

The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Go in' Nowhere

Gasoline rationing starts next week; registration is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week at the elementary schools. Detailed instructions for the rationing boards, registrars and gasoline dealers of this area were not available for study, except perhaps in the rationing board office, at latest report. There are indications however that the regulations will be but slightly different from those in operation in the eastern states, copies of which we have been privileged to peruse.

There is a great deal that might be of general interest in these regulations but an attempt to outline the program in the space available here might be more confusing than illuminating. There are three varieties of rationing cards, A, B and X. The A card is for motorists who have only slight practical necessity, or none at all, for driving their cars. The B cards, in three separate divisions depending upon the amount of gasoline needed, are for those who from necessity drive their cars to and from work. The X card is for vehicles actually used in their owners' or operators' occupations; it imposes no limitation upon the amount of gasoline purchased but as in the other cases, the gasoline must under ordinary circumstances be pumped into the tank on the vehicle to which the card pertains. There is a procedure however for buying a gallon in a can, for the relief of motorists caught in that all-too-familiar embarrassing predicament.

There is a lot more information in the instruction folder, but never mind. You'll learn it all in due course. All you have to do is register, and then proceed to buy gasoline when and as you need it and can get it.

The question to which everyone wants an answer is: How much gasoline may I buy? Judging from the text of the instructions as well as from the statements of rationing authorities, this is the answer:

You may have all the gasoline you need, but very little of the gasoline you want but don't need.

Except in line of duty, people may as well make up their minds that they are "go in' nowhere." Not even by bus or train, when rationing is extended to those modes of travel.

You can walk as far as you like.

As Adolf Berle, assistant secretary of state, remarked the other day:

By summer's end, it will no longer be possible to occupy leisure time in motoring. It will not be easy to visit the motion picture. Quiet will descend on even the most crowded roads. Civilian life will have less in it of sound, of light and of motion.

It means that we shall have once more the luxury of living in our own minds. We shall merely return to the habits of life and thought which served the country well up to a century ago.

What was good enough for great-grandfather, may not be good enough to suit us. But it may be good for us.

Japanese Evacuation

Whereas most residents of the Pacific Northwest are largely "go in' nowhere" after June 1 for the reasons cited above, all persons of the Japanese race regardless of citizenship who live in western Oregon or in certain portions of central Oregon west of The Dalles-California highway, are going on a trip on that same date or within a day or so later.

The more numerous Multnomah county Japanese having been moved earlier, the number involved in the present evacuation order is not large. From Marion county will go 193; from Polk 28 and from Linn four.

Of the necessity for their departure, enough has been said heretofore. Among them are some who are loyal to the United States and some who are loyal to Japan, and there is no sure method of separating the two groups. They are being moved because the second group is dangerous—here in the war zone. Their removal is a matter of military necessity and involves some theoretical injustice to those who are loyal to the United States—but no practical injustice. They will be better off as charges of the government where they are going, than they would be here, attempting to make their own way amidst suspicion and hostility.

It so happens that the removal followed by one day the disclosure that Italian evacuees from the United States, on reaching Lisbon charged that Japanese here had been the victims of brutality and oppression. The charges created a sensation in Japan and we have cause for concern as to the resultant treatment of Americans interned there. But we know that except for a few isolated acts of irresponsible civilians, the charges are false.

From the standpoint of physical comfort, these evacuees will be much better off than the theoretically "free" people of their homeland—and presently if the events of which we are confident materialize, they will be much safer. The contrast between their considerate treatment here and that which Americans interned in Japan or in the territory under Japanese rule must be undergoing, is not however a matter that should be over-emphasized. That would sort of put us on the enemy's level. If we were on his level there would be no sense in fighting him.

Mexico as Belligerent

Mexico's twenty million population apparently will be formally enrolled among the active foes of the axis within less than a week. Aroused by the sinking of two Mexican merchant vessels, the people of our neighbor nation on the south are clamoring for a declaration of war and their government appears to be of the same mind.

A little over a year ago Mexico had an army of 126,000, including 700 in the air corps. Nearly half of its land strength was in the reserve, which has since been expanded to around 400,000 including many men only partly trained. Its navy consists of 15 vessels, no more than sufficient to patrol the nation's own extensive coastlines. Mexico is determined

to play its full part in the common war effort but its role can hardly be decisive. Yet it is a mistake to assume that the impending declaration of war is unimportant.

Though nine Latin American nations have declared war on the axis, Mexico will be the first among the larger nations of the group to do so. Most of the South American nations have definitely placed themselves on our side of the fence by breaking off diplomatic relations with axis countries; Argentina and Chile are the exceptions.

There has long been a solidarity of opinion and mutual understanding among the Latin American peoples from which the United States and Canada have been excluded by difference in race and language and by suspicion of "Yankee imperialism." The present crisis has served notably to melt this barrier; Mexico's example in becoming a belligerent should serve further to convince South Americans of the actual direction of their interests. It will make axis fifth columnists' propaganda task more difficult everywhere in Latin America. It will reduce the possibility of unopposed axis penetration there.

Though Mexico has heretofore extended permission for United States forces to enter its territory in case of military necessity, and has made some progress in muzzling fifth columnists, a Mexican declaration of war will simplify and promote continental and hemispheric security and unity. The United Nations have substantial reason to welcome another active belligerent into the fold.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 23 — That unidentified "high Washington official" who warned some blows as well as victories must be expected was high enough to know what he was talking about. He had more in mind than the law of averages.

Certain specific spots around the world are being watched closely from here as we pass the turning point of our own preparation into the phase of aggressive action, to wit: Russian front—All expect the Russians to hold through the summer, but the spring fighting has not started too well for our side.

Kerch was a red thorn in the side of the nazis. Its complete loss would mean a clear flank for Hitler in the Crimea, Russian loss of the Sea of Azov and assumption of an onerous duty of defending the Kerch strait. Moscow admits several thousand casualties there; Germans claim 150,000; real figure lies somewhere between.

This annoyance could have been offset by swift capture of Kharkov, but just as the Russians were ready to march in a few days back, Von Beck, the nazi general, attacked and out-flanked them.

Discomforting, but hardly disastrous news, is possible from Russia.

China—Their spot is really tightening to a pin point. The Japanese drive should not crush their armies, but a lot more valuable territory may be lost. The situation can best be told this way: The Jap idea of where those Doolittle bombers came from (not my idea, or yours) is circumscribed by an arc from Tokyo running through Chang-sha to central China. Inside that arc are hidden air fields, in the opinion of Tokyo, which remain a threat to the Japanese homeland.

It is that area upon which their immediate attack is concentrated. The Yangtze-Yunnan pincer drive is apt to be at least partly successful, as China is practically cut off from our flow of heavy munitions.

Sea front—While we pushed our troops safely across to northern Ireland and can push more anytime, some authorities mourn the fact that this job required drawing destroyers in from other points and ships were sunk as a result.

Criticism has been heard that we sent any troops to northern Ireland, a British isles area, where the largest inactive military force of the United Nations already is present. It seems to me the explanation is that the British have always feared a nazi invasion of Ireland and thought American troops would be more welcome as defenders than British. Probably no more will be needed.

Home front—We have bombed Japan and Japan will bomb our mainland as soon as they can figure out a way of doing it. Our new found optimism should be accompanied by increased alertness.

News from the production battle front continues to generate confidence. More stories are told of strategic discoveries and victories there, for instance:

Morale of workers has improved tremendously since the first of the year. No big devastating strikes have been reported in that period.

General Motors has discovered a new technique for mass production of machine guns which is drawing wide inside praise.

Consolidated Aircraft is building those four motored bombers on a production line, a mass method never before achieved.

Allison, which had so much trouble with that liquid-cooled airplane engine, has succeeded in ironing out bugs and is producing.

Skilled workers are beginning to come fast now from those vocational training and factory training schools.

The famed Chrysler tank arsenal was started in October, 1940, and due to be completed in 18 months. At that rate it would just now be finished, but it has been producing tanks for some time.

Biggest other new plants have just recently come into mass deliveries; Consolidated Bomber, Ford's Willow Run, Magnesium.

Frigidaire began to plan making machine guns a year and a half ago, has now also reached mass production deliveries.

The machine tool industry is entitled to fly the highest flag. Its work is the basis of all production and it was our first bottleneck. But the figures show it doubled production in one year, now is doubling again.

No nation, no system of government or economics anywhere in the world, can match these feats.



Another Chance for the Role of Honor

Radio Programs

- KSJM—SUNDAY—1300 Kc.
- 8:00—Hit Tunes of Tomorrow.
 - 8:30—East Side Church of Christ.
 - 9:00—Sheep Fields Orchestra.
 - 9:15—News Briefs.
 - 9:20—Levitov Salon Orchestra.
 - 10:00—News.
 - 10:15—Moonbeam Trio.
 - 10:30—A Song Is Born.
 - 11:00—American Lutheran Church.
 - 12:00—Organalities.
 - 12:30—War Commentary.
 - 12:45—The Argentinians.
 - 1:00—Young People's Church of Air.
 - 1:30—Bert Hirsch Presents.
 - 2:00—Alpine Troubadors.
 - 2:15—Church of Christ.
 - 2:30—Waikiki Reverie.
 - 2:45—Moody Bible Institute.
 - 3:00—Sunday Symphony.
 - 3:30—Boy's Town.
 - 4:00—Music College.
 - 4:30—String Quartet.
 - 5:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
 - 5:30—Tonight's Headlines.
 - 6:15—Broadway Band Wagon.
 - 6:30—Magie Carpet.
 - 7:00—Dinner Hour Music.
 - 7:30—Panchos's Conga Orchestra.
 - 8:00—First Presbyterian Church.
 - 8:30—Aljino Ray Orchestra.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:15—Surf Riders.
 - 9:30—Back Home Hour.
 - 10:00—World in Review.
 - 10:15—Dream Time.

- KGW—SUNDAY—420 Kc.
- 4:00—Music.
 - 5:30—War News.
 - 6:00—Garden Talks.
 - 6:30—Church in Your Home.
 - 7:00—Music and American Youth.
 - 8:00—Sunday Down South.
 - 9:00—Emma Otero, Singer.
 - 10:00—University Explorer.
 - 10:15—Organ Concert.
 - 10:30—Music in Your Home.
 - 11:15—Sammy Kaye Orchestra.
 - 11:30—Chicago Round Table.
 - 12:00—Bob Becker's Dog Chats.

Editorial Comments

DEHYDRATION

Report from Dallas is that a prune dehydrating plant near Dallas has been leased and will be converted for vegetable drying.

Initial operation is reported to be on potatoes, with the possibility of a crew of 70 working on a 24-hour basis and operations to continue until July 1.

The operator who has leased the dryer is said to have government orders and will use about 1,600,000 pounds of potatoes purchased in the Klamath Falls district.

The process call for the potatoes to be machine peeled, eyes removed and diced before being steam cooked. Following cooking the potatoes will be iced and placed on trays and sent through the drying tunnels. A new mesh wire will be used on the prune trays during the drying process. The dried product will be packed in five-gallon tin cans and solder sealed.

The product is expected to go into export but exactly where has not been announced.

Green beans, carrots, cabbage and possibly onions are reported to be other products which may be given similar treatment.

Some idea of the possibilities of dehydration are suggested in the report that the potatoes will dry out about nine to one. This comparison suggests the possible field for dehydration now that shipping space is at a premium.

The report from Dallas gives another interesting development in methods of food processing. It suggests the possibility that a few of the better prune dryers in this district which are conveniently located and adequately equipped might be used to better advantage by their owners and make a real contribution toward food for victory than they are making at the present time standing idle with only the promise of a short prune crop.

—Washington County News-Times

These schedules are supplied by the respective stations. Any variations noted by listeners are due to changes made by the stations without notice to this newspaper. All radio stations may be out of the air at any time in the interest of national defense.

- 12:15—News Digest.
- 12:30—The Army Hour.
 - 1:00—Stars of Tomorrow.
 - 2:00—Ports of the Pacific.
 - 2:30—Home Fires.
 - 2:45—Symphony of Melody.
 - 3:00—Catholic Hour.
 - 3:30—News Headlines & Highlights.
 - 3:45—Upton Close.
 - 4:00—Jack Benny.
 - 4:30—Band Wagon.
 - 5:00—Charlie McCarthy.
 - 5:30—One Man's Family.
 - 6:00—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round.
 - 6:30—Album of Familiar Music.
 - 7:00—Hour of Charm.
 - 7:30—Walter Winchell.
 - 7:45—Parker Family.
 - 8:00—Great Gildersleeve.
 - 8:30—Beau Soit Musical.
 - 8:55—Musical Interlude.
 - 9:00—Musical Interlude.
 - 9:05—Francis Craig Serenade.
 - 9:30—Log Cabin Farms Orchestra.
 - 10:00—Musical Interlude.
 - 10:00—News Flashes.
 - 10:15—Betty Martin, Singer.
 - 10:30—Vienna Memories.
 - 11:00—St. Francis Hotel Orchestra.
 - 11:30—War News Roundup.
 - 12:00—2 a. m.—Music.

- KOIN—CBS—SUNDAY—870 Kc.
- 6:00—News of the World.
 - 6:15—From the Organ Loft.
 - 6:45—Gypsy Caravan.
 - 7:00—Church of the Air.
 - 7:30—Wings Over Jordan.
 - 8:00—West Coast Church.
 - 8:30—Invitation to Learning.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:15—Syncope Piece.
 - 9:30—Salt Lake Tabernacle.
 - 10:00—Church of the Air.
 - 10:15—News.
 - 10:45—News.
 - 11:00—Spirit of '42.
 - 11:30—Columbia Workshop.
 - 11:55—News.
 - 12:00—CBS Symphony.
 - 12:30—The Fausse That Refreshes.
 - 1:00—The Family Hour.
 - 2:45—William Shirer, News.
 - 3:00—Edward R. Morrow.
 - 3:15—Bobby Tucker and Voices.
 - 3:30—Melody Ranch.
 - 3:45—Chairo Gil Trio.
 - 4:30—News.
 - 4:45—William Wallace.
 - 5:00—World News Tonight.
 - 5:30—Ellison White Recital.
 - 5:45—Knox Manning, News.
 - 5:55—Elmer Davis, News.
 - 6:00—Fred Allen.
 - 7:00—Take It or Leave It.
 - 7:30—They Live Forever.
 - 8:00—Crime Doctor.
 - 8:30—Dick Joy, News.
 - 9:00—Baker Theatre Players.
 - 9:30—What's On Your Mind.
 - 9:30—Leon F. Drewes.
 - 10:00—Five Star Final.

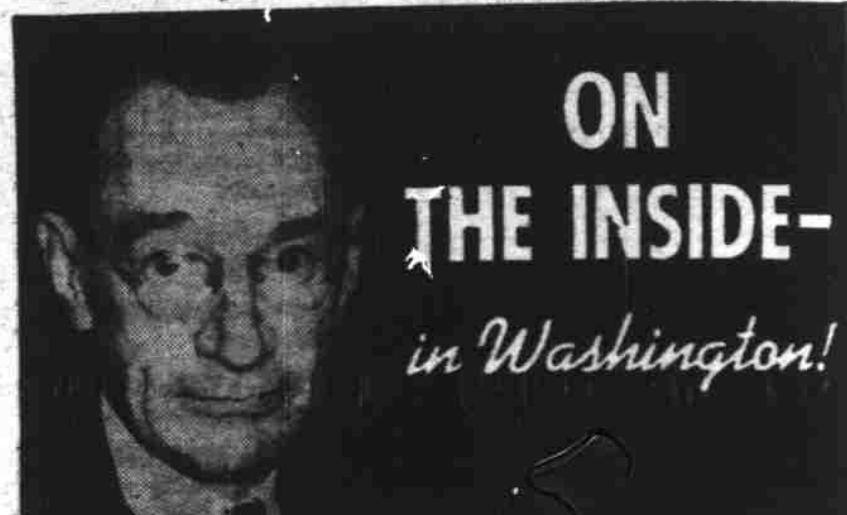
- KALE—MBS—SUNDAY—1330 Kc.
- 8:00—Reviewing Stand.
 - 8:30—Central Church of Christ.
 - 9:00—Voice of the Field.
 - 9:15—Gems of Melody.
 - 9:30—Owen Cunningham, Hawaii.
 - 9:45—Leticia Nicholas, Egypt.
 - 10:00—Frank Cuhel, Australia.
 - 10:15—News.
 - 10:30—Romance of the Hi-Ways.
 - 10:45—The Byrns Singer.
 - 11:00—Canary Chorus.
 - 11:00—Voices in Song.
 - 11:15—Ray Herbeck Orchestra.
 - 11:30—This Is Fort Dix.
 - 12:00—TBA.
 - 12:30—News.
 - 12:45—Stan Kenton Orchestra.
 - 1:00—Baseball Round Up.
 - 1:05—Claude Thornhill Orchestra.
 - 1:30—Young People's Church of Air.
 - 1:35—Swedish Baptist Temple.
 - 2:30—Portland Bible Classes.
 - 3:00—Wynne Williams, Commentator.
 - 3:30—Nobody's Children.
 - 4:00—News.
 - 4:15—Treasury Star Parade.
 - 4:30—TBA.
 - 5:00—American Forum of the Air.
 - 5:05—Round the Clock.
 - 5:30—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
 - 6:00—Ray Gram Swing.
 - 7:15—Let's We Forget.
 - 7:30—TBA.
 - 8:00—Hinson Memorial Church.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Voice of Prophecy.
 - 8:45—Sunday Serenade.
 - 10:00—Ella Fitzgerald Orchestra.
 - 10:30—News.
 - 10:45—Weddings Orchestra.
 - 11:30—Jan Savitt Orchestra.
 - 11:30—Johnny Richards Orchestra.

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Here's Mine, Where's Yours?



—From Huntington (W. Va.) Advertiser



By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analyst
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Even without the spur provided by that misnamed American flying officer, General Doolittle, and his men, Japan's mopup campaign in China has seemed the most logical Nipponese move once China's Burma road was called off.

The dangerous possibility of air attacks on Japan from bases in the great eastern bulge of China was too obvious to be ignored. The bombs Doolittle's planes scattered on Japanese cities merely made the danger more immediate than Tokyo had anticipated.

Yet, by Chinese estimates of the size of Japanese ground forces engaged, the China cleanup campaign represents a relatively small troop concentration compared with the size of the job in hand. There is no reason for Chinese spokesmen to minimize the Japanese strength, quite the contrary. They are urgently asking more Anglo-American help.

Yet available Chungking advices place the aggregate force involved in the four-pronged Japanese offensive in China's eastern provinces at less than 150,000 men. And with that force, fronted by a relatively heavy air power concentration,

the Japanese appear to be setting out to complete a job of breaking Chinese resistance or at least to sweep the United Nation frontier in China back far enough to safeguard Japan, Formosa and vital China sea traffic from air attack.

It is quite an undertaking in a geographical sense alone. The coastal and hinterland provinces of China in the eastern bulge south of Shanghai represent an enormous sweep of territory. To clear it all of Chinese resistance or potential allied air bases would require a gigantic expansion of Japanese control.

The greatest threat implied in American bombing of Japanese cities, assuming that Doolittle's planes took off from China (as the Japanese are convinced they did) is to Formosa, a target the American flier passed by. It lies in the China sea just across narrow Formosa strait from the south-eastern bend of the Chinese mainland coast.

Chang-sha, deep in the heart of the Chinese eastern bulge and scene of Japan's most recent setback, is not much more than 600 air miles from Formosa. That powerful island nerve center of the whole southward push of the Japanese is reachable by air from almost any part of the mainland provinces west of it.

'Crime at Castaway'

By EDITH BRISTOL

Chapter 25 Continued
"It's Lance," she sobbed. "They found the murder gun in his room at the construction camp."

The city detectives worked fast. He admitted that as Martha collected herself enough to tell us what had happened. It was 8 o'clock that morning when I told Landers and Howell of the sleeping medicine bought at the drug store in Gallina. And I was sure now, as I remembered it, that I had not mentioned Lance as the one who brought the medicine from the store to Castaway.

Before noon the two detectives were searching the ranch house, questioning the servants and Martha, looking for Lance, who had driven to the Gallina Dam construction camp. They certainly moved fast.

They must have covered the 70 miles to the dam in record-breaking time, for in the early afternoon they searched Lance's little room—the one he used when he stayed on the job overnight. And in that tiny room, if you could call the cubicle a room, under some clothes in a small chest of drawers, they found a revolver. A .32 calibre, it was, and hurrying back to the district attorney's office in Gallina, they found that its rifling matched the bullets neatly tagged "Exhibit A" in the murder mystery of Walter Gregg.

The rifling in the revolver was identical, too, with the grooves on the bullet taken from Durfee's brain and deposited in the office of the coroner, awaiting the delayed inquest. That they learned before nightfall.

... and Lance is being held," Martha concluded. "Under arrest?" Allen reached for his big hat. "They can't do that."

"Not under arrest. He's held as a material witness... what ever that means," Martha added. "And you know, Nate, that boy would have no more to do with any of these terrible things than a baby! You know that! And as for the Durfee killing, he was with you in the party that found the wrecked car."

Something was puzzling me. I asked a question.

"But the San Francisco detectives were not looking for a gun. They were searching for the person who changed the label on the box of Mrs. Gregg's sleeping medicine." It didn't make sense.

"Lance was the one who brought the medicine from the store yesterday... Only yesterday. It seemed ages ago."

"The officers here think he could have changed the label," Allen explained, homely personality any better than it fit her square, stocky figure.

"I tried to comfort her. But nothing I could say gave her as much comfort as the words Sydney blurted out."

"Aunt Martha—" He took one of her square brown hands in his. "Ever since I've been to Castaway, all the years I came to see you, you have been kind to

me—and good to my mother. I don't think I ever told you so. But I am sorry I have been such a heel—and now that Lance's in a jam I'll try to make it up to you by being as good to you as I can."

Martha cried a little—but I think it was better for her than the stony, rigid silence in which she had met her brother's death. Anyhow, I know what Sydney said helped her and we waited without much more conversation.

Deep down inside me there was awful feeling. This couldn't be true about Lance. My heart was aching for Aunt Martha and her fear for her boy. But there was some ache there for myself, as well. Lance couldn't be concerned in those ugly deeds. He wouldn't! There wasn't a chance. I remembered his clear eyes, his straightforward manner... It simply wasn't possible.

The sheriff wasn't gone very long. If he was much distressed by what he learned at the Hall of Justice he didn't show it. "These city detectives have got to show up a hick peace officer from the sticks—meaning me," he said. "They were right to check up on everybody who might have had access to the medicine that killed Estelle. Lance was only one of the persons questioned. Dr. Henry and the clerk at the store, too. Landers and Howell went over them all. That was only routine—it's something else that happened. I think it will prove to be the clue that will give us the real killer. Only right now it puts Lance on the spot. I talked to the boy. He's taking it all right."

"But why should they have driven clear up to the dam to search Lance's room to find out what he might have done to a package he carried home from the drug store?" I insisted.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

YANK THEIR NOODLE
(Tune: "Yankee Doodle")

We want no honeyed Japan "dish,"
Nor any of their gooster;
They platted maps and nabbed our fish,
To serve to Nippon's "Rooster."

They're Jap-a-lac-ed over head to toe;
Been waiting for their "orders";
They wily smiled, but were sly foe,
While living in our borders.

PEARL HARBOR only illustrates
The way they do their dirt-stuff;
Their aim but to assassinate;
Spy-plot in every shirt-cuff.

Too long, alas! we gypped ourselves;
Their smiles were abalastered;
We now know Jap and Nazi "valves"
With bombs of hate are plastered.

(Chorus)
Sammy's soldiers, keep it up!
Navy, Airman, vieing;
Not a son wants "silver cup,"
But keep our Colors flying!

EDGAR FIELD.