

## Lower Prices for Few Foods Seen as Result of Ruling

### Stocks, Grain Fall Off Sharply; WLB Orders Wage Increase Ban Except Under Special Cases

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—Lowered prices for some foods were indicated Friday as OPA drafted dollar-and-cents ceilings for many cost-of-living articles and, with other agencies, hastened to carry out President Roosevelt's sweeping anti-inflation order.

Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes, sitting in with Mr. Roosevelt at a press conference, said OPA hoped to "roll back" prices in a number of instances, but did not mention any specific ones.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that the price agency is working on general dollar-and-cents ceilings in the food field along with lines of those already ordered for meat, and Byrnes said they possibly would be ready tomorrow.

Along with these disclosures, there was a series of other major developments and repercussions as a result of the president's order.

1. Financial and commodity markets reacted sharply. Many speculative holdings were dumped and a selling wave in grains sent wheat down more than 2 cents a bushel at one time in Chicago. Cotton fell off \$1 a bale, and stocks in New York were off one to three points.

2. War Manpower Commissioner Paul W. McNutt and his aides began working on a program to implement a section of the presidential order authorizing WMC to forbid a worker to take a new job at higher pay unless it would promote the war effort.

3. The war labor board instructed its regional offices to stop all wage increases "except those that clearly come within the 15 per cent limitation of the little steel formula. Mr. Roosevelt's order banned general wage increases except under this formula or to correct sub-standard conditions. About three weeks ago, WLB directed its local offices to determine what constituted standard conditions in each area. It was indicated that general determinations on this point were the major immediate question for WLB in carrying out Mr. Roosevelt's instructions.

4. John L. Lewis, demanding \$2 a day wage increase for coal miners, made clear in New York he was not giving any ground as a result of the president's order. He declared miners' wages are sub-standard and commented that the anti-inflation order left "the mine workers still hungry and resentful in having their demands for bread made a political pawn. Charles O'Neill, spokesman for northern mine operators, interpreted the order as meaning present contracts should be renewed subject to change by government order.

## London Papers Rap Day Raids By US Planes

LONDON, April 9—(AP)—Two British liberal weeklies declared editorially Friday that American daylight bombing of continental cities is not "a sane policy" because of the "useless destruction and ghastly casualties" that result.

"Daylight raids always kill a large number of people," a New Statesman editorial said, "whereas casualties for night bombing have proved much smaller than anyone expected."

German reports of "useless destruction and ghastly casualties" resulting from American daylight bombing of towns like Antwerp and Rouen, "where thousands of people who should be our friends and allies are said to have been killed," the editorial declared.

United States Eighth air force officials declined to comment.

## Youth Council Approved by Social Group

To coordinate activities of organizations participating or interested in boys' and girls' welfare work, Salem Council of Social Agencies voted Friday night to create a "Salem Boys' and Girls' Council."

Decision to organize such a committee of representatives from various organizations followed a meeting with youth leaders and persons from city council, ministerial association and county health department, addressed by Miss Faye Steinmetz, secretary of boys' and girls' work for the Portland Council of Social Agencies at 9

## President



TRAVIS CROSS

## High School Elects New Officers

Travis Cross was elected president of the Salem senior high school student body, results disclosed at Friday night's all-school dance revealed.

Three other officers were elected while revotes are necessary in three remaining offices.

Nancy Montgomery was chosen vice-president, defeating Margaret Jane Emmons; Ruth Anderson topped the voting for Clarion editor, gaining the victory over Mary Parker, and David Getzendaner triumphed as sergeant-at-arms after competition from Stuart Compton and Howard Elwood.

Revotes in the offices of secretary, forensic manager and song leader will be conducted Monday, Vice-Principal E. A. Carleton announced. No majority was gained by either Martha Weller or Trudie Meier, campaigning for secretary; both Bob Zeller and Richard Page remain in the running for forensic manager and a close margin still exists between Joy Randall and Norma Jean Newgent for song queen.

Four unopposed candidates were named to their positions Thursday. They include Pat Schneider, annual editor, Ellis Teel, Clarion manager, Irving Steinbock, annual manager, and Bob Skopil, yell king.

The newly elected officers will be installed early in May and take over duties at that time.

Outgoing officers include: vice-president, Frank Bennett; secretary, Bernice Howerson; Clarion editor, Nancy Brown; sergeant-at-arms, Hugh Lovell; forensic manager, Henry Johnson; song leader, Shirley Parker; Clarion manager, Jean Rowland; annual manager, Bill Burns; annual editor, Norma Wooten. Bob Skopil was named the holdover yell king.

## Rural Fight May Retain Congress

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—Hopes of the nation's lawmakers for an extended Easter holiday faded Friday amid new cries for compromise on pay-as-you-go tax legislation — but no sign of a break in the ways and means committee's deadlock on the issue.

Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts told newsmen he is "opposed to any recess until we have had a chance to vote on a pay-as-you-go bill," and democratic chiefs conceded privately the republicans could block the vacation.

Martin took his position during a day of many-sided developments on the tax question, with which the ways and means committee struggled for months only to have the plan of its majority returned by the house.

Called sessions in YMCA rooms. The many needs of youth in wartime compared and contrasted with those of peace, need for stable leadership, and Portland's experiences in meeting those requirements were discussed by Miss Steinmetz, who pointed out the change in home circles alone created by war industry's use of more women.

Youth, the speaker declared, needs the sense of belonging somewhere and to something. The desire for self-expression is as deep in time of war as in time of peace, although the methods may be narrowed or changed.

## US Marine Tells Story Of Murder

### Testimony Asserts Negro Perspiring After Body Found

ALBANY, ORE., April 9—(AP)—A marine private testified that Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car cook accused of the lower 13 slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, was "perspiring heavily" a few minutes after the fatal stabbing Jan. 23.

Folkes is on trial on a charge of first degree murder.

The marine, Harold Wilson, said in direct examination in circuit court that he questioned the cook (whom he identified as Folkes), in the diner galley after finding the body of Mrs. James sprawled near berth lower 13 in sleeping car D of the Southern Pacific's West Coast Limited train.

District Attorney Harlow Weirick asked Wilson if he noticed anything unusual.

"The cook was perspiring heavily," Wilson replied.

He said, "There were beads of perspiration on his forehead, perspiration was running down his face. . . . I did not notice any fire in the stove. It was cool in the kitchen."

Wilson, who was in the berth above Mrs. James, gave this testimony:

Traveling from Seattle to San Diego under marine orders, he was awakened between 4:30 and 4:45 a.m. by "a scream of pain and suffering."

"The scream came from right below. I sat up, turned on the light and looked out the curtain between the upper railing and the bottom in the middle. I saw a person protruding from lower 13. I could see him from the waist down. The rest of the body was inside the curtain. I was looking straight down. He backed out of the berth. I saw the back of his head, his shoulders, his back. I would say he wore a dark overcoat. I couldn't describe his hair at that time."

"He turned to the left in a stooping position and went to the rear of the car with a very active motion. On coming beneath the

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## French Rail Loss Critical

BERN, Switzerland, April 9—(AP)—Marauding allied airmen, sweeping by daylight throughout France to blast freight and passenger trains with bombs and cannon fire, are slowly but steadily paralyzing the nation's railway system, according to reliable information received here.

A high official of the French railroads told a correspondent of the Gazette de Lausanne that at least five or six locomotives are being smashed daily by the allied train-busters and by saboteurs.

## Scio Bastile Problem Acute

SCIO, April 9—(AP)—Declaring he no longer could maintain order in Scio without a suitable jail, City Marshal C. M. Cyrus submitted his resignation to the city council.

The building in use as a bastile was designed to house only those who imbibed too freely, he pointed out. The council prevailed upon Cyrus to keep his job until May 1 while it studies the problem. City finances prohibit building a modern jail, the council said.

Boys and girls today are "catapulted into adulthood." Miss Steinmetz maintained, and suddenly possessing for themselves larger incomes than some of their families had a few years ago, they need strong guidance.

Portland's neighborhood councils, serving as channels for various interested organizations to coordinate their work, have proved successful in their field, according to Miss Steinmetz.

William Hamilton, president of the Salem Council of Social Agencies, served as chairman for the meeting.

## Drying Plants Named

### Blue Lake, Allen Are Firms Already Producing Food

The mystery of the two dehydrating plants to be situated in Salem, according to an announcement Wednesday from Oregon's Sen. Charles McNary, was partially cleared up late Friday when a telegram received by the Statesman from the senator revealed that the two plants referred to were the Allen Fruit company and the Blue Lake Producer's Cooperative, both already in operation.

Officials of the two companies were in the dark, hazarding the guess that the reference was intended to be confirmation by the agricultural adjustment agency of their operations.

Sen. McNary's wire stated, "Allen and Blue Lake plants were given approval for expansion by the department of agriculture." While William G. Allen, president of the Allen Fruit company, was out of town and could not be reached for a statement, company officials indicated that no big expenditure was contemplated, but only such as requirements demanded. None were under way at present, officials stated.

F. O. Snyder, manager of the Blue Lake plant, denied any expansion or improvement plans other than laying of a \$10,000 concrete floor in the cook room, for which the company received a building permit this week. He indicated the 350,000 cases of vegetables and fruits handled by the company last year would be increased in 1943.

Wayne Youm, field manager for Blue Lake, declared, "I think that (the Wednesday news release) is just confirmation of the fact that we are already operating although when we started out we had only one plant. Last March 18 or 17 we started a new unit because our capacity was large enough to handle more dehydration. As far as I know, we were doing all that we're going to do as far as the dehydrating plants go."

Canneries referred to at Lebanon and Dallas were the Spencer cannery, at Lebanon and the J. C. Tracy plant in Folk county, local packers and canners speculated.

Rumors that another large Salem cannery was contemplating taking over dehydration operations persisted, although no confirmation of them could be obtained.

The operation of the two Salem plants, and those approved in Dallas, Lebanon, Corvallis, Dundee, Eugene and Freewater, suggest the "granddaddy" of all the dehydration units, according to Youm, who referred to a little plant at Dayton which, while very small, started on potatoes in the first World war and has been working on vegetables ever since, now preparing food for the armed forces in the second conflict.

## Allied Planes Hit Jap Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, April 10—(AP)—Six Japanese planes have been destroyed in a raid on Madang, New Guinea, the high command announced Saturday.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, April 10—(AP)—Striking at vulnerable Japanese supply bases on the northern coast of New Guinea, American Mitchells and Australian Beaufighters bombed and strafed Madang in a surprise low-level attack Friday, destroying six enemy planes on the ground, silencing anti-aircraft positions, and starting huge fires in the dock area, the high command announced Saturday.

Sweeping back and forth over the airframe, the attackers blasted two medium bombers and four fighters before the enemy could get them into action, and the attack was unopposed.

The allied raiders fired 63,000 rounds of cannon and machine gun fire in the coastal sweep, which was only part of widespread operations.

## US Japanese Forces Arrive

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9—(AP)—The arrival of 2500 Japanese-American soldiers from Hawaii on their way to Mississippi to join the army's recently organized Japanese-American combat team was announced Friday night by the war department.

# Allies Pound Home Advantage As Nazi Tunisian Army Flees



Increasing American and British bomber raids, stemming from bases acquired through conquest of all the Mediterranean shores of North Africa except the east coast of Tunis (unshaded area), have stepped up speculation on an allied invasion of the "soft underbelly of the axis," as Churchill terms it. Map details chief targets of the RAF and USAAF (planes and bomb bursts) and shows why Bizerte is the key objective of allied action.—Associated Press Map.

## Four Vessels Sunk by Japs

### Destroyer, Tanker, Corvette, Fuel Boat Listed

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—The allies lost a destroyer, a corvette and a tanker while wiping out 24 planes of the strong Japanese air force which gave the Guadalcanal area its heaviest bombardment in five months, the navy announced Friday.

One small allied fuel boat also was sunk in the Solomons islands clash last Wednesday.

The destroyer, damaged by bombs, sank later while being towed to port. It presumably was an American vessel, although the communicate did not specify. The corvette, sunk as a result of damage by bombs, presumably was Australian. There also was no designation by nationality of the bombed tanker and the sunken fuel oil boat, but most of the craft in this area are believed to be those of the United States.

Navy spokesmen said they were unable to indicate the loss of life, but that next of kin of all casualties were being notified.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters claimed the sinking of an American cruiser, destroyer and 10 transports in the attack, and said Japanese losses were six planes which "crash-dived into enemy objectives."

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## Water Board Job Prospects Eyed

Names of Paul Burris, Salem attorney, and Fred Ansen, lumber and gravel dealer, were prominently talked Friday for the post on the city water commission to be left vacant by submission of the resignation of Dr. Harold H. Olinger, who left last month for military duty.

Olinger's resignation, not yet submitted to the city council, was said to be ready for the next council session.

## ENROLLMENT APPLICATION Victory Garden Program and Contest

Please enroll my name as a participant in the Salem Victory Garden and Home Food Supply Program. I understand that this enrollment makes my garden eligible for prize awards offered in the Victory Garden contest sponsored by the Salem Men's Garden club and The Oregon Statesman.

Approximate area of my plot is \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.

My garden is located at \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print or type name here \_\_\_\_\_

(Deposit your application blank at Statesman office or YMCA.)

## Axis Admits Some Retreat; US Forces Push Eastward, British Attack From South

By DANIEL DE LUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 9—(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis forces hastened their retreat Friday, abandoning Mahares, 50 miles north of Gabes, and leaving nearly 12,000 troops as prisoners of the British and American forces since the eighth army's break-through at the Wadi El Akarit last Tuesday.

Under the steady hammering of the British at their rear, the Americans, French and British on their inland flank and the great allied aerial fleet overhead, Rommel's best men were fleeing toward the port of Sfax, 22 miles to the north, and were retreating northeastward from the inland rail point of Mezzouna, it was disclosed here.

(Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, German military commentator, said there were indications the allies in the north-central sector were preparing to launch a large-scale "break-through" attack to capture the big German air base at Kairouan and to sweep on 32 miles to the port of Sousse. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said the assault could be expected "any moment now.") Sertorius said the flat coastal area over which Rommel's forces are retreating is "most unfavorable for defense" and that axis troops were being given no chance to relax.)

## House Passes Hobbs Measure

### AFL Urged Change, But Bill Ignores Labor Amendment

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—Organized labor lost its first legislative fight of the 78th congress Friday as the house passed, minus an AFL-sponsored amendment, the controversial Hobbs bill to make robbery and extortion punishable under the 1934 anti-racketeering act.

LONDON, Saturday, April 10—(AP)—Marshal Rommel has started evacuating some of his key officers and technicians from Tunisia to Messina, Sicily, the Daily Express said Saturday, quoting London sources.

The newspaper said that during the past few days ferry transport planes have been operating between Messina and the Tunis-Bizerte defense line on a non-stop shuttle schedule.

United States troops, highly praised at a press conference by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, the allied commander of ground forces, for having kept the bulk of Rommel's armor engaged earlier in the week while the Eighth army smashed at Wadi El Akarit, continued to plug eastward and were reported to have captured Djebel Mansila, a height north of Maknassy.

The allied communique revealed that the Eighth army along had stripped 9,500 prisoners from Rommel's forces in the past five days and that Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s second American army corps had taken 1,300 more in mopping up the El Guetar sector.

There was a strong possibility that the retreating axis divisions were running short of motor transport under the desultory assaults of relays of allied bombers. It was announced that 130 enemy vehicles had been destroyed and another 200 damaged in the past two days.

It also was disclosed officially that since the opening of the air offensive on the Mareth line March 20, allied air forces operating in North Africa have shot down 302 enemy planes, compared to a loss of 110 allied planes.

(A Berlin radio broadcast of a transoceanic dispatch said, "The great superiority of the enemy in men and material is showing its effect," adding that "the detaching movement toward the north . . . to all appearances is being continued." The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.)

The British First army was reported maintaining its offensive in the Medjer-El-Bab sector of northern Tunisia and to have captured 400 prisoners since the attack was opened along a 12-mile front last Wednesday. Two axis tanks were knocked out by long-range artillery and the British were reported to have occupied some tactically important points. Rain and mud were hampering offensive activities in that sector.

(American forces pushing along the road from Maknassy to the coast were said by a British radio broadcast to be "little more than 20 miles from General Sir Bernard Montgomery's spearhead," promising an imminent second junction between United States troops and the British Eighth army.)

Leading rails, industrials and utilities lost \$1 to \$2 a share generally and a few were off \$4 or more. Liquidation was fast in the first and final hours. The ticker tape, near the finish, fell 3 minutes behind actual floor transactions. Transfers totaled 2,521,416 shares.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was off \$1.90 at \$47.40.

## Market Relapse Worst in 3 Years As Curbs Unload

NEW YORK, April 9—(AP)—The stock market suffered its worst relapse in nearly three years, or since the Nazi smash at France in 1940, as speculative holdings were thrown overboard in the wake of the president's new anti-inflation drive.

Independence to  
Get Play Center  
WASHINGTON, DC, April 9 (AP)—The federal works agency has approved \$155 in federal funds for a recreation center at Independence, Ore., and \$169 for the same purpose at Medford, Ore., Senator McNary (R-Ore.) announced.