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Most Retail Prices Are Frozen

More U. S. Troops To Australia

Philippines Defenders Score Again

Strength of New AEF Contingent Not Revealed, Other Than It is 'Strong and Well Supplied,' Japs Advance in Burma.

(By The Associated Press) President Roosevelt's disclosure that America now has "several hundred of thousands of fighting men at bases and battle fronts thousands of miles from home" was quickly followed today by an official announcement that strong new reinforcements of U. S. troops and equipment have arrived in Australia.

Other good news for the allies centered on the valiant resistance of Lieutenant General Jonathan Wainwright's defenders of the Philippines.

War department bulletin said American gunners on Corregidor and other island forts in Manila Bay sank an armed Japanese ship, broke up enemy troop concentrations and silenced several Japanese batteries on the opposite shore.

The communique said that Japanese guns heavily shelled the fort, but that enemy air attacks on Corregidor were decreasing.

The loss of the new American expeditionary contingent which landed in Australia was not given, but officials said it was "strong and well supplied."

Australia's own danger of attack was emphasized anew as the grim battle of Burma apparently sped toward its climactic phase, with outnumbered British and Chinese armies in desperate straits.

British military quarters made no effort to conceal the gravity of the situation, as the Japanese invasion army, estimated at 100,000 troops and 7,000 armored vehicles, pushed on toward the last two big allied bases at Mandalay and Dusho.

Without continuation elsewhere, the German-controlled Paris radio broadcast a Tokyo report that Japanese troops had already swarmed over the Shan mountains into Lashio, the north Burma gateway to China, 130 miles from Mandalay.

Changing dispatches said a Japanese column thrusting northward had reached within 50 miles of Lashio, attacking with tanks and planes.

58 DEAD IN RAID ON EGYPTIAN CITY

Cairo, April 29.—(AP)—Fifty-eight persons were killed and many injured in an axis air raid on the Alexandria area last night, the Egyptian interior ministry announced today on the basis of reports received up to noon.

SOUTH CALIFORNIA HAS YELLOW SIGNAL

Los Angeles, April 29.—(AP)—Raiders were silenced and a yellow (preliminary) alert was signalled in Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange counties from 3:48 until 4:20 a. m. (PWT) today. The air raid warning service said the area was placed on the alert because of unidentified planes, later identified as friendly craft.

Hirohito Is 41 Today

Tokyo, (From Japanese Broadcasts), April 29.—(AP)—Japan solemnly celebrated Emperor Hirohito's 41st birthday today, starting at 8 a. m. when everyone in the country bowed toward the imperial place and prayed for the emperor's longevity.

There were parades and celebrations throughout the empire. At noon the emperor received congratulations from the princely houses and high officials of the imperial headquarters.

A 'Decadent Democracy' Finishes a Tough Job



Racing over the new Trans-Isthmian Highway, Panama Canal Zone, in a test run is a unit of U. S. field artillery. The roadway, ripped out of thick jungle land, is 48 miles long and was completed in record time, proving once again that a "decadent democracy" can spot the Axis a few handicaps and still show them how to do things. It took the artillery unit, comprising more than 100 vehicles, just three hours to make the crossing despite heavy tropical rains. The highway will facilitate speedy movement of troops and equipment from one end of the canal to the other. (Central Press)

Allowances Advocated

War Department and Selective Service Officials Urge Pay for Dependents.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Spokesmen for the War department and selective service system recommended today that the government makes financial provision for dependents of men in the armed services, thereby making possible the induction of some men who otherwise would be deterred because of dependents.

The witnesses were Major William S. Richards, War department general staff representative, and Major Francis V. Koesling, of the selective service system, who testified at Senate military subcommittee hearings on legislation to set up a system of government allowances and mandatory pay allowances for dependents of service men.

Major Keeling, however, urged that provision be made to assure the selective service system authority to distinguish between types of dependency, so that the proposed legislation would not have the effect of eliminating the present dependency Class III altogether.

Keeling said that approximately 65 per cent of all registrants were now in Class III by reason of dependency.

The pending bill proposed an allotment of \$29 for a wife, \$30 for a wife and one child, with \$10 monthly for each additional child, \$15 for a child if no wife, with \$10 each additional child; \$20 monthly to a lone dependent.

It was the first upward thrust in more than a week and came as the culmination of yesterday's slide to the lowest average levels since April 27, 1933.

Cotton Market Trend Higher

New York, April 29.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 70 cents a bale higher. At the end of the second hour the market was unchanged to 5 cents a bale higher, May 18.95, July 19.25, October 19.45, December 19.55.

Steel Strike Halts Work On War Orders

Wind Levels Texas Town

Vernon, Tex., April 29.—(AP)—A tornado followed by a devastating fire destroyed or damaged every building in the west Texas county seat town of Crowell last night, killing at least seven persons and injuring hundreds.

Rescue workers and equipment were rushed from Vernon and other nearby towns. Hospitals were filled with injured. All communications in the vicinity were down.

George Self, Red Cross chairman at Crowell, said 1,000 persons needed emergency aid and housing.

Younts Gets \$1,500 Fine

Statesville, April 29.—(AP)—Lieutenant Colonel Paul R. Younts, former Charlotte postmaster, was fined \$1,500 by Federal Judge E. Yates today when he and three co-defendants entered pleas of nolo contendere to charges of violations of law relating to political activity.

Sid Croft was fined \$500 and C. L. Alford and L. L. Talbert, Jr., \$500 each. The trio were formerly employed at the Charlotte postoffice.

The defendants entered the pleas as a result of an agreement between defense and government counsel and the hearing of the case required slightly more than an hour.

AMERICAN VESSEL IS SUNK OFF COAST

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The Navy said today a medium sized United States merchant vessel had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast and that survivors had been landed at an east coast port. A short time later they were taken to another port on the Atlantic coast, the Navy said.

RAF Raids Nazi Naval Base At Kiel

Other Planes Bomb German Battleship Lair at Trondheim for Second Night in a Row; Reds Claim Important Advance.

(By The Associated Press) British warplanes capped a devastating week-long air offensive by smashing heavily at Germany's big naval base of Kiel before dawn today and bombed the Nazi battleship lair at Trondheim, Norway, for the second night in a row.

Great fires were left raging at Kiel, the British said, while the Germans asserted that the RAF aimed its bombs at "cultural monuments," dwellings and hospitals.

The Nazi high command acknowledged an unspecified number of civilian casualties and said the raid cost the British eleven bombers, making a 48-hour total of 36 RAF bombers shot down. The high command said 25 were shot down Monday night alone.

On the Soviet front, Russia claimed an important 45-mile advance in four days in which the Red armies stormed across a big river and sent the Germans reeling back to the southwest.

The river was not identified, but the Russians have been hammering Nazi defenses along the Volkhov river below Leningrad, the upper Volga in the Rzhev sector before Moscow, the Oka river 200 miles south of Moscow, and the Donets river in the Khar'kov area of the Ukraine.

It was the most sweeping advance described in Soviet dispatches for weeks.

Aside from helping to stem the flow of German war supplies to the 700-mile front, the RAF's latest raids indicated that the British were smashing hard in an attempt to knock out German naval bases along the channel "invasion coast."

Simultaneously, London quarters disclosed that the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious and other powerful units of the British home fleet had been ordered for a defense of the north Atlantic against the formidable German battle squadron in Trondheim fiord.

Amid indications that a major naval battle may be impending in a showdown for control of the vital northern sea lanes, British naval circles expressed optimism over the ability of the royal navy to deal with the Germans.

Ed Isley Wins New Trial

Raleigh, April 29.—(AP)—The North Carolina supreme court granted a new trial to Ed Isley, who was convicted in Rockingham county last December of sexually knowing a child between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

SHIPPING IS WORST WAR SHORTAGE NOW

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Chiefs of the Army's services of supply said today that ocean shipping was this country's worst war shortage, but that so far there has never been a curtailment of Army shipments held up at ports for want of cargo space.

Has Unique Air Job



Handsome Lieut. C. F. Stoblin, 29, holds the distinction of being the only American serving with the Free French air force. His father, Colonel Stoblin, an ace, was a member of the famed Lafayette Escadrille. Young Stoblin received the Croix de Guerre for his work with an American Field Ambulance unit before France fell. He is pictured, carrying on, somewhere in England. (Central Press)

Rents Fixed In War Boom Territories

Sweeping OPA Order, Effective May 18, Sets Prices for Virtually Every Article on Shopping Lists at March Levels.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—A government padlock forged in March will be placed May 18 on the price of virtually every article that appears on America's daily shopping list and rents in all war boom towns will be battered down for the duration.

In a sweeping order coincident with President Roosevelt's share-the-war economy program, Price Administrator Leon Henderson last night announced that prices would be held to their highest March levels and directed that rents in areas housing more than half the nation's population be restored to their pre-boom scales.

Henderson estimated the universal price ceiling would knock rental costs about 3 per cent below today's levels. That is the amount of increase shown by April indices. They still will be about 13 per cent above August, 1939.

Labeled frankly as a framework for other anti-inflation measures yet to come, including higher income and excess profits taxes, vastly expanded rationing, wage stabilization and income limitations, the overall ceiling exempts only a limited number of food commodities.

The government's stop-rise order will be aimed at such "cost of living" items as tobacco, meat, canned goods, clothing, and packaged household drugs, and Henderson estimated that housewives would find 60 to 75 per cent of all foods back at March costs when the universal ceiling takes effect in retail stores May 18.

Retailers will be required after that date to post public lists of the ceiling prices on "cost of living" items.

Wholesaler and manufacturers' prices will be affected May 11. Beginning July 1, rates charged for "retail services"—such as garages, tailors, laundries, dry cleaners, and shoe repair shops—likewise must revert to the March base.

Loud protests against pegging both wholesale and retail prices to the same month were voiced by store owners who said they had not kept pace with the increasing wholesale prices during March.

One Fifth Avenue, New York, department store executive, describing Henderson's order as "completely unfair" to the retailer, said that some stores that kept their prices to the public down while selling inventories purchased at earlier lower levels "were now being penalized."

Although emphasizing that he expected business to cooperate generally and that stores would be placed upon government administration rather than policing, Henderson called attention to penalties permitting the office of price administration to put violators out of business.

All stores and wholesalers selling products covered by the ceiling automatically will be licensed by the government and after one warning OPA under court action, may have a retailer's license suspended. In addition, the emergency price control act provides for fines of not more than \$5,000 or a year's imprisonment or both civil suits for resale damages, and license revocation.

Eggs, fresh vegetables, milk products (except milk and ice cream), flour, mutton and lamb, live animals, fresh fish and sea food, game and used automobiles are among the few items specifically exempted from the price ceiling.

"Services" not affected include prices charged by barbers and beauty shops, professional fees, wages, insurance and underwriting premiums, public utility rates and advertising fees.

No ceiling was fixed on raw agricultural commodities, but OPA exempted...

Work-Profits Law Blocked

Showdown on Measure Postponed Until Tomorrow; Vinson Has New Proposal.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—A showdown in the House naval committee on legislation to limit war profits and restrict union activity for the duration was blocked temporarily today by a technicality, but the members agreed to vote on the measure tomorrow.

Amid a chorus of cries of "let's vote now," Representative Bates, Republican, Massachusetts, raised a point of order that the committee was not legally sitting because the House itself was in session. Under parliamentary rules the committee cannot meet at such times unless first obtaining specific permission to do so.

Minutes earlier, the committee reported 20 to 4 another motion by Bates to adjourn to give the members time to study details of a profit-sharing measure advanced by Representative Vinson, Democrat, Kentucky.

The showdown is because Vinson's measure would limit the statutory war profit from 40 to 15 per cent, but would allow laborers to obtain time and a half pay in excess of 40 hours by agreement with the management.

Troops Guard Blacks Moving Into Homes

Detroit, April 29.—(AP)—Under a guard of more than 1,500 state troops and city and state police, Negro families began moving their belongings this morning into the Saginawer Truth housing project, scenes of rioting two months ago between Negroes and residents of the surrounding predominantly white neighborhood.

The troops, in blue-gray uniforms with bayonets fixed on their rifles, took up their stations before dawn. Not until 9 a. m., however, did the first Negro family arrive with its household goods. The parents and two children rode in a taxicab ahead of the moving truck, which was followed by an automobile carrying plain clothes policemen.

This little cavalcade entered the section without being disturbed. State troops guarded the immediate vicinity of the 200-unit housing project, challenging all who tried to enter. Outside their lines were city and state police, patrolling streets to prevent any formation of large groups of protesting residents. Mounted policemen were held in reserve, and the city police on duty included both white and Negro patrolmen.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued warm tonight