

MAXIMUM PRICES DECREED TO STABILIZE U. S. COST OF LIVING

Virtually Everything Americans Eat, Wear And Use Included In Order SOME FOODS EXEMPT Henderson Says Action To Reduce Expenses 3 Pct. Below Current Prices

U. S. Price Control Order In A Nutshell

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(P)—Price control in a nutshell: Beginning May 15, an absolute ceiling is placed on millions of retail prices; they may not exceed the highest levels which each individual seller charged during March; the ceilings apply to practically everything Americans eat, wear and use, the only exceptions being a limited list of food commodities.

Raid Warden Set-Up Is Explained Here Additional Men Register For Duty In An Emergency

Organization of the air raid warden set-up in the city was explained by F. P. O'Crowley, chief air raid warden for the city, handbooks distributed and more men registered at a meeting of the group Tuesday night in New Hanover High school.

CITY WILL RAISE NAVY RELIEF FUND Campaign To Obtain \$5,000 Will Be Launched Here Today

Wilmington's campaign to raise \$5,000 toward the \$3,000,000 Navy Relief Society fund is being launched in earnest today, with the appearance of groups in each of the four banks armed with emblems and subscription blanks for all corners.

AMERICAN LOST LONDON, Wednesday, April 29. Pilot Officer John Flynn, of Chicago, was lost in aerial combat over France Monday when his American Eagle comrades shot down five Nazi planes.

Landlords Put On Notice To Reduce Inflated Rents

By STERLING F. GREENE WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—(P)—Areas housing 76,000,000 persons—more than half the nation's population—were put on notice today to reduce inflated rents or have the government do it for them.

eliminating increases made during spring moving and leasing. In 64 of the areas, 1941 dates were chosen, January 1, April 1 or July 1. "Next to food, this is the largest single item in the family budget", Henderson said. "Effective price control requires rent control."

Reds Increase Recent Gains At Lake Ilmen

Nazi Positions Outflanked North And South Of Northwestern Front

BOROK IS RECAPTURED

Germans Admit Heavy Russian Attack Breaks Their Lines North Of Orel

LONDON, April 28.—(P)—The Russians reported today they had recaptured Borok, railway town on the west side of Lake Ilmen, outflanking German positions both to the north and south of that section of the northwestern front.

The entire Lake Ilmen region apparently now is in Russian hands except for Staraya Russa, directly to the south, where a dwindling German army has been reported trapped for months past, and Novgorod on the north.

The Berlin radio broadcast tonight that a heavy Russian attack, supported by armored trains and tanks, had broken the German lines at one point northeast of Orel, some 200 miles south of Moscow. The announcer added that the "situation later was restored."

Violent Fighting A roundabout report from Bucharest, which Reuters heard from the Vichy news agency broadcasting, said violent fighting was in progress for Kursk, 280 miles south of Moscow. The Russians were reported to have reached Koronaya Sunday in their drive for Patech, 80 miles northwest of Kursk on the road to Orel.

Kursk is being outflanked to the north, the Vichy report said. The Russians also were said to be attacked near Byelgorod in an attempt to bypass Kursk from the south. Other fighting was reported around Isyam, 80 miles southeast of Khar'kov in the Ukraine.

Russian troops concentrations were reported in the Taganrog area on the Sea of Azov and the Red army was said to be building strong defenses against an expected German offensive aimed at the oil riches of the Caucasus.

All roads between the Sea of Azov and the Donets Basin have hardened sufficiently for use, it was said, and the German air force has stepped up its bombings of Soviet communication and rear position in that section.

New squadrons of Russian fighters were reported moved to that front and anti-aircraft defenses have been strengthened.

Nazis Repulsed A Russian communique also said the Red army had repulsed repeated German efforts to pierce the Russian lines on the Smolensk central front. The Germans have lost 1,000 dead there in the past two days, the Russians said.

An intimation that bigger-scale fighting might be expected was contained in the assertion that the Germans were using strong tank forces—a certain sign that the ground was getting firmer with the advance of spring.

The Germans themselves claimed they had destroyed 19 Russian strong points in the Smolensk sector. On the Kallinin front northwest of Moscow, the Russian communique said 20 German blockhouses and

FOUR CONVICTED IN 'DOPE' CASE

Restaurant Operator, Three Soldiers Sentenced For Selling 'Reefers' RALEIGH, N. C., Apr. 28.—Three Negro soldiers and a Negro restaurant operator pleaded guilty in Federal court here today of selling marijuana cigarettes to Negro soldiers at Wilmington and Judge I. M. Meekins sentenced all of them to terms in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The defendants were Washington Fortune, Edgar D. Wall, Zemus Mack, all soldiers, and Luther R. Armstrong, the restaurant operator. Fortune, Wall and Mack were sentenced to 18 months each, and Armstrong drew a one-year term. Fortune was charged with being leader of the marijuana ring. A witness said that enough marijuana for 3,325 cigarettes was found in his room. The Federal grand jury returned true bills in the four cases this afternoon and the guilty pleas were entered immediately.

SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSANDS AMERICAN FIGHTERS ALREADY OVERSEAS, SAYS ROOSEVELT

The Commander-In-Chief Signs Up



President Roosevelt, commander-in-chief of the United States armed forces, was among some 13,000,000 Americans in the 45 to 65 age group registering April 27 in the Selective Service manpower inventory. James D. Hayes, chairman of the local draft board, watches the President sign in the White House executive office at Washington.

President Tells U. S. Work, Sorrow And Blood Are Price Of Civilization

THINKS JAPS CHECKED

Chief Also Warns Vichy Allies Will Prevent Axis Use Of French Territory

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(P)—President Roosevelt, revealing officially for the first time that "several hundred thousands" of American fighting men have already been sent to battle the Axis in distant lands, rallied the nation to a gigantic war effort tonight by saying that the price of saving our civilization "must be paid in hard work and sorrow and blood."

In an address to the country and the world, delivered from the White House, he also expressed the view that the Japanese southward drive had been checked, and declared that Australia, New Zealand and adjacent islands are now to become "bases for offensive action."

The disclosure about the size of the Army expeditionary forces and naval contingents sent abroad was made in the form of an interpolation in the President's advance text. "Since Pearl Harbor, he said, "we have dispatched strong forces of

Hundreds Of British Bombers Attack Nazi Bases In France

Trondheim Is Among Targets Heavily Hit In Mass Assault

By RUSSEL C. LANDSTROM LONDON, April 28.—(P)—British bombers and fighters in uncounted hundreds—a single attacking unit covered a square mile of sky—smashed with unprecedented violence today at German bases in France in the wake of tremendous overnight raids spread from the Nazi battleship nest at Trondheim, Norway, to the war plants of the Rhineland.

As the day wore on, one great British formation after another swept out over the channel coast in what had become a grand, unhalting offensive with at least three main objectives:

- 1. To break the already weakened German air power on Hitler's western flank. 2. To further disrupt the restricted flow of German war supplies to the Russian front. 3. To clear away the German threat to the Allied sea routes to the northern Russian ports by blows upon the key to German sea power in the north.

This key was Trondheim, where British bombardiers over night flung down tons of exploding steel upon the harbor and dock installations—"trying to knock them down as fast as they can put them up," explained an air ministry official.

Whether the four German warships believed anchored there were also attacked was not made clear. They are the 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz, the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, the 10,000-ton cruiser Hipper and the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

The air ministry's communique said merely: "The effect of this attack may not be known for some time." It was explained in other quarters that vital above all else was the destruction of Trondheim as a Naval base, particularly since its facilities are essential to the Nazis for overhauling damaged big ships, among them the Prinz Eugen.

Today's principal RAF targets were such French coastal points as St. Omer and Calais. Six British planes were lost in these sweeps; three German fighters were shot down.

Overnight British assaults were over a far pattern. Aside from Trondheim in the north, Cologne and other vital industrial points in the Rhineland were hard hit, as were the docks of Dunkerque, enemy airfields in occupied territory and enemy shipping.

Of the Cologne raid the air ministry reported: "Targets were easily seen and large fires were left burning." Summarizing the reports of pilots, the air ministry news service

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our Army and Navy—several hundred thousands of them—to bases and battlefronts thousands of miles from home."

Mr. Roosevelt also warned the Vichy government that the United Nations would take any action necessary to prevent the use of French territory by Axis forces, and guaranteed a continuation of the delivery of arms to China, regardless of Japanese successes in Burma.

Bluntly, he informed the civilian population of the United States that its every member would feel the effect of his new announced program for stabilizing the cost of living, and called upon it for self-denial and sacrifice, in the interest of victory.

"Never in the memory of man," he said, "has there been a war in which the courage, the endurance and loyalty of civilians played so vital a part."

And, he vigorously attacked all who might be "impeding" the war effort: the "faint of heart"; those "who put their own selfish interests"; those "who pervert honest criticism into falsification of fact"; the "self styled experts who know neither true figures nor geography"; a few "bogus patriots" who, invoking freedom of the press, "echo the sentiment of Axis propagandists, and 'above all,' the 'handful of noisy traitors... would be dictators' who 'in their hearts and souls' would lead to Hitlerism.

Heroes Lauded Praising the fight which Americans have given the enemy the world around, Mr. Roosevelt, at the same time, singled out two men and a ship for special citation.

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WEATHER

FORECAST Little change in temperature Wednesday, except slightly warmer extreme west portion, scattered thundershowers northeast portion. South Carolina: Little change in temperature Wednesday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Wind. Includes data for Wilmington and Masonboro Inlet.

ADVERTISE WHERE 85,000 PEOPLE SHOP —at One Time Or Another

It is a known fact that most newspaper readers shop in the Want Ads when they want to find living quarters or some of the other 101 things offered through the Want Ads.

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