

Shorter Hours for Liquor Sale Due To War Situation

The recent order of the Oregon liquor control commission establishing hours for sale of intoxicating liquors by state agencies and licensees was made at the request of military authorities, L. J. Allen, administrator, reports in a formal statement issued today. Answering questions and complaints concerning the hours established in the order, Allen states that the regulations were requested by General J. L. De Witt, commander of the western defense and fourth army, and Admiral F. J. Fletcher of the north-west sea frontier in the 13th naval district. The rules apply in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

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are permitted to operate only between the hours of 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. and sales to men in uniform are permitted only between 5 and 8 p. m. Establishments selling hard liquor for consumption on the premises must be closed between midnight and 10 a. m. No wine or hard liquors may be sold men in uniform for consumption on the premises other than between 5 p. m. and midnight, and sale of such liquor for consumption off the premises must cease at 8 p. m. Beer taverns are permitted to sell beer from 7 a. m. to midnight.

"The commission, in taking this action, has done so in an effort to cooperate with the commanding officers of the armed forces stationed in this territory," Administrator Allen reports. "They also have taken this action with the hope of curtailing the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the part of the civilians. In this war the civilian personnel engaged in the production of war material is an integral part of the war effort and they should be protected from the excessive use of alcoholic liquors as well as the armed forces. The commission also believes that as the manpower shortage is becoming more and more acute, the shortening of hours for the sale of liquor and for the operation of places where liquor may be consumed, may release needed personnel for essential war work."

Ration Program Will Undergo Alterations

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resignation as price administrator last night, giving as the reason recurrent physical disability and impaired eyesight. Senator Brown, rumored as his probable successor, is a 53-year-old democrat of Michigan, who was defeated for re-election.

Brown's associates declare he believes more can be accomplished in administering rationing orders by voluntary agreements than through compulsion. And on capitol hill, this also was the contention in many quarters.

Even as Henderson's resignation was announced, senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) called for substitution of voluntary controls for many of the price and rationing orders he said were "lacing the American people in a strait jacket."

"Any appeal for voluntary cooperation that is backed with indisputable facts instead of interminable confusion will always receive an American answer."

As an example, he said he believed a straight percentage cut in the average annual amount of fuel oil consumption would have found widespread compliance with a minimum of complaints.

Instead of that, he said, OPA "pursued its theoretical, logarithmic percentages in the computation for fuel oil rationing until no one knows where he is and everybody is terrorized by thoughts of freezing."

Similarly, Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said he believed gasoline rationing in the west where the fuel is plentiful is not worth in rubber saved the general disruption of civilian enterprise he said it was causing, particularly among farmers.

Half of Rommel Army Flees; Others Trapped

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losses already had been heavy, according to earlier official accounts of the fighting.

Air power weighed steadily heavier against the axis on both flanks of the north African front. "Extensive fighter patrols carried out by allied aircraft have entirely prevented enemy air forces from interfering with the advancing eighth army," the Cairo communique declared.

It said allied planes attacked Lampedusa island, between Sicily and Tunisia, bombed and machine gunned barges off the Tunisian coast, and shot down six or more big axis planes.

U. S. Fliers Blast Fox Dispatches from allied headquarters in Tunisia said one of the most powerful forces of United States bombers and fighters so far sent into the attack had battered the enemy's Tunisian bases yesterday in the sixth day of sustained aerial assault.

Swarms of Flying Fortresses, and Douglas A-20 attack bombers, escorted by Lockheed Lightning fighters, raided Tunis, Bizerte, Gabes and Sidi Thabet, west of Tunis.

German attempts to break up the raids were said to have failed completely. No American planes were lost and only one fighter was damaged, but five German fighters were knocked down and three others damaged badly.

The London admiralty announced today that British submarines had damaged and probably sunk three more axis supply ships in the Mediterranean and had scored a torpedo hit on a far eastern waters.

The RAF sent its bombers over northwestern Germany again last night, apparently in considerable force. The British announced the loss of 18 of the raiders; the Germans claimed 21 shot down.

The bridge of shipping which the axis was attempting to establish across the narrow mid-Mediterranean straits was running in to ever increasing losses. The admiralty announced in London that three more of the supply ships had been damaged and probably sunk by British submarine attacks.

Red Advance Continues

On the Russian front front red army shock troops drove into another village along the Izhnev-Vyazma rail line, a Moscow communique reported. The Russians said Torperts was well behind their lines, and indicated that a strong force from this sector was moving south in sharp menace to the main nazi base at Smolensk, 230 miles from Moscow.

In this account the Russians said their forward forces had hurled the Germans more than 60 miles south and 45 miles west of Torperts "as far back as the winter of 1941-42." An implication was that southbound red army men threaten Smolensk in the current campaign. This big highway town is just east of the border of old White Russia, which the nazis overran in the

first months of their war with the soviet union.

German losses in recent fighting on this front were placed at 7,000 and the Russians said 2,000 of their own troops were killed.

To the south, Russian troops were consolidating their positions in the Surovikino section of the Don bend some 90 miles west of Stalingrad, the Moscow communique reported.

It said tank battles developed southwest of Stalingrad, where the Russians smashed a nazi counter attack in force and pushed on to the approaches to Kotelnikovski, on the rail line to the Caucasus 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad.

AMERICAN FLIERS HAVE VITAL ROLE IN AFRICA

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A United States air force troop transport squadron is playing a big part in keeping Gen. Montgomery's British eighth army supplied as it continues its hot pursuit of the broken Africa corps in the western desert.

Daily the fleet of great weight-carrying planes leaves here loaded with hundreds of tons of bombs and other munitions, food and gasoline, for the trip of almost 1,000 miles to the combat zone west of El Agheila, in Libya.

The huge planes land close behind the advancing British troops and deliver their vital supplies. Then, loaded with wounded that are in need of immediate hospitalization, they wheel and fly back.

The American crews carrying their sleeping bags and bed down wherever darkness overtakes them. At daylight the flight is resumed. Since the American squadron began operations its planes have been grounded only for necessary engine checks.

Crew Sergeant Glen W. Standy of Tillamook, Ore., had only one regret:

"I would like to see Egypt," he said wistfully. "I've been in the air almost more than on the ground since we got here."

Japanese Make Death Stand in Buna Trap

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the landing party and firing 34,000 rounds into rafts of oil drums alone.

New Weapons Used. The figures came from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific.

General Douglas MacArthur has decorated Gen. Kenney, citing him for "singularly meritorious action" in developing parachute fragmentation bombs which are released from attack planes at 80 to 100 feet altitudes.

Hundreds of this type bomb were released in the strafing of the Mambare landing party. In the air battles that accompanied the engagement, American Liberator planes shot down 18 of 36 Japanese Zero planes and damaged five others.

The headquarters communique also reported ground activity mentioned rarely before in the Salamaua area to the north.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)

The navy announced today that army flying fortresses with fighter escorts had made another attack on the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia island in the Solomons, but said results were not reported.

A correction in the number of Zeros destroyed in the December 15 raid made the total of Japanese planes reported destroyed in the Solomons campaign to date 640.

The use of Aircobra fighters as escorts for the flying fortresses apparently was the result of the attack by Zeros against the fortresses in the December 16 raid. That was the first time since the attacks on the Munda base on December 9 that Zeros had gone up to intercept American planes. The interception was made by 12 land-type Japanese fighters and yesterday's communique reported that "the entire intercepting force" was shot down. A corrected report said only three were destroyed.

HEADQUARTERS ALASKA DEFENSE COMMAND, Dec. 18 (Delayed)—(AP)—Army air force officers disclosed today that their latest raids on Kiska showed that the Japs on that unfriendly island still were trying to dig in, and apparently were seeking to supplement their slender food supply with fish.

United States bombers and fighters, going over the island December 11 attacked a reloaded ship in the Kiska harbor, again hitting the ship, which previously had been grounded in Gertrude cove by American air attacks.

Returning the pilots reported they strafed two Japanese who apparently were trying to fish from a rowboat and also strafed a dozen Jap troops, apparently a working party, along the shore.

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One-Coupon Gas Limit For East Area Ordered

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on filling stations.

Troops Need Gasoline

Mr. Roosevelt said the reason behind the curtailment of gasoline for less essential uses in the east was that while we were trying to use anything that would carry gas by sea, highway and railroad, there was a situation in North Africa demanding that shipments be increased to supply American troops there.

It is a hurry up order, Mr. Roosevelt remarked, and it would take longer to send the gasoline from Texas to north Africa than it would from the eastern seaboard. The situation, he said, "is something that can not be foreseen in war time."

The president himself brought up the question of A cards, citing it as an example of how rationing and price control operations were being overhauled and revised right along.

OPA spokesmen said government-owned and government-leased vehicles are operated on T cards. They said they were unable to estimate the number.

The officials said that when Ickes' deficiency figures arrive, OPA will proceed as speedily as possible to put in effect curtailment measures sufficiently drastic to meet the shortage.

"I think it can reasonably be said that Mr. Ickes will move pretty fast," one said.

Ickes was in New York where he conferred with Mayor La Guardia shortly before noon regarding the gasoline shortage.

Ickes May Hit Harder

The New York regional office of the OPA, through Administrator Sylvan Joseph, said it was up to individual gasoline station operators "to determine a motorist's needs and give the motorist one coupon's worth of gasoline if the motorist needs it for emergency purposes."

One informal explanation in Washington of what OPA meant by "emergency" was that it was intended only to see that drivers were not stranded on the streets or highways by the cut-off order; another was that the one-coupon emergency ration was intended only for extreme situations "involving almost life or death."

The spokesmen declined to speculate whether the up-shot of Ickes' statement, when it comes might be more drastic than the temporary elimination of all A books in the eastern shortage area; or whether a new slash in A coupon value, already trimmed to 3 gallons each, might be in the offing.

Order Is Criticized

The one-coupon limit order came under quick fire from John Dressler of Hackensack, N. J., chairman of the executive committee of the eastern states conference of gasoline dealers, organized to meet rationing problems on the seaboard.

"What is an emergency" and how are you going to stop them from going from one station to another?" asked Dressler.

"Suspension of all A coupons would have been sound because it left open for use the 'B' and 'C' cards for essential purposes, but this new order has me puzzled."

Dressler said representatives of the retail gasoline business wished a chance, with or without salary, "to show them in Washington what can and what can't work."

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)

The regional office of price administration today ordered gasoline station operators to refuse gasoline to all motorists with A, B and C ration cards if they have three gallons of fuel in their tanks.

The order did not apply to commercial vehicles and holders of T coupons.

The region covers all of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Regional Administrator Sylvan L. Joseph said the order was issued to prevent the practice of "pretended emergencies" by motorists now limited under a Washington OPA order to the use of one rationing coupon for "emergency purposes."

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