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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Western Products Put Under Ceiling
German Patents Prize of War
Aircraft Plants Arranging Move

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 10.—With the exception of pineapples and sweet potatoes, Leon Henderson's latest price ceiling order cracks down on 23 products grown and canned in the Pacific northwest. The order is aimed directly at the canneries in that area and affects the principal products produced in the district, but it also hits at the farmers and orchardists who grow these foods. The canners and wholesalers have received their instructions, and unless the retailers manage to keep prices on an even keel the price administrator warns that they will hear from him with the freezing of retail as well as canner and wholesale prices will be frozen.

Consider the lines affected: Tomatoes, tomato juice and catsup (from Rogue River valley); canned apples and applesauce, from the Yakima valley; cherries from Walla Walla valley and The Dalles; fruit cocktail and fruit salads, from fruit grown in Washington and Oregon but largely put up under a California brand; pears, peaches, apricots and plums, staples in canneries of the northwest; snap beans of northern Washington and eastern Oregon and the lower Columbia; spinach from Walla Walla; asparagus, pumpkin, peas, beets and sauerkraut, etc.

Reason assigned for the ceiling is that prices on these commodities are advancing too rapidly, and Henderson suspects profiteering or the prospect of profiteering. Of course, the growers of these products are not directly affected at the moment (the canned goods being of last year's crop), but the ceiling is a warning that OPA will most likely step into the picture when this year's crops are being gathered and set a price canners shall pay the producers.

SECRETARY of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., is the alien property custodian, having snatched this fat business away from the department of

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THREE LITTLE GIRLS

ELECTROCUTED IN TUB

Odessa, Tex., March 10.—(P)—Three little girls were electrocuted in a bathtub last night when they pulled an extension cord loose.

They were Euton, 9, Klonah Jean, 5, and Joyce, 3, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Harry.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight—Talks: MBS 7:15, Donald Nelson on "War Production"; CBS 7:30, Sen. J. E. Murray on "Problems of Small Business."
Blue—4:45, Income Tax talk.

Wednesday—The war, 7 a. m. MBS; 7:15, blue MBS; 8:15, MBS; 9, NBC; CBS blue; 10:45, NBC; 11, MBS; 12:15 p. m., CBS; 1, MBS; 1:55, blue; 3:25 NBC; 3:45, CBS blue.

SIDE GLANCES

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Officer Dick Baize attracting a lot of attention with his new three-wheel motorcycle.

Michael McGuire's blackened optic being the cynosure of all eyes.

Mary Hanby all excited about the public style show tomorrow at the Presbyterian church when telling about Chinese costumes sent from the Bay City for the revue.

RAIDER SNEAKS CLOSE INSHORE TO GET VICTIM

Torpedoing of 6,766-Ton Gulf Tanker Closest Approach To East Coast.

New York, March 10.—(P)—An axis submarine torpedoed the 6,766-ton gulf oil tanker Gulftrade at 12:40 a. m. today only a few miles off Barnegat, N. J., in the closest approach undersen raiders have yet made to the eastern American coast.

Third naval district headquarters, announcing the sinking, said 16 of the 35-man crew were rescued by coast guard boats and landed at Tompkinsville, Staten Island.

The navy said the torpedo split the 22-year-old tanker in two, 60 miles from New York City. She was bound, fully loaded, from a southern port to New York.

Capt. Torger Olsen, 56, of Port Arthur, Texas, a survivor, said all the crew members left the ship safely and that the missing men were in two lifeboats which were carried away by high waves.

BRITISH SURMISE U.S. PLANNING NEW ACTIVITY OF NAVY

(By Associated Press)
British naval circles, commenting on the assignment of Admiral Harold R. Stark to London as commander of American warships in European waters, speculated today that the United States might be planning to increase its naval strength across the Atlantic.

These quarters declared it was obvious that an officer of Admiral Stark's high rank would not be sent to London unless some new development of naval importance were in the offing.

Authorized quarters in Vichy denied that 40 French warships had been turned over to Germany, as reported yesterday by Tass, the Soviet news agency.

On the Soviet front, Russia's winter-frozen battlegrounds were reported slowly thawing out with the approach of spring, but muddled communications made it doubtful whether Adolf Hitler could launch his heralded offensive before the end of April or May.

A Swedish correspondent in Berlin wrote that the thaws were giving the Germans "a foretaste of what it will be like when all the great snows which have massed during the severest winter in nearly 100 years begin to melt."

Cantonment Worker Injured in Tumble

Elmer Garner, 64, cantonment carpenter, whose home address is Madera, Calif., was confined in Sacred Heart hospital today with a back injury he suffered when he fell off a scaffolding at the camp site about noon Monday. He was taken to the hospital in the Peri ambulance.

Hospital attendants said today his condition was not serious and that he was resting fairly easily. Garner, it was understood, fell about six feet and landed on his back.

PLUG LAW LOOPHOLE

Los Angeles, March 10.—(P)—Thirty days hence, it will be illegal to escape from the county jail. The board of supervisors passed such an ordinance today, rectifying an oversight, the board said, of the state legislature.

American Fliers Arrive in Australia



American army air force crew members walk in front of a flying fortress on its arrival in Australia after seeing action against the Japs in the Philippine area.

WATCH YOUR LANE IN 1-WAY TRAFFIC, WORD TO DRIVERS

Everything on Medford's new one-way streets will be all right now if motorists will only train themselves to be in the proper travel lanes to accomplish what they want to do without crossing traffic, the city police traffic division said today. Only northbound traffic flows now over Riverside avenue and only southbound over Court street-Central avenue.

On one-way streets parking is permitted on both sides but motorists should be in the correct lane before they attempt to park, the traffic division said. If the driver wants to park at the right curb, for example, he should first get into the right-hand lane. Conversely, if he wants to park on the left side, he should be in the left-hand lane. The same is true regarding turns, the traffic division said. Right turns should be made only from the right-hand lane and left turns from the left-hand lane.

The police also said that some motorists appear to be of the erroneous belief that all other rules are suspended on one-way streets. They warned that the new one-way streets are still in a 25-mile zone and that all regulatory signs must be obeyed as before. It was indicated that arrests of violators was imminent.

Allied Troops May Occupy Madagascar

London, March 10.—(P)—Unofficial quarters discussed the possibility today that allied troops might soon move to occupy the Vichy-controlled island of Madagascar in the western part of the Indian ocean, close to Africa's east coast and in a strategic position to control allied supply lines.

They pointed out that since the fall of Singapore the importance of Madagascar has been doubled, and that such an allied move might have to be made to forestall Japanese occupation of the island.

Craftian Touch Noted in Kodiak Weather Report

Kodiak, Alaska, March 10.—(P)—The Kodiak Bear, camp newspaper published at the naval air station here, carried this note in its "weather box" on page one:

"Weather reports suspended for the duration. But man, this ain't Pebble Beach!"

The Kodiak Bear is the product of one Lieut. Roy Craft, ebullient public relations officer and former Medford resident.

Dominion Status for India Seen Early Support Award

London, March 10.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill will make a statement on the government's India policy at the next sitting of the house of commons, Sir Stafford Cripps, lord privy seal, told the house today.

(This statement may come tomorrow, since commons usually meets on Wednesday).

Dominion status for India as the price for her millions' war support for Britain was regarded in British circles today as a virtual certainty and the weight of cabinet influence apparently was veering toward an offer which would be put into force promptly.

With the mailed fist of the Japanese army beating on the door of the empire's treasure chamber and its people's attitude tepid toward Britain because of unfulfilled aspirations for freedom, the cabinet debated the measure of Indian independence Saturday and yesterday.

Informed sources said the snag was on the timing of dominion status—whether to grant it now or promise it at a deferred date.

Sir Stafford Cripps was said to be leading the fight for an immediate grant to India of the same rank in the commonwealth as Canada and the other dominions. Prime Minister Churchill, formerly an advocate of strong British rule in India, was believed to be swinging toward the same opinion, it was reported.

Whites In Hongkong Victims Of Wholesale Jap Atrocities

London, March 10.—(P)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden charged in the house of commons today that the Japanese army in Hongkong had been guilty of wholesale atrocities in the occupied crown colony and declared that the Japanese emperor and government and "the whole Japanese people" were to blame.

Fifty British officers and men were bound hand and foot and then bayoneted to death following the capture of Hongkong; women, both European and Asiatic, were raped and murdered, and one whole Chinese district was declared a brothel without exception for the status of any of the inhabitants, Eden declared.

These happenings, previously reported to the government, were not made public until it had confirmation from reliable eye-witnesses recently escaped from the colony, Eden said. "Their testimony established the fact that the Japanese army at Hongkong perpetrated against their helpless military prisoners and civil population without distinction of race or color the same kind of barbarities which aroused the horror of the civilized world at the time of the Nanking massacre of 1937," Eden continued.

He referred to the Japanese capture of the former Chinese capital on Dec. 13, 1937. Thousands Raped And Murdered
Substantiated accounts at that time said a reign of terror existed for days, with thousands of women raped and murdered and other thousands of the inhabitants killed during the burning, looting and pillage of Nanking. Japanese statements at the time described the disorders as a "mopping up" operation.

FIX WATER RATE WITH METERS AT \$1.75 MINIMUM

17,500 Gallons Allowed At Lowest Rate—Balance At Ten Cents Per Thousand.

The Medford board of water commissioners today announced a minimum meter rate of \$1.75 a month for 17,500 gallons of water, the new schedule to become effective June 1.

The rate, adopted yesterday afternoon at a special board meeting, is a straight 10 cents per 1,000 gallons, with \$1.75 as the minimum monthly charge for meters $\frac{1}{2}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in size. For larger meters the rate is higher but there are only a few of the larger size, the vast majority of residential connections being of the standard $\frac{1}{2}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ size, the board said.

Allows 23,500 Gals.

The present flat residential rate is \$2.35, an additional 15 cents being collected by the water department as the fee for sewage disposal. Under the meter rate of 10 cents a thousand, consumers could use 23,500 gallons of water a month without paying any more than under the present flat rate, the board pointed out. If the consumer should use 25,000 gallons a month, say, the cost would be \$2.50, or 50,000 gallons, \$5.00.

"The water commission feels that this is a very liberal rate and will furnish enough water above the actual household use to enable an average customer to keep his lawn green," the board stated. "To accomplish this, however, leaky fixtures and waste will have to be eliminated. It is hoped that in some measure the large amount available under the minimum charge will eliminate the tendency of some tenants to effect a saving by neglecting the lawn and shrubbery of their landlady."

"Customers with larger lawns and gardens will pay more during the summer sprinkling season but their annual water bill should not exceed what they are now paying provided an attempt is made to conserve water and eliminate waste."

Less Residence Revenue

"On the basis of this rate, analysis shows that the city may experience a reduction in water rental revenues from residential consumers of about \$13,000 a year," the board said, adding, however, that the "commission believes that this loss will be offset by revenue from new consumers, to say nothing of water rentals from the army cantonment."

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War Bulletins

London, March 10.—(P)—The Paris radio went off the air during the 9 p. m. news broadcast tonight—possibly for security reasons.

Berlin (from German broadcasts), March 10.—(P)—The German high command asserted today that Nazi U-boats operating off the coast of Africa had sunk four more enemy merchant ships, totaling 27,000 tons, including two tankers.

Cairo, March 10.—(P)—British and axis artillery exchanged fire on the Libyan front yesterday in support of patrol activity but "there is nothing else of importance to report," the British command announced today.

London, March 10.—(P)—British bombers raided the great Krupp munitions works at Essen last night for the second night in a row and the air ministry declared today there could be no doubt that they caused "great havoc."

NIPPONESE MAKE THIRD LANDING ON NEW GUINEA SOIL

Canberra, Australia, March 10.—(P)—The Japanese made a third landing on New Guinea today, enlarging the forces they are marshalling there for what Australians are convinced is an imminent attempt to invade this continent.

The landing was at Finschhafen, where there is a small air field and a harbor which can accommodate moderate-sized vessels. The strength of the new landing force was not stated.

It is 60 miles east of Lae which, with Salamaua, were the sites of two previous Japanese landings.

These and repeated Japanese air bombardments of Port Moresby—another air raid there today was the tenth—have banished any doubt among officials that Australia may be overlooked by the Japanese temporarily in favor of a drive into India.

New Delhi, India, March 10.—(P)—The RAF continued to smash at centers behind the Japanese lines in Burma despite the loss of Rangoon and today a punishing raid on the airfield at Japanese-held Moulmein was announced.

New Delhi, India, March 10.—(P)—The American volunteer group of fliers in Burma destroyed 43 Japanese planes last week, dispatches received here today said.

By Associated Press

In the Philippines, Japan's assignment of her most successful army commander to lead the campaign against Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heroic defenders indicated that a supreme attempt was forthcoming to wipe out American-Filipino resistance on Bataan peninsula.

Lieut. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Malaya and Singapore, was appointed commander-in-chief of the invasion forces, succeeding Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, who was reported to have committed suicide in chagrin over his failure to crush MacArthur's little army.

Still there was no sign of an all-out assault. Gen. MacArthur's daily war bulletin said a Japanese light cruiser shelled the port of Cebu, 250 miles southeast of Manila, inflicting only slight damage.

"There was no ground or air activity in Bataan," the communiqué added.

DAY TRAINS TO EUREKA MAY BE DISCONTINUED

San Francisco, March 10.—(P)—D. J. Russell, president of Northwestern Pacific railroad, said the company would ask the railroad commission for authority to discontinue daytime passenger trains between San Rafael and Eureka, because the trains are little used.

WHOLESALE PORK PRICES FROZEN TO NIP SKYROCKETING

Temporary Action Effective March 23 Places Ceiling At March 3 And 7 Levels.

Washington, March 10.—(P)—The government temporarily froze wholesale prices of 90 percent of the nation's pork products, including ham and bacon, today at the highest levels prevailing between March 3 and March 7.

The ceiling, effective March 23, applies to dressed hogs and wholesale pork cuts, and Price Administrator Leon Henderson declared it was expected "to help importantly in holding down the cost of living."

Large Industry

Last year, consumers spent more than \$2,000,000,000 for pork and other hog products. Neither farmers nor retail outlets are covered directly by the emergency price schedule but Henderson asserted both would feel its effects. When prices are fixed on dressed hogs or pork cuts, prices which the packer may pay for farmers' hogs automatically are limited.

"Pork prices to the retailer are fixed under the regulation," Henderson continued. "O.P.A. will step into the retail picture immediately, should present retail price margins rise beyond possibly a slight increase to reflect changes in replacement costs, thus adding to the consumers' burden unduly."

The O.P.A. said that, with top prices of \$13.75 a hundred pounds currently prevailing for hogs in Chicago, prices received by farmers exceed 110 per cent of parity. The 110 per cent figure is the highest of four levels, in the case of hogs, which limit Henderson's discretionary power to set ceilings on farm products under the emergency price control act.

TRIPLE THREAT COMMANDS NAVY

Washington, March 10.—(P)—The supreme command of all United States naval operations was concentrated today in the hands of Admiral Ernest J. King, a triple threat specialist in surface, air and submarine warfare.

King, who was already commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, took over the duties heretofore entrusted to Admiral Harold R. Stark as chief of naval operations.

This consolidation of authority—a possible hint of further streamlining in the navy's organization—gave King control not only of combat activities but also of the general planning and fleet maintenance, formerly the province of the chief of naval operations.

Secretary of Navy Knox announced the change in a formal statement last night which disclosed the assignment of Admiral Stark to a newly created post of "commander, U. S. naval forces operating in European waters."

COORDINATOR URGED FOR CORVALLIS AREA

Salem, March 10.—(P)—Major R. E. M. Des Islet, army engineer in charge of construction of the Corvallis army cantonment, told the Salem Chamber of Commerce yesterday that Benton, Linn, Polk and Marion counties need to appoint a coordinator to handle housing, transportation, recreation, sanitation and public relations problems.

SWEDEN DUE FOR INVASION

London, March 10.—(P)—George Gibson, former chairman of the Trades Union Congress, told the Anglo-Swedish Society today that he believes Hitler will invade Sweden within six months because he wants her navy and merchant shipping.