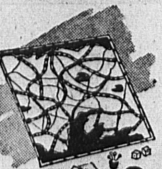




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## State General Fund Cash Is 69 Millions

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), \$55,030. 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 \$37,136, reducing the actual expenditures to a net of \$121,547,354—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 2 p.m. yesterday collided 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.



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. Kean, Maj. Gen. Charles Corlett, Maj. Gen. J. Laughton Collins, Maj. Gen. Leonard Gerow, Maj. Gen. Elwood Quesada; third row: Maj. Gen. Leven Allen, Brig. Gen. Charles Hart, Brig. Gen. Truman Thorson, 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 use. 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 per cent 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.

### 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.

### APPOINTMENTS OPEN

Appointments in the Corps of Chaplains, with the rank of first lieutenant, are now available to ministers and priests who can meet army qualifications. It was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, by Colonel J. L. Blakey, Ninth Service Command chaplain.

The first American railroad to be protected by automatic electric safety block signals is Union Pacific. The safety innovation was established by the late E. H. Harriman, father of W. A. Harriman, chairman of the board of Union Pacific and ambassador to Russia.

### FAVOR PSALMS

The Ninth Service Command chaplain, Colonel J. L. Blakey, today declared at Fort Douglas, Utah, that the 23rd and 91st psalms were most popular with the Gee-Eyes.



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