

WEATHER FORECAST

Warmer today and tonight. Sunset today, 8:01. Sunrise Friday, 6:41.

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MONROE MARKET

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Cotton, Cotton Seed, Eggs, etc.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1943

SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Ration Book 3 To Be Issued

Will Be Distributed To Public By Mail In June And July

WILL BE A REPLACEMENT

War ration book number 3 will be distributed to the public by mail in June and July as a replacement for ration books No. 1 and 2 when they run out of stamps.

In making that announcement, yesterday, Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown at the same time told the public to "step hard" on any rumors that the book might be used for any other purposes.

Application blanks for the new books will be left in mail boxes by regular carriers between May 30 and June 5. The applications are to be mailed back by June 10, and ration boards are expected to send the books in most cases by the end of July.

Principal use of the new books will be for sugar, coffee, and shoe rationing, for which ration book number 1 now is used. Few stamps remain in this book.

The No. 3 book also has four pages of "point" stamps that may be used either for canned goods or meat when the No. 2 book runs out.

Announcing that Postmaster General Walker has agreed to mail the books for the book in order to relieve the public of schoolhouse registration, Brown said the method is "a great step forward in our program to make rationing as easy as possible and to reduce all of the mechanics of rationing to the simplest terms for the private citizen."

Explaining that the No. 3 book is merely a replacement, Brown commented, "Active imagination and busy tongues sometimes with glib, legitimate motives in mind will seize upon the issuance of book No. 3 as a golden opportunity to spread a crop of rumors. We will be reported making ready to ration clothing (although this one has been worn pretty thoroughly), stockings, neckties, fresh vegetables, brooms, hah, of what have you."

"I wish to warn the public in advance. These rumors will have no foundation in fact, and those who are stimulated into panic buying by believing such reports will be foolishly doing just what our enemies want us to do."

"If the war makes any more rationing necessary some time in the future, you will be notified officially by your government. In the meanwhile, step on the rumors hard."

Drastic Point Cuts Ordered

OPA Reduces Values On Soups, Frozen Fruits And Vegetables

CHANGE EFFECTIVE NOW

The Office of Price Administration Wednesday ordered drastic cuts, effective this (Thursday) morning, in the point values of canned and dried soups, all frozen fruits and vegetables, and removed black-eyed peas from the ration list.

The reductions in most cases cut the coupon cost of the affected items by half or more. They were designed specifically to encourage people to buy more of these items.

The popular 10 1/2-ounce can of tomato soup was cut from six to three points, and all other canned soups in the same size were cut from six to four points.

Most dried and dehydrated soups also were cut in half, with the popular 2 1/2-ounce package being reduced from two points to one point. This is the second time the point value of dehydrated soup has been halved.

The popular 12-ounce can of frozen fruits was trimmed from 13 to 6 points and the pound package of frozen beans came down from 8 to 4 points.

All other frozen vegetables were reduced. The popular 12-ounce size, which has cost 6 to 10 points, will be a new uniform cost of 4 points each.

Black-eyed peas, which are sometimes known as black-eyed beans or cow peas, are a staple diet throughout the South and were taken off the ration list because of warm weather.

Danger of spoilage in warm weather also was a factor in the changes on frozen foods and dehydrated soups. Sales of frozen foods had been slow, and supplies had been filling up a considerable quantity of the available refrigerated storage space, at a time when room was needed in the coolers for the new packs.

The cut on tomato soup was in line with a recent reduction on tomato juice, and the other soups were reduced because of generally slow sales.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions: Mrs. Joseph Katona, Monroe; Bobbie Grunshaw, Monroe; Mrs. Augustus Price, Monroe; Mrs. Thomas D. King and baby girl, Monroe; Miss Eva Pierce, Pageland, S. C.; Mrs. Doris Lawson, Monroe; Mrs. D. E. Phillips, 21, Wadesboro; Mrs. Erico Freeman, R2, Monroe.

FIRST PICTURES OF BOMBED ITALY



GENOA, ITALY—PASSED BY CENSORS—In one of the first pictures to reach this country of bombed Italy, a labor corps of the "Servizio Lavoro" marches through ruins in a street on the Italian Riviera on their way to clear up the debris after the bombing of Genoa.

MILLIONS BEGIN WORK UNDER U. S. JOB RULES

Employees "Frozen" By McNutt Order To "Hold The Line."

A majority of the 52,000,000 American wage earners began this week under rules which make it virtually impossible to change employment in order to increase earning power.

Henceforth a person can change employment to get higher wages only if he is going from a non-essential activity to a job in one of the 35 essential activity groups, or if he is going with War Manpower Commission's approval from one job to another in an essential activity where he can use his highest skills or gain full-time employment.

The regulations, which principally affect the 27,000,000 persons in essential activities, were posted by WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt Saturday night and became effective Sunday.

They were promulgated with the approval of Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes and were designed to effectuate President Roosevelt's April 8 order to "hold the line" against inflation.

McNutt expects the order to solve one of his greatest manpower problems the huge turnover in employment in essential activities which he attributes to the higher wage motive.

For the first time in McNutt's administration the referred specifically to penalties which will be imposed on convicted violators of the regulations.

He said that prosecution would be brought against employers and workers under the economic stabilization act of October 27, 1942, which provided criminal penalties of \$1,000 fine, one year imprisonment, or both.

In addition, an employer would be barred from charging to the Government under a war contract wages illegally paid and from deducting such wages as a business expense in his income tax report.

By not barring persons in non-essential activities from switching jobs to increase their earnings, McNutt hopes they will be attracted to the essential activities. The essential jobs are not only war production jobs, but include those that meet a vital civilian need.

Specifically, the regulations provide: 1. A person in a nonessential activity can transfer to another job for higher wages, provided that at no time in the 30 days preceding the transfer he or she was employed in an essential activity. The 30-day period is designed to prevent evasion by shifting from essential, to non-essential, and then back to essential.

2. An employer in a non-essential activity cannot hire at higher wages any person who in the preceding 30-day period was engaged in an essential activity.

3. No person can change employment from one essential activity to another essential activity at a wage rate higher than that paid in the previous job during the preceding 30-day period, except to provide higher utilization of his skills, or obtain full-time employment.

4. Where WMC-approved employment stabilization plans are in effect, no transfer at higher wages can be made unless such a transfer meets with provisions of the plan and is in the interests of the war effort.

5. A statement of availability will be issued by his last employer or by the WMC in keeping with the provisions of the plan or whenever the person is discharged, laid off for an indefinite period or for seven or more days, or he can establish that his present employment does not utilize his highest skills or give him full-time work.

Provision is made that no worker shall accept new employment under conditions which violate the regulations.

"The Albemarle News and Press says: 'With seven persons in the southeast part of the county already taking the Pasteur treatment to prevent rabies, and with three persons in Albemarle having been bitten by dogs during the past week, the county board of health in special session ordered a quarantine of all dogs in the county for a period of 40 days. The state board of health was consulted before this action was taken, and it recommended an immediate countryside quarantine in order to protect life and property. The town of Norwood quarantined all dogs last week, and it was reported yesterday that about 40 dogs in that section had already been killed.'"

Resolutions: Grover C. Medlin, R1, Monroe; Mrs. Sandy Steen, R2, Ruby, S. C.; Mrs. Andrew Hasty, R2, Lanawater, S. C.; Mrs. Vann Shesed, R1, Marshville; Mrs. Julius Potts, R2, Jefferson, S. C.; Mrs. J. D. Ashley, Waxhaw; Mrs. Lucille Davis, Monroe; Mrs. Lewis Lambert, Monroe; Mrs. Rose-ick Herring, Monroe; Mrs. Baxter McEas and baby boy, Forestburg; Mrs. J. T. Duncan and baby boy, Page-

Monroe Easter Business Heavy

Buying In Most Lines Very Brisk; Good Stocks On Hand

SOME STORES CROWDED

With the final week before Easter Sunday half gone, Monroe merchants reported today, they are enjoying heavy trade and are prepared for another busy period between now and Saturday night.

Restrictions on certain classes of merchandise are pinching business some, but on the whole according to local merchants the outlook is good.

Buying of ready-to-wear has been exceedingly brisk for the past several weeks and much ahead of the week before Easter last year, which may be attributed in part to the fact that Easter was much earlier last year.

Jewelry stores, perhaps as hard hit as any other retail industry, are having good business on lines they can secure. Watches, silverware and sterling silver are interestingly hard to get. However many new lines have been added by the jewelry stores and these are being well received by the public.

Hardware stores and other business establishments, featuring supplies for gardeners have been through a heavy season. The stores are also experiencing heavy demands for paints and oils, roofing and other building material with which to repaint and repair buildings.

Candies, greeting cards and children's Easter supplies sold unusually well. Greetings cannot be sent by wire this year which may have had something to do with the unusual demand for cards.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day duly qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Union County as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Katie Means, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated, on or before the 20th day of April, 1943, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement with the undersigned Executor. This April 20, 1943.

WILSON H. MEANS, Executor of the Estate of Katie Means, Deceased. O. L. Richardson, Att'y. 4-22-6tw

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Union Services To Be Held Friday At Noon

The annual Good Friday service at St. Paul's Episcopal is in the nature of a union service of all the churches of the city. While the devotional service will be conducted by the rector of the church, Rev. F. B. Drane, the ministers of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches will give a meditation on words from the cross, followed by a prayer. Between such meditation will be sung familiar hymns, with the theme of Calvary. The time is the noon hour. The whole community is cordially invited to take part in this service.

The program follows: Fro. 153, "There is a green hill far away"; Penitential Office, page 80 of Prayer Book, read by Mr. Drane. Scripture lesson. Offering for work in the Holy Land.

Hymn 153—"O Come and Mourn With Me Whiles." Meditation and Prayer, by Rev. F. B. Drane. Hymn 154—"When I survey the Wondrous Cross." Meditation and Prayer by Rev. J. H. Armbrust.

Hymn 147—"In the Hour of Trial." Meditation and Prayer by Rev. F. B. Drane. Hymn 149—"O Lamb of God Still Keep Me." Meditation and Prayer by Rev. F. K. Ehrig. Benediction by Rev. F. B. Drane. Cross of Christ."

Pfc. Ernest Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Helms, who has been stationed at Buysa, California, will arrive Friday night, to spend the week-end with his parents. Private Helms has not visited relatives here since last November.

GOVERNMENT MAY USE CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

Sanatorium To Be Used As Venereal Disease Hospital.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, has announced that the federal government has given "every indication" that it would take over the Charlotte Sanatorium for a venereal disease hospital to provide free treatment for patients of both races.

All expenses expected to total \$150,000 a year, would be borne by the federal government with the exception of some personnel, Dr. Reynolds said.

It is believed that the sanatorium could be obtained, he said, judges in some instances might send infected patients to the hospital for treatment. But, he pointed out, that would not be the prime function of the hospital, which would have as its chief aim the combating of diseases among those who voluntarily request the treatment. Even though seven weeks would be required to treat the infection, the cost would be nothing to the individual.

Dr. Reynolds said he believed there were only 11 such hospitals in the United States.

Allocation of the unit to Charlotte was given impetus with an announcement from Col. Walter B. Gates, Morris Field commander there, that Charlotte might be declared a forbidden area because of what he described as "horrible" venereal disease conditions there.

The yearly appropriation of \$125,000 from the Reynolds foundation for treatment of venereal diseases in Charlotte has been withdrawn because of that city's failure to participate in the "merit system" of operation, the health officer said, adding that there was a hope that Charlotte again would cooperate.

One venereal disease specialist, who asked that his name not be used, said that the reported prevalence of such diseases in Charlotte could not be blamed on prostitutes, but also must be partly attributed to "parties, girls, pickups, and good-time women." Men, too, are to blame, he said, for failure to take proper precautions.

NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL BAN ORDERED BY ODT

Public Urged To Avoid Week-End Trips, When Possible.

Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman today called for the elimination of all "strictly nonessential travel," and announced he will deny all requests of railroads for authority to operate additional summer services involving the use of sleeping-car equipment.

While not classifying annual vacations as "strictly nonessential," Eastman said that about a few days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, in order to avoid week-end traffic peaks, and that vacationists should stay at home, or make their trips as short as possible.

Additional summer services will be limited to coach trains operated between Saturday noon and Sunday midnight, utilizing commuter equipment that otherwise would be lying idle, and to other trains of a semi-commuter type within a radius of about 50 miles of a terminal.

Requests for extra coach or parlor train service for daily, tri-weekly, or week-end summer operation will be denied.

ODT surveys indicate that about 25 per cent of all the passengers on regular trains and inter-city buses are civilians traveling "for no necessary purpose," much of it "merely aimless travel for the sake of going somewhere," according to Eastman.

"Vacation travel is not strictly essential, but it may be classed as desirable," he commented. "It is clear beyond any doubt, however, that there will be no space on trains or buses for both vacation and strictly non-essential travel. The latter must therefore, be sacrificed and the former be limited in every reasonable way."

The Union Baptist Pastors' Conference is having a two-day session on April 24th and 25th at the Marshville Baptist church. The opening session will begin at 4:00 o'clock on Monday the 24th. Dr. Elbert N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fair Bluff, and Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lumberton, will be the guest speakers. All pastors in the Union Association are urged to attend and visiting ministers are cordially invited.

Two football games \$200.384 for war effort last year.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

The British government in an extraordinary announcement said today that it had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," and warned that such a development would find the British retaliating with the same weapon "upon German munitions centers, seaports and other military objectives throughout the whole expanse of Germany."

The British Eighth Army has captured the Axis coastal pivot of Enfidaville, has swung five miles northwest to storm the mountain citadel of Takrouna, and also has gained two miles in the Djebel Garci area farther inland amid "very severe fighting," it was reported last night.

Savage and persistent German attacks against newly-won Russian positions in the Kuban area of the Caucasus about the Nazi bridgehead of Novorossiysk collapsed yesterday against heavy Soviet artillery fire, the Red command announced, but the enemy still was throwing in fresh troops and his bombers were active over the Black sea and the Sea of Azov.

Sweeping out in force in perfect flying weather, British bombers last night blasted manufacturing and other war installations in the Baltic ports of Sietlin and Rostock, left Berlin alight with fires, and rained deadly fire on other sections of occupied Europe in one of the war's biggest air assaults on German communications.

Japan's air and ground power in the southwest Pacific is growing "with great rapidity," spokesmen for General Douglas MacArthur warned yesterday, and "the situation is now becoming more menacing on the Australian front."

Union County's Men In Service

Aviation Cadet John B. Whitley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitley, Sr., of R1, Wingate, has just completed his basic training at the Merced Army Flying School, Merced, Calif., with Class 45P. Cadet Whitley will go to Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, for his advanced instruction. At the completion of his course there he will receive his "Wings," and will join Uncle Sam's legions in the skies.

Auxiliary Laura W. Morgan, sister of Dr. E. Williams of Monroe, who has been stationed at the Third Training Center of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., has been assigned to the 84th Post Headquarters Co., at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Pvt. Lee Roy Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ford of R4, Monroe, who was inducted into the army in November, 1942, is stationed at Camp Beale, Calif.

Cpl. Ray W. Crook, who has been stationed at Langley field, Va., has been assigned to the Third Training Center in Mississippi. He address is: Cpl. Ray W. Crook, 1957 Ord. Co. Depot (AVN) O.U.T.C., M. O. P., Jackson, Miss. His twin brother is in an M. P. at Camp Maxey, Texas. His address is: Pfc. Robert N. Crook, 12nd S. C. Unit, Det. Military Police Corps, Camp Maxey, Texas. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Crook of R4, Monroe.

Pvt. Grady Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. C. Helms of Corinth community, who is stationed at Sedalia Field, Mo., is spending a few days with relatives. Mr. Helms has been in the service since September and is in the air corps.

Cpl. Earl H. Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crook, is stationed on the U. S. S. Reina Mercedes, Annapolis, Md. He has requested a transfer for combat duty which he desires very much. Mr. and Mrs. Crook also have a son in the air corps, Cpl. William C. Crook, 508 Basic Flying Trng. Sqd., Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. John B. Crook, another son, is in the Merchant Marine. His address is not known at the present time.

Word was received Monday by Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Mullis of Rute 3, Monroe, that their son, Pvt. James B. Mullis has arrived safely overseas.

Pvt. Johnnie L. Nance is stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.

Mrs. Oren Williams left April 15 for Mississippi to be with her husband at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Pfc. Julian W. Privette, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Privette, is expected this week to spend several days with relatives in the county. Private Privette is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., and this is his first visit back home since last August.

Lt. Fred Wood of Fort Belvoir, Va., will come tomorrow for a several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood.

Pvt. Charles Wilbur Pressley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pressley, was promoted to private first class March 15, 1943. He is now stationed as follows: 62nd Airborne Sqn., Army Air Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico. He would be glad to have his friends write to him. He volunteered for service five months ago, has since been through 14 states, and stationed at the following camps: Fort Bragg, S. C.; Petersburg, Va.; Chester, Va.; Ft. Logan, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Five Points Food store.

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Children's Bureau photo missionary care for soldiers' wives.

NAVY RECRUITERS WELL PLEASED WITH COUNTY

Trade School Examinations Place Union High On List.

Recruiters Stewart and Lee who have been quartered at the Monroe Post Office all of this week stated that the results of the Trade School examinations held in the Union county schools two weeks ago showed Union county to be up among the top ranking counties in general intelligence shown by high school students. It speaks well for the school systems of the county, was the statement of the Recruiters who have held these examinations in many of the nearby counties these past few weeks.

Walter Bickett high school had the next to the highest average of any school in nine counties the Recruiters stated and expressed the hope that those of the students who are approaching their eighteenth birthday would come in to see them and take advantage of the Navy Trade School offer while they were still able to enlist.

The Recruiters also pointed out that the mathematical chances of a man getting his choice of the Navy after induction were slim and that the Navy was anxious to have these boys enlist before they were draft board property. These boys who took the examinations are eligible for Navy Trade Schools and after they are inducted their identity is pretty well lost in the shuffle. The Recruiters cannot urge the seventeen year old boys too strongly to choose wisely when they have the choice.

The Navy Department is considerably elated over the expectation of its expansion program and consequently the need for mentally alert boys to train for the Petty Officer ratings is an acute one the Recruiters pointed out. Advancement in the Navy is a must and the boys who enlist now will be the ones to benefit by the training programs now in progress.

The Recruiters also stated that the need for seventeen year old colored boys was an important one and they will be enlisted as Steward's Mates.

PART OF JAP PLANE ON DISPLAY AT BANK

On display in the American Bank and Trust company lobby here is a piece of a Jap plane sent by Corporal Henry Mangum, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mangum, stationed in New Guinea, who writes:

"I am enclosing a piece of metal taken by me from a wrecked Japanese bomber, which bomber had been blasted from the sky by our own S. P. air force. This is concrete evidence of results made possible by proceeds from the sale of war bonds in the United States."

Just about the time this letter was received by the bank, Master Sergeant Thomas W. Stinson, Jr., just in from a nine-months tour of duty in England, walked into the bank for the purpose of buying a war bond.

These soldiers, and many others like them who are offering their lives for their country, know the importance of buying war bonds so that equipment can be purchased.

Union county's quota for this month is \$390,000, and while many people are buying bonds we are still far from reaching our goal. More and more people must buy bonds and those who have bought some are urged to increase their investment.

15-day furlough. He has been in the army five months, and is presently stationed at the Army air base, Venice, Florida.

Cpl. J. W. McClellan of Fort Sill, Okla., is spending a 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Walter McClellan, and Pfc. Cull McClellan is here on seven-day furlough from Camp Blanding, Fla. They were called home on account of the death of their father, Walter McClellan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Eason of R2, Monroe, have three sons in service: Everett Eason, with the navy on a hospital ship; Pfc. Carmon Eason, with the army, who is on desert maneuvers in California; Pvt. Blair Eason, inducted into the army two months ago, is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas.

Cpl. Arthur Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Blanchard of R2 Monroe, has been home on furlough. He is now on desert maneuvers in California. He is one Union county young man who can boast of the pleasure of having danced with Shirley Temple, the movie actress, in Shirley Temple, the movie actress, in Shirley Temple, the movie actress, in Shirley Temple.

Union county soldiers are certainly on the alert. There's P. O. Whitaker who had been in the army scarcely a month when he had been kissed by Joan Crawford, movie actress, and has since ridden Tyrone Power's famous horse. Sgt. Walter Heath has checked Capt. Clark Gable, movie actor, during the latter's training at gunnery school Panama City, Fla. Capt. Gable is now in Britain. Francis Stewart also worked with Clark Gable while at Tyndall Field, Fla.

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Japs Execute Tokyo Bombers

The President Promises Full Retribution For New Horrors

SEVERAL FLIERS DIE

Japan has put to death some of the eight American flyers captured after the bombing of Tokyo and, treating the others as criminals, is denying them the rights to which prisoners of war are entitled.

This new horror by the enemy—in violation of covenants concerning military prisoners—was disclosed today by President Roosevelt. He made known, too, that the American government has solemnly warned Tokyo that for this and any future "acts of criminal barbarity" just punishment will be visited on the responsible Japanese officials.

"This recourse by our enemies to frightfulness is barbarous," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement to the American people. "The effort of the Japanese war lords to intimidate us will utterly fail. It will make the American people more determined than ever to blot out the shameful militarism of Japan."

The President's statement, issued at the White House, was supplemented by the State department. Together, the statements disclosed that: The American government initiated inquiries through the Swiss government immediately after Tokyo's radio broadcast, last October 19, that military trials were planned for the eight Americans.

It was not until February 17, however, that the Japanese government replied, acknowledging that the Americans had been tried, sentenced to death, and that, as the State department phrased it, "following commutation of the sentence for the larger number of them, the sentence of death was applied to certain of the accused."

The Japanese accusation was that the flyers had bombed non-military targets and shot at civilians, and they told the Swiss minister in Tokyo that these acts were admitted.

They declined, however, to say which men had been executed or what disposition had been made of their bodies. Thus, the American government was left with no details and not knowing which of the following eight men, missing after the Tokyo raid and presumed prisoners, were the victims of this Japanese terrorism:

First Lieutenant William Glover Farrow of Washington, Robert L. Hite of Earth, Tex., Robert J. Meder of Lakewood, O., Chase J. Neilson of Hyrum, Utah, and Dean E. Hallmark, of California.

Second Lieutenant George Barr of Madison, Wis. Sergeant Harold A. Spatz of Lebo, Kansas. Corporal Jacob D. Deshaizer of Madras, Ore.

The Swiss to convey to Tokyo, recalled the obligations Japan has assumed regarding treatment of military prisoners; the promise that the protecting power (the Swiss) must be given three weeks notice before a prisoner is tried, that a representative of the protecting power must be allowed to be present—all the other provisions of conventions concerning treatment of prisoners.

"The Japanese government has not complied with any," it observed. As for the accusation against the prisoners, the State department said the American forces had instructions to attack only military objectives and it is known they did not deviate from orders.

"The government of the United States brands as false the charge that American aviators intentionally have attacked noncombatants anywhere," it said, adding:

"There are numerous known instances in which Japanese officials, agencies have employed brutal and bestial methods in extorting alleged confessions from persons in their power. It is customary for those agencies to use statements obtained under torture or alleged statements, in proceedings against the victims."

"If the admissions alleged by the Japanese government to have been made by the American aviators were in fact made, they could only have been extorted fabrications."

After calling on Tokyo to abide by its agreements, the communication closed with its promise of punishment which left no doubt this country expects, soon or late, to be able to mete it out.

RECREATION GROUP AIDS BOND AND STAMP SALE