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Shift To Inland Nears

Evacuation of All Japanese Set by Army

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18—(AP)—Evacuation of all Japanese, aliens and American-born alike, will start early next week from the strip of coast designated as military area No. 1, the army announced Wednesday night.

The first to leave will be 1000 Japanese from the Los Angeles area, who volunteered to pioneer in setting up community life at Manzanar, reception center in the Owens valley east of the rugged Sierra Nevada range.

Said Lieut.-Gen. J. L. De Witt, head of the western defense command: "I encourage and urge the continuation of such movements as the Owens valley group has started. However, I desire to make it unmistakably clear that evacuation will be continued with or without such cooperation."

Military area No. 1 includes the western half of the states of Washington, Oregon and California and the southern part of Arizona.

Construction is under way at the Owens Valley center and next week it will be prepared to handle 1000 aliens, DeWitt's announcement said. Later some 10,000 can be accommodated.

The first 1000 Japanese entering the section will go by their own automobiles and in buses and trains. DeWitt said the army would provide escorts for convoys, but pointed out the migration would not be under guard.

These first arrivals will establish social centers, arrange agricultural work, recreational activities, hospitals and schools.

"With such cooperation, those affected will find their situation much less difficult," DeWitt said in reference to the first volunteers.

"We are endeavoring to provide this service to avoid forced sales and prevent unscrupulous people from taking undue advantage. But if the affected groups fail to take advantage, their lot will be harder."

General DeWitt has indicated he considered American-Japanese potentially more dangerous to the nation's welfare than German and Italian aliens, who later will be ordered out in a continuing evacuation possibly lasting several

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Yank 'Flapjacks' Puzzle British

LONDON, March 18—(AP)—American slang, which always has delighted the British, baffled them again Wednesday.

The British Press association gave British newspapers this version of the transatlantic tongue in reporting the menus of US troops in Northern Ireland: "Bacon and eggs, known as 'flapjacks,' have been scarce but they will now be a regular feature of the morning diet."

Labor Law Repeal Is Opposed

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—Demands that congress enact some type of wartime labor legislation met further administration opposition Wednesday when army, navy and a maritime authorities told a special senate inquiry there was no need for such action.

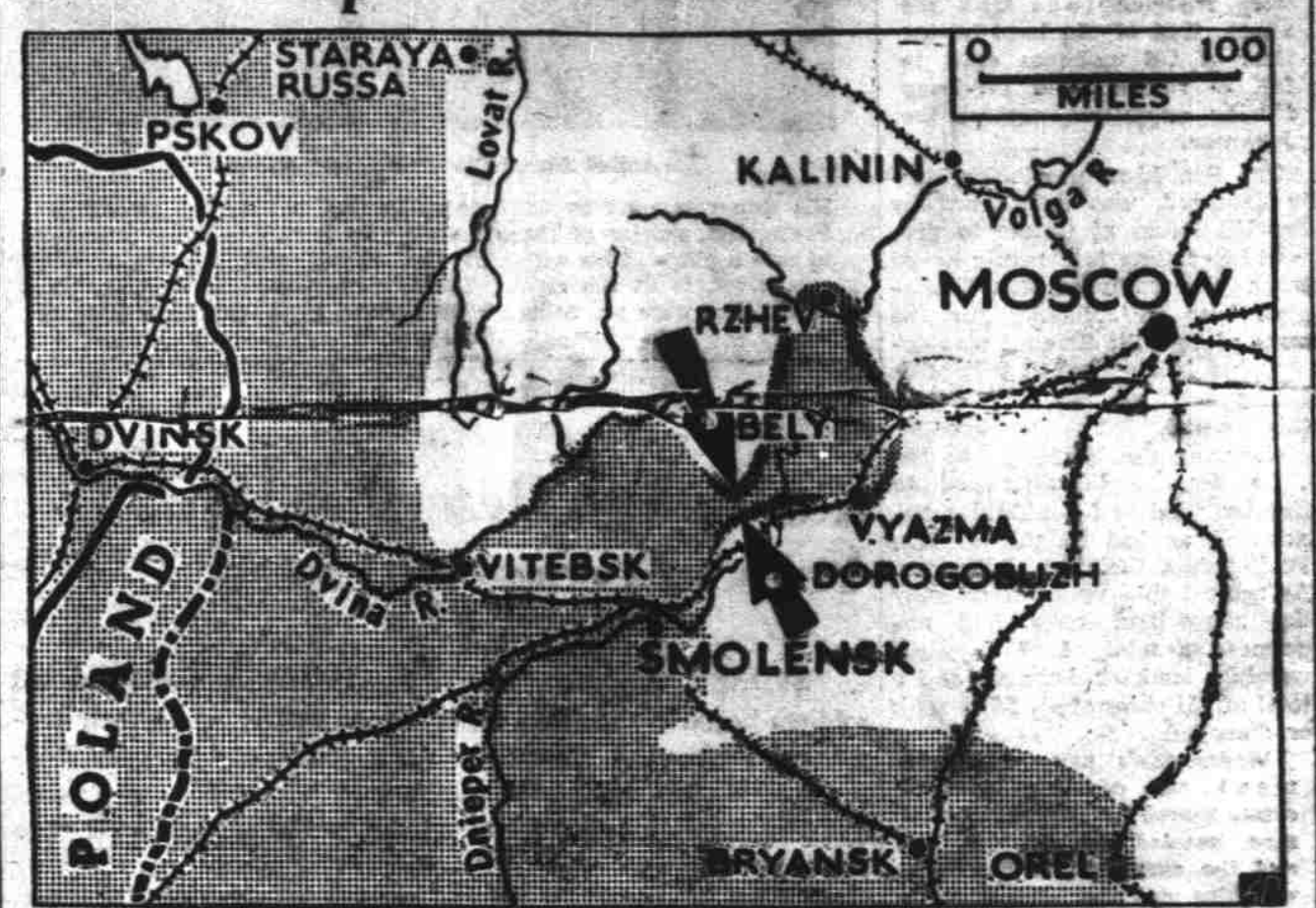
Lining up solidly behind President Roosevelt's stand that restrictive labor legislation would do no good at this time were Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen, war department production chief; Admiral Emory S. Land, head of the maritime commission; Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson; and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard.

One by one, the quartet of production authorities told a senate appropriations subcommittee which decided to look into production and labor conditions that it would do no good to repeal the 40-hour week law, or to pass any of the numerous proposals over which senate and house have been wrangling recently.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of

Gasoline Cut Begins; Price Is Frozen

Trap Closes Before Moscow



Moscow dispatches Wednesday declared the German "escape corridor," from the spearhead toward the Soviet capital, had been narrowed, as shown by arrows, to a width of 20 miles about 35 miles west of Vyazma. The Russians drove from Bely and Dorogobuzh. Shaded areas represent territory under German control.

Reds Circle Nazi Spear

Garrisons Nearest Moscow Are Menaced; Russ Claim German Supply Lines Cut

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 18—(AP)—Digging deep into the Germans' strongly-held Vyazma pocket, the red army Wednesday night had encircled the nazis' most advanced spearhead pointed at Moscow and put Hitler's great Vyazma garrison itself in a position of grave menace.

(Stockholm reports estimated that 200,000 German troops were surrounded in the Vyazma-Rzhev pockets.)

The newly encircled garrison was at Gzhatsk, on the main Moscow-Minsk railroad and highway some 35 miles northeast of Vyazma and 100 miles west of Moscow. It was to Gzhatsk that the Germans fell back after their winter disasters at Moshalsk and Borodino and since then the Germans are known to have concentrated huge forces at both Gzhatsk and Vyazma.

By such "hedgemo" tactics they have kept a constant threat pointed at the Russian capital through key months of reverses—a fact which the red army always has had to take into consideration in offensive operations.

Dispatches telling of the newest red army coup did not give the date of the entrapment, but apparently it was planned to place cantenens on the construction site at locations designated by the building contractors. No alcoholic beverages will be dispensed.

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Canteens at Camp Planned, Salem Men

Three Salem men have secured concession rights on the Albany-Corvallis army cantonment site and plan to open confectionery stands there within a few days, filing of articles of incorporation for Cantonment corporation at the Marion county clerk's office Wednesday disclosed.

The incorporators are Ernest A. Miller, Edward K. Piasecki and Donald A. Young. Capital stock is listed at \$10,000.

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WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP) Cellophane may no longer be used for window envelopes—the kind bills come in—under a war production board ruling issued Wednesday.

Air Force Takes 23 Jap Ships

Navy Tells Two More American Craft Lost

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—American-Australian air forces striking with relentless fury at Japanese invasion bases in New Guinea have sunk or damaged 23 enemy ships, including 12 warships, and wrecked numerous shore installations. Allied forces lost one plane.

The victory was announced by the navy Wednesday.

Since 11 of the Japanese vessels were either transports or cargo ships it was considered probable that the raid had cost the enemy a considerable personnel loss as well as destruction of ships.

Results of the bombardment, directed at enemy vessels and installations in near Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea, were regarded here as offsetting to some extent losses of United Nations naval forces in the battle of Java late last month, when five cruisers including the USS Hous-

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Sayre Back From Bataan

Says War Can Be Won Only by Furious Aggression

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18 (AP)—Francis B. Sayre, US high commissioner to the Philippines, returned to the United States Wednesday insisting the United States can win the war only "by aggressive and furious attack."

Gigantic planning and stupendous outlays of money alone will never win the war, Sayre said.

He urged the United States to "match the gallantry" of the

American troops on Bataan, which he recently left, and speed aid to the Philippines where "soldiers and sailors are going through the tortures of hell for us here in America."

The commissioner, who will return to the southwest Pacific after reporting to President Roosevelt, gave no indication of how he got out of the Philippines or crossed the Pacific. "He was in Honolulu yesterday."

"Returning to America after two and a half months of Manila and Corregidor under constant bombing and shellfire is like entering a new world," Sayre said. "Life can never be quite the same again."

No State Fair If Races Out, Says Director

Whether the Oregon state fair will be held here this year may depend largely on whether the dog races are held in Portland, J. D. Mickle, state agricultural department director, declared here Wednesday.

Mickle said it would be impossible to pay the costs of the state fair without its share of the receipts from the dog races. The state fair receipts from the dog races last year aggregated approximately \$30,000.

This money is used to pay state fair premiums and other fixed costs.

Military Area Set In Portland Harbor

PORTLAND, March 18—(AP)—All unlicensed craft were barred from Portland harbor Wednesday as the navy designated a military area extending from above the Sellwood bridge to three miles below the junction of the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Tuesday's Weather

Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Wednesday, 1.9 feet. Max. temperature Tuesday, 52, min. 41. Rainfall, .15 inches.

Japanese Plotting Stations In Brazil Learned; Get Less Fuel Now

Preparations for Uprising Made by Radio; Sinking Of Ship Recalls 'Spee'

By The Associated Press
An incipient plot by which Japanese in Brazil hoped to set off an internal uprising on a moment's notice by radio from Tokyo was uncovered by Brazilian police at Sao Paulo Wednesday night while public resentment smoldered and flared at times in two other Latin-American republics over the loss of ships to axis U-boats.

The disclosure of Japanese undercover operations in Brazil, which already has lost four ships to torpedoes in the Atlantic and probably a fifth which is too long overdue, told of Japanese plotters listening nightly to the surreptitious broadcasts for the word of strike—possibly in concert with other axis spies.

The other countries gravely concerned over sinkings are Uruguay, which has broken relations with the axis and otherwise has manifested cooperation with the United Nations, and Chile, which is a Pan-American holdout along with Argentina in still harboring axis diplomats.

In the face of public demonstrations over the sinking of the Chilean freighter Tolten outside New York harbor in the dark last Friday, the Chilean government appealed for "serenity" and opined that the attacking submarine—if indeed a submarine was responsible—would have spared the ship had it been permitted to proceed with lights and flag to denote its neutrality.

Uruguay took no such conciliatory view of the sinking of the Uruguayan ship Montevideo off Haiti and took note as well of the anti-axis demonstrations that protested not only this first Uruguayan ship loss in the war but also the anti-democratic elements remaining there since President Baldomiro dissolved congress to thwart a coup.

The sinking of the Montevideo was tied up curiously, and by wartime coincidence, with the sinking of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee in the river Plate estuary in December, 1939.

Sorely wounded in the running battle with the British down the south American coast, the Graf Spee, refueled in Uruguayan waters while the British waited outside to make the kill.

A Uruguayan technical mission headed by Captain Rodriguez Varela inspected the Graf Spee and refused to extend its stay in port—in effect ruling that she must go out to meet the British again or remain bottled up for the duration. The German commander scuttled the ship, then killed himself when he got ashore.

The Captain Varela who thus made a fateful decision for Uruguay early in the war was the master of the Montevideo sunk by the axis off Haiti.

Moreover, the German ship Tacoma which had served the Graf Spee on her raidings and has been refueled in the river Plate ever since has just been taken over, her crew interned inland, to replace Uruguay's loss of the Montevideo.

Australia Builds Springboard

By VERN HAUGLAND
MELBOURNE, Australia, March 18—(AP)—Under America's finest military leadership and supported by still growing American reinforcements, Australia was being converted into a great continental fortress from which the allies one day intend to spring forth to reconquer the southwest Pacific.

In an atmosphere of mutual trust, liking and quiet confidence that this position would be held against the heaviest Japanese assault, three distinguished American officers took their places in the grand drama of fighting fellowship about to unfold:

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander of all United Nations forces afield, aloft and at sea, for Australia and for all the southwest Pacific east of Singapore;

Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, deputy to MacArthur and commander of allied air forces in the Australian-New Zealand area;

Vice-Admiral Herbert F. Leary, who already was in command of the allied sea forces in the Anzac zone.

Australian Prime Minister John Curtin and Army Minister Francis Forde made plain that the appointments were welcome, and the prime minister added: "It is most gratifying that I am able to announce that there are most substantial American forces in Australia."

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Stations Get Less Fuel Now

Price Last Friday Will Be the Top Starting Monday

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The office of price administration Wednesday night froze filling station prices for gasoline in the District of Columbia and 19 states along the Atlantic coast and in the Pacific Northwest at the levels of last Friday.

The emergency 60-day price ceiling covers the area where a 20 per cent curtailment in deliveries to service stations was compelled by the sinking of tankers and the diversion of shipping to war uses. This curtailment takes effect at midnight Wednesday night.

The price order is effective next Monday, March 23. Violations may be punished upon conviction by a maximum fine of \$5000 or imprisonment for one year, or both. Acting Price Administrator John E. Hamm warned.

Hamm said his office was giving "serious consideration" to the licensing of all filling station operators in the so-called "curtailment area" as an additional measure to guarantee compliance with the price ceiling. Under such a plan any gasoline retailer who violated the order would be subject to court action to have the license suspended.

The price order applies to gasoline stations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida east of the Apalachicola river, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia.

These four rules were set forth: 1. No price may be charged for any grade of motor fuel that is higher than the price that was posted for the same grade at the close of business, or at 11 p. m. (local time) on March 13, 1942.

2. If for some reason there was

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Work Progresses - On Two Runways At Local Airport

The 1000-foot extension of the first, or northwest-southeast runway, at Salem's municipal airport is ready for paving, George E. Hanson, new WPA area superintendent, reported Wednesday.

A crew of 140 workmen is now engaged in constructing a second runway, the north-south line, which is to be 5050 feet long, approximately the same length as that of the first runway as now extended. Much of the grading has been completed and large quantities of base rock applied, but relocation of a drainage ditch remains to be carried out.

Hansen indicated the paving of the extension and of the new runway doubtless would be let out to private contractors.

Police Reserves Select Officers

Completing their elections Wednesday night, Salem police reserves named Virgil Allen, captain; Floyd Berke and Rex Altsman, lieutenants; A. W. Zysset, Harry Bramel, Carl P. Martin, L. B. Rorie, Glenn Laverly and J. F. Snook as sergeants.

Gene Pohlman was elected lieutenant of the motorcycle squad and A. A. Eichelberger, sergeant.

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"We have been holding the Japanese in the Philippines," he said, "and we intend to continue holding them in the Philippines."