

New Point Values To Be Told

Sunday Table Slated; Changes Expected to Be Generally Lower

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The office of price administration announced Thursday night that a new table of point values for processed fruits and vegetables—believed substantially lower than present coupon costs—will be announced in Sunday morning newspapers.

The disclosure was made in a statement advising storekeepers, wholesalers and others in the food business to apply at their post-offices Monday morning for copies of the new chart, which will go into effect April 1.

While OPA officials declined to discuss just what changes have been made, they indicated that numerous reductions will be made in the point values of various kinds of cans, bottles and packages—especially fruits and large sizes of other products.

These changes have been based on the first few weeks' experience with actual consumer purchases of rationed fruits and vegetables. Consumers and storekeepers have complained generally that the public has not been buying canned goods since the rationing began because the point values are too high.

However, it is likely that in a few cases, point values may be increased because some items are selling faster than they can be replaced on store shelves.

OPA officials said the adjustment of point values is a normal thing, which may be repeated from time to time as conditions change. The first adjustment, however, may be more general than later ones because the original point values, which went into effect March 1, were based only on statistics and estimates, whereas now OPA has actual experience to guide it.

Because of these imminent changes, most housewives may refrain from using any of their April fruit or vegetable coupons until the new points become effective. The April stamps—the blue stamps lettered D, E and F in ration book two—became valid Wednesday, but do not have to be spent until the end of April.

For the next six days, consumers are permitted if they wish, to use some of their April stamps along with the rest of their March stamps to buy fruits and vegetables. The March stamps must be used by the end of this month or they become worthless.

The new point value chart being prepared for stores will be printed on the back the new point values for meat, cheese, and fats and oils, rationing of which begins next Monday.

Meat rationing starts with the red A stamps in the same coupon book, but the first four weekly allotments of meat stamps will remain available until April 30. Thus, in the second week of meat rationing, leftover A stamps can be used along with B stamps, with similar carryovers in the third and fourth weeks. No expiration date has been set yet for the stamps of the fifth week, which will start a few days before the stamps of the first four weeks expire.

Duchess Visits Oregon Today

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (AP)—Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg arrived here Thursday night on her Pacific coast tour eager to witness her first ship launching Friday.

"I never saw a ship launched," she told an interviewer. "I will be thrilled tomorrow."

The grand duchess was welcomed by Oregon Gov. Earl Snell and Mayor Earl Riley of Portland. Later she went to a reception in her honor.

Her schedule Friday includes an address before a civilian defense group.

The grand duchess is not expected to stop in Salem, Oregon's capital, attaches of the governor's office said Thursday.

McNary Slayer Free

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., March 25 (AP)—Dark glasses covering his sightless eyes, John M. Holmes was released from San Quentin prison Thursday after serving 19 months of a 10-year manslaughter sentence for killing Wilson Davis McNary of Portland and Pendleton, Ore.

Japanese Fishing in Russian Waters Again Agreed; Soviets Raise Price

LONDON, Friday, March 26.—(AP)—Japan and Russia, not at war against each other but fighting on opposite sides in the world struggle, have signed an agreement extending Japanese fishing privileges in Soviet far eastern waters, it was announced Friday.

A Moscow broadcast recorded by the Soviet Monitor said, however, that Japanese fishing companies must pay between 4 and 5 per cent more than during last year. The payments are to be in gold as before.

Under the 1942 agreement which ended last December 31 the Russians had exacted a 20 per cent increase in rentals over the price paid by the Japanese the previous year.

S. A. Lozovsky, vice commissioner for Soviet foreign affairs, and Naotake Sato, Japanese ambassador to Russia, signed the 1943 protocol in Kuibyshev Thursday, the Moscow broadcast said.

Renewal of the Japanese-Soviet agreement generally is regarded as a gauge of relations between the two countries who have a neutrality agreement despite the fact that Japan is allied with Germany, and Russia is a member of the United Nations group.

Last year's agreement was signed after Germany had attacked Russia, and Japan had attacked the United States. At the time British and American officials termed the renewal a purely routine matter, and did not attach any international significance to it. A failure to renew, however, would have been regarded as indicating Soviet-Japanese tension.

The lateness of the signing this year is not significant since the same tardiness occurred last year. In 1942 the terms restricted the Japanese to bidding for concessions in only seven of the 12 fishing grounds, most of them off the Kamchatka peninsula.

A Soviet refusal to grant fishing rights would be a severe blow to Japan, whose food supply depends to a large extent on her catch in Russian waters.

Japan received the basic right in the Portsmouth treaty of 1905 ending the Russo-Japanese war. Later a long-term convention was agreed upon, but it expired in 1936. Since then the negotiations have been on a yearly basis.

Area shown in above map includes the Soviet waters where Japanese may continue to fish, according to agreement signed Thursday. The Aleutian islands, including Jap-held Kiska, just into the eastern edge of the region.

Color Parade Fetes Madame

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25 (AP)—Vivid, sunlit colors of flags and costumes flashed against the lush green of San Francisco's civic center as thousands of Chinese paraded for more than an hour Thursday past a flower-banked city hall balcony to welcome Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

The wife of the Chinese generalissimo told them and additional thousands in the square that the welcome "has literally left me speechless and breathless."

Led by units of the army, navy, marines and ROTC, and trailed by Red Cross nurses units, Chinese of all ages marched with eyes up on their heroine.

For weeks they had waited for this event. Bands drew applause from Madame Chiang when they played "Chee Lai," the guerilla song she smiled at the hundreds of children, some so small they toddled and had to be led.

A representative unit of British naval officers and men took part. Gov. Earl Warren wished Madame Chiang "success for you and yours."

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi said that San Franciscoans wanted more help sent to Generalissimo Chiang and to General MacArthur and they "want it done at once."

In a brief talk accepting the key to the city, she said the Golden Gate, whose "two bridges looked from west to east and spanned from north to south, was a symbol of eternal friendship and understanding between our two peoples."

Madame Chiang added that China, like a phoenix, would always arise anew from its ashes and that the new-China for which they were fighting and building would be a friend of America.

Solons Would Swap Salary, Debt Ceilings

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Congress figured Thursday to swap ceilings with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In effect, it told the president it would lift the national debt ceiling if he would forget his executive order for a \$25,000 net salary ceiling.

New Food Director Selected

Davis Duties Many; Brown Flays Pace, Bankhead Bills

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—President Roosevelt Thursday drafted Chester C. Davis, 55-year-old Federal Reserve banker with an agricultural background, to head a new food production and distribution set-up in what was widely interpreted as a reply to charges of confusion in the wartime food program.

In another farm move, Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown undertook to halt the movement in congress for higher farm prices, declaring that enactment of the Bankhead and Pace bills would send food prices up 17 to 18 per cent, cost consumers \$3,570,000,000 and destroy the anti-inflation program by compelling relaxation of wage controls. Both measures are aimed at increasing farm prices.

The measure by Rep. Pace (D-Ga) to include labor costs when figuring parity prices for farm crops came up for debate Thursday in the senate, where Senator Lucas (D-Ill) read Brown's declaration, made in a letter to congressional leaders.

Lucas moved to send the measure back to the agriculture committee for hearings, and after lengthy debate a vote on this motion was deferred until Friday.

The president established the new farm agency within the agriculture department as the "administration of food production and distribution."

The White House announced that all food production and distribution activities would be centered in including the agricultural adjustment administration, and food distribution powers and farm labor recruitment activities transferred from the war (Turn to Page 2, Story D)

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Willkie Plans To Arouse US To Leadership

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie said here Thursday night he is dedicating his life "to arousing the American people so that the senate cannot prevent the United States from taking its place in world leadership."

The 1940 republican presidential nominee, addressing a Greek independence day dinner of the American friends of Greece, said that "failure of the United States senate to set up a peace recovery program 23 years ago is the cause of today's chaos."

After the present war, he said, the senate and the American people must initiate a post-war recovery program.

"Every place you go in all the world," Willkie stated, "millions are looking to America. They hope and pray that America will lead them to freedom. What is going to be the American people's answer? I have no sympathy for persons who say domestic issues come first and that we must have no foreign entanglements."

"America must see the light this time, and lead the world to it," Judge Learned Hand of the United States circuit court of appeals, another speaker, said that the Greeks, who have "given a gallantry unexcelled by their ancestors," have not lost and will not lose.

Bishop Tours

ADNA WRIGHT LEONARD

Visit Slated To Chaplains

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, 68-year-old resident bishop of the Methodist church, announced Thursday he would leave within three weeks to visit the Protestant chaplains and service men of the United States on four continents.

Bishop Leonard said that while he had been commissioned to make the trip by the general commission on army and navy chaplains, President Roosevelt broached the idea informally during a recent courtesy call at the White House by the Methodist council of bishops and suggested that Bishop Leonard undertake the mission.

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Silverton Flier Killed

TAMPA, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Two army lieutenants from Drew Field, Fla., were killed in an airplane crash last Wednesday, near Venice, Fla., the field public relations officer announced Thursday.

The dead were: Second Lt. Myron T. Dirickson, 22, of Silverton, Ore. Second Lt. Joseph V. Michl, jr., 25, of Bettendorf, Iowa.

The bomber crashed while on a training flight.

SILVERTON, March 25.—The war department Thursday notified Mr. and Mrs. Troy E. Dirickson of Silverton that their son Lt. Myron Dirickson, was killed in an airplane crash at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., where Lt. A. E. Wrightman died in a crash last December. Funeral arrangements await further word.

Lt. Dirickson was a graduate of Silverton high school and attended Oregon State college before enlisting in the air corps. He won his wings last February 6 at Luke Field, Ariz., and visited here briefly before going to Florida. He was 21 years old last December.

Montgomery Says This Final Battle

LONDON, Friday, March 26 (AP)—On the eve of the battle now raging along the Mareth line, Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery sent a message to his Eighth army troops declaring that the action about to begin would "mark the close of the campaign in north Africa." Reuters reported Friday.

Yanks Gain Last Mountain Wall At Rommel Rear

Eighth Army in Stalemate; Berlin Admits Troops Fall Back on 2 Tunisian Sectors

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 25 (AP)—American troops throwing a cordon around Marshal Rommel's besieged Mareth line forces were reported Thursday to have won control of the last mountain barrier overlooking the axis coastal lifeline only 28 miles away.

Field dispatches said the troops of Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., were fanning out on both sides of the highway a few miles short of Mezzouna, whose airfield already has been pounded by American "Long Toms," the 155-millimeter rifles.

Seventy-five miles to the southeast in the Mareth line, axis artillery was dueling with British Eighth army guns in an apparent stalemate after German troops had wiped out a large part of early British penetrations of an offensive begun last Saturday night.

On Monday German tanks and infantrymen launched a powerful counter-attack which by Tuesday

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—The Mezzouna radio reported Friday that fierce fighting is in progress on the Mareth line in southern Tunisia with "bloody engagements and hand-to-hand fighting at several places."

At almost the same time the Vichy radio said that attacks and counter-attacks were following each other on the Mareth line and southeast of Gafsa, where American forces are driving toward Gabes. In the Maknassy region to the north where another American column is cutting across central Tunisia "allied pressure is becoming stronger," the Vichy radio said.

The Algiers radio said Allied States forces had advanced to a point about seven miles east of Maknassy.

had erased a 100-yard British roadway thrown across the Wadi Zizgaou at the eastern end of the Mareth line. A delayed dispatch from Don Whitehead, Associated Press correspondent with the British, disclosed that this setback had prevented the Eighth army from exploiting its early breach into the Mareth fortifications.

(The Vichy radio quoted Berlin reports late Thursday night admitting an axis retreat at an unspecified point, saying the Germans were then attacked by British forces "coming from the desert." This announcement may refer to the El Hamma sector, 36 miles northwest of the Wadi Hiraoua, where one British column has outflanked the lower end of the Mareth line.

(Associated Press said American troops also had penetrated Nazi positions in the Maknassy region, but claimed axis counter-attacks rewon the lost ground. (Direct German broadcasts acknowledged.) (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Engineer Camp To Open, Bend

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A new engineer replacement center—Camp Abbot—will be opened May 1 near Bend, Ore., Secretary of War Stimson announced Thursday.

It will consist of 1500 officers and men in the original training unit. They will move to the camp from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The camp's first commanding officer will be Col. Frank S. Benson, now at Fort Wood.

The first camp of trainees at Camp Abbot will be the 51st training battalion, which will start a 12-week basic course May 31. Thereafter, he said, new training battalions will report at two-week intervals.

The new camp was named for Brig. Gen. Henry L. Abbot, a topographical engineer who helped survey the route of the Pacific railroad in the vicinity of Bend.

Eden Speech Aired

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The address of Anthony Eden, British foreign affairs secretary, before the Maryland legislature at Annapolis Friday night will be broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting System, CBS announced Thursday night. Eden's speech will begin at 6 p.m.

Airmen Pound Two Jap Bases

Rabaul Fires Large; Two Cargo Ships Bomb-Damaged

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, March 26.—(AP)—Allied airmen attacking two of the strongest Japanese bases in the southwest Pacific scored hits on two enemy cargo ships at Ambona, and dumped a great weight of explosives, including one-ton bombs, on Rabaul where six hours later smoke plumed the burning wreckage, the allied command announced Friday.

Liberators were used in both attacks, and the smash at Rabaul found the four-motored bombers raining explosives on the base for two hours without encountering any fighter interception although anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"Large fires and heavy explosions were seen along the northern shore of the harbor," the communiqué said of this raid.

"Six hours later one of our reconnaissance planes over the area observed smoke and flames from waterfront fires rising to 3000 feet."

Ambona island is in the Banda sea some 600 miles north of Australia and its principal harbor once was a big Dutch naval base.

"Our heavy bombers attacked the enemy-occupied town and shipping in the harbor," reported the noon communiqué from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"Direct hits with 500-pound bombs were scored on two enemy cargo vessels of 8000 and 6000 tons and large fires were started in the wharf building area."

Ruml Proposal Debate Uses Vocabularies

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The battle on the Ruml plan opened on the house floor Thursday in a storm of adjectives and invective, with the skip-a-tax-year proposal alternately praised as the only "fair and practicable" pay-as-you-go plan and condemned as an immoral "tax heresy."

Rep. Doughton (D-NC), 79-year-old chairman of the ways and means committee, lambasted the Ruml proposal for two hours with all the words and wit at his command, at one time calling it a "super-super monstrous monstrosity." It bears the same relation to sound tax policy, he said, as "infidelity does to true Bible religion."

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn), leading the republican fight for the plan, countered by describing the "no statement" tax collection bill drawn by the committee as "a wondrous concoction of guile, bile and rife."

While the speakers exhausted their vocabulary, cloakrooms buzzed with talk of possible compromises. Blonde Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn), came forward with a plan under which taxes for 1942 would be canceled on income up to \$25,000 but not above that figure.

New Story

"They Sell Sailors Elephants." Curiosity arousing title for a story, isn't it?

Even more so when you know that Frederick Hallitt Brennan is the author.

This new serial story starts Saturday in The Statesman.



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Reds Capture Strongpoint

Axis Efforts Repulsed On Sectors Below, Above Kharkov

LONDON, Friday, March 26.—Russian troops have overpowered another German strongpoint and captured additional villages in the central front drive toward Smolensk while repulsing axis efforts to crack their defensive line east of Kharkov in the Ukraine, Moscow announced early Friday.

One Soviet column pushing on Smolensk was near Dukhovshino, 32 miles northeast of the central front anchor, and another was operating near Dorogobuzh, 80 miles east of the big base.

The bulletin, recorded by the Soviet monitor, said one Soviet unit outflanked a Nazi strongpoint, knocking out its garrison in a short skirmish which ended in the capture of a company of them, a number of prisoners, an ammunition dump, three guns, and a quantity of rifles and hand grenades.

In the Belgorod-Chuguev sectors above and below Nazi-held Kharkov, the Russians said German attacks had collapsed.

Around Belgorod, 56 miles north of Kharkov, the communiqué said, more than 100 German automatic rifles were killed when a company of them attempted to cross a water barrier. Soviet artillery also disabled five tanks, five anti-tank guns, and dispersed and annihilated part of an enemy infantry battalion.

North of Chuguev, 22 miles southeast of Kharkov along the Russian-held Donets river defense line, the Russians said their mortars disabled or set afire seven Nazi tanks and five self-propelled guns when the Germans threw 20 tanks and a regiment of infantry into an attack.

Youth Group To Head City

Salem city officials will take a back seat today and see how youth can administer municipal affairs. Today has been proclaimed Mayor L. M. Doughton as DeMolay Local Government day, and in accordance with past custom, members of that order will assume the positions of the regularly elected or appointed city officials, with the latter watching over their shoulders in case they need assistance. Mayor for the day is Bill Habernicht.

Presentation of a key to the city to Pat Fish, DeMolay sweetheart, at the city hall at 3:30 this morning will open the day's program, which, according to the real mayor's proclamation, is intended to "familiarize the junior citizenry of this city with local government."

Cuffs Stay Off; More Cuts Seen

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A proposal to put the cuffs back on men's trousers has been rejected after discussion with the clothing industry, the war production board reported Thursday, and instead of lifting restrictions it is likely that all frills and "useless" trimming on women's and men's sweaters and other knitted apparel will be eliminated.

The women's and boys' clothing industry advisory committee, concluded at a meeting with WPA officials that the wool situation did not warrant relaxation of any present restrictions on men's clothing.

Pope's Health Said Improving

The Rome radio Thursday night quoted the Vatican city newspaper Osservatore Romano as announcing that the health of Pope Pius was improving.

Western Drive Seen

LONDON, Friday, March 26 (AP)—The German radio said Friday that Nazi circles think that the United Nations will try to invade Europe's Atlantic coast despite rumors which it said were "launched" from Washington and London that invasion would be through the Balkans.