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Nearly All Prices Given Ceiling

Maximum Coming of Rains Only Hope in Burma In Effect May 18

March Levels to Be Determinant; Hits Inflation

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—With one broad, inclusive order, the office of price administration Tuesday night fixed war-time maximum prices for "virtually everything Americans eat, wear and use" at the levels prevalent during the month of March.

After May 18, under "the general maximum price regulation," no retailer may charge more for an article than the highest price at which he sold it in March. The same restrictions will apply, after May 11, to manufacturers' and wholesalers' prices and, after July 11, to a long list of service establishments such as laundries, tailors, auto repair shops, radio repair men, etc.

Simultaneously, the price agency in effect froze rents in 302 centers of war effort or war production. Mostly, they were fixed at the rents paid on March 1, of this year. In 64 of the areas the stabilization was as of the rent paid on January 1, April 1, or July 1, 1941. (See story column 3, page 1.)

The actions, taken together, represented an essential segment of President Roosevelt's over-all plan for stabilizing the cost of living, and preventing an inflationary price rise.

Along with these orders go proposed heavy taxation of profits, stabilization of most wages at present levels, taxation to hold individual incomes to a maximum of \$25,000, rationing, encouragement of war bond buying, debt payment and savings, and discouragement of credit or installment plan buying and expenditures for non-essentials.

Exempted from the price ruling, however, was a list of food items representing, OPA officials said, 25 to 40 per cent of the food usually purchased.

Some of these were exempted for seasonal reasons. For example, the price of fresh vegetables was at its seasonal peak in March, and since it normally declines after that month, it was thought unwise to establish March prices for such commodities.

Eggs and poultry and milk products (but not milk itself) were exempted, it was said, because they are under considerable competitive pressure which tends to keep their prices from shooting skyward.

But most of the food exemptions were the result of the price control law, which says that maximum prices for farm products may not be fixed at a point below 110 per cent of parity (a formula for determining the agricultural price level at which a farm product has the same purchasing power it had in 1909-14).

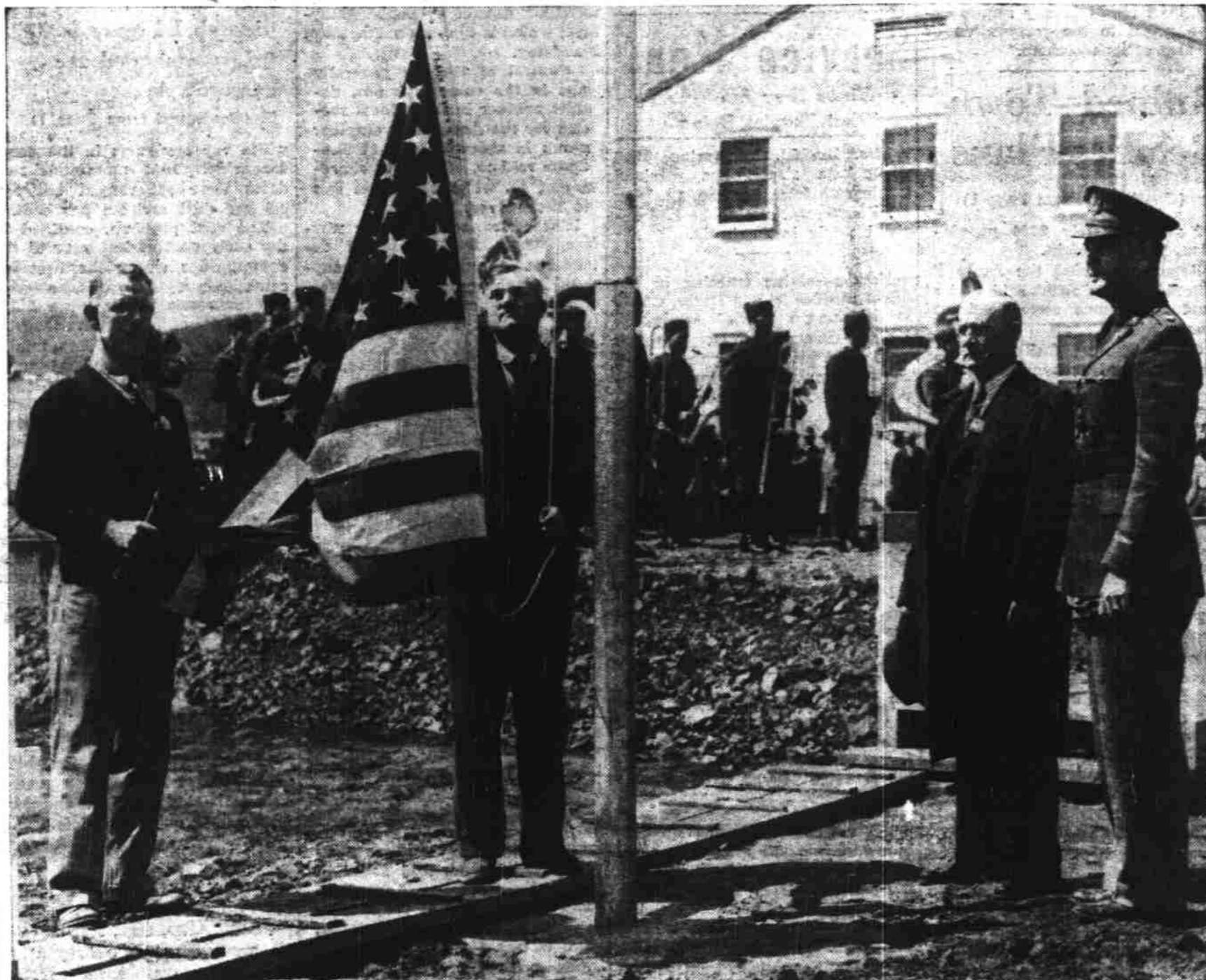
Mr. Roosevelt has demanded that Congress change the law to permit maximum prices at parity, and the OPA's announcement said it was "planned to set maximum prices for certain agricultural products as soon as such action is consistent with present or future legislation."

OPA officials were quick to point out that while the order established no ceilings for raw farm products, it did establish maximums for those products at or after the first processing which they receive.

By choosing March as the base month, Leon Henderson, the price administrator said at a press conference, the order struck 3 per cent from current retail prices and 1 1/2 per cent from the cost of living, since the indices have risen to the extent in April. However, he said prices will be roughly 13 per cent higher than they were in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Coming of Rains Only Hope in Burma

Up Goes the Flag at Army's Camp Adair



Paste this picture in your history book: The first flag raising at Camp Adair, the army cantonment rising in Benton and Polk counties. Picture of ceremonies which took place Tuesday noon shows Lt. R. E. M. Des Isles, Engineer corps, USA, and area engineer directing the Camp Adair project, at right in uniform, and standing at his side, County Judge J. J. Barrett of Albany who presented the 40-foot metal flag pole on behalf of Linn county. Henry J. May and Henry Klinke raised the flag while an army band played.

Ruined Town Readies Plans

Texas Town of 2000 Is Destroyed in Tuesday Tornado

PRYOR, Okla., April 28—(AP)—This northeastern Oklahoma boom town, recovering Tuesday night from the first shock of a devastating tornado, still dug bodies from the debris and turned to plans for rebuilding.

With 70 known dead and State Safety Commissioner Walter Johnson estimating the toll may reach "125 to 150," Mayor Thomas J. Harrison said plans were under way to rebuild the estimated \$2,000,000 in damaged buildings.

W. N. Graham, 90, the state's oldest active banker, pledged his assistance in the city's rehabilitation. Graham's wife died just an hour before the tornado flattened most of the town's business district late Monday.

From Washington came word that the works projects administration had authorized up to \$50,000 for relief in the stricken area.

CHILLICOTHE, Texas, April 28—(Wednesday)—(AP)—A tornado and fire virtually destroyed Crowell, Tex., county seat town (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Bonus Okehed For Teachers

A \$120 bonus for the school year 1942-1943 to every employe of the Salem school system was approved by directors of the city system Tuesday night.

The bonus, actually a salary increase for the single year which does not bind the district to a similar payment another year when living costs might be lowered, was discussed and made a matter of record in preparation for drawing of the new budget shortly.

Leaves of absence requested by three teachers were granted, as was the request of Willamette university for use of the senior high school auditorium for its May 31 commencement exercises.

Reduce Rent Order Given 302 Areas, Including Benton

March 1 Figure Is Recommended as Maximum for Sections of Oregon; Henderson Says Boom Is General

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP)—Areas housing 76,000,000 persons — more than half the nation's population—were put on notice Tuesday to reduce rents or have the government do it for them.

The order of the office of price administration embraced 302 areas in 46 states and Puerto Rico as defense rental areas, and maximum rents were recommended for each.

Among the defense rental areas, their extent, 1940 populations, and recommended maximum rent dates were: (March 1, 1942, unless otherwise designated):

Oregon: Astoria — Clatsop county, 24,697; Corvallis—Benton and Linn counties, 49,114; Medford — Jackson county, 26,213; Pendleton — Umatilla county, 26,030; Portland-Vancouver-Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, Ore., Clark county, Wash., 561,265.

In four-fifths of the areas rents were ordered cut back to the levels of March 1, 1942, thereby eliminating increases made during spring moving and leasing. In 64 of the areas 1941 dates were chosen, January 1, April 1 or July 1.

"Next to food, this is the largest single item in the family budget," Administrator Leon Henderson said. "Effective price control requires rent control."

Under the emergency price control act, local authorities are given 60 days to stabilize rents as ordered by Henderson. If this is not done, OPA may enforce the maximums. Violators of the ceilings then would be subject to a maximum penalty of \$5000 fine and a year in prison.

Rents in some instances have soared 100 per cent above pre-war levels, Henderson declared. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Snell Avers Ration Not Likely Soon

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP)—Earl Snell, Oregon secretary of state, said Tuesday night that Oregon was not likely to be included immediately in plans for consumer rationing of gasoline.

Snell made the statement after conferences Tuesday with federal officials whom he told that the people of Oregon would be willing to accept any plan necessary to permit war workers and industries to obtain adequate supplies of gasoline.

Snell, a member of the war department high traffic advisory committee, said he believed that "No move will be made seriously to consider consumer rationing in the Pacific northwest until a permanent plan is inaugurated for the east, probably July 1."

He participated in the launching of plans for national conservation of automobiles, requested by Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation.

Cover Goes On Gasoline

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP) Price Administrator Leon Henderson Tuesday night placed a ceiling on the retail price of motor fuel throughout the country.

In all localities except for 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia the retail price may not exceed the maximum charged by each individual service station during March.

The new maximums will become effective May 18. The OPA explained that the slight increase over March levels in the Atlantic seaboard areas was being allowed in view of present transportation conditions.

Mining Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP) The house completed legislative action Tuesday on a measure (HR 6004) to suspend from June 30, 1941, until July 1, 1943, the annual \$100 assessment work on small unpatented mining claims and sent the bill to the White House.

RAF Hits In Great Flights

Trondheim Port Struck in Effort To Cut Supplies

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE Associated Press War Editor

The defense of Burma appeared near the point of collapse Tuesday night and it seemed that the sole hope of saving that vital outer-India theatre and allied corridor to China lay in the ability of the cruelly outnumbered British and Chinese to hold on yet a little longer until the mid-May coming of the Monsoon and its immobilizing rains.

The crisis was coming on with a rush; the allied position in the whole of the Pacific and Indian oceans was gravely darkened.

Again, however, matters appeared going well for the United Nations in Europe, the Russians reporting continued successes against the Germans and the British aerial offensive reaching a crescendo of effective violence. British planes by uncounted hundreds crossed the channel during the day to smash at the German bases in France, one flight having literally covered a square mile of the spring sky, in a follow-up of vast night raids spread from Trondheim in occupied Norway to Cologne and other points in the German Rhineland war plant area.

At Trondheim, which is believed to shelter four big German warships including the 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz, the Nazi harbor facilities were heavily assaulted as part of the British master plan to knock out Hitler's menace to the Russian supply lines at the same time that German supply to the Russian front is under running attack.

In Burma—a wild, chaotic field of action in which the defenders were desperately engaged not only in bitter rear guard actions but in attempting to demolish the roads behind them—the strongest of various Japanese thrusts was reaching northward for the Mandalay-Lashio railway, without which China would be cut off by all practical existing routes.

The Paris radio broadcast a roundabout claim, attributed to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

NW Asks Aid Against Fires

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP) Senator Wallgren (D-Wash) urged the senate appropriations committee Tuesday to increase funds in the 1943 agriculture appropriation bill (HR 6709) for fighting forest fires enough to allow the forest service to furnish complete protection on the Pacific coast.

Wallgren told the committee he believed the funds eliminated from the sixth supplemental national defense bill (HR 6868) which amounted to \$13,100,000, would be sufficient to meet the menace.

Senator Holman (R-Ore) also has asked the committee to increase funds for fighting forest fires during the fiscal year starting July 1.

Bandon to Get Chrome Plant

COQUILLE, April 28—(AP)—A chrome ore concentrating plant of 1000 tons daily capacity is to be built near Bandon, the Coos county court announced Tuesday. The court sold to the Krome corporation, Fort Worth, Texas, 320 acres in the black sand area for \$3200 and assurance that the plant would be built.

President Gives Nation Charge To Giant Effort

Declares Pacific Isles Ready As Base for Offense; Says All to Feel Plan's Effect

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP)—President Roosevelt, revealing officially for the first time that "several hundred thousands" of American fighting men have already been sent to battle the axis in distant lands, rallied the nation to a gigantic war effort Tuesday night by saying that the price of saving our civilization "must be paid in hard work and sorrow and blood."

In an address to the country and the world, delivered from the White House, he also expressed the view that the Japanese southward drive had been checked, and declared that Australia, New Zealand and adjacent islands are now to become "bases for offensive action."

The disclosure about the size of the army expeditionary forces and naval contingents sent abroad was made in the form of an interpolation in the president's advance text.

"Since Pearl Harbor, he said, 'we have dispatched strong forces of our army and navy—several hundred thousands of them—to bases and battlefronts thousands of miles from home.'"

Mr. Roosevelt also warned the Vichy government that the United Nations would take any action necessary to prevent the use of French territory by axis forces, and guaranteed a continuation of the delivery of arms to China, regardless of Japanese successes in Burma.

Bluntly, he informed the civilian population of the United States that its every member would feel the effect of his newly announced program for stabilizing the cost of living, and called upon it for self-denial and sacrifice, in the interest of victory.

"Never in the memory of man," he said, "has there been a war in which the courage, the endurance and the loyalty of civilians played so vital a part."

And, he vigorously attacked all who might be "impeding" the war effort: the "faint of heart", those "who put their own selfish interests first"; those "who pervert honest criticism into falsification of fact"; the "self styled experts . . . who know neither the figures nor geography"; a few "bogus patriots" who, involving freedom of the press, "echo the sentiments" of axis propagandists; and "above all," the "handful of noisy traitors . . . would-be dictators" who "in their hearts and souls" would yield to Hitlerism.

Praising the fight which Americans have given the enemy the world around, Mr. Roosevelt, at the same time, singled out two men and a ship for special citation, and told three thrilling stories of gallantry.

Dr. Croydon M. Wassell, a missionary in China, joined the navy as a lieutenant commander. He was nearly 60. He chose to stay behind in Java with a dozen badly wounded men, facing capture by the Japanese. Instead of yielding, however, he got his charges onto a little Dutch ship, took virtual command of the craft, and despite repeated bombings, reached Australia safely.

"Dr. Wassell now wears the navy cross," said the president.

The submarine Squalus sank off the New England coast in 1939. At great effort she was raised, became the submarine US Sailfish, and in the far Pacific has sunk a Japanese destroyer, torpedoed a Japanese cruiser, and has made two torpedo hits on a Japanese aircraft carrier. Three of the sailors who went down with the Squalus are serving on the Sailfish.

"It is heartening," said the president, "to know that the Squalus, once given up as lost, rose from the depths to fight for our country in time of peril."

Capt. Hewitt T. Wheelock, of the army air corps, received the third citation. He piloted one of five planes which undertook to bomb the Japanese in the Philippines. Motor trouble forced him to drop behind the rest. Repairs were made, and the ship continued on its mission. By the time the objective was reached, the other planes had passed over and the air was full of Japanese zero-fighters. Eighteen of them attacked the single plane simultaneously. Nevertheless, it dropped its entire bomb load upon six Japanese transports at the docks.

Starting back to its base, it was involved in a running fight for (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Wood Barges May Be Built

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP) Nineteen places have been located, President Roosevelt said Tuesday, where wooden barges could be built to alleviate a shortage of shipping tonnage.

Mr. Roosevelt suggested recently that such barges might be used in the inland waterway along the Atlantic coast, where they would be safe from enemy submarines. To a press conference question concerning reports that all tankers would be withdrawn from the Atlantic coastal service, Mr. Roosevelt said he had never heard of it.

Talk Excites Britons LONDON, Wednesday, April 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt's disclosure that United States warships and troops now were in the middle east area immediately attracted the attention of Britons here Tuesday, but there was no immediate official comment.

Papers Drawn For Transport

Non-Profit Group to File Today; Pledge Cards Out Soon

Papers for incorporation of the "Salem Transport committee," Salem chamber of commerce agency to arrange for low-cost bus transportation to Camp Adair, were drawn up Tuesday in preparation for filing today with the state corporation department.

Seventy five workers will be beginning circulating pledges for the underwriting of the bus service as soon as cards are received from the printer, Pres. Carl W. Hogg of the chamber said. He hopes to see the solicitation completed within three days' time.

The transport committee articles are to be signed by Hogg, E. A. Windshar, Floyd Miller, W. W. Chadwick and Ray A. Yocum as trustees.

The corporation, to be a non-profit organization for the benefit of the community, will be authorized to do whatever is necessary to arrange for continued bus service between Salem and the army cantonment, to carry workers back and forth at present and soldiers later. Its purposes are stated in the articles to be as follows:

"The promotion of the transportation service and facilities of Salem and vicinity, including the transportation service and facilities between Salem, Oregon, and Camp Adair, Oregon; to encourage, develop and subsidize the operation of bus lines or other transportation facilities between (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Bond Sales Plans Urged

PORTLAND, April 28—(AP)—Plans to raise \$5,600,000 in war savings bond sales to meet Oregon's May quota will be discussed here Friday and Saturday by all county chairmen.

State Administrator Ray Conway said other committee members, civic officials, bank heads and newspaper men would attend. They will visit shipyards and the air base and be introduced Saturday at the Victory center and the Paramount theatre.

Plans will also be made at the meeting for subsequent quotas, expected to be stabilized in July at \$10,000,000. The state is expected to raise \$100,000,000 in the next year.

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Monday's Weather

Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Tuesday, 3 feet. Max. temperature Monday, 55, Min. 46. Precipitation Monday, .24.