

Hoover Warns Farms Failing

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"The home front is as important as the military front," he said. "The home front of the greatest staying power, of the greatest resources, of the greatest will to endure and work will give the greatest strength to the military front."

"A weakened home front will weaken the military front. Wars can be won or lost on the home front in this war as in any war."

"We have weaknesses on the home front . . . One of these weaknesses is in the food sector. And indeed, of the different sectors of the home front food is the greatest."

"It stands next to the military effort in importance. Food serves on both the home and the foreign fronts. We have not only the job of feeding ourselves, but also our allies."

"And if we would have peace after the war instead of the anarchy of starving Europe we must be prepared to meet that also. Therefore our food production must be strengthened for a huge and long sustained effort."

"Moreover, while our civil population can be deeply deprived of most other consumers' goods there is a sharp limit to what it can endure in food and still be physically effective for its part in the war."

Hoover said there now existed "five certain" drains or deficits in our national larder, and listed them as:

1. This is no longer a great food surplus nation, having a surplus only in cereals. "With this exception, cereals," he said, "the day after Pearl Harbor our national cupboard was potentially partly short of its normal food."
2. "We are compelled to open our larder, already depleted by blockade of our imports, to help Britain, Russia and others through lend-lease."
3. The nation's armed men eat more than civilians and must have a priority on the larder.
4. The increased numbers engaged in hard physical labor need more food.
5. "The fifth and most disturbing thing about our nationwide larder," he said, "is the prospective decrease in our food production. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has repeatedly warned we will produce less in 1943 than in the last year."

Red Cross Reaches 50 Millions Mark

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Contributions of \$50,000,000 to the 1943 Red Cross war fund so far was announced Monday night by Walter S. Gifford, fund chairman.

Gifford told a rally that prospects are encouraging for reaching the \$125,000,000 goal by the end of the month.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

When, and if, I learn to read the Chinese language, the first bit of literature I shall seek is the classified page of a city newspaper.

Leaving the hometown advertising art untouched (as good taste should dictate), I turn to that of metropolitan papers when I want real reading recreation.

All sorts of visions come with description of New York apartment, "suitable for single business woman, \$1500," or the SF Chronicle's "attractive front studio, marine view, \$22.50, private home."

Equally suggestive of greener pastures are the employment agency ads indicating that, without experience, a woman college graduate can ask up to \$200 a month for "newspaper work" . . . and get it! Of course, by the time that paper had arrived in Salem some college graduate should have snapped up the job. Anyhow, I couldn't meet the requirements, for I've had experience of a sort.

But for sheer relaxation give me the "Personal" column. Next to an ad which says "Scratching won't kill fleas" is one that tells where and how "Charming Escorts" may be secured, no prices mentioned. But if you are a young lady, 21 to 35, you may get introductions free through the next advertiser.

Prize of the lot was that of a "Gable type" man, "with Authy voice," who was, I believe, interested in correspondence with a view to matrimony. I kept the ad in my desk for weeks, and now I've lost it. Oh, well, he was probably snapped up long ago by an eighth grade graduate with experience!

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Ruml Reminds His Proposal Would Have Tax Paid Now

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 (AP)—Beardsley Ruml reminded American taxpayers Monday night that although they have paid a quarter of their 1942 income tax they still owe the government nearly a full year's tax, while under his pay-as-you-go plan they would be all paid up.

"The payment would be the same," he explained in a nationwide broadcast, "but our financial situation would be much better. Being free of income tax debt will increase our security and reduce our fear of loss of income from whatever cause."

City Fine Set, Broken Glass

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a claim for Mrs. Bertha Conklin for a \$70 doctor's bill, resulting from a fall on a downtown street corner during snowy weather. She broke her arm and was unable to work for six weeks. Mrs. Conklin declared in a letter to the council but would not ask remuneration for work missed.

City employees cut grass and weeds on 221 parcels of land in Salem last year; for 106 such jobs the city received pay totaling \$187.58; delinquent payments for work on 115 lots amounted to \$312.98, according to a report by City Engineer J. H. Davis.

Notices of needed grass cutting were sent to 478 property owners, and 145 parcels of property were trimmed by their owners. Davis said, suggesting that if the work of the street department in caring for this task was not satisfactory it might be turned over to another office.

Sale of 11 and a fraction lots for sums totaling \$2425 was authorized in a series of resolutions adopted in one action, and a resolution providing for official closure of the never-opened north-south alley in block 4, Capitol Park addition, was adopted.

Hop Meeting Cons Ceiling

SALT LAKE CITY, March 15 (AP)—Representatives of growers of 99 per cent of the nation's hops discussed with brewers and government officials Monday proposed imposition of ceiling prices on the 1943 crop.

E. G. Even of Washington, DC, acting head of the beverage section, office of price administration, presided at the closed hearing. Participants declined to comment on progress.

No ceiling price was imposed on the 1942 crop.

Brewers said a deficiency in the supply of hops appeared in prospect since imports from foreign countries had been cut off.

Growers from Washington, California, Oregon and Idaho— which together produce all but one per cent of the hops grown in this country—attended the conference which continues Tuesday.

Rubber Picture Said Brighter

DETROIT, March 15 (AP)—William M. Jeffers, national rubber coordinator, Monday pictured the outlook in the rubber situation as bright, but asserted that it would be from a year to 15 months "before we know where we stand on synthetics."

"We will be close to the danger point in November or December of this year," Jeffers said at a press conference. He added that from that point on the curve should move steadily upward.

The reclaimed rubber program, he said, was "going on very well," with enough scrap on hand for two years.

Prof. Kelly Dies

Curtis Kelly, professor of business administration at Oregon State college, died at Corvallis Monday morning, March 15. Survivors include the widow, Corvallis; two sons, George D. Kelly of Salem and Clinton Kelly of Boston, Mass.; three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Clowe of Dexter, Mo., Mrs. W. H. Dunkin of Portland and Mrs. E. T. Reid of Salem. Funeral services are to be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Corvallis.

Volcano Threatens

URUAPAN, Mexico, March 15 (AP)—Ashes from the volcano at San Juan Paragarcitero, which became active several weeks ago, began falling upon this city of 10,000 Monday, and some inhabitants evacuated immediately. The volcano is 30 miles from here.

Taxing US Favored

ATLANTA, March 15 (AP)—A bill to tax federal agencies competing with private enterprise in Georgia, on the same scale as the private business is assessed, passed the state house unanimously Monday.

Obituary

Rice
Fred J. Rice, at the residence, 956 Market street, March 15, aged 82. Survived by three sons, F. B. Rice and Glen K. Rice, both of Salem, and Paul Rice of Everett, Wash.; one brother, C. O. Rice of Salem; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Funeral announcements later by Clough-Barrick company.

Too Late to Classify

Due to fire in our kitchen, we will be closed all day Tuesday. Open Wednesday at 10 a. m. White's Lunch.

Court Upholds ICC in Rail Reorganizing

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission was upheld in general by the supreme court Monday in two railroad reorganization plans, both of which excluded stockholders from participation and one of which excluded unsecured creditors. The reorganizations were instituted in 1935 under the federal bankruptcy act.

Numerous other reorganizations had been held up to await the court's pronouncement as to the validity of the ICC's procedure. Counsel for investors who opposed the plans said that the decision had a bearing on the reorganization plans of all railroads in receivership or trusteeship, constituting 29.5 per cent of the country's entire railroad mileage.

The court upheld in its entirety the reorganization plan for the Western Pacific railroad in a decision written by Justice Reed. The plan for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad was affirmed except for two minor points involving the treatment of general mortgage bonds and 50-year bonds which were remanded to the district court for settlement; this decision was by Justice Douglas.

Justice Roberts dissented in part to both decisions and Justice Frankfurter in part to the Western Pacific. Justices Jackson and Rutledge did not participate.

In both cases the manner of the ICC's finding that the equity of the existing stock had no value was specifically upheld. On this basis the ICC found that no securities or cash should be distributed to those claims under the reorganization.

In other actions the court reversed itself and granted a review to three alleged members of "Murder, Inc." sentenced to death in connection with the slaying of a Brooklyn, N.Y., storekeeper.

The court, which denied a review a month ago, did not explain its unusual action Monday.

The three prisoners, Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, Emanuel Weiss and Louis Capone, contended there was reasonable doubt that they had a fair trial because of strong public sentiment against them.

The court refused to reconsider its recent decision upholding the conviction of Enoch L. "Nucky" Johnson, former Atlantic City, N.Y., republican leader convicted of evading income taxes, or to review the conviction of Orman W. Ewing, former democratic national committee man from Utah, on a charge of riping a 19-year-old government worker here.

Nazis Corral French Labor

BERN, Switzerland, March 15 (AP)—German SS and regular troops were reported Monday night to be rounding up Frenchmen for forced labor by house-to-house raids in Lyon and other districts, in some cases seizing Frenchmen and shipping them off to Germany by freight carload lots with out allowing them to communicate with their families.

The Nazis led details of French police in house-to-house night raids, and fear was expressed that even women 18 to 35 years old might be mobilized for work in Germany, advices reaching Bern reported.

German and Italian occupation authorities meanwhile kept hands off the troubled Haute Savoie district, where the Vichy government had sent more than 1000 mobile guards equipped with machine-guns to rout out more than 5000 youths who had taken to the woods and the mountains to evade forced labor.

Cot Loan Sought, Soldier Dormitory

Block leaders of Salem are currying their assigned residential areas to locate cots which might be used in the city's soldier dormitory project, Miss Hazel Harper, head of the county block leaders' organization said Tuesday night.

Five hundred beds are needed, the citizens' service corps has been informed, with those of the collapsible variety given a preference rating.

Cots borrowed will be permanently marked with the owners' names and addresses for return after the war, Miss Harper said.

Portland U Students See 52 Leave Army

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15 (AP)—The University of Portland student body turned out Monday to see 52 students entrain for active service in the army. Classes were dismissed for the rally in which the band and glee club participated at the depot. The 52 are the school's first big group of army enlisted reserves called to duty.

Argentine Break Seen

DETROIT, March 15 (AP)—Dr. Ricardo Joaquin Alfaro, secretary-general of the American Institute of International Law and former president of the republic of Panama, predicted Monday that Argentina soon would join the other nations of Latin America in breaking relations with the axis powers.

Lewis Warns Mines

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—John L. Lewis Monday advised northern soft coal mine operators they could assume that failure to negotiate a pact by March 31 giving wage boosts to 450,000 miners would keep those men out of the mines April 1.

Capital Post Celebrates Legion's 25th Anniversary

A capacity crowd was in attendance at the 25th anniversary party celebration by Capital post No. 9, American Legion, in Legion hall Monday night.

Twenty five year membership cards were presented 98 members by Comdr. Ira O. Plicher. A timely feature of the meeting was the induction of two new members, both veterans of the present war—Clifford Mudd and Cleo Hiatt.

Among the guests were three members of the royal air force of England, en route from Calgary to their home base in England. The three were Kenneth Turner of Kennelworth, Herts, P. L. Lovegrove of Shoreham and Acca of Beckenham, Kent. All three described flying experiences of this war against the Germans.

The principal speaker was Carl Abrams, who attended the first meeting on March 15, 1918, during which the American Legion was organized in Paris, France.

An interesting phase of that meeting, Col. Abrams said, was the manner in which the name was chosen. A committee on names had failed to present an acceptable name when an army officer from Massachusetts suggested "American Legion."

The suggestion, the speaker stated was received with such instantaneous approval that no even discussion or vote was called for.

The organization, Col. Abrams added, spread so rapidly that it was already a nationwide service men's fraternity long before its founders returned from France in 1919.

That it was a necessary outgrowth of how members of the American expeditionary force felt is today borne out by the fact that it now is the largest single military man's civilian organization in the world.

Immediately following Monday night's meeting the crowd retired to the women's auxiliary hall for a banquet in honor of the occasion. Entertainment from Camp Adair was a part of the celebration.

Income Tax Payers Rush On Last Day

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us two to three weeks to catch up."

"It's impossible to estimate the number of people filing income tax returns with us," the acting deputy internal revenue collector announced in Salem late Monday night as the midnight deadline drew near. "We're swamped. We're so far behind, we've just been throwing the returns into a drawer for future return."

Meanwhile, postal clerks with an afternoon closing hour heaved a sigh of relief after being besieged for money orders for the past week. While the queue into the internal revenue office lengthened late Monday, postal clerks got the jump on the crowd by opening windows 15 minutes early on Monday and, with four windows open, managed to handle traffic.

The last minute rush was blamed partly by Postmaster Henry R. Crawford on the vacillating 1943 income tax policy in congress.

An extra full-time worker was available at the deputy collector's office this year, and open office hours were lengthened.

Definite information as to the amount of tax receipts filed or the number of persons making returns could not be estimated due to direct mailing to the Portland collector.

Giraud Invites French Union

ALGIERS, March 15 (AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud cleared the way Monday for negotiations to end the disunity in North Africa by extending to Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Fighting French leader, a formal invitation to join all the French together under one banner.

This move followed quickly Giraud's announced house-cleaning of pro-Vichy North African officials—two of whom were reported Monday to have already handed in their resignations.

The invitation to de Gaulle was issued in the form of a letter to Gen. George Catroux, Fighting French delegate general to Syria, who is expected in Algiers soon to serve as liaison agent between Giraud and de Gaulle.

(A spokesman for the Fighting French in London described the Giraud invitation as "encouraging." De Gaulle declined comment immediately because he had not yet received the message through Catroux.)

Train Crash Injures 77

KENOSHA, Wis., March 15 (AP)—Seventy seven persons were injured Monday night when a three-car limited express northbound on the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad crashed into a one-car local train six miles south of here.

The more seriously injured were taken to hospitals here and at Waukegan, Ill. Attendants said 18 were treated at Waukegan and 37 at Kenosha. The other 22 suffered minor cuts and bruises and were given first aid treatment at the scene by a mobile Red Cross rescue squad.

Hospital attendants said none of those treated was in critical condition.

Officials of the railroad's main offices in Chicago said the local had stopped to repair a faulty air line when the limited crashed into its rear.

Apply for License

Charles L. James, Sacramento, Calif., and Lois M. Dabbs, Salem, were listed among the marriage license applicants at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Monday.

He spoke at a ceremony at which the plant was awarded the maritime commission's "M" Burge and the victory fleet flag for outstanding achievement.

Iron Fireman Ranks High for Engines

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—T. H. Banfield, president of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing company here, told his workers Monday the firm now ranks as the third largest builder of Liberty ship engines.

He spoke at a ceremony at which the plant was awarded the maritime commission's "M" Burge and the victory fleet flag for outstanding achievement.

Planes Slash Growing Jap Ship Power

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When the drive first opened in Hupeh province, a Chinese spokesman said the Japanese apparently were aiming at Changsha, where they suffered three previous defeats. The Chinese victory not only erased that threat but inflicted severe losses on the invader.

In response to questions, he said it would be "up to the employer" to decide whether workers should be paid for the vacations, but added that pay would be necessary to furnish real incentive.

McNutt also reported that the number of workers complying with requests to transfer from non-essential work to more necessary tasks had risen from 10 per cent last summer to 40 per cent of the total number requested. He said the 40 per cent figure was established in a sample survey conducted by the employment service in January.

Kiska, Munda Raided

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Kiska in the Aleutians, long hidden in North Pacific fog again has been hit by American planes, with fighters swooping low to strafe Japanese positions there.

The attack, announced by the navy Monday, was the eighth made this month and presumably indicated a lifting of heavy weather which has postponed any major effort to knock the Japanese from their only position in the western hemisphere.

Several grounded Japanese planes were damaged by the low-flying planes which roared over the rocky island.

It was the first time in recent communications dealing with the Aleutians that Japanese planes have been mentioned. Their presence caused some speculation, but naval spokesmen expressed the opinion the planes should be considered as nothing more than the complement of aircraft to be expected at an outlying base.

The latest in the series of raids which began March 2 was carried out Saturday evening, the navy disclosed.

There was no mention of any opposition either in the air or from anti-aircraft fire.

Strafing and bombing attacks continue in the Southwest Pacific, the navy reported. Munda was hit again — for the 92nd time — but no report was made of damage inflicted.

Liberator heavy bombers also carried out minor attacks against the Shortland island area and Vila on Kolombangara island. All returned safely.

The navy also reported destruction of a small Japanese vessel by strafing planes which sighted the craft off Rendova island in the New Georgia islands 170 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

Famed Ferry Pilot Killed

MONTREAL, March 15 (AP)—Capt. Clarence Alvin "Duke" Schiller, 43, internationally known pilot of the RAF ferry command and colorful veteran of numerous mercy missions, was killed Sunday in a crash at Bermuda which also took the lives of an unannounced number of his crew.

Details of the accident were not included in a brief announcement by the RAF ferry command, in which Schiller ranked as a senior captain.

A native of Oonowa, Ia., the veteran flier was widely known. For many years he was engaged in commercial flying in the United States and served for a time as pilot for Gar Wood, Detroit boat builder and sportsman.

Schiller was best known for his 1928 rescue flight to the lonely Labrador Greenley island on which a transatlantic plane, "The Bremen," had crashed on an east-west flight from Ireland with three men aboard; Schiller made the last 600 mile hop of this rescue trip without a map.

McNutt Likes Job Furloughs

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said Monday he favored the granting of "industrial furloughs" to war workers at unstated intervals as one means of combating absenteeism.

McNutt told a press conference that workers would be stimulated to greater effort and would stay on their jobs regularly if promised vacations as an incentive.

McNutt also reported that the number of workers complying with requests to transfer from non-essential work to more necessary tasks had risen from 10 per cent last summer to 40 per cent of the total number requested. He said the 40 per cent figure was established in a sample survey conducted by the employment service in January.

Lefty Hardy Signs With Beaver Nine

MEDFORD, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Bobby Hardy, left handed pitcher, said Monday he had mailed his signed contract to the Portland Beavers of the coast baseball league. Hardy was purchased from Beaumont of the Texas league.

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