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### State General Fund Cash Is 69 Millions

State Controller Harry B. Riley today announced that the state's general fund cash excess over current obligations on Oct. 31, 1944, was \$68,423,874, as compared with an excess of \$73,145,541 at the end of the preceding month and an excess of \$103,141,460 on Oct. 31, 1943.

The present cash excess, said Riley, represents a decrease of \$4,721,667 over the figure for Sept. 30, 1944. This decrease represents a \$1,747,708 excess of October expenditures over revenues, which is partially offset by miscellaneous non-revenue receipts totaling \$26,041.

General fund revenues deposited in the state treasury during the first four months of the 96th fiscal year totaled \$71,611,044—a decrease of \$14,230,233 under collections for the same period last year.

The major decrease in revenue occurred in insurance companies tax, \$7,443,716; retail sales and use tax, \$3,768,116; bank and corporation franchise and corporation income tax, \$3,737,916; personal income tax, \$3,054,617, and motor vehicle license fee ("in lieu" tax), \$557,030.

The decrease in insurance companies taxes is a technical one resulting from a change in the law, advancing the delinquent date from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

These decreases were partially offset by increases in other revenues, resulting in a total decrease of \$14,230,233.

The major increase in revenue occurred in liquor taxes and licenses, which increased \$1,845,179 over collections for the first four months of last year.

General fund expenditures during the first four months of the 96th fiscal year, as announced by Riley, totaled \$158,684,490. These expenditures were partially offset by county relief loan repayments of \$57,136, reducing the actual expenditures to a net of \$101,547,354—an increase of \$91,585,089 over expenditures for the same period last year.

The major increases in expenditures resulted from the transfer of \$33,000,000 to the Teachers Permanent Fund, \$60,000 to the Teachers Annuity Deposit Fund, and \$75,000,000 to the Post War Employment Reserve Fund, pursuant to legislation enacted at the recent special legislative session, there being no corresponding transfers during the same period last year. These, together with smaller increases in other functions, were partially offset by decreases in expenditure for certain functions, resulting in a net increase of \$91,585,089.

**COMMUNITY CHEST**  
During the last year 9,350 men, women and children, the needy sick, were cared for in Community Chest hospitals, while 46,300 others were aided in clinics, part of the work being done by 95 health and welfare agencies to keep the home front strong. Community Chest agencies all-time services now are financed through the War Chest.

**MPs OF THE RAIL**  
Ninth Service Command Military Police assigned to 118 trains averaged 6150 miles of rail travel during September.

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### Boys Aiding Lomita Paper Drive Injured

Three boys doing their bit to collect waste paper for the Narbonne high school drive suffered shock and minor scratches when two cars at 250th and Oak sts., Lomita.

Deputy Sheriffs Al Acosta and A. C. Carter reported to headquarters at the Vermont station that the three injured, all treated at Torrance Memorial hospital, were Joe LaPorte, 12, of 1952 W. 257th st.; Bobby Canno, 15, of 24725 Frampton ave., Harbor City, and Tom Ferry, 12, of 24645 Moon st., Lomita.

The car containing the boys was driven by Lawrence E. Dearborn, 17, of 24708 Pennsylvania ave., helping to gather the papers and using his mother's machine, and the other car by Frederick S. Ingram, 23, of the Barstow Trailer Camp in Lomita.

The deputy sheriffs said both cars were 1940 Plymouth coupes. Relatives of young Dearborn declared he was an ardent paper collector and had volunteered to transport the papers. The four had discharged one load and were on their way for another when the collision occurred.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.



**INVASION VETERAN . . . Lt. Curtis H. Stanley, pilot of a C-47 "Skytrain" in a Ninth Troop Carrier Command squadron in the European theater of operations, has participated in four invasions—Sicily, Italy, France and is now in Holland. A son of Mrs. R. B. Stanley of 1637 W. 203rd st., he received his training at Ellington Field, Texas, and left for overseas duty early in 1943. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and three Bronze Stars. His wife and three year-old daughter Carolyn, live at Shreveport, La. His brother, R. B. Stanley, Jr., 17, enlisted last month in Merchant Marine service and is now stationed at Catalina Island.**



**Eve Curie, daughter of the late Madame Curie, while serving with G3 Liaison of U. S. Seventh Army, chats with Lieutenant Colonel of Second French Armored Division, to become one of the first members of General Patch's forces to greet soldiers of U. S. Third Army as they formed junction somewhere in France.**

### Stars in Yank Firmament Face Camera



**U. S. generals, as they met "somewhere in Belgium" when Britain's King George visited Lowlands front. First row: Lt. Gen. George Patton, Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges; second row: Maj. Gen. William B. Keen, Maj. Gen. Charles Corlett, Maj. Gen. J. Loughton Collins, Maj. Gen. Leonard Gerow, Maj. Gen. Elwood Quesada; third row: Maj. Gen. Levan Allen, Brig. Gen. Charles Hart, Brig. Gen. Truman Thorton, all of Hodges' staff. Two unidentified MPs rear.**

### NSC Restores 'Unserviceable' Tires to Use

A drive by the Army Service Forces Maintenance division in step-up tire reconditioning in all service commands resulted in a Ninth Service Command production increase of approximately 40 percent in October.

Col. H. J. Conway, Ninth Service Command Director of Supply, at Fort Douglas, Utah, today stated that of 51,461 tires turned in as unserviceable during October 41,767 were repaired and reissued for further military usage. During September, he declared, 29,848 tires were reconditioned and reissued.

The increase was due to the command's stepping-up of production in commercial tire reconditioning shops.

In addition, Colonel Conway said, Ninth Service Command ordnance shops repaired 23,000 tubes. Tires continue to be a critical item of Army equipment as overseas units demand more and more replacements for those damaged in combat he declared in emphasizing that stepping-up reconditioning facilities to a maximum will contribute much to alleviating the present critical tire shortage.

Preventive maintenance on the part of military drivers is still the sure way of keeping vehicles in action, he added.

### More Doctors Needed by Medical Corps

In temporary hospitals located only a few thousand yards behind the front lines, highly skilled medical officers of the U. S. Army daily are saving the lives of American soldiers. At such forward surgeries, tents usually are the only shelter, and packing crates often are used to support stretchers or improvised operating tables. Water must be heated over small stoves for the bathing of soldier patients.

Although the forward hospitals often are within range of enemy guns, surgical teams work on so long as there are casualties who require treatment. As proof of the success of their efforts, 97 percent of the wounded treated in this war have survived.

Medical officers are to be found wherever American fighting men are stationed. They fly with the air-borne troops, jump with two paratroopers, and land on enemy held beachheads with amphibious forces.

The medical officers, Army nurses and enlisted personnel of the Medical Department work courageously and long to care for American soldiers. But many more medical officers and Army nurses are needed to assure our fighting men the finest possible care.

Civilian physicians interested in securing commissions in the U. S. Army Medical Corps should write to the Surgeon General, Washington 25, D.C. Registered nurses under 45 years of age can secure information about the Army Nurse Corps by communicating with the Surgeon General or by visiting the nearest Red Cross procurement office.

**BELGIAN AIR FORCE**  
According to Belgian War Relief, member agency of the War Chest, Belgian airmen with the R.A.F. now number more than the entire Belgian air force when the Germans invaded Belgium in May, 1940. Your War Chest contribution helps send comforts to these gallant airmen and to provide them with recreation centers for London leave.

### Italian War Prisoners Used Here Add Millions of Hours to War Effort

Italian service units in the Ninth Service Command add millions of man-hours of labor monthly to the allied war effort in the eight western states of the command, Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd, commanding general, said today at his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters. "Italian service units," Gen. Shedd explained, "are composed of prisoners of war who have sworn loyalty to the United Nations' cause and have volunteered for work in the American war effort."

### Marine Costume



**By United Press**  
Marine women at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., can now be seen participating in active sports in their new chic tailored slacks made of forest green, covert cloth and designed to wear with the winter service uniform blouse. An open-type collar khaki shirt is worn with the slacks. Private First Class Vera E. Day is shown modeling the complete outfit.

More than 75 such units, with a combined strength of more than 13,500 officers and enlisted men, are now in operation at 29 military installations in the Ninth Service Command, the general revealed.

They are working at ordnance shops, engineer depots, arsenals, holding and reconignment points, and ordnance, quartermaster and service forces depots, including Torrance Army hospital.

Because of their disavowal of fascism and nazism, in any form and their written promise to serve faithfully under the American articles of war, these men are accorded limited privileges as a reward.

For example, enlisted men wear the uniform of the United States without distinctive American insignia of any kind. But each wears a green brassard on his left sleeve and on his cap with the single word, "Italy."

Officers wear, in addition, insignia of rank. Limited freedom is permitted the men at military posts and, in certain cases, they are permitted visits in localities near Army posts. However, they are under the supervision of American military personnel at all times.

Infraction of the rules established for their conduct results in reversion to a prisoner of war status.

Units have been formed as the result of military necessity. Their labor is used where it is vital to the successful prosecution of the war. In no case are they employed where such employment jeopardizes free American labor.

Italian service units are not used in combat, nor are they used at military installations in the handling of explosives or other dangerous or classified materials. Neither is their labor used where regular prisoners of war can be used and are available.

Before he is accepted for a unit, each man is screened by military intelligence authorities. Enlisted men in the units are paid \$24 a month, \$8 of which is paid in cash to the individual. The remaining two-thirds is issued in the form of Army exchange coupons or credited to the individual's account with the Treasurer of the United States.

Officers are paid according to the grades held by them in the Italian army at the time of capture. Second and first lieutenants receive \$14 in cash and \$30 in coupons, captains \$18 in cash and \$36 in coupons, and majors and above \$21 in cash and \$43 in coupons.

Pay scales for all prisoners of war are based on a mutual agreement under the terms of the Geneva Convention.

Surveys among the groups reveal that their morale is high, that they hope fervently for a speedy Allied victory, and that in general they want to return as quickly as possible to their homeland.

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