

Farm Machinery Liberalizing To Assure Crop Goals

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—A revamped farm machinery production program raising food to a No. 1 priority level with munitions and weapons is being formulated by the War Production Board and Food Administration.

This was disclosed today by M. Lee Marshall, deputy food administrator in charge of supplies, machinery, equipment, materials and facilities.

Enough steel and other materials will be made available for farm machinery, beginning about July 1, to allow an output for 1944 crop use equipment to about 80 per cent of 1940 production. Manufacture of machinery for this year's crops was held to less than 40 per cent of the 1940 volume under a WPB allocations program which gave munitions priority over food pro-

duction supplies.

Marshall said he expected details of the new machinery program to be announced soon to allow manufacturers ample time to arrange for a speedup in their operations in July.

Food Administrator Chester C. Davis said recently the supply of new machinery for 1943 was not "entirely satisfactory in view of the high production goals."

Aides said Davis was making plans for a reorganization of federal food production and distribution agencies from the Washington to the county levels. As has been reported previously, those plans provide for state and county food administrators or directors.

The state and county food officials will take over many regulatory and administrative functions now performed by agricultural war boards. The war boards will be retained to carry out AAA food production and related programs.

American war expenditures for the first quarter of 1943 were about a billion dollars more than for the entire war year 1918.

Group Solves Its Own Food Question

ATLANTA, Ga., May 13—(AP)—Twenty Atlanta business men have solved their war-time food problem by organizing the "We Will Eat Club."

Last fall, even before food rationing had started, they arranged for farmer W. G. Bush to raise enough vegetables, hogs and beef to feed themselves and families.

Each member started paying \$5 a month the first of the year to finance Bush on his 140-acre cotton and corn farm. They talked it over with Bush and had him plant the crops a majority wanted.

The \$100 a month contributed by members was set up to their credit for purchase of vegetables at prevailing wholesale market prices. Each member bought his own hogs and calves and is paying Bush to feed them.

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U. S. Treasury Department

Flood's Toll Heavy in Oklahoma and Arkansas

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days supply in emergency reservoirs. Across the river, Van Buren was without light and power and one third of the community was under water. Some 600 blocks of Fort Smith, a city of 40,000, was under water ranging from a few inches to several feet in depth.

The pipes which carry the Fort Smith-Camp Chaffee water from a lake in the Ozarks burst under the pressure of the flood and debris. The conduits were swung under the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge, whose floor was under water. Emergency connections on top of the span were expected to be completed tomorrow.

Parley Presages Hard Allied Blows at Japan

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greatly increased supplies to the armies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Moreover, once the Chinese armies and the U. S. air force in China have been reinforced, the full shock of allied military power can be directed against Japan's Asiatic flank.

One of the immediate effects may well be the strengthening of Marshal Wavell's million-man Indian army, potentially a tremendous striking force, which has been handicapped by lack of modern equipment and supplies.

At present, Wavell's advanced forces are fighting a precarious campaign against reinforced Japanese troops driving toward the India-Burma frontier along the bay of Bengal coast. The Japanese command said Tuesday that Japanese troops were only 12 miles from the border, but this has not been confirmed.

British headquarters today said land operations were quiet, while allied planes continued to pound

Japanese supply lines in widespread attacks over Burma.

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—The navy today identified the three allied ships sunk by Japanese planes off Guadalcanal island in the Solomons April 17 as the American destroyer Aaron Ward, the American tanker Kanawha and the New Zealand corvette Moa.

The identifications were made in a communique which also reported a resumption of air attacks against enemy positions on Kiska island in the Aleutians, three new raids against Japanese bases in the Solomon islands, and a bombardment by American light warships of the enemy positions at Vila and Munda in the Solomons.

Tunisia Triumph in Stage of Completion

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Naval forces, which played an important part in the final stages of the battle by preventing the escape of defeated axis soldiers by boat, continued to patrol the coast of Cap Bon peninsula. During the past few days naval vessels have picked up various craft bound for Pantelleria or Sicily and brought them back to join their 150,000 companions behind barbed wire in Africa.

Speaking of the prisoners, General Anderson said: "Perhaps they will be sent to Canada. At least two-thirds are Germans, which is very gratifying."

General Alexander, in a man-to-man talk with his staff in a building tucked away in the Tunisian hills, said "we have wiped out an entire army and today we stand masters of the whole of north Africa."

"This is a great victory, one of the most complete and decisive in history," he said. "We have taken 150,000 prisoners, over 1,000 guns, 250 tanks and a mass

of lorries and equipment of all sorts which probably will take days if not weeks to count."

(A Tass dispatch broadcast from Moscow said soviet newspapers featured "the brilliant victory of allied troops in Africa.")

(The communist party newspaper Pravda was quoted as saying that "the collapse of Hitler's gamble in Africa revealed the

faults of the Hitlerite strategy, which underestimated the strength and possibilities of the adversary and overestimates its own strength. Whereas the first stages of the African campaign exposed the bankruptcy of the Hitlerite offensive strategy, its final was a vivid demonstration of the collapse of his defensive strategy.")



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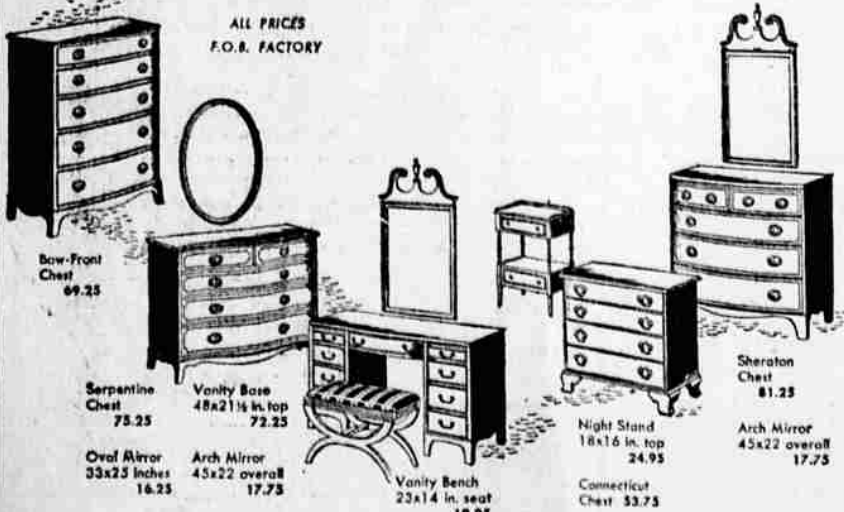
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new food producer out of a cotton and corn grower," said Member Walter R. McDonald, who is chairman of the Georgia Public Service commission.

Duisburg Shattered in Record Raid on Germany

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said that visibility was good last night and that preliminary reports "indicate excellent results."

A Canadian who participated in the great raid said:

"There were lots of really neat fires, but one of them topped anything I have seen. It started with an explosion that shot flames 2,000 feet high. When it died down thick black smoke rose about 6,000 feet."

Another crewman described the same burst as a "granddaddy explosion that started with a tremendous white flash and lasted long enough for me to look up from the controls and see it die away."

All expressed conviction that a huge ammunition dump had received a direct hit.

Berry Pickers Offered Increase in Wages

FOREST GRIVE, Ore., May 13—(AP)—Washington county berry growers announced today that pickers would be paid 31 cents a hallock plus a half-cent bonus, contingent upon an anticipated minimum price to growers of 12 cents. Growers said the picker pay was 11 cents higher than last year.

No New Texas Tax Bill; First Time in 40 Years

AUSTIN, Tex., May 13—(AP)—Texas taxpayers think their legislature, just adjourned, has set an admirable record—in a negative sort of way.

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