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Rationing Planned Under Book No. 2 For Meat And Fats

Interchangeable Point Values to Be Assigned Products; Date Is Uncertain

Washington, March 4—(AP)—The government plans to ration meat, butter, margarine, cheese, lard and other cooking fats and oils under a single set of coupons in ration book No. 2.

This was learned today from informed authorities who withheld use of their names and a question of what has happened to the nation's meat supply in view of unheeded reports that systems will get an average of only about one and three-quarters pounds of meat weekly under rationing.

Each of the meat, butter, cheese and fat products is to be assigned point values, as in the case of sugar and processed fruit and vegetable.

The points will be interchangeable, that is, a consumer could use all his points for the purchase of any one of these commodities or for any combination.

Rationing of these foods has been scheduled to start April 1, but food authorities said today it may be delayed until April 15.

It was learned that food officials had hoped to handle the rationing of meat, butter and the cooking fats and oils under separate sets of coupons. However, ration book No. 2 was held not out for such a plan, and officials decided that it would take too long to prepare and distribute new ones, particularly when supplies of these foods are being curtailed at a greater rate than the overall supply situation is believed to warrant.

The point values of these products were not disclosed, neither was the number of points which will be assigned each consumer.

Mme. Chiang in NY



INTRIGUING STUDIES of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, China's 1st lady, are captured by an alert cameraman during her reception in New York City. She is seen here in a moment of relaxation, seated in her hotel room.

Convicts Flee Prison Camp

Raleigh, March 4—(AP)—Seven prisoners escaped from the North Carolina county jail late yesterday by sawing a hole in one of the windows, Oscar Pitts, state penal director, said today.

Names of the prisoners, Carl Nelson, 36, and Thomas Balfour, 36, were not disclosed. Others still in large cell block, J. Peterson, 35; Harrison H. Williams, 39; Eugene Bealer, 37; W. P. Tom, 34; David Barker, 33; and Jack H. Gray, 19.

After passing through the jail, Pitts said, the group raised the prison bars and fled into a nearby wooded area.

House Faces Much Work

State Senate Adopts Resolution Calling For Adjournment Next Wednesday

Raleigh, March 4—(AP)—A still crowded house calendar and a senate-approved resolution caused hopes for final adjournment on Saturday to fade today, and legislators generally agreed that the final gavel would fall next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Although the senate resolution passed Wednesday noon for adjournment, Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, said the assemblymen could not adjourn Monday or Tuesday if they finished their business by then. The house was expected to vote today on the resolution.

All major legislation except the Governor's war powers bill is out of the way. That means to give the chief executive free rein to act as he sees fit to protect the health, welfare and security of the state, is on the house calendar.

A new measure by Representative Morley of Guilford and others would provide for the appointment of a commission to study law enforcement and prevention of crime which, the resolution said, has been on the increase since the United States entered the war. The seven-page bill would report to the 1943 legislative session.

Meanwhile, a subcommittee of the joint committee on Teachers of the University of North Carolina sought to choose 25 names from the 52 placed in nomination for the board. The results will be announced at a joint session tomorrow.

Seven Axis Ships Sunk

British Submarines Damage Nine Others In Mediterranean, Admiralty Announces

London, March 4—(AP)—British submarines in the Mediterranean have destroyed seven enemy vessels and damaged nine others, the admiralty announced today.

One of the submarines, it said, attacked in the Gulf of Genoa near the Italian coast and fired on a ship building yard, reporting that she "suffered" several hits with high explosive shells on two vessels at the dock.

Another submarine operating close to the coast sank a train on a bridge.

In addition to these tactical successes, the admiralty announced, "five more Axis submarines operating in the Mediterranean have destroyed seven enemy enemy vessels."

The five include a large supply ship, a medium supply ship, two small

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Driving Under Honor System

Washington, March 4, (AP)—OPA Administrator Pritchett Brown has ordered an end to police enforcement of the OPA's ban on pleasure driving and eating companies will depend upon a "honor system" and added that it "is probably" the best that can be practically obtained by March 25, when new gasoline controls go into effect.

Brown said he didn't mean nobody will be questioned about whether his driving is for pleasure or duty but it's one of those irritating things we want to avoid.

The line has now come to stop all unnecessary movement of the public. Brown said a "honor system" will be in effect in light of the fact that we can't have a system which exists in one hemisphere and not in the other.

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With 22 Ships Sunk or Sinking

JAP ARMADA IS WIPED OUT

Rommel Shifts His Attack to South

Allied Units Forced Back Along Coast

On Central Front, Allies Recapture Sidi Bouzid; Reds Continue Advances

(By The Associated Press.) American troops were reported within three miles of Faïd today when they began their recent 96-mile retreat, as the Germans concentrated their striking forces on the northern and southern sectors of Tunisia. Near the sea in the north, an allied communiqué announced, allied forces fell back four miles before the attack of General von Arnim. Marshal Erwin Rommel in the south was concentrating at least a part of his armor in the March line when he struck out with small infantry forces against the British eighth army, the announcement said.

(By The Associated Press.) Marshal Erwin Rommel has shifted at least a part of his armored forces to southern Tunisia to meet the British eighth army along the March line, allied headquarters in north Africa announced today, but in the north the drive of German armored forces had caused an allied withdrawal of about four miles near the sea.

The change of emphasis from the central to the southern Tunisian front by the German chief was further indicated by field reports received at allied headquarters that American and British forces, retracing the path of their recent defeat, had occupied Sidi Bouzid, only about ten miles from Faïd Pass, without meeting opposition.

The allied north African command and the British eighth army had repulsed Axis infantry attacking eastward from the March line and added, "The enemy has reinforced his infantry 30th tanks in this area."

The allied occupation of Sidi Bouzid again placed allied forces within striking distance of Faïd Pass, where they had been dislodged by the armored drive of Rommel February 19. At the same time allied patrols were reported within a few miles of Faïd in the south, evacuated by French and Americans when they were threatened by an encirclement.

The allied withdrawal was in an area twelve miles from the coast and about 40 miles west of Elbaire, after the infliction of heavy casualties on the Germans.

Dispatches from the northern front said the Germans had lost about 40 of their 70 tanks in a series of attacks in recent days. About 1,500 men, or the equivalent of two of the 11 battalions of infantry employed, were said to have been captured.

Tropic, Gules and objectives near Gules were bombed by allied north African command, while bombers from the Middle East command attacked Messina in Sicily. The allies lost 16 planes, according to the Italian communiqué. The allies said they had lost three.

Two Red army offensives northwest and south of Moscow gained momentum as the Russians smashed southwestward from the fallen fortress of Rzhev, capturing eleven towns and villages, and raised an increasing threat to Orel to the south, in evident determination to wipe out the German "Klunker" in the Soviet capital.

Southwest of Kharkov, in the Ukraine, however, the Germans claimed a further success in their counter offensive that is menacing the Russian flank.

Throwing back stubborn German counter attacks and overriding desperate enemy efforts to wipe out the Russian defense line, the Russians announced in their midday communiqué today that they had captured eleven more villages as they pressed in a southwestward direction.

Kislovodsk dispatches, meanwhile, reported that the Germans were getting ready to abandon Orel, a strategic point on the Moscow-Kharkov rail, and only remaining point in the southern winter defense line of the Germans in 1941-42.

NEW GUINEA ISN'T NOTED FOR ITS PLUMBING



A RUEFUL EXPRESSION AND A MUDDY UNIFORM is worn by this American soldier in the Soudan area of New Guinea as he wakes up and looks over his jungle laager. The night before, when he had packed out this choice site as a place to sleep, it had been completely dry. A local rainstorm—Bali's term they apply to what amount practically to cloudbursts—just about flooded him out. (International)

RAF Raids Hamburg

Heavy Assault Made On German City in Eighth Successive Night Attack

London, March 5—(AP)—The royal air force made a heavy attack on Hamburg last night in the eighth successive night in which the city has been bombed by British forces, retreating the path of their recent defeat, had occupied Sidi Bouzid, only about ten miles from Faïd Pass, without meeting opposition.

Other targets in western Germany also were hit by the strong RAF forces and ten of the bombers failed to return, it was announced.

The attack on Hamburg, heavily battered since the beginning of the war, followed a large scale assault Monday night on Berlin. Hamburg has been visited by RAF bombers nearly 100 times and was bombed at the British plane failed to return.

Damages in the attack, which broke out in the early hours of the morning today, including that the round-the-clock assault on German strongholds was being carried into another day.

CONTRACT AWARDED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, March 4—(AP)—The War department awarded a contract, under Section 8 of the War Relocation Act, to the American Cyanamid Co., Inc., of New York, N. Y., for the construction of a plant for the production of miscellaneous buildings in Rose county and Scotland county, N. C.

Anniversary Is Observed By President

Washington, March 4—(AP)—President Roosevelt observed the tenth anniversary of his elevation to the presidency today by praying at special religious services that God "grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression."

The services, which have been held every March 4 since the Chief Executive took office in 1933, were in the east room of the White House, with high officials of the government, friends and members of the President's family participating.

Mr. Roosevelt bowed his head in prayers for peace, for social justice, for all in the service of the country and those who have died in it, for our enemies and for all the nations of the world.

Draft Of Fathers Is Not Authorized

Five Raids In Solomons

Washington, March 4—(AP)—Five bombing raids on Japanese-held positions in the Solomon Islands area, including the third attack on Munda, were reported by the Navy today.

A five was started at Munda but results of the other raids were not reported.

Temperance Bill Passes

Measure Provides For Teaching Program In Public Schools; Amendment Defeated

Raleigh, March 4—(AP)—After beating down a proposed amendment to prohibit wine, beer and liquor advertising in newspapers or by radio, the house passed today a bill to promote the public school teaching of the effects of alcohol and narcotics.

Under the measure, provisions, the State board of education would employ a special agent to see that such teaching was carried out. A biennial appropriation of \$10,000 would be made for the work.

Representative Falls of Cleveland said that while he was for the principle, he objected to appropriating more money at this high-tax season.

Representative Tompkins of Jacksonville, himself a newspaper publisher, sought to prohibit advertising of alcoholic beverages. His amendment was opposed by Representative Price of Raleigh, who said they believed its adoption would cause the bill to be killed. Instead said he would support a separate bill to that effect. Price, also a newspaper publisher, introduced a substitute bill that was killed in committee.

The original instructional measure was introduced by Representatives Reynolds of Lenoir and Ward of Craven, by request.

The house also passed a measure by Representative White of Chatham to place hog cholera and other hog diseases under the Department of Agriculture and to appropriate \$10,000 yearly for that work. The bill as amended would set up a quarantine law for inoculated hogs.

McNutt Corrects Earlier Statement; Deferments Depend On Date Acquired

—Correcting an earlier statement, Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the war manpower commission today said local draft boards not to draft men with dependent children until they receive authorization from national selective service headquarters.

At his press conference Monday, McNutt said he knew of no such regulations on the local boards, and declared "quite a number" of fathers of children were being taken.

In a clarifying statement issued today, McNutt said the only men with children now being drafted are those whose dependents were acquired after December 8, 1941, or at a time when draft selection was imminent.

"Those registrants having wives and children, or children only, with whom they maintain a bona fide home and who were married before December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent, may not be inducted through selective service until there is a direct authorization by national headquarters," McNutt's statement said.

The regulations have been designed, McNutt said, to prevent the family life of the registrant as long as possible, to the extent that it is practical to do this and still need the requirements of the armed services for 10,000,000 men by this year and also apply the manpower needs of war industries.

However, after April 1 men who work in any of the "non-deferred" jobs listed last month will have 30 days to transfer to essential jobs or to register with the U. S. Employment Service before being placed in Class I-A.

"The recent non-deferred order primarily included which men with families will have to be inducted first when seen with families are called," McNutt explained.

Stocks Keep To High Level

New York, March 4, (AP)—Stock market activity continued at a high level today as many institutional and retail leaders pushed up prices to around a point to new peaks for a year or more.

Rail issues continued their rise in the bond market. Communities were generally favored.

Favored shares included U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, Goodrich, Transcontinental and Western Air, Eastern Airlines, Westinghouse, DuPont, Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Thousands Of Japanese Troops Lost

Battle of Bismarck Sea Results in One Of War's Greatest Allied Victories

(By The Associated Press.) A huge convoy of 22 Japanese ships—ten cruisers and destroyers and twelve transport and supply ships—has been wiped out with all ships sunk or sinking by allied air forces which have scored one of the greatest air-sea victories of the war, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia announced today.

The battle of Bismarck sea, as the allied command called it, began with a Japanese attempt to reinforce their base at Lae in New Guinea, and ended in a victory of such completeness as to assume the proportion of a major disaster to the enemy.

In addition to thousands of naval personnel killed or drowned in a fiery holocaust of burning, exploding and sinking ships, about 10,000 Japanese troops were destroyed, and 62 Japanese planes were shot down. The allies lost only three training planes and one bomber.

The scope of the victory, General MacArthur declared, "cannot fail to have most important results on the enemy's strategic and tactical plans. His campaign, for the time being at least, is completely dislocated."

This sea-borne success, which was observed by allied planes in the United States naval victory of Guadalcanal last November, was the Japanese last attempt to reinforce their base at Lae in New Guinea, and all other attempts to reinforce the island by sea were stopped by allied planes in China.

Commenting on several Japanese statements in which they claimed a "victory" in the Bismarck sea, the United States navy said it was "a complete and total defeat for the Japanese." It said that the Japanese "lost 10,000 troops, 62 planes and 22 ships, including 10 cruisers and 12 transports."

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Fortresses Make Raids

American Bombers Bomb Rotterdam And Hamm, Returning Little Damaged

London, March 4—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses bombed docks and warehouses at Rotterdam and freight yards at the German city of Hamm by daybreak today following a heavy RAF attack last night on Hamburg in the round-the-clock air offensive.

Officials announced that none of the heavy bombers failed to return, but at least 14 enemy planes were destroyed. Bombs were dropped and good, despite adverse weather conditions.

A communiqué announced the operations against the Netherlands and Hamm, 140 miles to the east, said that all three bombers returned with but negligible damage and a destroyed German fighter defense a week.

The allied blows were directed in the wake of two Nazi night raids on London.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Warmer tonight, minimum temperatures 35 to 32 in extreme east portion.