

### US Troops on New Caledonia

#### Island Flanks Supply Line to Southwest Pacific Forces

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This country has enunciated a policy of maintaining relations with French citizens who are in actual control of French territories.

Thus, the way for the troop landing in New Caledonia was paved last month with an announcement by the state department that the United States would aid Free French forces there in defense of the island.

From a military standpoint, New Caledonia is of utmost importance to the United States. Lying 800 miles east of Australia, it is close to the route for ships carrying men and munitions to the Australian bases for the projected offensive against the Japanese.

The island, about 280 miles long, has a white population of 17,300 of which more than 15,000 are French.

About 1430 Japanese live on the island, most of them having come in as free immigrants but a small proportion as indentured laborers in the mines.

LONDON, April 25—(P)—The arrival of United States troops in New Caledonia was described by a Free French source Saturday night as a "highly welcome step to insure the common defense of the allied lifeline to Australia and New Zealand."

"The islands will remain under the administration of Free French authorities," the source said, "it is almost exactly the same situation there as in Australia where United States troops are participating in the defense with the full cooperation of the Australian authorities. We have a number of troops there but not enough to insure the island's protection."

### Ace O'Hare Welcomed Back Home

ST. LOUIS, April 25—(P)—This city surrendered to a boyish smile Saturday as Lieut. Commander Edward H. O'Hare, the navy's No. 1 ace, came home to mother and civic welcome.

It was done wholeheartedly with a parade and ceremony at Memorial Plaza for the modest 28 year-old pilot who shot down five Japanese bombers and damaged a sixth in solitary Pacific combat.

The smile broke out as he stepped into the arms of his mother, Mrs. Selma O'Hare, at the naval reserve aviation base at Lambert-St. Louis field. It stayed throughout a three-hour public appearance in his home town, where he grew from a pudgy little Irish lad to a broad-shouldered athlete.

But strictly from the heart, the big fellow admitted:

"It will be a relief to get back to flying. Looking into machine guns isn't nearly as hard as facing cameras."

O'Hare in a brief speech in crowded Memorial Plaza presented a navy pennant to St. Louis for its successful navy relief fund campaign. Mayor William Dee Becker gave the flier a scroll, a key to the city and a gold navigator's chronometer.

### Jobs for Small Plants Urged

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"Statements are constantly made that the most crucial production bottleneck is in machines and tools," McNary said. "If we have in the 135,000 small shops of the nation hundreds of thousands of machines and tools that are slowly drifting toward idleness, I feel deeply that in the cause of speed and increased volume of production the ways and means must be found for enlisting this production capacity."

The senator said small businesses in Oregon had been grouped so that one company with engineering and producing capacity could head them.

### Save Gasoline Is Advised

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, advised motorists Saturday to quit worrying about rationing and concentrate on voluntary saving of gasoline.

"If each motorist, during the critical supply period of the next few weeks, would drive only when absolutely necessary, he would be doing his part to prevent more severe rationing," Davies said. "Everyone should do his bit."

Saying rumors and unofficial statements should be ignored, Davies declared that gasoline curtailment "depends upon the future course of events not now reliably predictable."

### Chimney Blazes

City flames Saturday night answered a call to 1019 Oak street where they extinguished a chimney fire.

### Collection of Ancient Autos Includes Several New Tires

SEATTLE, April 25—(P)—The tire situation being what it is, Seattle motorists Saturday turned interested eyes on Albert W. Trudeau's hobby collection. Folks laughed 20 years ago when Trudeau started collecting automobiles like some folks collect postage stamps or milk bottle caps or cigar store Indians—but today his two-acre museum includes sets of SOLID RUBBER tires in good to new condition.

### Auto Ration Is Relaxed

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—The office of price administration relaxed automobile rationing regulations Saturday in an effort to speed up sales.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson said the action was taken in accordance with his plan to dispose of some 400,000 cars by next March, leaving 135,000 in a government stock pile. Thus far, since rationing began March 2, sales have lagged 40 per cent under quotas.

The relaxed regulations leave unchanged the classes of persons eligible to buy new automobiles. These include physicians, nurses, veterinarians, ministers, workers in war plants or on farms, federal, state and local government employees, taxi drivers, traveling salesmen and wholesale deliverers of newspapers.

Before persons in these classes may buy an automobile, however, they must show need for it and the new regulations make it easier to establish such need.

### Gas Rationing Protest Made

MARSHFIELD, April 25—(P)—Protest against any additional restrictions on gasoline supplies for Oregon motorists was made Saturday to Oil Coordinator Ickes and Price Administrator Henderson by Governor Sprague.

"This state is ready for any necessary sacrifice but it should not be deprived of essential supplies without sufficient cause," the governor said.

He told the federal officials that wooden barges could be used to augment rail, truck and ocean tanker shipments from California.

### Nation Eyes State's Work

PORTLAND, April 25—(P)—Problems of war industries and agriculture due to the labor shortage now being worked out in Oregon may create a pattern which will be followed throughout the nation, E. W. A. Clague predicted Saturday.

The associated director of the federal bureau of employment security said Oregon's problems are among the most acute in the nation now because the state is far advanced in both war industry and agriculture.

### Red Cavalry Takes Over

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The newspaper reported that the Russians also were continuing their advance in the Bryansk sector, where guerrillas in contact with the red army are supporting the attack.

A press notice today announced the death of Major General Nicolai Levitsky, 55, one of the leading officers assigned with Marshal Klement Voroshilov and Semion M. Budenny from the reserves.

### Eccles Announces War Industries Contact Office

PORTLAND, April 25—(P)—Oregon War Industries Coordinator David Eccles Saturday announced opening of an office here to afford state communities closer contact with agencies releasing sub-contractors.

Communities throughout the state may send representatives to the new office, which they can use as headquarters for contract negotiations, Eccles said. Office space and secretarial assistance will be furnished, only the representatives' salary and expense being borne by the communities.

Eccles said the Eugene chamber of commerce proposed the plan and that city would be the first to locate a representative in the office.

### Eastern Coastal Lights Dimmed

BOSTON, April 25—(P)—Major General Sherman L. Miles, commanding officer of the First corps area, ordered Saturday that all New England coastal lights directly visible from the sea, be shielded, dimmed or blacked out immediately until further notice.

The order explained that: "Shore lighting is silhouetting passing ships, enabling enemy submarines to attack them."

### Canada Votes, Draft

OTTAWA, Ont., April 25—(P)—From the Yukon to Labrador Canadians will vote Monday on the question of freeing the government from present restrictions on the use of drafted manpower in service abroad.

### Family Men May Get Call

Marshall Sees Boost in Number of Recruits

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pending measure would provide \$40 a month for a wife and \$10 additional for each child; \$35 a month for one parent, or \$45 for two.

Preliminary to calling men now deferred because of dependents, local boards were told to group those with families into two classes, those employed in essential war activities and those not so engaged. This new classification, it was directed, should be applied first to those between 36 and 44, inclusive, who registered on February 16.

Those deemed to be not engaged in essential activities will be the first selected when it becomes necessary to induct men with dependents.

The memorandum sent out by the board, however, emphasized that before men deferred for dependency are inducted "there will first be selected all men who can be made available for military service under current policies and standards."

### Opposition Expected, Law Change

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—A high administration official said Saturday that President Roosevelt would make clear in his message to congress next week on the high cost of living that he is opposed to suspension of the 40-hour week law.

The presidential message is expected to outline a program calling for freeing most commodity prices at about March 1 levels, drastic taxes on war profits and possibly wage control. It is to be sent to congress Monday. Later, the president expects to discuss the program in a radio address to the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt was represented as taking the attitude that since most war plants were employing shifts of 48 hours or longer, the issue involved in the dispute over the 40-hour week was one of pay that could be handled satisfactorily in any directive he might make to government agencies to keep wages in line with living costs. The law requires time and one-half pay for work in excess of 40 hours a week.

Furthermore, he was said to regard proposals to suspend or repeal the law as being tantamount to changing rules while the game is in progress.

As for other labor questions, it was predicted the president would say that such issues as strikes and the open and closed shop were being worked out satisfactorily under existing agreements.

A pronouncement of this nature, however, was not expected to quiet demands in congress for restrictive labor legislation.

### Beaverbrook Is Berated

LONDON, April 25—(P)—The conservative and influential Sunday Times Saturday night took Lord Beaverbrook to task for "his adjuration to strike recklessly" against Germany, thereby giving voice to a sizable body of British opinion which was said to feel that an invasion of Europe should not be attempted until the United Nations are prepared down to the last needed rifle bullet.

In a column long editorial headed "An Unfortunate Speech," the newspaper berated the New York speech of Lord Beaverbrook, in which the British supply emissary urged a second front in western Europe, and said the suggestion was "hardly in the category of a service."

### Recap Quota Change Due

PORTLAND, April 25—(P)—Oregon's quota of truck recaps will be increased for May, but allotments of new truck and passenger tires and passenger recaps will be less than for April, the state rationing administrator was informed Saturday.

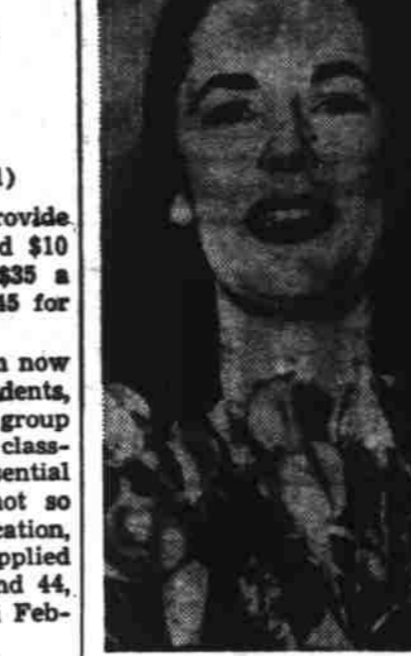
The truck recap quota will be increased 1602 units while new truck tires will be down 429, new passenger tires down 704 and passenger recaps down 1680, the office of price administration said. State quotas for May: 649 new tires and 4879 recaps for passenger cars and motorcycles; 3141 new tires and 5006 recaps for trucks, buses and farm tractors.

### Douglas County Seeks Building

ROSEBURG, April 25—(P)—Douglas county judge D. N. Busenbark said Saturday the county will seek congressional action to obtain a hospital building, formerly a unit of the old state soldiers' home, from the federal government.

The building is being used as temporary quarters for 36 patients removed Thursday from the county indigent home after it caught fire.

### No. 1 Deb



Sixteen-year-old Oona O'Neill (above), daughter of Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, was voted "Debutante No. 1" of the New York 1942 season.

### Squalus Has Comeback

Once-Sunk US U-Boat Torpedoed Enemy's Aircraft Carrier

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—It was the submarine Squalus, salvaged from the bottom of the sea and renamed the Salfish, which torpedoed and probably sank that Japanese aircraft carrier in the battle of Macassar strait last January.

The story of the sub's smashing comeback—last month she torpedoed and damaged a Japanese cruiser, too—became known Saturday when the navy announced that her skipper, Lieut. Comm. Richard G. Voge of Chicago, had been awarded the navy cross. No details of the action were available.

Twenty six officers and men perished in the Squalus when she foundered during diving trials off Portsmouth, N.H., three years ago, but 33 were rescued through the new diving bell technique. The sub was raised four months later.

Voge also commanded a sister ship, the Sealion, which was destroyed at Cavite, Philippine naval base, to prevent her falling into Japanese hands.

### Taken to Hospital

ABIQUA—Iris Milligan, who has been ill for several weeks, has been taken to the state tuberculosis hospital for treatment.

Lila Bloore has been moved to Salem from the Silverton hospital where friends will assist in the care of her.

### Auto Battery Output Cut

Reduction to 75 Per Cent Will Save Lead, Rubber

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—The war production board Saturday restricted manufacture of batteries for passenger cars and light trucks and ordered the number of sizes and models reduced from 75 to 15.

Between now and September 30, each manufacturer must cut his output to 75 per cent of the number of batteries he sold during the corresponding period last year. After April 30, retailers are forbidden to sell or deliver new replacement batteries unless purchasers trade in used batteries in exchange.

Normally, the industry consumes from 26 to 28 per cent of the nation's total lead output. W.P.B. estimated the curtailment program would save about 46,000,000 pounds of lead, 1,600,000 pounds of antimony and considerable amounts of rubber.

In 1941, nearly 16,000,000 batteries were sold for replacement purposes.

### State Rejects Early Season

PORTLAND, April 25—(P)—Commercial fishing in the Columbia river will start May 1 as originally scheduled, the Washington and Oregon state fishery departments ruled Saturday in a joint rejection of an industry proposal to move up the opening six days.

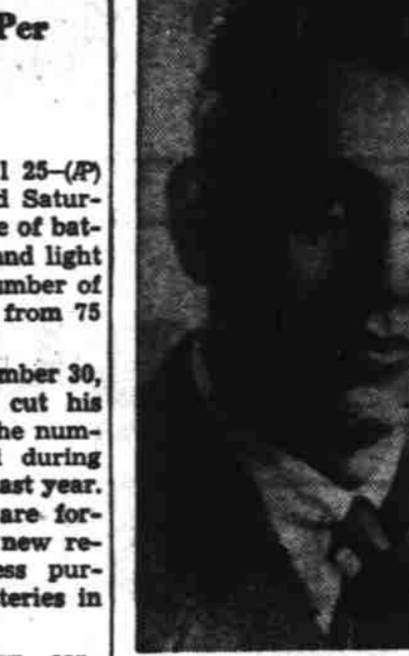
An abnormally low escapement of Chinook salmon over Bonneville dam was given as the reason for the decision. On April 23 only 5363 fish were counted compared to 30,397 the same day last year, 20,449 in 1940 and 20,700 in 1939.

### Bill Proposes 40-Mile Limit

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### Saved Bomber



Pilot Barrie Brunside (above) of Jansenville, Wis., was credited in a dispatch from Sydney, Australia, with bringing to his home field a United States two-engine bomber which had been partly shot up by Japanese planes. Every member of the bomber crew except Brunside had been injured in an encounter with a Japanese squadron after a mission over New Guinea. Brunside was enrolled at Michigan State college, East Lansing, Mich., when he enlisted.

### States Asked To Convene

WASHINGTON, April 25—(P)—The federal government Saturday invited the states to send representatives to a conference aimed at elimination of state and local restrictions which hamper the war effort, such as labor and truck shipment regulations.

The meeting, Mr. Roosevelt said, "should give specific attention to the fullest possible utilization of labor, transportation facilities, construction capacity and agricultural products."

The commerce department, outlining the problems to be considered, mentioned such things as prohibitions against night work for women and against Sunday work; anti-migratory laws; lack of uniformity among states on regulations covering motor truck operations and limitations on practices in certain professions.

### RAF Raises Raid Tempo

Assault Over France, Germany Meets Heavy Defense

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upon England Saturday night, the Germans again sent over large formations around Saturday midnight, and the town they singled out experienced a short but sharp attack. Although bombs fell in residential districts no fatal casualties had been reported early Sunday. One enemy bomber was reported downed.

In addition to heavy attacks upon docks at Cherbourg and LeHavre, and a factory at Calais, the RAF's targets Saturday included communications at Abbeville and military installations at numerous other places in France.

"Enemy fighters were encountered in strength during the attack on Abbeville, and there were many combats," said the communiqué.

Hardest blows however were dealt at Rostock, second of Hitler's great Baltic bases for the German armies of Norway, Finland and northern Russia to be turned into a black wreck by British bombs. Nearly a million pounds of explosives were used to blast that old town in two of the most violent allied air raids of the war, the British said.

A German bomber was shot down off the northeast coast of England shortly after noon. Two other enemy planes flew over the south coast in the early morning hours, killing one person with machine-gun fire. Their bombs dropped harmlessly.

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- Persons engaged in fire-fighting services, police services, public health services, mail services or highway construction and maintenance of equipment when cars are used in direct line of duty.
- Persons furnishing transportation to the public, when the purchase is required in the interest of public safety and convenience.
- Persons engaged in the prosecution of the war, directly or indirectly, including executives, engineers, technicians and workers. Such cars must be used in transportation to or from or within factories, power plants, transportation or communication facilities, farms, lumber camps, mines, military or naval establishments, when the work done in such place of employment is essential, directly or indirectly, to the prosecution of the war.

5 Persons transporting produce and supplies to and from a farm when applicant does not own or possess a truck or other practicable means of transportation.

6 Traveling salesmen, when the car is required in selling foods and medical supplies or machinery and equipment to farms, factories, mines, oil wells, lumber camps or similar productive establishments.

7 Persons delivering newspapers, when the car is required for wholesale delivery.

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