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Finns Study Peace Proposal As Sweden Promises Food; Reds Pierce Pskov Defenses

Little Nation Menaced By 2-Way Threat

Decision Means Either
Further Russian Blows
Or German Reprisals

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Sweden will do its best to provide Finland with food if the Finns quit the war with Russia, a reliable informant said today.

(A German news agency broadcast recorded in London said the Finnish parliament met this morning in Helsinki with Premier Linkomies reading a brief resume of the present situation. It was indicated an official communique would be issued later today.)

While a Swedish government spokesman refused to say whether an offer of food actually had been made to the Finnish government, it was a good guess that the government had given the Finns some assurance on that point.

Swedish press comment and public opinion generally were hopeful that Finland could find some way out.

It was believed nothing yet had happened that definitely would prevent a Finnish-Russian armistice even though the Finnish attitude had altered perceptibly.

Decision Imperative.

The Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet's Helsinki correspondent said Finland's answer to the American admonition to get out of the war could not be delayed longer and hinted at some imminent development.

He added the Finns no longer have any illusions about their

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HEADED east—via the North Pacific's North Coast Limited. The train is filled, but somehow not so jamed as the S. P. trains up and down the coast.

There's even an empty berth in this car—an upper, of course—and it's worrying a couple of young soldiers who are located just across the aisle from it no end. They're obviously dreaming that at just any of these tank towns along here a beautiful girl may sweep in and put her bags in it.

One has to admit that in these days an empty berth—even an upper—does contain elements of mystery.

THERE are babies. And babies. AND babies. Dozens of them. Blondes, brunettes, red-heads. Laughing babies. Crying babies. And a few just quiet, contemplative babies. There's every kind of baby you could imagine.

But NOT many wailing ones. These wartime babies seem to realize that an especial responsibility rests upon them. With daddy gone to the wars—or about to go, or just back for an all-too-brief leave—they almost appear to understand that they have to turn in and be mummy's brave little helper.

The idea is absurd. But WHAT keeps 'em so quiet?

THIS abundant war baby crop has brought out a new idea that's far from bad. Their mothers make cribs for them out of old-fashioned medium-sized clothes baskets, with handles that fold down. These cribs are Junior's permanent traveling home. He (or just as often she) sleeps in it and eats in it and is carried here and there and about everywhere in it.

In the waiting rooms of the

Stalin Firm on Teheran Accord, He Assures F. R.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—"The final defeat of our common enemy, Hitlerite Germany," Marshal Stalin of Russia today underscored the allied understanding reached at Moscow and Teheran late last year, and advised President Roosevelt he was convinced the time is near when cooperating forces of the Soviet Union, the United States and Great Britain will bring about

"the final defeat of our common enemy, Hitlerite Germany."

A message made public by the White House, acknowledged the president's cable of Feb. 22 congratulating the red army on its 26th anniversary, said:

"I ask you to accept my sincere thanks for your friendly congratulations on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the red army and on the successes of the armed forces of the Soviet Union in the struggle against the Hitlerite invaders."

"I am strongly convinced that the time is near when the successful struggle of the armed forces of the Soviet Union, together with the armies of the United States and Great Britain, on the basis of the agreements reached at Moscow and Teheran, will lead to the final defeat of our common enemy, Hitlerite Germany."

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 29.—(AP)—British troops broke up a series of small German attacks in the ravine territory southwest of Carrocceto on the beachhead front yesterday while allied troops mopped up nazis who wriggled through the lines near Cassino, it was announced today.

It was announced meanwhile that an American cruiser which stood off the Anzio coast Sunday and shelled the enemy had engaged in a series of seven duels with long-range artillery with results described by front-line reports as "excellent."

Enemy aircraft failed to appear yesterday over the beachhead area, but despite bad weather American dive-bombers attacked the outskirts of Rome for the second day, hitting airfields at Littorio, Marigliano and Guidonia. Twelfth airforce Mitchells also bombed the Casino field northwest of the capital. Warhawks twice attacked German guns north of the beachhead.

Nazi Shipping Blasted.

Spitfires and Kittyhawks sank two 100-foot merchant ships at Ancona, on Italy's Adriatic coast, and set off an explosion and a large fire on the docks. Others ranging along the Yugoslav coast set two schooners afire south of Split, and hit a 200-foot ship at Dubrovnik.

Coastal airforce spitfires shot up five troop trains in the Metkovic area south of Split, causing heavy casualties among the enemy troops, and destroyed or damaged four locomotives. They also hit a large freighter on the Yugoslav coast.

Kittyhawks, Thunderbolts and Baltimore, on sweeps against enemy motor and rail transport, destroyed two locomotives near Terni, north of Rome, and shot up the railroad station and freight cars at Chieti, in front of the eighth army line.

Kay Woolen Mills at Salem Suffer Fire Loss

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Fire in the picking room of the Thomas Kay woolen mills caused several thousand dollars damage last night.

The company makes blankets for the army, and considerable irreplaceable machinery was destroyed. It took firemen three hours to bring the fire under control.

Bloody Fight Rages in Key City Environs

Nazis' Demoralization
Increases; Red Officers
Get 2nd Front Preview

MOSCOW, Feb. 29.—(AP)—All territory held by the Germans in northwest Russia is now gravely threatened by the red army drive on Pskov and there is evidence that the nazi transportation system in some places is becoming disorganized, dispatches from the Baltic front declared today.

(The British radio, quoting the Soviet army newspaper Red Star, said the Russians now were "fighting inside the German defenses around Pskov," with advanced red army units "within sight of the fortress city.")

"The Germans are resisting fiercely, especially along the main road, and the red army has to fight hard for every village it takes," said the broadcast.

With the vanguard of the Russian forces less than 12 miles away, Pskov was reported to be already under fire from red army siege guns.

A dispatch to the Red Star from the Pskov front said that in many sectors the roads are so clogged with wreckage German transport, guns and tanks that special Soviet cleanup squads have been informed to clear them away to enable the red army to march through the heels of the retreating enemy.

Further south, Gen. Popov's army was reputedly smashing through an intricate network of German communication lines and fortifications just east of the border of the Latvian republic. At one point Russian troops were

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Bias Charged in Ouster Urge Over Jap Camp Turmoil

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Rep. Eberhart (D-Pa.) today declared two fellow members of the Dies committee acted with bias in recommending removal of two top officials of the War Relocation Authority for alleged inability to handle interned Japanese-Americans effectively.

Eberhart, member of a three-man subcommittee which investigated last November's disorders at the Tule Lake, Calif., center, disagreed with Rep. Costello (D-Calif.) and Rep. Mundt (R-S.D.), who have called for the removal of Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, and Ray R. Best, director of the Tule lake camp.

In a majority report, Costello and Mundt said they were of the opinion that "considerable responsibility for the riot of November 1 can be attributed to the lack of discipline and to the appeasement policy by which the camp was run over a period of months prior to the riot."

Eberhart said he had been denied access to the majority report before it was made public.

"In effect," he declared, "they wanted me to sign an indictment without the opportunity of really knowing with what crime the accused is charged."

"It seems to me the other two members of the subcommittee approached the subject with bias."

U. S. Merchant Vessel Sunk in Arabian Sea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—A medium-sized U. S. merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Arabian sea early in January, the navy announced today. All members of the crew were rescued and survivors have been landed at Boston, the navy said.

Flying Forts Blast Again At Brunswick

Aircraft Plant Target
Of Bombs; Rocket Coast
Of France Also Raided

LONDON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—U. S. bombers in their 19th operation for February today attacked targets at Brunswick, classified by the army as "one of Germany's major manufacturers of aircraft components and engines, and an important communications center."

A communique noted that "Brunswick targets twice were attacked in last week's record-breaking daylight offensive against nazi aircraft component assembly and allied industries."

U. S. and British fighter planes protected the Flying Fortresses in today's assault.

The February total of 19 operations is seven more than that attained in any previous month. The 18th operation was an attack yesterday against the French "rocket" coast in which six bombers were lost. Allied bombers and fighters struck at the same targets from dawn to noon today.

Air Opposition Light

It was the fourth great daylight blow of the month against Brunswick, the big airplane manufacturing center 125 miles west of Berlin which turns out chiefly engines and other parts for the twin-engine Messerschmitt-110 fighter. That plane has been adapted into a rocket-shooter and in the fighter-bomber version has been participating in German raids on England.

Fortress fliers reported on their return from Brunswick that they bombed through heavy clouds. This may have prevented a repetition of the great Jan. 11 aerial battle over the same target in which 60 bombers and 152 German fighters were shot down.

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Price of Apple Products Packed in Glass Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Retail consumers will pay approximately two cents more for each glass container of apple products than for those packed in tins of the same size when a maximum price increase granted processors becomes effective March 4.

Announcing this, the office of price administration added that an increase of 20 cents a dozen for glass containers is allowed under the price revision which parallels that recently made for glass-packed processed fruits and vegetables.

The increase is permitted only for processors who did not pack in glass during the base period of the first 60 days after the beginning of the 1941 pack.

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Bombs Devastate Jap Seaplane Base on Truk



This is the seaplane base on Dublon Island, part of Japan's great Truk base, ablaze after an attack by U. S. navy carrier-based planes. Fragmentation and incendiary bombs are falling. Bright spots on the ground are exploding incendiary bombs. Note Jap planes caught on ground, some with wings folded. U. S. navy photo.

12 Teachers Here Decline Further Duty

City Supt. Campbell on
List of Those Retiring
From Staff at Schools

City School Superintendent W. M. Campbell, Leroy Hiatt, science teacher at the senior high school, and 10 other instructors in the Roseburg schools will not return to the school staff for the 1944-45 year, it was announced today. Only 33 of the 45 instructors sought contract renewals as the school board last night took up the matter of contracts for the forthcoming year, faced also with the resignation of the city superintendent. Contracts were awarded all teachers planning to return to the school in the fall.

Teachers in addition to Campbell and Hiatt who did not seek renewals of contracts included Anna Blom, Gilbert R. Bloomquist and Adeline Fields, senior high school; Violet Bloomquist, Marie Hall, Katherine Matthews, Nina Weaver, Marlon Roe and Virginia Mesick, junior high school, and Dora Ritzman, Fullerton school.

Wage Increase Voted.

In authorizing contracts to teachers planning to return for the ensuing year, the board voted to follow the usual schedule of wage advances, based on length of service, plus a flat 30 per cent wage increase. The increase is necessary to maintain a teaching staff during the period of high wages, it was stated and is granted only for the one school year.

Superintendent Campbell has headed the Roseburg school system since January 1, 1927, and prior to his election to that of

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Tom Higgins Again No. 1 Lamb's-Tongue Finder

Tom Higgins, Roseburg butcher, today regained his title as the discoverer of the first lamb's tongue of the season. For eight consecutive years Higgins brought in the first of the creamy white flowers, accepted harbingers of spring, from a secluded glen on his Lookingglass farm. In 1943, however, he was nosed out of the honor by Jack Housotter, resident of Riddle, who beat Higgins by only one day.

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Klamath Falls Girl Given D. A. R. Award

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Lettie Linman, Klamath Falls high school senior, won the Oregon Daughters of American Revolution annual prize today, her number being picked by Governor Snell in a drawing in which 27 Oregon girls were entered.

Each year the Oregon DAR awards a trip to some historic place, but this year, because of travel conditions, a war bond will be awarded instead. The awards are based on good citizenship.

Sen. McNary's Funeral Will Be Held Friday

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Former United States senator, congressman and governor of Oregon head the list of honorary pallbearers named last night for the funeral of Senate Minority Leader Charles L. McNary at 2 p. m. Friday.

They include former Senators Robert N. Stanford, now of Welser, Idaho, and Alex G. Barry, Portland; former Governors Oswald West, Jay Bowerman, Ben W. Olcott, A. W. Norblad and Charles A. Sprague; former Congressmen Elton Watkins, Franklin F. Korell, William A. Ekwall, Nan W. Honeyman, Walter M. Pierce and Charles H. Martin. Martin and Pierce also were one-time Oregon governors.

Governor Earl Snell and Federal Judges James A. Fee and Claude McCulloch, both Portland, also were named.

New Tax Chief Of United States



Joseph C. Nunan, Jr., above, of Douglaston, N. Y., is the new U. S. commissioner of internal revenue, succeeding Robert E. Hannagan, who resigned to become democratic national committee chairman.

Point Values On Pork, Beef To Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Sharp reductions in the ration point values of pork and many beef cuts go into effect Sunday.

But the ration values of veal, lamb, mutton, butter, cheese, lard and all other fats and dairy products will remain unchanged through March, the OPA said today in announcing the revision.

Only the values of spare ribs are unaffected in a general reduction of pork points. The cuts range from one to three points, bringing the average ration value of pork down to 1.7 points a pound. Beef cuts used for roasts, rib steaks and stews are also reduced.

The point value of canned and ready-to-eat beef for pork items are reduced from 1 to 4 points, while many variety meats and some types of sausage also are decreased in ration cost.

Meat Output Zooms

The reductions came as a surprise since the OPA had indicated that point values would be boosted steadily during the next few months. Marketing of more livestock than had been anticipated was given as the principal reason for the reduction.

"The lower meat point values also make full allowance to the housewife," said Price Administrator Bowles. "For the fact that with ration stamps now to be worth ten points each, she gets one red point a week less to spend."

"A large share of the meat available to civilians during March will be pork—in fact, pork will make up more than half of the months total meat supply."

Bowles said the amount of pork which will be produced during the first two or three weeks of March "may be at record-breaking levels for this time of year."

"In the case of beef, too, we expect to have somewhat more in March than during February," Bowles said. "Beef is, of course, much less plentiful than pork, but the small anticipated increase enables us to reduce point values on some cuts."

The over-all average ration value of meat in March will be 4.2 points a pound as compared with an average of approximately 5 points in February.

Less Points to Spend

The revision of meat values takes into account, the agency explained, that from now on each individual will have 60 red points to spend each month on rationed meats and fats, or 4 points less than in the past.

The OPA estimated that not

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Foe Crippled By Sea Losses, Knox Asserts

War Danger Impressed
On Japanese at Home
By Living Restrictions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Destruction of 14 Japanese vessels by American submarines was announced today by Secretary of the Navy Knox.

"The sinkings, Knox said, included 11 medium cargo vessels, a small cargo vessel, a cargo transport and a large tanker. They brought to 611 the number of Japanese ships of all types sunk, probably sunk or damaged by American submarines."

Knox also reported that for the month of February, not including today, Japanese shipping losses caused by all types of American action totaled 189 vessels sunk, probably sunk and damaged. In that total, he said, were 22 combatant and 167 non-combatant vessels.

"American submarines are doing an increasingly skillful job," he said in releasing a communique telling of the new sinkings.

Losses Felt By Japs

Knox added that our submarine activities have been growing more successful regularly and that Japanese ship losses from other causes also have been mounting.

"Well over 3,000,000 tons of Japanese merchant shipping," he said, "have been sunk by all causes."

It has been estimated that the Japanese started the war with 7,500,000 tons of merchant shipping.

"That they are growing short of cargo and transport vessels," Knox continued, "is very apparent in the way they are handling operations. We have had very good luck in getting a considerable number of Japanese tankers."

U. S. Losses Small

He said that American submarine losses for the whole period of the war have been surprisingly small. The Japanese technique of anti-submarine warfare, he said, has improved, but "likewise our technique of evasion has improved."

Asked at a news conference about axis radio reports that an American attack is continuing on Guam, American outpost in the Pacific which was captured by the Japanese early in the war, Knox described them as "just a misstatement for propaganda purposes," adding that he believed the broadcasts were intended mainly "for local consumption."

To an inquiry concerning a statement by an army intelligence officer that loose talk enabled the Japanese to evacuate Kiska in the Aleutian Islands be

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New Gas Ration Books Designed to Curb Black Market

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Issuance of new serially-numbered strips of gasoline ration coupons to eligible holders of B, C, E and R books will begin tomorrow. The idea is to curtail black market operations.

The serial coupons resemble theater tickets and will be issued in a cardboard folder.

The OPA said today the new coupons are expected to reduce materially the illegal diversion of gasoline tickets into black market channels. The numbered tickets can be instantly checked and the legal owner required to account for them.

Issuance of the new tickets in strips will eliminate the need for tailoring the old-type books. Only the exact gasoline ration authorized will be issued. Under the old system ration boards were required to remove excess tickets which were supposed to be destroyed. However, the OPA reported "there are too many ways in which coupons awaiting destruction in the office of a local board can be lost or stolen before they are destroyed."

The new coupons must be endorsed as usual. The gallonage values remain the same.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenstein

This being leap year, Hitler, to save himself from either the allied galleys or Himmler's sinister ambitions, may leap to Argentina, where he would be assured protection.

Sgt. M. L. Brant Wounded in War, Wins Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hill of Wilbur received word Saturday that Mrs. Hill's son, Technical Sergeant Melvin L. Brant, was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, Feb. 20, by the commanding general of the Hawaiian area.

Sergeant Brant was wounded twice during the battle for the Marshall Islands, and is recuperating in a base hospital in Hawaii. He also participated in action at Attu and on the Gilbert Islands.

The award of the Purple Heart holds especial significance to him, as it duplicates a medal handed down through the family since the days of the American revolution, when a great grandfather was decorated by General George Washington, who originated the honor for wounded soldiers.

The family has been represented by from one to seven soldiers in every war in which the country has engaged.

Sergeant Brant came to Wilbur from South Dakota in 1936. Two years later he enlisted in the regular army and spent two and one-half years in Hawaii. He re-enlisted at Roseburg in Feb. 1941, when it became evident the United States would enter the current war. He recently celebrated his 21st birthday.