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Axis Armies Flee Toward Sea

Cost of Living Subsidy Being Talked In Washington

New Commander



NAMED to succeed the late Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Deyers (above) becomes commander of American forces in the European theatre of war. Gen. Deyers recently completed a tour of that war area and is well prepared for his task. (International)

\$2 Billion To Be Used To Cut Cost

Would Support Price Ceilings and Still Relieve Public; Applies Only to Food

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—A \$2,000,000,000-a-year Federal program for subsidizing the American cost of living was reported authoritatively today to be under consideration in high administrative quarters.

The report followed yesterday's official announcement that meat, coffee and butter subsidies will be swung in to support price ceilings in the nation's stabilization fight on June 1.

These subsidies will cost approximately \$400,000,000 a year, according to unofficial estimates. The two billion dollar program reported under study was said to include plans for subsidizing canned fruits and vegetables, and a long list of other foods—but nothing except food.

The first program, announced by Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, is aimed to force a ten percent cut June 1 in the retail cost of beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton, coffee and butter. It will be financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through one of its subsidiaries, under what officials said was a specific authorization contained in last October's price control act.

That payment of a cent or more a pound will be made to meat packers, butter manufacturers and coffee companies for their products, on condition that they cut their prices according to the program. In adopting this plan, the government rejected a proposal to buy direct from producers and re-sell at a loss to processors.

Despite the "conditional" implications that the program might operate on an optional basis, the official consensus was that it would be compulsory throughout, with the penalties provided under the price control act. Officials, however, declined to discuss this phase of the plan immediately.

Wilson Airman Is Given Decoration For Persian Duty

Cairo, Egypt, May 8.—(AP)—Five American officers who served for nine months as test pilots on the Persian Gulf supply route, flying more than 500 hours in hazardous weather to test planes urgently needed by the Russians, have been awarded the distinguished flying cross.

They include Captains John W. Coffey, of Louisville, Ky., and Edwin G. Dean, of Wilson, N. C. They have now returned to the United States.

Senators with net incomes up to \$5,000 would be wiped out, and submitted the 1942-1943 alternative. Formerly this provision had been designed to apply only to those with incomes above \$5,000.

Successes in Africa May Ease Oil Crisis in U. S.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The smashing Allied triumph in North Africa—a vital stroke in ridding the Mediterranean of Axis resistance—may help to ease this country's oil shortage materially, senators said today.

Even before the fall of Tunis and Bizerte was announced, lawmakers have made the closest study of supply and demand for petroleum products, foreseeing the possibility of an easier gasoline and fuel oil situation in the United States once Axis is cleaned out of the Mediterranean area.

Senator Maloney, Connecticut Democrat, said Army and Navy officials had assured him that there would be "some relief" in the home oil crisis when the Mediterranean is made safe again for Allied shipping.

In addition to the oil that might move from Near East sources to the eastern Mediterranean by tanker, Maloney pointed out that a pipeline capacity of 85,000 barrels a day extends from the oil fields along the Persian gulf to the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Turning himself to strategist, Maloney conceded there might be a shortage of tankers or some other reason which might hold down the amount of oil which could be moved to the Allied fighting forces by way of the Mediterranean sea.

YANKS MAKE IT ROUNDUP TIME IN TUNISIA



AMERICAN SOLDIERS are making themselves at home on the Tunisian range, rounding up batches of Italian prisoners who are not too terribly downhearted over falling into American hands. Yanks, above, armed with sub-machine guns, ride herd on a group of Mussolini's empire builders. (International)

Germans Fight Desperately To Stem March of Russians

Red Army Driving Near Novorossisk; Germans Slaughter Own Hesitant Troops

Moscow, May 8.—(AP)—An extremely violent battle was reported in progress today in an area only nine miles from Novorossisk, as the Germans pushed up reserves, tanks and motorized artillery in an attempt to halt the Soviet advance toward the Black Sea port.

In the face of growing resistance, Red Army units which turned southward after separating the Germans and the Rumanians north of the Kuban river from those in the south were driving hard to follow up the force of their first thrust in the direction of Novorossisk.

There was no indication the city was surrounded, but the Russian were on three sides and smashing hard on the one.

The Germans regrouped their sagging forces yesterday and threw several heavy tank-led counter attacks against the Red Army advance.

At this point, Russian dive bombers swooped in to dump tons of explosives on the Axis infantry, throwing them into flight.

A front dispatch said that prisoners captured in the Russian attack told that a whole platoon of the 2nd German infantry division had been shot for abandoning their positions against orders.

Pravda, the communist party newspaper, reported that the German right wing is resting in an easily-defended range of high mountains and that it will be difficult to dislodge them.

Cotton Mixed At the Close

New York, May 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to ten cents, however. Future closed 29 cents a bale lower to ten cents higher.

Open Close

May 20.22 20.22

July 20.01 19.95

October 19.84 19.84

December 19.73 19.73

March 19.72 19.73

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Little change in temperature tonight.

More Coal Miners Strike As Some Go Back to Jobs

Workers Idle in Three States Despite Roosevelt View They Cannot Strike

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 8.—(AP)—Fourteen hundred striking coal miners went back to work today near California, Pa., but another 250 of another mine quit, leaving more than 2,600 workers in three states still idle in the face of President Roosevelt's indication that since miners now are government employees they are not free to strike.

A spokesman for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation said workers at its Shampan mine at Easton, Pa., failed to report for the 7 p. m. shift.

Employees of the Vesta No. 4 mine at California, Pa., of the J. & L. pit, returned to their jobs early today after a posting last night with explicit five minutes of the United Mine Workers. At the same time a threat that thousands of other miners will resume their work stoppage if not resolved, unless operators sign a contract with the United Mine Workers by the end of the five-day strike, came from UMW district five in western Pennsylvania.

Two of the walkouts in Pennsylvania and Ohio were protests against attempts of coal operators to line employees for taking part in unauthorized strikes prior to the general shut down last Friday midnight, when the extended contracts expired.

Rallies Occur In Stock Mart

New York, May 8.—(AP)—Wall Street had another change of heart today, and with many of Friday's profit-taking customers returning to the buy-and-sell stock market favoring recovery indications to more than a point.

Rally, weakened by yesterday's sell-off, led the comeback after a slightly mixed opening. They were followed by rails, motors and specialties.

ELECTROCUTED—Johnny J. Campbell, 25, was electrocuted today while cleaning a piece of electrical equipment at a local industrial plant.

Sugar Allotments Up in Some Areas

Raleigh, May 8.—(AP)—The State Office of Price Administration announced today that sugar allotments for industrial users in Pasquotank and ten other North Carolina counties had been increased because of changes in population as reflected in registration for ration book No. 2.

Thousands Of Prisoners Are Taken

Eisenhower Declares All Remaining Axis Soldiers "Will Soon Be in Graves"

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 8.—(AP)—It was officially announced tonight that "many thousands" of prisoners have been captured in the Tunisian offensive, and the total, to be disclosed later, is expected to reach five figures.

REMAINING AXIS TROOPS SOON TO "BE IN GRAVES"

New York, May 8.—(AP)—Lieutenant General Dwight Eisenhower declared today, in a broadcast from Allied headquarters in North Africa, that "the only Axis soldiers remaining in North Africa soon will be in their graves," and that "we have set our hearts on complete victory."

Speaking over the Mutual Broadcasting System, with General Henri Giraud, General Eisenhower officially turned over American-made military equipment to the French army. He read a message from President Roosevelt praising effort of American workers furnishing supplies to the Army, and added his personal praise for those whose labor is devoted to turning out military equipment.

STATE SUMMER TERM TO BEGIN ON JUNE 16

Raleigh, May 8.—State College's summer session will begin with registration on June 16, Registrar W. L. Moyer announced today.

Continuing its accelerated training program inaugurated last year, the college will give a full term of work during a 12-week period. In addition, the division of teacher education and the Textile School will offer specialized work in their respective fields for a six-week period. Freshman work will be available for students desiring to begin their college work in the summer instead of waiting for the fall term.

Explosions Aboard Gibraltar Vessels May Be from Subs

La Linea, Spain, May 8.—(AP)—Three violent explosions shattered the calm of Gibraltar bay at 6 a. m. today after which British naval tugs heeled three merchant ships in the harbor. A reported attack by Axis submarines was not confirmed immediately.

ATTACKS BLACK MARKET

Raleigh, May 8.—Moving to aid in eliminating a source of black market gasoline, the Office of Defense Transportation has begun raiding up ex-copied T coupons of motor vehicle operators whose misuse has been cut.

North Carolina ODT officials said the entire district will be surveyed as rapidly as possible and all excess T coupons collected and destroyed.

U. S. Planes Speed Blows On Jap-Held Attu Island

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—American planes operating from new advance positions in the Aleutian islands have stepped up their attacks on Japanese-held Attu island, the Navy disclosed today, raiding it seven times Thursday.

The same day Army fighters attacked the Japanese base on Kiska island, which so far has been the most heavily bombed of the two bases, five times.

Apparently the American force operated from the base on Adak island, which is only 63 nautical miles from Kiska and 225 from Attu.

In the South Pacific, May is fast becoming the month of bombs for the Japanese at their bases in the jungle and mountain country of Dutch New Guinea.

Ranging by daylight over distances too great to have the protection of escorting fighters, Lieutenant General George C. Kenney's

Allies Plan To Destroy Enemy Army

French Populace of Tunis Showers Allied Tanks With Flowers; Thousands of Prisoners Taken

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 8.—(AP)—United States and British troops pressed hard today upon Axis remnants driven from their strongholds at Bizerte and Tunis in a spectacular 36-hour offensive, and French forces took over Pont-du-Fahs and high ground to the east to roll up the right wing of the enemy's southern front.

"Many prisoners and much equipment has already been captured, but exact figures are not yet known," it was announced in a communique from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters. "The advance continues."

The surprisingly abrupt conquest of Tunis and Bizerte, achieved by a massing of overwhelming superior forces of men, tanks, guns and planes come one day short of six months after the Allied landings in North Africa.

Allied land, air and naval forces are bent upon one thing—destruction of the last vestige of the Axis forces in Africa as a prelude to carrying the war across the Mediterranean and into Europe.

With liaison severed between the survivors of Bizerte and Tunis garrisons, and the southern front yielding before attacks of the British First Army and the 19th French groups, the campaign was in its final bloody stage.

Allied planes, who provided unprecedented aerial support for the ground offensive, sank fourteen small craft, set a destroyer afire and damaged several other vessels in the gulf and harbor of Tunis, and sank three more vessels at the entrance of Tunis harbor, the communique said.

This followed up widespread attacks Thursday in which further reports disclosed three Axis destroyers were sunk and three others damaged and 23 vessels were sunk in attacks on Sicilian ports.

"Light and medium bombers, fighters and fighter bombers of the tactical air force kept up intense attacks on roads congested with enemy retreating numerous fires," the communique said, "Enemy air fields near Tunis were attacked."

The communique said that armored elements of the British First Army entered Tunis at 2:50 p. m. yesterday after having advanced some 23 miles in 36 hours against stiff resistance, including many mine fields.

"In the north, troops of the second U. S. Army Corps had cleared the important town of Ferryville by 4 p. m. and at 1:15 p. m. their forward elements entered Bizerte," the bulletin said.

Isolated groups of Axis soldiers fought overnight in the narrow streets and thick-walled houses of Tunis and Bizerte in an effort to win a few hours' reprieve for columns fleeing eastward in a clouded jumble along the few northern roads still in enemy hands.

Airmen who struck at shipping in the Straits of Sicily said they saw a number of boats carrying troops heading for Sicily, indicating a partial evacuation was being attempted, but it was on a small scale and a large percentage of the ships are being sunk. It appeared most probable that the Axis could not attempt a large scale evacuation.

A delayed dispatch from Bizerte by Harold V. Boyle, Associated Press correspondent, said happy French residents of that naval base showered flowers upon American tanks which led the thrust into the city, with joy and waved their fingers high in the V sign for victory.

A company of U. S. tankmen and two companies of tank destroyers made the initial entry, sweeping in from the Southern area under artillery fire. The flowers of the French were removed about ten minutes.

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