

FDR Approves Gasoline, Speed, Mileage Rationing

Baruch Committee Favors Nationwide Limits, More Synthetic Rubber Making

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The Baruch committee proposed and President Roosevelt immediately approved Thursday the imposition of nationwide gas rationing and other rigid civilian motoring restrictions to keep a "dangerous" rubber shortage from producing "both a military and civilian collapse."

Asserting that "the naked facts present a warning" which the country dare not ignore, that the choice is "discomfort or defeat," the committee recommended:

Workers Must Return to Jobs

Lumber, Metal Labor Freeze Effective Last Sunday

PORTLAND, Sept. 10—(AP)—Workers who have left jobs in logging, lumbering and non-ferrous metals industries since midnight Sunday, Sept. 6, must return to them, Maj.-Gen. H. G. Winsor, war manpower regional director, declared Thursday.

All logging and lumbering industries and activities are considered essential to war production, he said, and workers in them cannot quit one job and go to another without a certificate of separation from the US employment service. If a worker has quit since midnight, September 6, he must return to that job, even though in the meantime he has obtained another, if he wants employment of any kind.

To clarify the order affecting the non-ferrous metals industry, Gen. Winsor said that gold and silver as well as iron industries were excluded. The order applies, he said, to mining, milling, smelting and refining of copper, zinc, lead, tin, antimony, arsenic, aluminum, magnesium, mercury, tungsten, molybdenum, vanadium, manganese and chromium.

The office of war information here said that this brought under the order all workers in the aluminum reduction plants at Troutdale, Ore., and Vancouver, Longview, Tacoma and Spokane, Wash., the ferro-alloys company plants at Tacoma and Wenatchee and the American Smelting and Refining company plant at Tacoma, among the larger organizations.

The purpose of the order, Gen. Winsor explained, was to halt the practice known in the trade as "scampering"—workers shifting from one job to another, leaving critical industries crippled by labor shortages or by employment of inexperienced help.

The employment service, under McNutt's order, may issue certificates of separation when the workman is qualified to perform higher skilled labor than his current employer can provide. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Wednesday's Weather

Wednesday's max. temp. 72, min. 54. River Thursday 3.9 ft. By air request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

4H Fat Market Auction Today

The 4H club show, all that is evident of the state fair this year, comes to an end today, with climax to be the third annual state fair clubbers' fat market livestock auction, starting at 10 a. m.

Army Reserves To Be Called

College Men Subject When 20; Women in War Work Help

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—Because of the "exigencies of war," Secretary Stimson announced Thursday the war department's intention to call to active military duty all college student members of the army enlisted reserve as they reach the draft age.

Students in more than 1000 colleges and universities have joined the reserves under an arrangement whereby they would continue their studies, although they were subject to call if needed.

"It is now expected that by the end of the college term or semester beginning in September those student members of the reserve who have reached selective service age will all or for the most part be called to active duty," the war secretary said in a statement.

"Those reaching that age during subsequent terms will similarly be called."

The new policy, officials said, applies also to students who have joined the army air force reserve.

The navy, however, reported no change in its announced intention to permit its student reservists to continue their studies as long as possible.

The present minimum draft age is 20 but the war department has urged that it be lowered to 18.

Noting that "we are running short of army manpower now," Stimson also announced that several thousand members of the regular army reserve, enlisted reserve corps, and the national guard, who have been deferred thus far because of dependency, would be recalled to active duty in October and November.

All are former servicemen. Their recall was made feasible, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Grange's Head Asserts Price Move Politics

BOSTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange, asserted Thursday that President Roosevelt's promise to impose new farm price ceilings by October 1, if congress did not act before then, was "purely political."

"I don't think there's any emergency that requires such a threat," he said at a press conference after conferring with New England grange leaders.

Declaring that the country was in no danger "of blowing up" in the immediate future, Goss said that Price Administrator Leon Henderson already had the power to regulate farm prices.

"Of the 22 farm commodities which comprise 75 per cent of all agricultural production," he said, "thirteen already are selling far below parity prices, while Henderson already has the power to restrict prices on the eight items which now are selling at prices far above those set by law."

Goss said the administration hesitated to act on those commodities because cutting prices on them would result in production's being cut off.

"This, he said, left only one commodity—chickens—between parity and 110 per cent of parity.

Pointing out that the October 1 deadline which the president set for congress to act was only five weeks before the November elections, Goss said it was calculated to put many of Mr. Roosevelt's congressional antagonists "on the spot" by forcing them to take a position on the price issue which may appear to be contrary to the view of either labor or agriculture or both.

Wickard Warns Fighters Take First Claim

Secretary Hailed Report as 'Tremendous Victory'

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David Oliver, Corvallis, exhibited the grand champion fat lamb, and reserve was shown by Arthur Ching, Albany. In the fat lamb entries, first place in each class went to Hampshire, Bobby Steele, Monroe; Shropshire, Douglas Decker, Portland. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

British Battle for Madagascar Control, On Sealanes to Mid-East, Pacific Fronts; Russians Retreat Fourth Straight Day

US Harvest to Top Record of 1937 if Prospects Continue

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—Prospects for an aggregate crop production of unprecedented proportions continued to improve during the past month, the agriculture department reported Thursday in estimating the total harvest would be 13 per cent higher than the peak year of 1937.

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Women Pilots To Ferry for US Transport

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The first military squadron of women pilots in the United States was announced Thursday when the air transport command set up an experimental organization to ferry small army planes within the country.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Nancy Harkness Love, 28, of Boston, an experienced pilot and the wife of the deputy chief of staff of the transport command, about 50 women fliers will be inducted into the women's auxiliary ferrying squadron with headquarters at Wilmington, Del.

Qualifications for the women pilots will be substantially the same as for men—age 21-35, high school education, possession of a commercial license, at least 500 hours certified flying time, American citizenship and cross-country flying experience.

At the outset, members of the squadron will be paid at the rate of \$3000 a year.

City Salvage Drive Sets All-Out Week

An all-out war salvage drive to start in the business district September 23 and spread to the residential areas the following week was outlined at a meeting of representatives of the city and county salvage committees and of the two Salem daily newspapers Thursday night.

Pickup service to all parts of the city will be made available through use of city and other trucks on specified days. C. W. Paulus, county salvage chairman, announced.

Mr. Paulus declared a complete roundup of all metals not in use was essential to keep steel mills and other war industries in full production this winter. Salem homes should produce at least 450 tons, on the basis of national estimates, he said.

Steel, cast iron, brass, bronze and aluminum are especially wanted. Tin cans, however, are not being collected in the impending drive.

Salvage collected in this drive, as with that being left at the six city salvage depots opened last month, will be sold under the direction of United War Chest officials and the proceeds retained by their agency to help finance its program for the coming year, the committee emphasized.

The program as outlined Thursday night calls upon downtown business houses to comb base— (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

RAF Bombs West German Cities Again

BERLIN (from German Broadcasts), Sept. 1—(AP)—British bombers attacked several places in western Germany Thursday night, the Berlin radio reported Friday.

Twenty one of the raiders were shot down by night fighters and anti-aircraft batteries, the announcement said.

LONDON, Sept. 10—(AP)—Russian bombers ranging over wide areas from the east in their part of a great allied air offensive touched off scores of fires and explosions Wednesday in Berlin, Budapest and Koenigsberg, the Moscow radio announced Thursday night.

It was the second time within a week that the red bombers spread alarm over Nazi and axis areas. This time the Russians said two bombers failed to return to their bases.

Thirty eight fires, 12 of them large, were observed in Budapest and eight explosions were caused in the Hungarian capital.

In Berlin, 13 fires and four explosions were observed, east Prussia.

The Germans acknowledged Thursday that Russian planes penetrated again to the environs of Berlin Wednesday night and attacked Budapest.

Hitler Seeks French Fleet

LONDON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The British Press association said Thursday that Adolf Hitler has renewed his demands for control of the French fleet since the allied raid at Dieppe in order to bolster his European coastal defenses.

The Press association said some reports claim that Hitler renewed his demands in a personal message to Marshal Petain, and that the Fuehrer was so anxious to press his arguments he was "prepared to see Petain personally."

Allies Halt Japanese At Efogi; Fighting Heavy in Jungles

Indian Ocean Action Satisfactory; Japs Felt Planning New Actions; Churchill Denies India Compromise

The United Nations undertook Thursday night another major operation to secure the main sea passages of this global war, reaching out with superior sea-air-land forces to control all of the fourth biggest island in the world, Madagascar in the Indian ocean.

This operation was related equally to the war of Europe, where the Russians still are barring the way to Stalingrad, and to the war in Asia, where a major battle is impending for possession of Port Moresby, the important US-Australian outpost in the southwest Pacific islands.

Although Stalingrad still was Russian, its defenders were under terrifying pressure, and the mid-night Moscow communique acknowledged another retreat and the evacuation of three more hamlets on the west side of the city.

It was the fourth retreat in four days, and since Wednesday, the Russians had lost five populated places.

The communique also said that fighting was raging in the streets of Novorossisk, on the Black sea front, a former naval station which the Germans claimed as captured last Sunday.

The Japanese fighting their way over the Owen Stanley mountain range of New Guinea toward Port Moresby were checked at Efogi, General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia announced Friday, after having reached this area Wednesday in an advance from Myola.

However, "bitter fighting continues with casualties reported heavy on both sides," the communique said of this front, where the allied defenders must cope with green-painted Japanese fighters specially trained in jungle warfare.

The British, who last May occupied the Diego Suarez naval station at the top of Madagascar and subsequently penetrated some distance down the east coast, now have sent major naval, air and landing forces against three important ports along 700 miles of the west coast.

The first British report said the operation was proceeding satisfactorily.

Madagascar's west coast faces mainland Africa across the broad Mozambique channel, which is the seaway for all the heavy US-British traffic bound for the middle east, for the Persian gulf route to Russia and for a good deal of the military supplies of India.

The new offensive has the full approval of the United States (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Flames Sweep Oil Refinery

ENID, Okla., Sept. 11—(AP)—Flames, started by an explosion on a tank farm swept through the refinery of the Champlin Oil company Thursday.

The cause of the blast was not determined.

The flames first spread to a tank car loading rack and six tank cars of gasoline, standing on the siding, exploded, aiding in spreading the flames to the refinery itself.

Plant officials were unable to immediately say if there had been any deaths or injuries or the extent of damage.

City Employes Seek Raises

Ways of obtaining more pay for city employes to meet wartime living costs were discussed at a meeting reportedly attended by 18 members of the fire and police departments at the East Salem fire station Thursday night.

The group decided to call a mass meeting of city government workers to be held in the city council chambers on Monday night of next week.

Proposals being considered very from an outright request to the council for higher wages to submitting a measure for the purpose to the voters.

Nazis Claim Volga

BERLIN, Sept. 10—(AP)—(From German Broadcasts)—The Berlin radio said Thursday night that a German tank corps had reached the Volga north of Stalingrad and enlarged its gains in the face of heavy Russian counter-attacks.

Senate Eases Lower Taxes

New Surtax Schedule Strikes \$8000-Plus Group; Work Done

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—(AP)—The senate finance committee Thursday eased the impact of proposed individual income taxes in the lower brackets and increased tax liabilities somewhat in the higher levels by adopting a new schedule of surtaxes for net incomes up to \$8000 a year.

The new rates, for incomes below \$2000, would be imposed in \$5000 income bands instead of one \$2000 bracket as under present law. This made possible a more gentle graduation of the rates, and imposition of a 10 per cent rather than 13 per cent surtax rate on the first \$500 of surtax net income.

From \$500 to \$1000, the rate was set at 13 per cent, as proposed in the house bill, but from \$1500 to \$8000 the senate voted rates ranging from one to five percentage points higher than the house. Above \$8000 the rates would be unchanged from the house proposal, but the total surtax would be larger through the cumulative effect of the \$1500 to \$8000 bracket increases.

Treasury officials estimated the change would add \$33,000,000 a year revenue.

During the day Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau told a press conference that war spending made inevitable some form of "forced savings."

Chairman George (D-Ga) said Thursday's action virtually wound up the work on individual income tax sections of the new revenue bill. No action was taken on President Roosevelt's recommendation that maximum individual incomes be limited to \$25,000 a year after payment of taxes.

In combination with the 5 per cent "victory" tax adopted Wednesday, the gross income in excess of \$624, the proposed new income rates present a formidable financial challenge to most taxpayers.

Where a married man with two dependents and a \$3000 annual income would owe \$58 under present law, the house raised his liability to \$172 and the senate to \$275.

The senate committee approved the house exemptions of \$1200 for married persons and \$500 for single persons (compared with \$1500 and \$750 under present law) but voted to cut the allowance for dependents from \$400 to \$300.

The committee also ratified the house action in raising the normal tax on individuals from 4 per cent to 5 per cent.

Service Men

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Durham have received word that their son Clark has been promoted to grade of captain. Captain Durham, stationed at Gray field, Fort Lewis, Wash., is at present attending the aerial gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev.

Additional service men on page five.