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RIGID GASOLINE RATIONING DUE SOON

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Troop Movement
Secrecy Lifts
Navy Indignant
Over News Leak
Longshore Gangs
Unsatisfactory

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 19.—The veil of secrecy which has enveloped war activities for the past three months is lifting a bit and it is now proper to say that American troops are pouring into the south Pacific, Australia and other points in the battle of the Pacific. The United States is preparing for the offensive and is building up its strength as rapidly as possible. Under censorship the movements were inaugurated and no paper reported the departure from the west coast of great convoys of ships carrying fighting planes, pilots, technical ground crews, of freighters and erstwhile passenger liners converted into transports and loaded to the Pimsol mark with troops—an amphibian force—of cargo carriers with deckloads of tanks, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and millions of rounds of ammunition. No mention was made in the press of the naval escort for the merchant vessels, the destroyers, cruisers, fleet of tankers, of their constant alertness for enemy, whether in the air, under sea or on the surface. However, the vessels crossed the Pacific successfully and when needed will be ready for whatever befalls.

It was the greatest transportation of troops ever attempted on the Pacific by the United States. It far exceeded the movement to the Philippines in the war with Spain when volunteers from the northwest distinguished themselves. For weeks the armada steamed westward over many thousands of miles of water, following a very round-about course and this new route to the Far East was time-killing with a convoy where the slowest ship was the maximum speed for all vessels.

The number of troops already in the Far East is a military secret, but it is no secret that it will be constantly increased; that additional bombers, fighter planes, pilots, tanks, munitions will be dispatched to where they are most needed. These

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Washington, March 19.—(P)—The senate has confirmed appointment of George A. Hart at Vale, Ore., and Henry W. Goff at Waldport, Ore., as postmasters.

Redmond, Ore., March 19.—(P)—The deaths of six dogs were being investigated today to determine whether the animals had been poisoned.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)

Tonight: Talks—CBS 6 p. m. America's Town Meeting. "Open Shop Question," MBS 7:15 p. m. Home House banquet, Archibald MacLeish, Wendell Willkie; Blue 7:45 p. m. Hale Boggs on "War Effort and Small Business."

MBS, 8, basketball tournament.

Friday: The war—8 MBS. 8:15 MBS, 9 CBS MBS, 10 Blue, 10:45 NBC, 11 MBS, 12:15 p. m. CBS, 1:45 CBS MBS, 1:55 Blue, 3 CS, MBS, 3:45 CBS, Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

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Jeanne Halper getting all excited about the coming Junior Guild fashion show.

Rev. Herald Gardner being the only man present in a flock of women and enjoying it thoroughly.

City Mouthpiece Frank Farrell describing colorfully the "good old days" of Medford aviation.

CARD SYSTEM TO BE ENFORCED IN NORTHWEST, EAST

Inauguration Waits Printing Of Coupon Books—Expected Within Six Weeks.

Washington, March 19.—(P)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today a rigid gasoline coupon rationing system would be instituted in the east and Pacific northwest as soon as the cards can be printed—which he estimated would be within six weeks.

The card rationing would supplement the curtailment program instituted over the same area today through reduction by 20 per cent in the supplies of gasoline delivered to filling stations. Ickes said he could not say now whether the more rigid system would be severer than the present one-fifth cut in consumption, but expressed the hope that the card system might be instituted quickly because of the increasing urgency of the supply situation in the two coastal areas caused by the sinking and war diversion of tanker ships.

"We will go on a card rationing system as soon as Mr. Henderson, the price administrator, can get around to it," the petroleum coordinator said. "He will do the rationing."

Operations of approximately 100,000 filling stations in the area were limited to a 12-hour day, six-day-week.

Supplementing this wartime action, the office of price administration froze the retail gasoline prices in the area at the levels prevailing last Friday and made violations punishable by a maximum \$5,000 fine or one year imprisonment.

The freezing order, which will be in force for at least 60 days, becomes legally effective on Monday, March 23.

Portland, March 19.—(P)—Major oil company spokesmen declared here today that curtailment of deliveries to service stations by 20 percent did not mean that civilians were assured of 80 percent of usual consumption.

Preferential delivery for five classifications of drivers will cut the amount available for civilians more than a fifth. Classifications ahead of civilians include vehicles necessary to public health and safety (ambulances, physicians' cars, etc.); vehicles operated by or in service of federal, state or local government; commercial vehicles; commercial, industrial and agricultural machinery; school buses.

Medford service station operators have reached no agreement on meeting the rationing requirements, inquiries today revealed. Some plan to close on Sunday while other will shorten weekday hours sufficiently to permit Sunday service for motorists.

M'NARY REPLIES TO 20-30 URGE FOR WAR EFFORT

Jack M. Hartley, secretary of the Medford 20-30 club, was in receipt of a telegram today from U. S. Senator Charles L. McNary in reply to a telegram sent him Tuesday night pleading for legislation to speed up the war effort and eliminate the bickering between capital and labor.

The telegram follows: "There are many bills in congress to speed up production. They have all had my support. What we need is not more bills but more votes for some of the bills."

"We passed the Connally anti-strike bill in the senate months ago, but even as late as Tuesday the president states he does not want further legislation affecting labor. Kindest regards. (Signed) Chas. L. McNary, U.S.S."

Nippons Drive Overland for Port Moresby

Bomber Loads Up In Hawaii



Somewhere in Hawaii a pair of sergeants give the once-over to a belt of .50 calibre bullets as they are loaded into a heavy bomber about to take off from Hawaii.

Plain Folks Demanding Washington Waken to War, Publisher Asserts

New Orleans, March 19.—(P)—Charles P. Manship, Baton Rouge publisher and president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association, today issued the following statement to the New Orleans States in response to a query as to "what congress should do regarding strikes, overtime and holidays":

"All over the south there is a growing demand that congress with or without the blessing of the White House, put an end to strikes in defense plants, put an end to labor union racketeering, put an end to war profiteering, put an end to a week, to boom-doggling, to 'social gains' as usual."

"Plain folks are demanding that Washington wake up and realize that we are fighting an all-out war, upon which our very existence as a nation depends, and that up to the present time we have been losing this war."

"They want to stop reading about strikes and lockouts in defense plants, when our soldiers and sailors are facing death on land and sea."

"They want an end to federal experimentation, boom-doggling and all sorts of foolishness that has been going on in the name of 'national defense.' They are tired of seeing their money recklessly spent, and precious time carelessly wasted by Washington planners who are pursuing dubious 'social gains' in the name of national defense. They are weary of indecision and cockeyed forms of radicalism."

"We say to congress: 'Keep your eyes open and face the gravest crisis in history.'"

"We say to the folks at home: 'Keep on writing.'"

DESERT SHIPYARD FOR HIGHER PAY

Richmond, Calif., March 19.—(P)—About 1,000 men had quit their jobs today at the Todd California and Richmond Shipbuilding corporation and company officials said they believed they had been lured by prospects of more money on 10-hour shifts falsely rumored to be on operation at competing shipyards.

Union and federal officials said the rumors of longer shifts might have been started by subversive groups seeking to hamper war production.

Union leaders condemned the resignations, which began yesterday and continued until midnight.

Venice, Calif., March 19.—(P)—Taichi Ishihara, a Japanese, held No. 441, fourth drawn in the new draft lottery. It tops the list in the Venice board.

COUNCIL, AIRLINE AGREE ON TERMS FOR PORT LEASE

Long Negotiation Over Compensation For Field Use Wins City Handsome Sum

The city council, continuing the adjourned regular meeting of Tuesday evening, last night brought to a close six weeks of negotiations by expressing its approval of and passing a motion for adoption of an ordinance executing a new lease to United Air Lines for use of the municipal airport.

After some three hours of discussion with J. Raymond Dyer of Chicago, attorney for United, the council unanimously passed the motion. C. H. Herman was absent and M. N. Hogan left before the vote. The ordinance will come up for adoption at the next council meeting April 7.

The lease, to become effective June 15, voids the old one which expired last November 1 and was continued under the same terms pending execution of the new agreement.

Under terms of the new instrument the city leases to United a plot of ground 175 by 100 feet near the west end of the new concrete apron just west of the hangar and agrees to maintain and operate the airport and keep it in a safe and suitable condition for United planes.

United, on its part, is to pay the city \$90 per year rent for the plot of ground, on which it plans to construct a \$25,000 administration building, and to pay for use of the landing field at the rate of \$1 for each revenue-bearing flight arriving at the airport.

The city will have an alternative basis of receiving payment for use of the landing field, that of accepting \$45 for each of the first three scheduled arrivals a month and \$25 for all after these.

The lease is to run for 30 years provided such length is found to be legal. If not, it will be for 10 years.

Adjustment Periods Under terms of the lease, an adjustment period will occur every five years. At the end of the first year of each adjustment period, the city will have its choice as to which method of payment for use of the landing field it desires from United for the next four years.

The former lease, which ran for 10 years, provided for a flat fee from United of \$125 a month. At present there are 10 scheduled flights daily which, under terms of the new document, would amount to \$300 a month for the city, not including the \$90 a year ground rental.

Councilman James C. Collins, chairman of the airport committee, brought up the subject of a minimum payment from United, which wasn't included in the lease, and after much discussion Mr. Dyer agreed to amend the lease to provide for a \$1,500 a year minimum.

Another amendment, suggested by M. N. Hogan, provided that the city be not obligated to expend for maintenance and operation of the airport a sum exceeding the total amount of revenue obtained from United in the preceding year.

United plans to start construction on its administration building immediately upon completion of drawings by Frank C. Clark, local architect, and the awarding of bids.

TAKES SUICIDE POTION Pendleton, March 19.—(P)—Mrs. Lawrence Hemphill, about 35, died at her home here yesterday of what Coroner J. A. Folsom said was self-administered poison. The body was found by her two step-daughters. She left notes indicating despondency over ill health, the coroner said.

HITLER ABANDONS LONE WOLF ROLE IN WAR PLANNING

Fuehrer Calls Back Generals For Help In Spring Offensive Against Russians.

By the Associated Press Climaxing three months of bloody retreat, Adolf Hitler has abandoned his lone-wolf role in guarding the destiny of German arms, it was reported today, and has called back his generals to help plan the Nazi spring offensive.

The Berlin correspondent of the Basel (Switzerland) National Zeitung said Hitler has summoned nearly all the German officers, including Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, who were ousted or resigned after the drive against Moscow failed last December.

Intuition Told Him Hitler at that time announced that his "intuition" had led him to take over supreme command of the German armies.

The National Zeitung correspondent said the Nazi spring offensive might be expected soon, with the fuhrer and his generals now mapping strategy at a series of staff conferences.

The question of throwing Russia's winter steamroller into reverse still remained to be solved, however, and today's German high command communique acknowledged that the armies were attacking relentlessly and that "heavy defensive fighting is in progress."

Russian appeals for opening of a second front against Germany were renewed today by the Moscow News, now published in Kibyshev, with a declaration that anti-Hitler forces "can and must determine the future progress of the war."

GOVERNOR LAUDS BIPARTISAN HELP WITH PAMPHLETS

Grants Pass, March 19.—(P)—The bipartisan plan of Democratic and Republican parties to distribute the pamphlet, "air raid instructions", to every Oregon home won the endorsement here today of Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Jerrold Owen, state defense coordinator, announced earlier his acceptance of the joint offer, made by the two state chairmen, Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass for the Republicans and Charles H. Leach of Portland for the Democrats.

"I greatly appreciate the offer of the chairmen of the two great party organizations in the state to join hands in helping to carry forward the state's program of civilian defense," the governor said.

Governor Sprague arrived in Medford at noon and inspected Camp White soon after lunch. Following a series of conferences here he will go to Talent at 6:30 p. m. to address the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at a banquet in the Talent Grange hall.

British Blizzard Finally Revealed

London, March 19.—(P)—The worst blizzard in 60 years swept northeast England and eastern Scotland March 5 and 6 in a stormy climax to the most severe winter in memory.

Announcement of the storm was permitted today by authorities who keep England's day-to-day weather a wartime secret.

Extreme cold lasted for more than two months and gave way finally to heavy rain March 8.

War Bulletins

Lewes, Del., March 19.—(P)—The 5,402-ton Yugoslavian freighter Trepca was torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast March 13 in broad daylight, the fourth naval district announced today after 33 survivors were landed here. Four crew members are missing.

Cairo, March 19.—(P)—The RAF announced today that torpedo-carrying planes had staged a successful attack on enemy shipping in the central Mediterranean on Tuesday night, setting one merchant ship on fire and scoring a hit on a larger vessel.

ACCESS ROAD BIDS FOUND TOO HIGH; WITHHOLD ACTION

Portland, March 19.—(P)—Construction of an access road to the Medford army cantonment was complicated here today by high bids opened by the state highway commission.

Two bids on the south half of the road both were considerably above highway department estimates, commissioners said.

The commission delayed action until later in the day. Low bid on the four miles of grading and paving of the south half was entered jointly by Leonard-Slate of Multnomah and Jacobson-Jensen, Portland, \$421,337. McNutt Bros., Eugene, bid \$443,433.

Babler Bros., Portland, was low on the north half with \$312,887.50.

Low bidder on the access road to the Albany-Corvallis cantonment was McNutt Bros., Eugene, at \$99,915.50.

Other low bids opened this morning:

Surfacing six miles, Graves Creek-Jumpoff Joe Creek section, Pacific highway, McNutt Bros., Eugene, \$147,818.

Central Pt. Appoints Planning Commission For Civic Betterment

Mayor P. A. Bonney of Central Point has announced selection of seven residents for service on the new planning commission being formed in accordance with Ordinance 242 adopted by the city council Tuesday night.

They are Elmer Wilson, Ernest E. Scott, Guy Tex, Elmer E. Kyle, Mrs. Frank W. Lawrence, Mrs. Hildegard Pierce and Miss Lois E. Dorland. Mayor Bonney, city attorney, Harry C. Skyrman, automatically members, and city engineer, Paul Rynning, ex-officio consultant round out the commission of ten.

Purpose of the new organization, as explained by the ordinance, is to recommend and make suggestions concerning a listed number of proposals and problems relating to civic betterment. Consideration of these matters is to be made by the commission before action is taken by the city council.

Registration of Oldsters For War Duty Due April 27

Washington, March 19.—(P)—President Roosevelt set April 27 today for the registration of men aged 45 to 64 inclusive.

It will be the fourth registration during the current war emergency and the second since the war actually engulfed the United States.

The chief executive issued a proclamation, under terms of the selective service act, which provides that:

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons who were born on or after April 28, 1877,

NAZI MISSIONARIES GUIDING INVADERS SAY AUSTRALIANS

Jap Planes Step Up Tempo Of Attacks On Northern Australia And Solomons.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)

Japan's invasion forces, savagely battered in sea-borne thrusts toward Australia, were reported moving overland en route to Port Moresby in southern New Guinea today while Japanese warplanes stepped up the tempo of attacks on northern Australia and the Solomon Islands.

Dispatches from Port Moresby said German missionaries and their nazified native pupils were guiding the Japanese land columns down the Markham valley from Lae, 180 miles airline north of Port Moresby.

A Berlin radio broadcast said the invaders had captured 30 airfields in southern New Guinea and put them into "working order for operations against the Australian mainland."

It seemed clear that the Japanese were hoping for a quick knockout of lower New Guinea before launching their direct assault on Australia.

Following up aerial smashes which have already taken a toll of 23 Japanese ships sunk or damaged off New Guinea, allied bombers were officially credited with battering another Japanese heavy cruiser and attacking enemy-occupied Koe-pang, on Dutch Timor Island next door to Java.

The cruiser was hit on the stern and left billowing smoke, it was announced.

Japanese warplanes again raided Port Darwin, on the Australian northwest coast, and struck anew at Port Moresby, New Guinea, dropping 40 bombs on harbor shipping in a 30-minute attack.

Port Moresby, only 300 miles from the Australian mainland, would be a likely jumping-off point for Japanese invasion forces.

New Zealand Glrids Strategically located off the southern coast of Australia, New Zealand itself was girding to combat any invasion attempt. Defense Minister F. Jones announced that strong reinforcements were being mobilized for the dominion, including United States and British planes and equipment.

General Douglas MacArthur made it plain that, as supreme commander in the southwest Pacific, he intended to build a striking force as soon as possible to smash Japan and at the same time relieve his beleaguered troops in the Philippines.

Thousands of soldiers and tons of supplies moved from the United States by heavily-laden convoys and sun-bronzed veterans of the battle of Java were established in bases about the commonwealth for this joint endeavor with Australia's armed forces.

and on or before February 16, 1897, shall take place in the United States and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico on Monday, April 27, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The usual exceptions were made for persons already in the armed forces and for registration in exceptional cases to or after the prescribed date.

The men registering April 27 will not be liable to compulsory military duty nor will another group—men of 18 and 19—still to be registered.