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Reds Push Toward Krivoi Rog

Yanks Heavily Bomb Cisterna

Senate Told Dangers Of Subsidy Plan

Fledges Sought for Speaker Rayburn as Choice of Democrats

Washington, Feb. 9—(AP)—Keynoting debate in the Senate on the food subsidy repeal bill, Senator Bankhead (Ala., D) declared today that government payments to regulate consumer food prices are swelling the national debt and increasing—rather than diminishing—the danger of wartime inflation.

By holding down retail prices on farm and food commodities, Bankhead contended, subsidies have resulted in "punching money in the pocketbooks of consumers."

The senate took the first step toward passage of the seven bill, similar to legislation previously passed by the House, to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation but curtail the agency's $1,000,000,000 lending power after June 30.

Opening the argument of administration officials that subsidy repeals might touch off a spiral of price increases that would wreck the entire stabilization program, Bankhead asserted that prices would rise only 2½ cents per person if subsidies were ended.

Consumers can't afford to pay additional increases in food prices, he said. It would be "a terrible thing" if subsidies did not result in an equivalent reduction in wages, he added.

The capital result would be an increase in the price of the particular food item under the subsidy, he said, amount to possibly the reduction in the value of the subsidy."

Nash-Edgecombe Landlords Are to Register Feb. 26

Feb. 9—(AP)—Scheduled registration of more than 8,000 landlords in the Nash-Edgecombe area under Federal rent control provisions is postponed from February 12 to February 26 at the request of Representative Harold D. S. Johnson, director of the district of the Office of Price Administration, it was announced today.

It was said Cooley received permission to postpone the registration from Frank Tippett, assistant director of the rent division of OPA, and his application for amendment of the order may be argued in Washington.

Cooley said a delegation of Rocky Mount citizens would appear before the OPA rent board in Washington February 17. "We feel that time should be granted to hear the delegation," Cooley said.

It was said that Cooley had asked for a two week stay of the order, but OPA had made the postponement effective for two weeks.

PARIS OFF THE AIR

New York, Feb. 9—(AP)—The Paris radio went off the air at 1:12 a. m. eastern war time today, the Federal Communications Commission said, indicating that Allied air raiders might be attacking targets in the vicinity of the city.

AFL Members Ask Revision In Wage Scale

Washington, Feb. 9—(AP)—The four American Federation of Labor members of the President's cost of living committee, whose report indicated living cost have risen 23 percent since January 1941, or almost twice the amount shown by the Labor Department's cost of living index, today declared the nation's workers cannot rely upon price control alone at now functions to preserve their standards of living" and again petitioned the board to revise upward the little steel formula limiting wage increases to 15 percent of the rate of January 1, 1941.

The four petitioners — George Meany, Matthew Woll, Robert Watt and James Bambrick — asked the board to request President Roosevelt to "modify realistically" an executive order limiting increases to the "little steel formula" as interpretative defined by the National War Labor Board for "a rise in the cost of living between January 1, 1941, and May 1, 1942."

They asked also that employers be allowed to apply the increases with out obtaining approval from the WLB.

The four AFL members called attention to recent investigation by the other members of the President's cost of living committee, whose report indicated living cost have risen 23 percent since January 1941, or almost twice the amount shown by the Labor Department's cost of living index.

WAR LEAVES ITS FOOTPRINTS

THE TANGLED MARKINGS winding among the trees in an orchard near Mignano, Italy, were made by Allied armored vehicles used to oust Nazis entrenched in the hilltop town. The shadows of the fruit trees hide the slit trenches dug by the Germans. (International)

Vice-Presidential Nomination Gains Unusual Attention

Bankhead Declares Program Raises Debt And Aids Inflation

Washington, Feb. 9—(AP)—An early move to seek convention pledges ter House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas emphasized today the unusual attention that politicians are directing toward the Democratic vice-presidential nomination this year.

With President Roosevelt still turning aside fourth term inquiries, some practical politicians are concerning him the nomination on the first ballot and working to get their choice installed as his running mate with an eye to the future.

One high democratic official said there is no doubt in his mind that—if the President runs again—this year's vice-presidential candidate will have a head start on everyone else in the 1948 race for the top nomination.

Besides that, this politician observed there always is a possibility that if Mr. Roosevelt is elected to a fourth term and the war ends he might resign to head a bi-partisan delegation to the peace conference.

This far Rayburn and Henry Wallace apparently lead the field of those mentioned, which includes almost every prominent Democrat within the administration and some without. There has been talk of Food Administrator Marvin Jones, War Manpower Director James Byrnes and several senators, including Harry Truman of Missouri, as potential candidates.

At least two governors, J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina and Ellis Arnall of Georgia have figured in the discussion.

SENSATION EXPECTED

Stockholm, Feb. 8—(AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull's Washington statement to the United States has recently renewed its warning to Finland to get out of the war, it is expected to create a sensation among the Finish people.

Joint Meeting Of Committees On Tax Urged

Washington, Feb. 9—(AP)—Chairman George (Ga.) told the Senate Finance Committee proposed today that Senate and House committees work together on early simplification and streamlining of the income tax structure.

George said he believed approximately 20,000,000 of the 50,000,000 taxpayers could be spared the need of filing any returns at all beginning in 1945, "by making their final tax obligation the withholding levy against their wages and salaries."

Meanwhile, Republican members of the top-shelving House Ways and Means Committee issued a statement demanding immediate action, and Chairman Doughton (N. C., D.) called the committee together today for a preliminary discussion of the possibilities of cleaning some of the red tape out of the tax laws.

Prices Higher For Cotton

New York, Feb. 9—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon values were 50 to 80 cents a bale higher. March 2606, May 2619, July 1974.

	Prev. Close	Open
March	26.03	26.08
May	26.15	26.16
July	19.59	19.70
October (new)	19.22	19.21
December (new)	19.05	19.05

W. B. Umstead, Of Durham, To Be Cherry's Manager

Former Congressman To Direct Campaign For Governorship

Goldsboro, Feb. 9—R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor, announced here today that William B. Umstead, prominent Durham attorney and former sixth district congressman, will serve as his state campaign manager.

No definite date has been set for the official opening of the Cherry headquarters, but it was made know here today that state headquarters for the Cherry forces will be opened in Raleigh in the near future, either in late February or early March.

Widely known throughout the State Mr. Umstead is a native of Durham county. He attended the University of North Carolina and graduated with the class of 1916. After leaving the University he taught school in Kenton Township and by following the declaration of war in 1917, he resigned his position with the Kenton schools and entered the military service. He served until the end of the war with the 317th Machine Gun Battalion, 81 Division.

After the war Mr. Umstead studied law at Trinity College, now Duke

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Cherry Manager

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD

Strong Point Of Germans Is Crippled

Aggressive Patrol Activity Is Carried Out by the Allies

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Feb. 9—(AP)—U. S. planes poured tons of bombs yesterday on Cisterna to cripple that main strong point of the Nazi line around the invasion beachhead below Rome, while Allied troops struck out in "aggressive patrol activity," Allied headquarters announced today.

German patrols also were active in this vital sector, and Nazi artillery continued a heavy shelling of the beachhead.

The Allies further consolidated their positions, headquarters said.

American Mitchells in morning and afternoon raids pounded railways in Cisterna where the enemy had assembled trains and guns, and crewmen said the bombs leveled a large part of the town, 15 miles north of Anzio.

The Germans had converted it into a fortress. From it they have launched some of their fiercest attacks on the beachhead.

(Today's German communique declared the Nazis had advanced several miles in the broken wooded area, capturing 700 prisoners. "Strong enemy counter-attacks with support of tanks and naval artillery were repulsed," the bulletin broadcast of Berlin added.)

American troops battling into Cassino on the main front have occupied about three-fourth of that town, front dispatches said, and the doughboys at one time fought to within 75 yards of the Benedictine abbey on Mount Cassino.

Allied planes flew 1,500 sorties throughout the day, striking hard at German troop concentrations, airfields and rail yards over a wide area, and losing not a single plane.

More guns were brought up to join the artillery barrage supporting the American assault against Cassino to the east, and fighting continued in the streets of that key town. U. S. forces made slight gains in the mountains to the northwest.

The Germans still hold the greater portion of Cassino, the crest of Mount Cassino overlooking it, and still clinging to a corridor leading to the town.

Gas Coupon Counterfeiters Are Arrested

Baltimore, Feb. 9—(AP)—Federal officials scheduled arraignment of a second man today in a counterfeit gasoline ration coupon case they asserted had connections with a "big operation" extending through Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

The pair was arrested yesterday a few hours after $1,575 in marked money was tied by a third man, who was not identified by authorities, to purchase counterfeit gas ration coupons worth some 36,000 gallons.

The transaction was described to U. S. Commissioner James K. Cullen yesterday by Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas J. Kennedy at the arraignment of Bennie J. Heilman, 33, of Norfolk, Va., who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of 75 pages of the coupons.

Atlantic Wall Installations Are Bombed

London, Feb. 9—(AP)—U. S. Marauders roared back to northern France to pound German "Atlantic wall" installations today for the third time in little more than 24 hours along with RAF medium, light, and fighter bombers.

The daylight formations swung out after RAF night bombers struck objectives in Germany and France, including the Rhone aircraft engine factory at Limoges, without loss.

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NAZI EAST FRONT PERIL INCREASES

Warning Finland. Hitler's northern satellite, to get out of the war, Russian bombers twice attacked Helsinki (A), the capital. Southward, the Reds have cleared the east bank of the Narva River, north and south of Narva (B) in Estonia. The drive into Poland (C) continues, with Soviet forces beating down Nazi opposition. Other armies have broken the German defense line between Krivoi Rog and Nikopol (E) trapping 50,000 of Hitler's fighters. They also are reported closing in on another 100,000 trapped in the Cherkassy pocket (D). (International)

Resistance Of Japs On Kwajalein Now Entirely Crushed

Navy Announces Blows Elsewhere On the Marshalls

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 9—(AP)—All organized Japanese resistance has been snuffed out on Kwajalein, world's largest atoll. Already American warships and planes are diverting fire power from that nerve center of the Marshalls to other fortified atolls.

In the midst of these developments, the overall strategists are hopefully of getting "air ground and air forces into China as early as possible" for the showdown against Nippon.

Highly significant, the Navy proposed a policy of semi-secrecy last night in announcing that the fleet and air arm are swinging patrols elsewhere, in the Marshalls. The Navy did not disclose the targets, figuring that communications between those supply-starved outposts and Japan are poor enough and lack of the information would seriously impede the enemy.

The attacks occurred Sunday and Monday.

Meanwhile, patrols on Roi and Kwajalein islands in Kwajalein atoll are being vastly reduced and modernized to cope planes daily against Marshall bases, already largely neutralized and virtually stripped of air cover.

Based on Kwajalein's spacious lagoon, a large and as yet unchallenged fleet, not even "bass by enemy submarines, was alert against attempts to rescue the enemy's Marshall garrisons.

The Japanese bases at Wotje, Mili, Maloelap and Jaluit atolls in the Marshall islands are strongly held but they have been made useless by the American occupation of Kwajalein, he said.

Wake Island, 594 miles north of Kwajalein, is now useful to the Japanese only as a base from which to conduct searches and make strikes at our Marshall bases, Nimitz said, but it is now also possible for us to hit Wake from Kwajalein by bombers.

More Gasoline Is Requested For This Area

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today asked the Petroleum Administration for War to make available an additional allotment of gasoline for the Vance, Warren, and Franklin area to relieve an acute shortage.

The Governor said that tungsten mining activities in Vance, and lumbering, pulpwood and farming work in the three-county area had carved a serious drain on available gasoline supplies. The allotment assigned to the area is based on the amount used in 1941. Since that time Camp Butner has been built, adding to the drain on available supplies, the Governor added.

The Governor said yesterday that 31,000 barrels of gasoline had been released in the Wilmington and New Hanover area to relieve a shortage which was holding up farming operations in the Castle Hayne truck farming belt.

Capture Of Nikopol Is Announced

Loss of Both These Ore Centers Would Be Heavy Blow to Nazis

Moscow, Feb. 9—(AP)—General Rodion Y. Malinovsky's third Ukrainian army drove on today toward the iron ore city of Krivoi Rog, last major German-held objective in the Dnieper bend, following the capture of Nikopol, main source of Germany's vitally needed manganese.

Loss of Krivoi Rog on top of Nikopol, where 15,000 Nazis were killed and 2,000 captured, would be a heavy blow to Germany's war industry. The vital metal from these centers has fed the Nazi war machine for the past two years. Krivoi Rog is about 60 miles northwest of Nikopol.

After General Fedor I. Tolbukhin's fourth Ukrainian army had liquidated the Germans holding Nikopol, bridgehead on the south side of the Dnieper, it was reported in Moscow. Marshal Ivan S. Konev's second Ukrainian army was reported 15 miles from the city and Malinovsky's troops were fighting within sight of the city, which is now under Nazi shelling by artillery firing at Russians on the east.

With Nikopol ready to Russian hands, Malinovsky then could hit right wing toward Krivoi Rog from the captured port of Apostolovo, 22 miles away.

German prisoners were quoted for the unofficial Moscow radio that Hitler had ordered his Nikopol garrison, 75 miles long and 21 miles deep, to be held at all costs. Formidable defenses in depth, dominated by heights manned by powerful guns, were blasted by the Russian onslaught, which wiped the Germans from their last hold on the Dnieper except for positions far to the north above Gomel.

Forty nine towns were captured in the Russian drive, which liquidated the tip of the Germans army's easternmost position in Russia.

As Malinovsky's army converged on Krivoi Rog other Russian forces under Generals Nikolai Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev were steadily crushing the remnants of 10 German divisions trapped near Cherkassy 65

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111 Japanese Planes Downed Over Rabaul

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Feb. 9—(AP)—Allied airmen have shot down 13 more Japanese planes over Rabaul, New Britain, making 111 enemy aircraft reported destroyed there in seven raids this month.

Japanese planes attacked American invasion positions at Arawe and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, some soldiers and sailors being wounded at Arawe. The communique said the attacks were ineffective.

Allied aircraft bombed Japanese barge points along the coast of Bougainville, capital of the Solomons, while light naval forces continued to pay against the enemy barges south of Bougainville, the first time enemy barges of large tonnage off the Green Island.

Grew Warns About Jap Compromise Peace Offer

Washington, Feb. 9—(AP)—Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Tokyo, warned today against a "compromised peace" that would leave Japan's military machine and caste and cult once and for all our sons and grandsons will be fighting this war over again in the next generation," he told the Senate Military Committee.

Grew, now special assistant to the Secretary of State, testified in support of administration-backed legislation for a national service act that would authorize the drafting of civilian labor for war industry.

The development of taking all practical steps to shorten the war seems to be important, but incident questions be used, and after reading the testimony already presented to the committee, I feel myself more firmly than ever convinced that the proposed legislation would have precisely that effect."

Time, he said, is "the most important factor" in Japanese calculations and that "the most we cannot afford to give opponents to allow them for time to form means strength."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy and slightly colder tonight preceded by light rain east and central portions. Thursday, partly clouds and moderately cool.