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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 24.—When Mr. Roosevelt tried to push the word "inflation" out of the dictionary, as a descriptive term for our current economic predicament, he really had a new conception of a remedy, if not of the problem.

Advance notices of his intentions around in the government suggest he has conceived a new economic freezing apparatus.

He would freeze prices first, all prices. Then instead of trying to freeze union wages to that index he would tie them to a cost of living index, but not directly, only loosely, through the war labor board.

In other words, he would merely order the war labor board not to grant any more increases in cases brought before it, unless the cost of living index rises.

The administration figures this would prevent any union wage increase cases from ever getting to the board, as long as the cost of living remains the same as the base period, between February 25 and March 25.

Other salaries would not be fixed but the argument for increasing them generally would be frozen by the action on the cost of living.

The cost of living index, of course, is based on the prices of rent, light, bread, food, clothing and some other items, and not upon the general price level which may or may not fluctuate the same.

FARM prices would likewise be handled on this tie-free basis, without direct action, by the initial step of freezing the price a baker can charge for his bread or a butcher for pork chops, etc.

It is figured that the limitation on bread will be an automatic restraint on the price of wheat and the freezing of pork chops will hold corn-hog prices.

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Radio Highlights

The place of medicine in the war effort will be discussed tonight in a nation-wide broadcast, "American Medicine and the Final Victory," over MBS network at 7:15. The broadcast is given by the National Physician's committee, sponsors of national legislation and much of whose funds are contributed by laymen.

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: CBS—7:15, Sen. Pepper on "Patents and Economic Warfare."

BLU—8, March of Time, Joe American—Soldier; 6:30 Celebrity Theater, John Vandercook in "Most Dangerous Game."

MBS—5:15 What Price Victory, Byron Price, guest; 6:45 Anzac day program, Lieut. Gen. Arnold and others.

Saturday: Penn relays—MBS 7:30 a. m., and 12:30 p. m., NBC 12:15 and 1:30, CBS 1:35, BLU 12:55, 1:15, 1:45 and 2:00, Drake relays—MBS 12, 1 and 1:45 . . . NBC—10:30 a. m., St. Louis well-known to Lieut. Comm. E. H. O'Hare, BLU—9:30 a. m., Farmer's Union; 12 Canadian Air Force band; 3:45 A. A. Berle, Jr., on "Inter-American Trade Difficulties."

North Bend, Ore., April 24.—(P)—Award of a contract for three 104-foot rescue tugs for the government to the Hillstrom Brothers Shipbuilding company was announced today. They will cost \$121,000 each.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Spring evidenced in the city school superintendent's office by a myriad of poppy posters.

Elmer Wilson finding his Central Point store extremely popular with customers just at closing time.

George Field proving an excellent guide on a short inspection tour of his favorite Rogue river fishing rifle.

Death of a U-Boat; Two Men Escape



Here is the grim death of a U-boat in the Mediterranean which was hunted down by a destroyer of the British Royal Navy and sunk with depth bombs. The captain and one sailor survived. Top: the sub ready to go. Circle defines survivors on the deck wash. Bottom (left), sailor has hold of ladder; captain is held by rope and buoy, ready to be taken aboard destroyer that brought death for their craft and fellow crew members. Bottom right: the captain is pulled in to the destroyer. Censorship veiled other details of the incident.

Plane Which Raided Japan Makes Landing in Russia

Kuibyshev, April 24.—(P)—Russia announced today that a United States bomber which raided Japan last Saturday and then lost its way has been interned with its crew in the Russian maritime province on the Sea of Japan.

It appeared to be an already completed test of the year-old Japanese-Russian neutrality pact but United States embassy officials here said Ambassador Admiral William H. Standley had asked Washington for instructions.

The plane was said to have carried five men, one a captain. The short dispatch announcing the internment said that the

Fifty Per Cent Cut In Gas Consumption Probable by May 1

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Government sources indicated today that gasoline consumption in the east and probably the Pacific Northwest would be cut to 50 per cent of normal on May 1 by limiting supplies to filling stations. This compares with the present curtailment of one-third.

Such an increased reduction, which might mean 60 per cent less gasoline for non-essential vehicles, would be effective for two weeks until May 15, when the rigid card rationing program becomes effective in the east by order of Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

A 60 per cent cut for passenger automobiles probably would provide about 25 gallons monthly for each vehicle, oil circles estimated.

The paradoxical situation of the oil industry was outlined to a senate agriculture subcommittee as being: East coast car owners face rigid rationing; Gulf coast refinery tanks are brimming with gasoline but there is a lack of transportation to move it to the east; and national demand for gasoline is decreasing due to the rubber shortage, though production of gasoline is booming in connection with producing by-products needed in the war effort.

Herb Grey Speaker At Newspaper Meet

Olympia, April 24.—(AP)—A conference of more than 125 newspaper editors and advertising managers of Washington and Oregon publications was preceded here today by a meeting of the executive committee of the Allied Daily Newspaper association.

General sessions open at 1:30 p. m. Herb Grey, president of the Oregon Publishers' association, will lead a discussion on advertising.

needs for personnel for the operation of the recreational buildings, will man and operate these government facilities.

Field recreation representatives of the F.S.A. are responsible for local areas affected by one or more military concentrations, such as Medford, and these representatives work with local committees, which are sub-committees of local defense councils, Orput explained in his statement.

Orput made it clear that the program of the USO is to be one segment of the total community program and incorporated as part of this total program, and is not to be a separate parallel or competitive program with any other service of the community.

WAR PRODUCTION HITS FAST STRIDE

ROOSEVELT HINTS NATION'S PLANS MAY BE EXPANDED

Ship Output Only Laggard in Program — Spending Volume Hits Fast Pace.

Washington, April 24.—(P)—President Roosevelt declared today that the war production program was working out extremely well and hinted that another program might be piled on top of the one which was called fantastic last January.

In his annual message to congress on January 6, the president set forth a schedule calling for a production in 1942 and 1943 of 185,000 planes, 120,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns and 18,000,000 tons of commercial shipping.

Spending Speeded
New figures on war spending came from Budget Director Harold D. Smith, who reported that the program had been speeded up to an estimated \$28,000,000,000 this fiscal year and to \$70,000,000,000 in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

Attributing these revised figures to a better than expected rate of war production, Smith said they compared with previous estimates of \$26,000,000,000 for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, and \$56,000,000,000 for the next year.

Smith said weekly cash outlays for war already have increased from \$409,000,000 in the week of Pearl Harbor to \$690,000,000 per week.

This month war will cost \$3,000,000,000. In June, he said, it will cost \$3,500,000,000, and by September, monthly costs will be about \$5,000,000,000 per month "and still going up."

Considering non-war expenditures and other factors, Smith pointed out that existing tax laws would fall short of financing the treasury in the next fiscal year by \$56,223,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt's intimation that the tremendous goals set last January might be expanded came when he was asked at a press conference whether he thought steel plants now being built or expanded would raise capacity sufficiently to meet all needs.

No, he replied, he couldn't say that because there might be another program by the time the expansions and new plants are completed.

The chief executive expressed a personal view that there still was too great civilian use of steel, but that war production board officials had taken a contrary position. He said that this is being checked on now.

To an inquiry as to whether anything was being done to "revitalize shipbuilding," Mr. Roosevelt said that everybody was working on that at the present time. Referring to the difficulty of obtaining enough steel, he added that you can't make bread without flour.

He was informed that the ship construction program was regarded generally as the only portion of his January production plan which was lagging seriously behind.

LIGHTNING DRIVE ON BURMA FRONT GAINS 80 MILES

Quick Knockout of Allies in Burma Seen Aim in Fast Move North From Loikaw.

By the Associated Press
Japan's invasion armies, seeking a quick knockout of allied forces in Burma, have driven within 100 miles of Mandalay apparently in a lightning 80-mile thrust from Loikaw. British headquarters disclosed today.

A communique said fresh attacks were developing in the Taunggyi area, 100 miles south of the allied base at Mandalay, after capturing three key cities in a new headlong offensive.

Other attacks were reported near Shwepyithar, 10 miles east of Taunggyi.

Taunggyi is 80 miles north of Loikaw, the most advanced position previously reported taken by the Japanese in that section of their three-way drive into upper Burma. Loikaw fell Tuesday night.

"Reports of both engagements were meager, but matters appear to be progressing satisfactorily," the communique said.

Japanese bombers again raided Mandalay.

MORE TIRES FOR MAY RATIONING

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—The office of price administration announced today that a total of 633,665 new and recapped tires would be made available for rationing next month to passenger car owners.

The allotment compared with an April quota of about 572,000 tires.

The May quota, for the first time since rationing began, makes recapping certificates available to "List A" passenger cars and motorcycles. This is in line with provisions of a pending amendment to tire rationing regulations which will require that, after May 1, passenger car eligibles on "List A" must have their tires repaired, if possible, before being allowed to purchase new ones.

"List A" includes vehicles used in services deemed most essential in the nation's economy. A secondary list of eligibles, known as "List B," includes all persons eligible to receive recapped tires, but not new ones.

REJECT FISH OFFER

Astoria, Ore., April 24.—(P)—The fish packers' offer of 15 1/2 cents a pound for salmon at the opening of the season May 1 has been rejected by the AFL Columbia River Gillnet Fishermen's union, Secretary Guy Lawrence said today.

BASEBALL

American		
Score:	R.	H.
New York	8	15
Boston	5	9
Bonham, Branch and Dicke		
H. Newsome, Ryba and Peaco		
Chicago	1	8
Detroit	2	4
Smith and Turner; Benc		
Gardner and Tubbette		

Chicago	1	8	2
Detroit	2	4	1

Smith and Turner; Benton, Gorsica and Tebbetts.

SUGAR DEALERS URGED TO HURRY FILING OF FORMS

The Jackson county rationing board today issued the following notation to sugar dealers:

"Application forms for registration of the trade can be secured at any high school in the county Saturday morning and all day Monday. It will be of great assistance not only to the registrars but to the trade outlets themselves if they get their forms and fill in the data before applying for their sugar purchase certificates on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"All wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, boarding houses, bakeries, candy stores, hotels and private clubs will be unable to purchase sugar after registration starts unless they receive purchase certificates.

"This notice has nothing to do with the individual sugar purchase stamps which will be distributed from the grade schools on May 4, 5, 6 and 7."

Portland, April 24.—(P)—W. S. Dirker, state sugar rationing executive, advised Oregon housewives today to purchase sufficient sugar this week end to last through May 5, the day sugar rationing starts.

"No sugar may be sold the week starting April 27 and until rationing starts on May 5," Dirker said.

Consumer registration for sugar rationing will be May 4-7 in elementary schools but the first day of registration no sugar may be purchased with the ration certificates.

Joe Louis' Trainer Succumbs Suddenly

Chicago, April 24.—(AP)—Jack Blackburn, trainer of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, died today.

Blackburn, 58 years old, was stricken with pneumonia several weeks ago, but had progressed sufficiently to be removed from a hospital to his home. He was believed to be on the road to recovery, but death came suddenly, apparently from a heart attack.

KING INSPECTS

Somewhere in England, April 24.—(P)—King George and Queen Elizabeth inspected a Canadian armored division today. The king took a ride on a Bren gun carrier.

GREAT FIRES SET IN NAZI PORT BY BRITISH BOMBERS

Site of Heinkel Plane Works and Shipbuilding, Target For Night Air Foray.

By Roger D. Greene
(Associated Press War Editor)
British air raiders, systematically blasting Germany's war nerve centers, set great fires at the German Baltic port of Rostock last night and apparently inflicted heavy damage, the London air ministry announced today, while Nazi warplanes stepped up the tempo of their attacks on England.

Described as the home of the Heinkel aircraft works, Rostock is a shipbuilding center and a major base for German war supplies flowing to the Russian-Finnish fronts.

Heavy Assault

A British spokesman said the assault was "heavy and quite successful," with widespread flames sweeping the busy port as the last RAF bombers turned back.

"Four of our aircraft are missing," the air ministry said. "At home, Britons reacted enthusiastically to Lord Beaverbrook's speech in New York last night urging creation of a second front in western Europe.

"This is a chance to bring the war to an end here and now," the British lease-lend coordinator told American newspaper publishers.

"Strike out to help Russia. Strike out violently. Strike even recklessly."

On the Russian front, a Stockholm dispatch quoted a Berlin spokesman as asserting that the German 16th army, trapped for many weeks in the bloody Staraya Russa battle sector 120 miles south, had burst through Soviet lines and re-established contact with the main German forces.

Finnish Move South
Soviet dispatches reported that Finnish troops, moved south of Leningrad for the first time, were fighting alongside reinforced Nazi divisions in the general Staraya Russa area but declared their counter-attacks were unsuccessful.

A red army bulletin said Russian troops in the Leningrad front killed more than 1,400 German officers and men in two days and destroyed 12 Nazi blockhouses.

In the Crimean campaign, where German and Soviet armies have been deadlocked for months, dispatches to the army newspaper Red Star reported that Russian troops had captured the "Golden Range," a key Nazi stronghold, after four days of heavy fighting.

War Bulletins

Cairo, Egypt, April 24.—(P)—British artillery dispersed Axis infantry and motor vehicles moving along the coastal sector of the Libyan battlefront yesterday but sandstorms prevented any other land operations, the Middle East command reported today. The destruction of seven German bombers over Malta was announced by RAF headquarters.

Berlin (from German Broadcasts), April 24.—(P)—The Nazi high command said today that German U-boats prowling the Mediterranean had sunk two British transport vessels totalling 13,000 tons and three coastal sailing ships.

Girl Intern Amputates Leg Using Borrowed Pen Knife

Richmond, Va., April 24.—(P)—The saga of an attractive girl intern who crawled beneath a locomotive, held a flashlight in her teeth and amputated the leg of a railway workman with a borrowed pocket knife was disclosed here today.

Heroine of the story was Marina Diaz-Rivas, slender, young brunette from Puerto Rico, who has been on the night ambulance-riding assignment at the medical college of Virginia hospital.

A call came from the railroad yards. Trapped beneath a locomotive, groaning and half-delirious with pain was a yard em-

ployee. A big wheel was squarely across his mangled leg. There was only one way to free him — amputation — and there was only one way to get at it—from underneath the locomotive.

Shivering as the night wind cut through her white uniform, Miss Diaz-Rivas crawled under lying flat on the gravel, grease and ashes, she went to work by the dim rays of her flashlight with a small hospital scalpel. Heavy muscle and the cramped quarters presented a problem. The scalpel wasn't enough. In desperation she borrowed a big pocket knife and finished the job.

The patient is recovering.