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Naval Attacks Batter Enemy in Aleutians

Grocery Prices To Rise

OPA Change to Avoid Squeezes From Price Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11-(AP) Widespread "adjustments in food prices" which reportedly may boost the nation's food bill about 1 1/2 per cent will be authorized for retailers and wholesalers by mid-September, Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced Tuesday.

However, he warned, until the new OPA formula is worked out to relieve a price "squeeze" on hundreds of food items, prices must remain at the March levels fixed by the general maximum price regulation.

Some pricing method, as an alternative to the general maximum requirements, was necessary to avert any disturbances in the nation's food distribution system, Henderson declared. The advance announcement of OPA's plans will permit distributors to contract with food processors immediately for next year's merchandise.

Officials pointed out that the use of March as OPA's "ceiling price month" caught food distributors with many selling prices based on costs of stocks bought months before. Meanwhile, replacement costs had risen for many items and distributors could not restock except at the risk of cash losses.

Unless this "squeeze" were relieved, low priced distributors, wholesale and retail, would have been compelled to drop important lines of food products, and food would have moved to consumers through distributors who had relatively high ceilings, he said.

The general maximum price regulation requires each seller to use as his maximum the highest (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Schools See Bus Problems

Faculty Resignations Accepted; Repair of Grandstand Slated

"Dimout" and rubber conservation orders drew attention of Salem school board Tuesday night as affecting football games and the transportation of elementary pupils to school from far corners of the district.

Supt. Frank Bennett said press reports indicated the district might be required to discontinue hauling grade pupils to school in busses in cases where they live within two miles of their respective buildings. The district has for several years provided this service for children living in Capitola subdivision north of the city, who attend Washington school, and for pupils in the southwest corner of the district, who go to Bush school.

Anticipating no restrictions on transportation of pupils from outside districts, the board approved its yearly contract with McClean Transportation company.

Whether or not school busses may be used to carry football and other teams to out-of-city games remains to be ascertained, the superintendent said.

Because use of the night lighting at Sweetland field will be forbidden under the dimout order going into effect on August 20, the board asked its building and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Service Men

Lawrence Blaisdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blaisdell of Salem, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army after graduating from officer's training at Camp Davis, North Carolina. He will report for duty this month at Riverside, Calif. Lt. Blaisdell's brother, Donald, is now in the army air corps and taking his training in navigation. He is at Mather Field, Sacramento, and on his first flight the pilot was Lt. Dale Shepherd of Salem. The two are old high school friends.

For additional news about men from Salem and vicinity in the armed forces, turn to page 5 of today's Statesman.

Train for Sol. in Island Attack



Marines Open Door to Allies

Invasion Rehearsals Conducted Under Live Bullets

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11-(AP) The navy declared Tuesday in a statement detailing preparations for the marine landings on the Solomon islands that "the marines have opened the door to an allied offensive in the south Pacific."

Invasion rehearsals held day and night as a prelude to the attack on the Japanese-held Tulagi territory of the Solomons included assaulting an objective under a barrage of live ammunition, the navy reported.

The navy declared, however, that "now—today, in hand-to-hand combat with the Japs in the Solomon islands, in close cooperation with other allied forces, the marines have opened the door to an allied offensive in the south Pacific."

With the explanation that "now it can be told" the navy said that reports to marine corps headquarters heretofore held secret "for obvious security reasons" indicated that "intensive jungle warfare training was being combined with marine amphibious tactics."

"Details of heavy calibre weapons are clouded in secrecy," the account continued, "but the familiarity of marines with small calibre weapons is a fact established through decades of close contact fighting."

"On combat ranges hewn out of cocconut and banana groves the leathernecks sharpened their shooting for the invasion operations they have now practiced on the Japs."

"The marines fired their rifles, their Tommyguns, Reising guns and Browning automatic rifles. They brushed up their training with .30 and .50 calibre light and heavy machine guns."

"Marines put new twists and tracks to the business of killing Japs. Quick shooting at surprise targets, knocking sniper dummies out of trees and assaulting an objective under a barrage of live ammunition were 1942 marine invasion rehearsals."

"During recent combat exercises lieutenants led their platoons through and under barbed wire against an objective while expert riflemen fired live bullets just above the heads of the crawling marines."

"In preparation for such strenuous work, marines aboard transports on the long voyage over spent hours in hand-to-hand combat work. Knives, small arms and jiu jitsu were important in shipboard training in preparation for eventual jungle warfare."

Kaiser Shipyard Safety Praised

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 11-(AP)—The Kaiser company's shipyard here "is one of the finest examples of engineering and production and safety I ever have seen," Lew Palmer, vice-president of the National Safety Council, said Tuesday on a west coast shipyard inspection tour.

Gable Enlists In Air Corps As Private

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11-(AP) Screen Actor Clark Gable will be enlisted in the army air force Wednesday afternoon as a private, an army recruiting official announced Tuesday.

He said Gable, 41, had made application for assignment as an aerial gunner.

"He doesn't want to sell bonds or pour pink tea," the official said. "He wants to be a regular soldier."

It was not announced where the actor would be sent for his preliminary training, which will consist of both ground and aerial instruction.

Gable took his physical examination Monday. The place of enlistment was being kept secret, the officer said, to forestall the gathering of a gallery of film fans.

Gable announced last week he offered his services to the army air force three weeks ago and had conferred with air force officials in Washington, DC.

"He's an enlistee," the officer emphasized, "and he said he wants to go wherever the army wants to send him. He said he wants action."

Tax Increases Get Argument

Low or High Income Burden Stressed; Townsend Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11-(AP) Stiff increases in taxes on lower bracket incomes were urged and opposed Tuesday before the senate finance committee.

Dr. Joseph J. Klein, New York city, former president of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, declared persons with incomes of less than \$10,000 a year would not bear their full share of taxation under the new revenue bill already approved by the house.

Klein, who said he was testifying merely as an individual, expressed the opinion there was "no more tax gold in the corporate hills." He said little additional revenue could be obtained from those making \$10,000 a year and up.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said he was convinced the house-approved bill would permit \$36,000,000,000 in earnings made by persons in the lower brackets to go untaxed.

Taking an opposite viewpoint, Samuel C. Greenfield, speaking for the teachers union of New York city, asserted the new bill would fall most heavily on persons (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Swimming Pool Funds Sought

Will Close August 21 Unless—; Board Would Meet Half

Salem's playground program, already cut to operation only of the Olinger and Leslie swimming pools, will halt on August 21 unless additional funds are provided, Gurnee Flesher, director, announced Tuesday.

Letters addressed to the school board and the city council, which jointly finance the program, carried the request of the playground board for an immediate decision as to whether or not the pools should be kept open at least until Labor day, September 7. Operation cost for the extended period would be \$914.94, Flesher wrote.

The Salem school board Tuesday night expressed its approval of continuance of the pools provided the city council would meet half of the cost.

"We feel that the greatest need for the swimming pools is yet to come," Mrs. David Wright, playground board chairman, declared. "Our warmest weather is ahead, and our need for recreational facilities is increasing rather than diminishing."

Facing a crisis in financing the playground program, the governing board late in July decided to terminate the kindergarten and other ground activities in order that the two pools could be kept open through part of August.

The shortage of funds resulted from the discontinuance of WPA assistance in providing personnel. Mrs. Wright said. The school board increased its appropriation for the season to \$3968 to offset the loss of WPA employees, but the city council declined to match the school fund in full and allotted only \$2754.87 in its budget.

Women's Help To Be Asked

Salem restaurant men decided Tuesday to appeal to their women customers to help them meet the employe shortage.

At a meeting called by the chamber of commerce and the Salem Restaurant association, the food dispensers agreed to present notices to women patrons, inviting them to register if they are willing to accept rush hour assignments "as a patriotic gesture." A special training course in restaurant work will be offered to women who agree to report for duty on a call basis.

\$1790 a Second US War Costs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11-(AP) War spending by the United States reached a rate of \$1790 a second in July.

The office of war information reported Tuesday disbursements by the treasury and expenditures by the Reconstruction Finance corporation and its subsidiaries for war purposes totaled \$4,794,000,000, compared with the previous record of \$4,123,000,000 in June.

Monday's Weather Monday's max. temp. 80, min. 59. River Monday—3.5 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Germans Advance On Wells

Southeast Drive Nears Grozny as Stalingrad Holds

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Wednesday, Aug. 12-(AP)—German troops striking southeastward in the Caucasus were reported officially Wednesday to be only 200 miles from the rich Grozny wells after overrunning the devastated Maikop oil region in the west.

A communique announced the Germans had reached the Cherkessk area, 70 miles southeast of Armavir, in a thrust down the Rostov-Baku railway into the Caucasian foothills. (Cherkessk, not shown on many maps, apparently is a town often listed as Kursavka).

The Germans have said their troops had captured Pyatigorsk, only 140 miles short of Grozny, but there still was no confirmation here of that claim.

The Russians were fighting "heavy defensive battles both in the Cherkessk and Maikop areas," the communique said, and the Germans also "broke through our positions" in the Krasnodar sector 60 miles northwest of Maikop.

Soviet tankmen and Cossacks picked off 19 German tanks and 37 trucks, and killed 700 Germans before withdrawing to new positions south of Krasnodar, the Russians said.

When German tanks managed to break through this defense zone the Russians said "our tankists and Cossack units launched a counter-attack from the flanks and cut off the group of Hitlerites that broke through."

The red army units, however, fighting in this area were in danger of being trapped by the Nazi units operating in the Maikop area to the southeast. (The Germans claimed they had cornered Russian units in the Black sea coastal area between Novorossisk and Tuapse, west and south of Krasnodar, and that their airplanes had sunk 11 soviet ships which were evacuating Russian troops.)

In the grim fight for the approaches to Stalingrad the Russians apparently still were holding firm.

"In the area south of Kletsakaya (75 miles northwest of Stalingrad), our troops carried out stubborn battles with tanks and enemy infantry," the communique said.

"The Germans are suffering tremendous losses. Bringing up reserves, they are attempting to break through. One large enemy motorized column has been dispersed by our troops."

Northwest of Kotelnikovsk, which is 95 miles southwest of Stalingrad, the communique said all types of weapons were in action, and "the enemy was forced to go over to defensive operations" in one area.

The Russians said that during a large tank battle preceding this development their red army destroyed 21 Nazi tanks and killed 800 Germans.

Far to the north on the upper Don the Russians said their troops still held the western bank of that river in the Voronezh area after beating off several German attacks.

The Russians fighting southeast of Armavir were favored somewhat by rougher terrain.

Dimout Deadline Said Absolute; No Leniency

The August 20 deadline on compliance with the western defense command's dimout order, which applies to most of Marion county, is absolute and no leniency may be shown violators on and after that day, Deputy Sheriff Kenneth L. Randall warned Tuesday.

"The order will be rigidly enforced," Randall emphasized. "Effective date of the order was made far enough in advance to give everyone time to learn what the regulations are and to comply. This office does not intend to grant any extension of time to anyone."

Randall said he did not believe there would be much difficulty in obtaining compliance with the order, which applies to outdoor illumination other than automobile headlights and street lighting.

Halt Kiska Shore Guns; Planes Flank Landings

News Missing On Solomons; Japs Downed

Raids on Pacific Isles Net Enemy Cargo Vessel, Planes By C. YATES McDANIEL

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Wednesday, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Allied bombers showered bombs Tuesday night on the big Japanese base of Rabaul, New Britain, in a valuable flanking attack to support the US marines who have established footholds in the Solomon islands and are holding their ground despite fierce Japanese counter-attacks.

A communique issued here Wednesday still avoided all specific mention of the continuing battle of the Solomons, across the Coral sea, but Prime Minister John Curtin said Tuesday "we are holding our own" in that action.

Allied airmen attacked the Rabaul airdrome for the fourth time in as many days, the communique said, and two and possibly five Japanese fighter planes were destroyed north of Samarai, which is on the southeastern tip of New Guinea directly west of the Tulagi area where US naval, air, and marine forces were in action against the Japanese Solomon bases.

The remaining two Japanese fighters out of a flight of seven encountered in the Samarai area were reported damaged.

Striking northwest and north of Australia, allied airmen again attacked Japanese shipping off Timor, Dutch East Indies island, where three Japanese ships, including a large destroyer, were reported knocked out Monday.

A cargo ship was sunk in Monday's attack, it was announced officially Wednesday, but the result of the second raid was not known.

Direct hits on Japanese-held wharfs and buildings in the Kei islands northeast of Timor also were reported.

It was disclosed, meanwhile, American troops exclusively were (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Secret Plane Is Unveiled

Lancaster Made War's Longest Raid, Will Carry Big Bomb Load

LONDON, Aug. 11-(AP)—Britain took her Avro Lancaster off the secret list Tuesday and British aeronautics writers quickly hailed the battle-tested machine as the biggest and fastest heavy bomber in the world.

The newly unveiled giant, like its famous teammate in raids on Germany—the Short Stirling—carries an eight-ton bomb load, but its pace of 300 miles per hour and up is better than the Stirling's. The Lancaster is armed with ten .303-calibre machine-guns mounted in four powered turrets.

It has a maximum range of 3000 miles, a thousand more than the Stirling, and is thus the prime weapon for bold raids on selected targets deep in Germany. Its first officially disclosed operation was the daring daylight raid on Augsburg last April 17.

In July several Lancaster squadrons made the longest daylight attack flight of the European war—1750 miles through bad weather to bomb the Danzig submarine yards.

The Lancaster's weight is 30 tons. It has a wing spread of 102 feet and a 33-foot bomb compartment.

Aeronautical writers reported it is one of the favorites of RAF crews because of its exceptional speed and maneuverability.

Radio Set Blazes An overheated radio at the H. L. Stiff Furniture company Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. was the cause of a call to the city fire department. No serious damage resulted.

Silenced



Mrs. Kasturbal Gandhi, wife of the Mahatma, was detained by police when she attempted to address a meeting in Shiva-Ji park, Bombay, after the arrest of her husband.

Whips Invoked To Quell India

Bombay Police Mass; 31 Die in Riots for 'Free India'

BOMBAY, Aug. 11-(AP)—The governor of populous Bombay province Tuesday night ordered massed police patrols and British army machine-guns to use the strongest measures, including lashing, to quell disorders in this storm center of the Gandhi free India campaign.

The stern new order came after troops and police had fired into many unruly crowds.

"I can not allow this disturbance of the life of the city to continue," said the governor, Sir Roger Lumley.

"I am going to maintain order at any cost. To those, therefore, who may be thinking of going on with these disturbances, I now give this plain warning: The police and troops have orders to take the strongest measures whenever necessary."

In continuing clashes between civil disobedience demonstrations and the security forces, 13 more persons were killed and 30 injured Tuesday in 10 separate outbreaks here, with troops following up their repeated actions of Monday in firing on crowds on one or two occasions.

This brought casualties in Bombay alone, since the first outbreak Sunday upon the arrest of Mohandas K. Gandhi, to at least 31 dead and more than 250 injured. More than 500 arrests have been made. There was no accurate count of casualties elsewhere in the teeming sub-continent.

At Patna, capital of Bihar province, five persons were killed and 19 injured when police fired on demonstrators massed near the government secretariat this afternoon.

Lumley followed up his broadcast warning Tuesday night with a communique announcing invocation of an emergency whipping act for Bombay province and the drafting of several hundred additional police into the city from other districts.

The provincial police force (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Nazi Invaders Poise on Kerch

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 12 (AP)—A Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Express said hundreds of Nazi barges, flat-bottomed boats, and coastal craft were concentrated in the Crimea awaiting a signal to transport a German invasion army across the Kerch strait to the Caucasus.

This invasion army, supported by strong parachute formations, intends to try to prevent the Black sea evacuation of Russians from the Novorossisk area, the correspondent said.

Enemy Vessel Sunk; Two Damaged

Surprised Japs Fire Ack-Ack Guns at Imagined Planes By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. (AP)—A relentless series of air attacks and a single bombardment by a naval task force have badly battered Japanese land installations in the Aleutian islands and resulted in the sinking of one enemy cargo ship and damaging of two others, the navy announced Tuesday night.

The bombardment by cruisers and destroyers—first of its kind in the North Pacific—so surprised the Japs they responded to the first shells with anti-aircraft fire. It was carried out last Saturday simultaneously with initial attacks on Japanese forces in the Solomon islands, more than 4000 miles to the southwest.

Tuesday's navy communique, dealing primarily with a review of Aleutian actions, had little to say of the violent fighting for possession of the Tulagi area of the Solomons except it was continuing.

The communique, number 103, based on reports received up to 6 p. m. eastern war time, said: "North Pacific area: '1. Information received by the navy department now makes it possible to report the following incidents in the Aleutian islands: '2. On July 22 army bombers dropped bombs through the fog in the area of Kiska harbor. Results were unobserved. '3. On July 29 navy patrol planes conducted a night attack on Kiska and army bombers attacked shore installations and ships in the same vicinity. '4. On August 3, Japanese aircraft attacked the US destroyer Kane off Atka island, about 300 miles east of Kiska. No damage was inflicted. Army bombers (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

RAF Raids Nazis Again

German Planes Visit London, Provinces As Annoyance

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 12. (AP)—British bombers attacked targets in Germany during the night after a one-night gap in their offensive due to bad weather, it was stated authoritatively Wednesday.

German nuisance raiders meanwhile kept millions of Britons awake with raids on four provincial districts and a brief visit to London. One German bomber was destroyed in the provinces.

In London the alarm lasted only half an hour. No gunfire was heard.

The raiders dropped incendiary bombs at points in the east and west midlands, on the east coast and on a town on the southeast coast where a few explosive bombs were mixed with the incendiaries.

Earlier in the night Nazi raiders flew in low from the sea and dropped high explosives and incendiary bombs on a southwest coast town.

A number of direct hits damaged buildings, including a church, in the brief raid. A number of casualties were reported.

Eight of the raiders machine-gunned the town after dropping their bombs. Some persons were buried in debris. First reports listed eight killed and many persons hurt.

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