

RATION COUPONS FORGED
HANOVER, Germany. — (AP) — More than half the butter ration tickets handed into food shops in this city are forged, the ration authorities stated. In some shops more than 80 per cent of the coupons were forgeries. The fakes are so good it is almost impossible to tell them from the genuine article, an official said.

Hiss Named As State Dept. Aide Of Soviet Agent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — (AP) — The House Un-American Activities Committee released yesterday sworn testimony of Whitaker Chambers that Alger Hiss, former State Department official, gave him "restricted" government documents that were relayed to a Russian agent.

The testimony was read to reporters by Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.). It was part of that brought out in preliminaries to a \$75,000 libel suit Hiss has brought against Chambers in Baltimore.

Nixon read only excerpts. Chambers is a senior editor of Time Magazine who says he is a former member of a prewar red underground in Washington. He has said, and Hiss has denied, that Hiss was a member of the Communist "apparatus."

It is because of these statements that Hiss, now president of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, is suing Chambers.

Before Nixon made this testimony public, Rep. Hays (D-Miss.) had quoted a "former high official" as saying that some State Department documents dug up in the House spy hunt "undoubtedly contributed to the Stalin-Hitler pact."

In addition, said Rankin, the official reported "it is entirely probable that they contributed to the Pearl Harbor attack." Rankin, top Democrat on the House Un-American Activities committee, said the official "is in a position to know."

The documents turned up last week in microfilm form hidden in a pumpkin on the Maryland farm of a self-described former Communist agent. Copies of these and other seized documents were handed by the committee to a grand jury investigating subversive activities.

The committee calls it definite and shocking proof of a prewar Communist underground in the State Department. The microfilm documents are of the 1937-38 period, it stated.

Rankin made his observations in a prepared statement. He added:

"There is no telling how many American boys lost their lives as a result of this treason, since no one in authority seems to know how long it was carried on."

He said the documents shown on the microfilms "were stolen from the State Department by somebody on the inside and given an agent of Russia, and probably to the agents of other foreign powers."

Status Legality Cancels Meet Of Emergency Board

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6. — (AP) — Tomorrow's scheduled meeting of the State Emergency Board was canceled today.

Secretary of State Newberry called off the meeting when Attorney General George Neuner said there is doubt whether the board even exists.

The members of the board are legislators, and the board acts as an arm of the Legislature. It appropriates money for emergencies when the legislature is not in session.

Neuner said courts have held that legislator's terms expire on election day, so, under these rulings, the emergency board does not exist between election day and the following legislative session. This is an interval of about two months.

The board was to have met to consider a Board of Higher Education request to build a warehouse at the University of Oregon, and to appropriate \$35,000 for printing the voters' pamphlets for the general election.

These matters can be presented to the legislature, which meets here January 10.

Japan Doctors Correct Noodle Recipe

Tokyo, Dec. 7. — (AP) — "Mix three cups of flour with one teaspoon of caustic soda, began a recipe for noodles broadcast yesterday on the nationwide "Housewives Hour" of the Japan Broadcasting Corp.

Alarmed doctors called in to say such a dish might be fatal. The broadcasting corporation hastily put out a correction: it should have been baking soda, and asked newspapers to warn readers.

There's nothing to do now but wait and hope nobody tried the recipe.

Shipping Strike On Pacific Coast Ends

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6. — (AP) — After 95 days of strike idleness the Pacific Coast today reopened its biggest business — shipping.

The last obstacles to maritime peace were removed yesterday when the non-striking AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific received a written guarantee from ship-owners the strike settlements with CIO unions would not invade its jurisdiction.

Five striking unions with memberships of about 28,000 made peace in the coast's second longest strike last week, but the AFL sailors blocked a return to work until they got the guarantee.

CIO longshore gangs calling to the docks today began working cargo on some 280 ships tied up in the strike.

Employers estimated the tieup has cost about \$380,000,000 in the shipping industry and many mil-

lions more in industries affected by it.

A railroad embargo, imposed to prevent cargoes from piling up on western docks, has been lifted.

Anti-Truman Electors Favored in Court Ruling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — (AP) — The Supreme Court yesterday refused to order Alabama's presidential electors to cast their ballots for President Truman.

The electors have pledged themselves to vote for Governor J. Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, the States' Rights candidate for governor.

The Supreme Court rejected the requests by Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama and by three Alabama voters that it issue an injunction prohibiting the electors from voting for any persons except "the duly nominated candidates of the Democratic party" for president and vice-president.

Rhubarb is known in many places in the United States as "pie-plant."

Two Poultry Breeds Tie In Egg-Laying Contest

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 7. — (AP) — The annual egg-laying contest of the Washington State Poultry Association ended in a photo-finish here.

The final score was: Rhode Is-

land Reds 11, White Leghorns 11. While the eight contesting hens and their handlers looked anxiously on, judges decided there was put one way to break the four-day tie. They weighed each team's production.

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