senate action was on a voice vote, with no opposition expressed.

New "Victory" Levy
As it went to the president, the bill contained stiff increases in the rates of regular income taxes on both individuals and corporations, plus a new 5 per cent victory levy against all personal income above \$624 yearly.

Geared to produce new revenue estimated at \$6,881,000,000 by the treasury and \$7,900,000,000 by congressional committees, the new bill would boost collections of direct taxes close to \$25,000,000,000 yearly. In addition, about \$1,750,000,000 would be taken from taxpayers and returned to them in the form of current credits for debt payments or in post-war rebate.

Imposition of the victory impost on the regular income levies would make about 43,000,000 persons subject to direct federal taxation, as compared with the previous high water mark of 24,000,000 filing income tax returns.

The normal income tax rates on individuals would be increased from 4 to 6 per cent and the present surtax schedule of 6 to 77 per cent raised to range from 13 to 82 per cent. Exemptions would be cut from \$750 to \$500 for single persons, \$1,500 to \$1,200 for married couples and the credit for dependents reduced from \$400 to \$350.

Boast Corporation Levies
Corporations would feel the weight of a 9 per cent increase, from 31 to 40 per cent, in their taxes on normal and surtax income, with the levy on excess profits boosted from a graduated scale of 35 to 60 per cent to a flat rate of 90 per cent. A 10 per cent post-war rebate provision was attached to the latter rate.

Miscellaneous actions would freeze social security payroll taxes. See—TAX BILL—Page 7

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Knox Foresees Still Greater Enemy Pressure in Solomons; U. S. Warships Join Action



ARMY DESERTER CAPTURED—Irwin Kadens (above), army deserter accused of perpetrating a "three-state crime wave," has a smoke after his capture and subsequent confession to almost all the crimes attributed to him by the FBI. Kadens was clubbed unconscious when caught in the act of committing a \$650 currency exchange robbery. Note his bandaged head.

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PROSPECTS GOOD THAT STATE WILL MAKE SCRAP GOAL

Wisconsin's salvage drive figure, based on counties which had reported in the state roundup by today, stood at approximately 85 pounds per capita and the prospects were rosy that the state would ultimately reach the 100-pound-per-person goal.

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