

OPA Annuls Rollback Of Milk Ceiling

Old Prices Prevail Until February 23 While Survey Made

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Orders reducing North Carolina wholesale milk price ceilings three cents a gallon, which caused the southeast's largest distributor to halt shipments, were temporarily revoked today by the Office of Price Administration.

The price rollback order was rescinded until February 23, the price agency announced. Until that date, prices in effect before January 15, when the rollback was ordered, will prevail.

The OPA said the interim period would be utilized for survey of production costs in the plants of the Cagle Dairy Products Co., of Lexington, N. C., the State's only wholesale distributor and the largest milk distributor in the southeast.

George Cagle, operator, abandonment of shipments to 31 government camps and projects in the Carolinas and Georgia Thursday, declaring he was unable to operate under the reduced wholesale ceilings.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Information that the Office of Price Administration had temporarily suspended its milk rollback order, Governor Broughton said today "that news is very gratifying. That is all we wanted."

"All we wanted," he said, "was a chance to discuss the matter with all parties concerned, and to be assured of a steady milk supply."

URGES RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY

Hoboken, N. J.—Urging immediate action, the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce has launched a nationwide move looking to the return to private ownership and local tax rolls, at the close of the war, of the billions of dollars worth of property taken over by the government for war purposes.

In a brochure treating extensively of the famous "Hoboken piers case," subject of many Congressional committee hearings, the organization cites its own community's "bitter and continuing experience" in a fruitless twenty-two-year fight to regain a valuable stretch of its waterfront property, taken over by the government in 1917 and retained ever since.

Warning that other communities "may lose in this war" as Hoboken did in the first World War, the Hoboken Chamber estimates that Federal control of the City's piers terminal has cost the community over \$12,000,000 in taxes and millions of dollars in damage to local business and employment.

MANY ATTEND BUTNER RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Camp Butner, Jan. 29.—A total of 11,576 soldiers attended the 272 religious services conducted at the Camp Butner chapels during December, says a report to the Fourth Service Command chaplain in Atlanta, covering chaplains' activities at this post for the month.

In addition to the services in the post chapels, the chaplains conducted three services in civilian communities near the camp. Other activities outlined in the report included: 638 personal interviews, 203 hospital visits to soldier patients, 10 welfare cases handled, one soldier marriage performed, and one baptism.

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But whatever the reason behind the disclosure, so far as its effect on the Japanese may be concerned, officials agreed that no single announcement has so infuriated the American people or produced such bitter determination for vengeance since word flashes over the wire two years ago that Pearl Harbor had been attacked.

Spain on Spot



Assurance that Nazi nationals would be moved at once from Spanish ports where sabotage might occur is believed to indicate that Spain has begun to veer from the Axis. At the same time the Duke of Alba, Spanish envoy to London (shown above) was reported about to return to Madrid with warning that England was about to "get tough" particularly after the incident of the "time bomb" strewn in a case of oranges. (International)

War Prisoner Toli In Burma Reported High

Chungking, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Japanese girding themselves for the battle of Burma, are rushing construction of a railway from Thailand to southern Burma at a colossal expenditure of the lives of British captive prisoners of war and Chinese civilians, according to reports from reputable eye witnesses.

The railway is being cut through some of the world's worst jungle—dense masses of luxuriant vegetation never before disturbed by white man—and many Australians, British and Indian prisoners and Chinese forced laborers were said to have "died where they worked and were buried where they fell like dogs."

The reports, which came on the heels of disclosures by Washington that London of brutal Japanese treatment of prisoners, said four out of every six Chinese engaged in forced labor in the jungle of Thailand died and mortality among the Europeans was as high or higher.

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Yanks Are Within Range Of Cisterna; Reds Drive Toward Last Rail Exit

Volkhov Arm Pushes Near Warsaw Line

Action on Moscow's Line Wins Citation From Marshal Stalin

London, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Troops of General K. A. Meretskov's Volkhov army drove today toward the Leningrad-Pskov-Warsaw railway, single rail avenue of retreat left to the German forces blow Leningrad, after cutting the important Leningrad-Vitbsk line west of Lake Ilmen and clearing the Moscow-Leningrad trunk railway of all but one zone of resistance.

Meretskov's mopping up operations on the Moscow-Leningrad railway, climaxed by the capture of Lyuban and four other stations on the line, won a citation from Premier Stalin in a special order of the day. Moscow said complete occupation of the railway was expected shortly with the capture of Chudovo, last German-held station 75 miles southeast of Leningrad.

Stalin said that the German garrison in Chudovo "is encircled and is being annihilated."

General Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army, meanwhile, had pushed down the east-west outer belt line below Leningrad to within 24 miles of the Estonian border, the Russian communique reported, and also was deploying to the south from Volosovo and Krasnogvardeisk, capturing the towns of Reopolka and Kobrin, the latter a strongpoint 11 miles south of Krasnogvardeisk on the railway to Pskov and Warsaw.

Meretskov's left wing had cut the Leningrad-Vitbsk railway in at least two places between the junction points to Batetskaya and Dno, according to the Moscow war bulletin. German forces remaining in the semi-circular arc of the Red army had only one rail retreat route—the Leningrad-Pskov-Warsaw line 50 miles to the west, and Meretskov's spearheads were plunging to plug that gap as quickly as possible.

In his westward drive, Meretskov had captured the town of Starv Shimsk, just west of Lake Ilmen, to peril the important rail junction of Shimsk on the rail line to Staraya Russia. German base south of the lake on a railway leading west to Dno and Pskov.

The Russian communique gave little news of fighting on other sectors of the long front.

Abdication Of King Is Asked

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Bari radio announced that a congress of five anti-fascist Italian parties opened in that southern Italian city today in an atmosphere of "patriotism and enthusiasm" and that abdication of King Vittorio Emanuele was immediately asked by Benedetto Croce, veteran Italian philosopher.

Croce was named president of the conference, said the broadcast as reported by the U. S. foreign intelligence service, and he was quoted as declaring in his opening address that Italy wants a "serious government, a capable and honest administration and a worthy place in the European community of nations."

Famous Editor Dies Today

Emporia, Kansas, Jan. 29.—(AP)—William Allen White, famous editor of the Emporia Gazette and widely known as "the sage of Emporia," died quietly today. He was 75 years old.

White had been in failing health for nearly a year. He entered the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., last October and submitted to a major operation. A month later he returned to Emporia but was unable to resume his usual duties.

ORANGES DAMAGED BY SABOTEURS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND



THIS IS THE FIRST PICTURE to reach this country showing the results of a time bomb placed in a cargo of oranges shipped to fruit-starved England from Spain. It subsequently was revealed that bombs placed by saboteurs had exploded in other cargoes of fruit, resulting in a controversy between the two countries. (International)

Frankfort Raid Is Largest In 8th Air Force History

Airmen Hit Three Atolls Of Marshalls

22nd Straight Day Of Aerial Attacks On Marshall Group

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Wotje, Maloelap and Mill—Islands becoming increasingly familiar to observers of the Pacific war—were slugged again by U. S. airmen who for 22 straight days have kept at the job of softening up the Marshall Group.

These three atolls in Japan's central Pacific bastion have between them undergone 73 raids in the last two months. Last night the navy curiously told of the latest raids which occurred Thursday.

Wotje was attacked in the afternoon by medium bombers. Fires were started among ground facilities. "Dive bombers and fighters made a late afternoon attack on Mill, bombing and strafing its airfield installations and gun emplacements. One of our dive bombers was shot down.

"Heavy bombers dropped more than 20 tons of bombs on Toroa, in the Maloelap atoll, at dusk, causing damage in the entertainment area. All of our planes returned."

The Marshall blasters extended their punches to Nauru, an island west of the Gilberts and south of the Marshalls, giving it its first pounding since December 28. Medium bombers attacked ground installations in daylight assaults.

Spain Must Choose Side

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The implication today of the Allied choking off of oil shipments to Spain was that unless General Franco stopped helping the axis, other drastic blows may follow.

In effect, the action announced by the State Department yesterday told Franco that it is time for him to decide which team he wants to play with, and act accordingly.

Second Successive RAF Blow at Berlin Made Friday Night

London, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Eighth Army air force sent the greatest number of heavy bombers in its history—well over 800—in a thunderous assault against industrial Frankfurt today even as Berlin smoked and burned anew from last night's second heavy RAF blow in a row.

Fighter escorts probably numbering several hundred accompanied and assisted the Liberators and Flying Fortresses in the blow at the highly industrialized German city. Losses were not announced immediately.

Swedish reports said the complete evacuation of burning Berlin was contemplated, and the Nazis clamped a tight censorship on details of the second successive devastating RAF blow to mop up the rubble-strewn capital.

All Swedish correspondents made it clear the attack was one of the severest yet directed against Berlin. Although the air ministry's communique gave few details, there was little doubt this second successive assault in the mopping up operations against the battered and burning city was a paralyzing blow.

"Nazi sources themselves acknowledged 'very large damage.' It was the third raid by Allied heavy bombers from Britain in 24 hours—following close on the American daylight strike yesterday against mystery targets in the Pas de Calais coastal region of France.

It brought the total bomb weight on Berlin since the start of the campaign Nov. 18 to about 29,000 long tons of explosives—approximately twice the amount that was required to devastate Hamburg, a city less than half as big.

The 13th attack on Berlin came while the Germans were giving London the 700th alert of the war.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Dr. J. S. Dorton, State war manpower director, said today penalties would be assessed against employers who deliberately fail to keep men on their payrolls between the time the employee passes his pre-induction examination and when he reports for service.

Georgia Vote Bill Not As Good As N. C.

In the Sir Walter Hotel. Daily Dispatch Bureau. BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—First copy of the Georgia soldier-voting law to reach North Carolina officials showed up on Attorney General Harry McMillen's desk Friday. McMillen is not had time to study it but permitted the newspaper boys to look it over. Cursey's reading indicates that despite a lot of bragging about what Georgia has done to give the soldiers voting privilege, the provisions are still less adequate than those in effect in North Carolina.

Instead of being handled by the regular election machinery, the soldier vote will be administered by a special War Ballot Commission. There is no provision for a secret ballot, and all soldier ballots must be voted at the court house precinct rather than at the home precinct of the voter. Provision is made for registration by mail and poll tax payments for service men are waived for the duration.

Because in Georgia primaries and conventions normally come closer to election day than in this state, the regular statute governing these dates is suspended and parties may (but are not required to) hold nominating conventions and primaries at more convenient times.

Meantime, the North Carolina State Board of Elections has been called by Chairman Joyner to meet in the hall of the house of representatives at Raleigh next Wednesday, February 2, at 11 o'clock to adopt rules and regulations for facilitating the soldier vote.

NEW QUAKES

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The city of San Juan which was virtually destroyed by an earthquake January 15 experienced four new tremors late yesterday but no additional damage was reported.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and slightly cooler tonight. Partly cloudy with moderate temperature Sunday.

Troops Near Appian Way And Railway

Nazis Suffer Badly From Air Attack on Shipping of Allies

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 29.—(AP)—American beachhead troops, striking toward the Appian Way and the main rail line to the Cassino front, have advanced to within light artillery range of Cisterna astride both arteries 14 miles north of Anzio, it was announced today.

At the same time other Allied forces pushing north from Anzio up the Arziante road captured a bridge two miles beyond Carroceto where the British routed a German unit Thursday. This Allied force was about 19 miles southeast of Rome, and twelve miles north of Anzio.

The Germans launched heavy air attacks against shipping on the beachhead yesterday and again suffered badly at the hands of the Allied air forces which shot down 21 enemy planes over the area.

Fourteen more planes were shot down during a heavy bomber raid on Ferrara. The day's total bag was 36 Nazi aircraft for a loss of five Allied planes.

Violent fighting raged north of Cassino where American tanks and infantry backed out gains against fierce opposition and repeated counter-attacks. Farther north, French troops seized two hills north of Bellvedere mountain and smashed down three German counter-attacks.

Action on the fan-shaped invasion front brought spectacular artillery wash-ups supported the drive as fire from British and American well as great aerial duels.

The navy reported that the Germans had been pushed back out of range of guns of destroyers, but still were being hammered by cruisers, which reach between seven and eight miles inland. Naval guns also blasted at Formia, on the Gulf of Gaeta to the south, and continued their harassing fire into the night.

Fighting was waged in a driving rainstorm, but in spite of the weather sky battles over the beachhead continued in violence un-matched since the last stages of the Tunisian campaign.

Vengeance Vowed On Pacific Coast For Jap Atrocities

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Vows of vengeance and demands for retribution swept the war-conscious Pacific coast today as the reactions of horror to the stories of Japanese atrocities mounted to new heights.

So acute was the feeling in many localities on the west coast, home of more than 100,000 persons of Jap ancestry prior to Pearl Harbor, that Lt. Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the western defense command, cautioned against individual retaliation in this country.

Penalty Promised For Not Keeping Employees Until They Enter Army

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Several such instances have been reported, Dr. Dorton said, and if the practice continues, the WMO will ask selective service to void determination orders for the employer and the WJC will refuse to assist in the procurement of other employees.

76 Nurses Are Prisoners Of Japanese

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Seventy women nurses of the army and navy apparently are still prisoners of the Japanese, captured when the Philippines fell.

Army files show that 66 army nurses are prisoners. Persons recently returned to this country in an exchange of internees, say that ten navy nurses brought into Manila in early 1942 (possibly taken at the time naval installations in the Manila area were captured) also are held by the enemy.

The army nurses are of the valiant little band of women who through the long, hot despairing days of the Bataan campaign nursed more than 5,000 wounded and sick. Then on April 7, 1942, they were taken to temporary safety at the fortress of Corregidor, until that fortress was taken by the enemy a month later.

A total of 88 army nurses were on Bataan and Corregidor as the peninsula campaign began to draw to a close. On June 1, 1942, General MacArthur reported that 22 nurses had arrived in Australia and that "nearly all" of them escaped only a few days before the fall of Corregidor.