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# WORK RELIEF PROGRAM ORDERED DISCONTINUED BY ROOSEVELT

## Increase in Private Jobs Prunes Rolls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered complete liquidation of the work projects relief program.

The President, in a letter to Major General Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator, said the WPA rolls had greatly decreased through the "tremendous increase in private employment, assisted by the training and re-employment efforts of its own organization, to a point where a national work relief program is no longer necessary."

Mr. Roosevelt ordered the closing out of all project operations in many states by February 1, 1943, and in other states as soon thereafter as feasible.

"By taking this action," the president said in his letter which he read to his press conference, "there will be no need to provide project funds for the work projects administration in the budget for the next fiscal year."

Some Aid Still Needed

Mr. Roosevelt said certain groups of workers still on the relief rolls may have to be given assistance by the states and localities; others would be able to find work on farms or in industry at prevailing rates of pay as private employment continues to increase.

"Some of the present certified work projects," he added, "may have to be taken over by other units of the federal works agency or by other departments of the federal government. State or local projects should be closed out by completing useful units of such projects or by arranging for the sponsors to carry on the work."

"With these considerations in mind, I agree that you should direct the prompt liquidation of the affairs of the work projects"

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## Frozen Dessert Manufacture Cut

**Crooner Rejected for Navy Duty**

After discharge from the navy for "unfitness," former movie and radio crooner Tony Martin is shown as he appeared at his Beverly Hills, Calif., draft board, where he'll be classified for possible service in the army. Martin was a witness in the recent court martial of ex-Lieut. Comdr. Maurice Aruff, who, it was charged, expedited Martin's appointment as a chief specialist in return for the gift of a \$950 automobile.

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### Chamber Aiding Eligible Farmers To Get More Gas

The Roseburg chamber of commerce has consulted with County Agricultural Agent J. R. Parker and the county war board and has been advised that every effort will be made to expedite local claims of farmers for surplus gasoline rationing, Harry Pinniger, secretary, reports. Acting upon claims of many farmers that they were not allowed sufficient gasoline by the office of defense transportation to maintain agricultural activities, the chamber of commerce is making every effort to assist in clearance of individual claims under the provisions recently announced by the ODT, Pinniger said.

Any farmer who is dissatisfied with the amount of mileage and gasoline allowed in his certificate of war necessity for his truck or trucks is instructed to take the matter up immediately with the county agent or county war board. If it can be shown that the farmer should have been granted more mileage and gasoline, a recommendation will be made that the certificate be revised. The recommendation will be made to the ODT district manager at Medford, who has been instructed from Washington to accept the recommendation of the county farm transportation committees, unless such recommendations contain obvious errors.

Farmers who have received certificates allowing them sufficient mileage and gasoline for a limited period are urged to delay filing appeals until those whose certificates contain obvious errors have been taken care of. In accepting his present ration allowance, a farmer does not forfeit his right to a later appeal, it is stated.

### Carriers Sued by Ward's as Sequel To Long Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—(AP)—As an outgrowth of the eight-month strike against Montgomery Ward & company stores in 11 western states, the big mail order house is suing railroads, truck lines and other carriers for \$4,882,153.11 actual and punitive damages for failure to deliver consigned goods.

Although the strike itself was not mentioned in the two suits filed yesterday in San Francisco and Portland federal courts, both actions were based on the carriers' refusal to handle merchandise shipments between Dec. 4, 1940, and July 26, 1941, when AFL clerks, teamsters and warehousemen were on strike against the company.

The suit filed here in behalf of the Oakland offices of Montgomery Ward asked actual damages of \$1,026,544.17, plus exemplary or punitive damages of \$1,000,000, from 20 defendants, including the Western Pacific railroad, the Southern Pacific company, the Railway Express Agency, the Acheson, Topeka and Santa Fe railway and numerous truck lines.

Montgomery Ward, the action said, was "deprived of substantially all transportation to or from" the establishment, other shipping facilities were inadequate and a considerable number of customers' orders had to be omitted at a resulting loss of sales and good will.

The strike, in support of demands that Montgomery Ward negotiate a contract, started at the Oakland branch on Dec. 4, 1940, and spread throughout northern California and the western states, and ended on July 26, 1941, with union acceptance of a working agreement which provided for its recognition as bargaining agent.

### Rescue Try Futile for Man Trapped in River

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Despite heroic rescue effort of Julius Haglund of Albany, Michael J. Downing, 53, Scio farmer, drowned in the flooded cab of his truck last night after the vehicle skidded off the road into the Willamette river.

Witnesses said Haglund jumped into the swift floodwaters and, after a struggle with the truck door, brought Downing's body to the bank. Resuscitation efforts by the Albany fire department were unavailing.

### Increased Gas Ration Keeps Mill Here Going

A shutdown at the Roseburg Lumber company mill was forestalled today when supplemental gasoline rations were provided to keep the plant in operation, it was announced at the company office. Kenneth Ford, owner-manager, had previously planned to close the mill for an indefinite period, starting Sunday, as previous gasoline allotments were insufficient to keep the plant and trucks in efficient operation.

It was reported today, however, that claims for additional allotments had been granted in sufficient quantity to provide immediate needs and the mill will continue to operate.

The mill at Roseburg is working almost exclusively upon war contracts for the federal government.

## Ill-Trained Reserves Fail To Halt Reds

**Nazi Casualties Mount In Russian Drive That Also Yields Big Booty**

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Germans were reported rushing ill-trained reserves into action on the central front east of Velikie Luki and west of Rzhev today in a desperate but futile effort to stop a Russian offensive knitting deep into the Nazi lines.

Front line dispatches said many of the German infantry units being thrown into the fray were hastily formed from the ranks of technicians, engineers or air force ground crews and were led by pupils and teachers from officers' training schools.

The midday communique of the soviet information bureau said the Germans were launching repeated counterattacks on the central front but declared they were all repulsed and that the red army's offensive was continuing.

"Several thousand" more Germans were reported slain in the fighting.

Large quantities of booty were captured by the advancing Russian troops, the bulletin said.

The same communique also spoke of German counterattacks in the Stalingrad area, but here, too, it declared, the invaders were thrown back, with a loss of some 850 men.

Red Star, official army organ, reported that the last Germans had been driven from the northern part of the Don elbow north-west of Stalingrad and said the Russians now were turning their attention to enemy strong points on the east bank holding open the jaws of the pincers squeezing the Nazi siege army.

## Oregon Retains Lead in Production of Lumber

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington produced 34.6 per cent of all the lumber produced in the United States in 1941—33,613,043,000 board feet, highest since 1929—the census bureau reported today. The 1929 cut was 36,886,032,000 feet.

The bureau said Oregon continued to rank as the number one lumber producing state with Washington second.

## Light Snowfall Quickly Melts in Roseburg

A light snowfall, which was reported to be quite general throughout the county and state was experienced in Roseburg today. In the city the flakes melted as they fell, but snow remained on higher ground, according to reports received. No reports were received from the forest area, but it was presumed that the storm would leave snow of a considerable depth in the Cascade section and coast range.

## Road Change in Rock Creek Area Slated for Spring

A tentative agreement has been worked out between the county court and state game commission for construction of a road to serve the Rock creek area, it was announced today by the county court. The proposed new road will leave the North Umpqua road about opposite the site of the lower racks of the salmon hatchery and follow a grade of about 11 per cent to the top of the slope, Floyd Frear, roadmaster states. It will then follow a fairly level grade to a point about a quarter of a mile above the state trout hatchery and connect with the existing road up Rock creek. Eliminated will be the present narrow road bordering Rock creek downstream from the hatchery. The game commission will cooperate with the county in construction expense. It is planned to start work in the early spring.

## Gen. MacNider, Wounded, Reported Recovering

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Nov. 24—(Delayed)—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, former assistant secretary of war who has been with the American task force attacking Buna, received eight wounds last night from a Japanese grenade while in the front lines.

(A spokesman for General MacArthur in allied headquarters, Australia, said today Gen. MacNider now is in an Australian hospital and recovering nicely. He said the wounds were not serious.)

Gen. MacNider's aide, Maj. C. M. Beaver of Yankton, S. D., was uninjured but an American soldier with them was killed.

General MacNider, a former commander of the American Legion, whose home is in Mason City, Ia., received two wounds in the right arm, one in the abdomen, two on the right thigh, one on each knee and one on the right hand.

## Mrs. Joe DiMaggio to Seek Divorce in Reno

RENO, Nev., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Joe DiMaggio's attorney today confirmed reports that she will seek a Reno divorce from the New York Yankee baseball outfielder.

In announcing the pending divorce action, her attorney, Joseph P. Haller, said Mrs. DiMaggio and Joe separated at San Francisco shortly before she came to Reno Tuesday.

## Limitations Hit Sherbet, Ice Cream

**Butter Supply Boosting Aim of WPB Order, Covering Two Months**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The war production board today curtailed the commercial manufacture of ice cream, frozen custard, milk sherbet and other frozen desserts of ice cream mix during December and January to conserve butterfat for butter.

But, government officials were quick to point out that it was not planned to ban ice cream manufacture, though some new and fruity flavors might replace old standards.

During December and January, commercial manufacture of ice cream and other frozen desserts is limited to 60 per cent of October output. WPB pointed out, however, that the actual reduction would be about only 20 per cent since the manufacture of ice cream in December and January is below that in October.

The order provides that formulas used by manufacturers during October must not be changed. WPB said this meant that the quality of all brands must be preserved at present levels, although flavors and coloring may be changed.

Means More Butter

The food requirements committee recommended issuance of the order as a temporary measure to help relieve, during December and January, the most critical butter shortage in ten years.

WPB said a "more comprehensive" order would be issued later. Clyde E. Beardslee, chief of WPB's dairy products section, said the butter fat saved by the order would be sufficient to make 3,300,000 pounds of butter during December, equivalent to about three per cent of the total butter output in December, 1941.

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## Bomber Carrying 18 Men Missing

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A four-motored army bomber, reported to be carrying 18 men, was long overdue today at the Pocatello army air base and ground crews and planes were searching over a 200-square mile area in the vicinity of Grace, Idaho, for the wreckage of a plane reported to have crashed Wednesday night.

The area of the search is in the heart of rugged mountain country in southeastern Idaho. Deputy Sheriff J. E. Williams said a plane was heard Wednesday night in the vicinity of Grace and Soda springs, and that a short time later a flare of light was seen on a mountainside near 9,500-foot Sherman peak.

One crew, led by Sheriff Charles McCracken, was using a snowplow to break a trail through Eight-Mile canyon toward Sherman peak while another was headed for Rocky knoll, a 6,500-foot mass of rock.

Local residents, familiar with the countryside through hunting trips, placed the spot where the flash was seen at about 10 miles from the nearest road of any kind.

## Longer Work Week For Women Truckers Denied

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—The state wage and hour commission announced today it had rejected recommendations by a conference board to provide a 48-hour work week and a minimum wage of 85 cents an hour for women drivers of trucks, taxicabs and buses.

The conference board had been appointed by the commission to recommend maximum hours and minimum wages for the women drivers.

The commission said it "became convinced that in a good many classes of employment covered by union contracts the wage was considerably less than the wage recommended by the conference board, and in other employment the maximum hours are 44 per week. The federal regulations for employment in industries limits the hours to 40 per week."

## Ex-Premier Of France Arrested



Edouard Herriot  
LONDON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Reuters said the Rome radio broadcast a Vichy report today that Edouard Herriot, 70-year-old premier of the former French republic, and Jean Borotra, French Davis cup tennis star, had been arrested by Vichy authorities.

This was the first indication that Borotra, who accepted a role in the Petain government as director of sports, was in political difficulties, but Herriot, who remained outspoken in favor of continued friendship with Britain and America after the 1940 armistice, has been at least a prisoner within his own home for months.

The German and Italian radios announced on October 2 that Herriot had been detained at his chateau outside Lyon, in then unoccupied France, because of his passionate opposition to Vichy's collaboration with the axis.

## Auto Theft Orgy Jails Two Youths

Gasoline rationing has changed the technique of automobile thefts, according to State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan, who reports the capture at Medford of two youths, whose names were not reported here, following a series of car thefts. The youths are alleged to have stolen an automobile in Washington and to have driven the car to Woodburn, where it was abandoned when the gasoline tank ran dry, Morgan said. A car reportedly stolen from Salem was found abandoned at Drain. At Drain an automobile was stolen Thursday morning from George Churchhill and was found abandoned last night at Graves creek. A car stolen at Graves creek was recovered at Jacksonville, where the occupants were taken into custody by the state police. In each case the vehicle had been driven until fuel was exhausted.

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# Japs Blunder Into Sea Trap, Lose 9 Ships, 8,000 Troops

(By the Associated Press)

American warships scored a big victory over the Japanese off Guadalcanal, destroying nine more vessels in a night battle in which upwards of 8,000 to 10,000 enemy troops lost their lives.

The navy announced that two Japanese troop transports, a cargo ship and six escorting warships were sent to the bottom when the enemy blundered into an American naval trap under cover of darkness Monday night.

The navy said the Japanese attempt to land reinforcements for their dwindling forces on Guadalcanal—already short on "beans and bullets"—was completely frustrated.

"No landing was effected," the navy said, and only a few Japanese sailors, rescued from life rafts, reached Guadalcanal as prisoners.

One U. S. cruiser was sunk and "other vessels damaged," the navy said, but the Japanese lost four destroyers and two other warships, either cruisers or heavy destroyers.

Thus the navy countered a boast by imperial Tokyo headquarters yesterday that a Japanese torpedo-attack flotilla had sunk an American battleship, a cruiser and two destroyers in "a fierce attack" off Guadalcanal on the same night.

Japan's loss, according to the Tokyo version, was a single destroyer.

Howitzers In Action

American 105-millimeter howitzers—whose effectiveness against Nazi steel in north Africa won Prime Minister Churchill's praise—have been flown 1,500 miles from Australia and have gone into action against the Japanese clinging to their Buna-Gona positions in the New Guinea jungles, it was disclosed today.

Military experts said it was the first time in American army history that artillery of that type was transported by air.

The howitzer weighs two tons. Each gun with its crew of eight men, ammunition, spare parts and a small tractor, was flown to New Guinea in Flying Fortresses at a load weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

On arrival in New Guinea the guns were taken apart, loaded on smaller planes and flown to air-dromes near the front.

AXIS SUBS SINK THREE SHIPS IN INDIAN OCEAN

LISBON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Dispatches from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, said today axis submarines had sunk three united nations vessels in shark-infested waters of the Indian ocean this week, including the 10,799-ton British liner Llandaf Castle.

The Llandaf Castle was reported to have been bearing a thousand African troops toward Durban on leave.

The dispatches declared she went down off Zululand and only 40 survivors were known to have been landed.

## Enemy Attacks Fail to Dislodge Allied Army From Tunisia Triangle

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Allied airmen have sunk two more axis merchantmen out of a convoy attempting to reinforce Germans and Italians battling desperately in the Tunisian triangle, the British announced today, bringing the allies' two-day total to ten vessels sent to the bottom along the enemy's increasingly hazardous Mediterranean supply route.

Soon after this attack, the admiralty disclosed later, British light naval forces sank an Italian torpedo boat "which had formed part of the escort of the south-bound enemy convoy." It said the sea-air attacks occurred Wednesday night off eastern Tunisia.

New and heavy blows also were struck simultaneously at Bizerte and Tunis, chief enemy ports of entry, as the allied land forces regrouped for a new showdown after warding off axis counterattacks during 48 hours of bitter fighting in which losses were declared by an allied spokesman to have been heavy on both sides.

Allies Keep Control

But despite the repeated enemy assaults to eject them, the allies were reported to be in control of two of the towns forming the strategic Tunisia triangle, Tebourba and Mateur, and to be fighting in the western outskirts of the third, Djedjida.

The allied spokesman, stressing that the British and Americans have their hands full in their campaign to drive the axis from Tunisia, declared the edge in the new test "will go to the one who regains his strength more quickly."

British middle east headquarters credited the two new sinkings to allied planes which pounded on a south-bound enemy convoy off Tunisia Wednesday night. These victims were added to four troop-jammed transports and three destroyers whose destruction by British naval units was announced yesterday.

Simultaneous night raids were made on Bizerte and Tunis, where fuel storage tanks, docks and workshops were hit, and against the axis airfield at Canda, Crete, in the eastern Mediterranean, where big fires were reported.

Axis Claims Successes

From the Berlin radio came a claim, wholly unsubstantiated from any quarter, that American forces in Tunisia were on the defensive in a continuing battle which, this broadcast asserted, was going in favor of the axis in the Tebourba region.

The Berlin radio reported yesterday, without confirmation even from the Nazi high command, that Tebourba, rail junction 35 miles west of Tunis, was in axis hands.

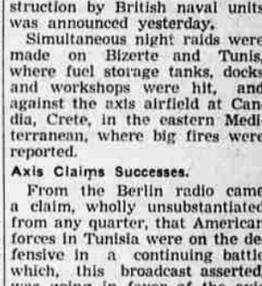
Capture of an important position in the battle of Tunisia and

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## 17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

LET'S SEE A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH FOR JOE

Buy Christmas Seals



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