

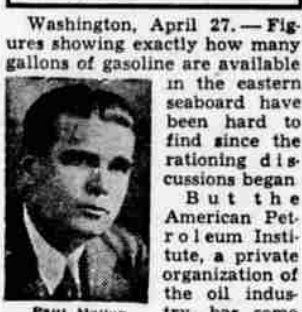
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ROOSEVELT URGES 7-POINT PROGRAM TO STABILIZE ZOOMING LIVING COSTS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, April 27.—Figures showing exactly how many gallons of gasoline are available in the eastern seaboard have been hard to find since the rationing discussions began. But the American Petroleum Institute, a private organization of the oil industry, has some figures, usually considered very accurate, which indicate that Messrs. Henderson and Ickes were not only right when they repudiated the published unofficial statement from an official in Henderson's office threatening to limit motorists to 2 1/2—but they were very, very right. Nothing like that kind of a limitation seems justified.

The institute figures show stocks were but little under last year, and, instead of declining in the last three weeks, have been increasing.

Barrels of gas on hand in the critical area the last available weeks to April 11: (These are two weeks behind because one week is held up by the censor.)

This Year	Last Year
April 11..17,035,000	20,633,000
April 4..17,319,000	20,322,000
March 28..16,470,000	20,495,000

This may be enough to justify rationing but certainly not the kind the OPA official was talking about.

FURTHERMORE, after all the talk that has gone on for weeks and weeks about reversing those three Pennsylvania pipelines so as to push fuel oil into eastern states, little has been accomplished. Two of the

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Cantonment Payday Moved To Saturday

L. B. DeWitt, project manager, announced today that effective this week contractors of the Medford cantonment would pay their workers on Saturdays instead of Fridays, as has been the custom since construction was started.

Pendleton, April 27.—(P)—George Corwin of Medford has been named superintendent of the Heppner school system, replacing Alden Blankenship, who has resigned to do graduate work at Columbia university.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: MBS, 7:30, U. S. C. of C. convention, speaker Barclay Acheson.
Tuesday: CBS, 1:30, Kentucky derby trials; blue, 9:30, Farm and Home program, Sec. Wickard; MBS, 9:15, U. S. C. of C. convention, B. H. Namm on "Supplying the Home Front"; 12:30, Philadelphia orchestra children's concert.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

George Green proving a patriotic civic booster by making a present of a big box of apples to a group of soldier boys passing through, they being gratefully received.

"Doc" Dwight Findley trying to dodge the good old Oregon drizzle this a.m. en route to his office.

Marie Ulrich sporting a corsage of green orchids as she took in Cinema "Sullivan's Travels."

Fixation of Wages, Farm Parity Change Among Suggestions

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that during the war "no American citizen ought to have a net income, after he has paid his taxes, of more than \$25,000 a year" in proposing to congress a seven-point program designed to combat the upward spiral in living costs.

The president proposed stabilization of wages and salaries of individuals, saying "I believe that stabilizing the cost of living will mean that wages in general can and should be kept at existing levels" and asked repeal of the provisions of the price-fixing law which allow farm commodities to rise to 110 percent of parity.

"We must fix ceilings on the prices which consumers, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers pay for the things they buy," the president said as he outlined his plans to keep the cost of living down, and added "ceilings on rents for dwellings in all areas affected by war industries" to the steps that must be taken.

Mr. Roosevelt also declared it was "indefensible that those who enjoy large incomes from state and local securities should be immune from taxation while we are at war" and urged that state, municipal and similar bonds "be subject at least to surtaxes."

Flatly opposing suspension of the 40-hour work week law, the president said: "Most workers in munition industries are working far more than 40 hours a week and should continue to be paid at time and a half for overtime. Otherwise, their weekly pay envelopes would be reduced."

Mr. Roosevelt reported that "all strikes are at a minimum." The program, outlined in a message to congress, was the administration's plan for gearing the economy of the nation and its people to emergency war conditions.

The chief executive also proposed heavy taxes, holding personal and corporate profits to reasonable levels, stabilization of prices received by farmers, discouraging credit and installment buying, rationing of all essential scarce commodities, and stimulation of the purchase of war bonds.

The president will outline the anti-inflation program to the nation over the radio tomorrow night, but the hour for the broadcast was not announced.

Only taxes and stabilization of farm prices, Mr. Roosevelt said, require legislative action. But he added in his message, read to the senate and house by clerks: "I assure the congress that if the required objectives are not attained, and if the cost of living should continue to rise substantially, I shall so advise the congress, and shall ask for any additional legislation which may be necessary."

Mr. Roosevelt said there were obvious reasons for taking every step necessary to prevent a rise in the cost of living, which already has moved up about 15 percent since the autumn of 1939 and which might soar "another 80 percent or 90 percent during the next year or two."

War Bulletins

Cairo, April 27.—(AP)—British submarines, prowling the central Mediterranean, were credited today with sinking four axis ships heavily laden with supplies intended for Marshal Erwin Rommel's stalemated armies in North Africa.

London, April 27.—(P)—The RAF shot down 10 German fighter planes in offensive sweeps over northern France today and lost two bombers and nine fighters from a large force of American-made Boston (Douglas) bombers and bomb-carrying Hurricanes, it was learned authoritatively today.

RED DRIVE SEEN KNOCKOUT BLOW AIMED AT FINNS

Activity On Eastern Front Is Effort to Outflank Germans' North Anchors.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth, Associated Press War Editor.
While the RAF cracked the whip over western Europe there were signs today on the eastern front that Russia had launched upon an offensive to knock Finland out of the war and outflank the Germans on their main northern anchors about Leningrad and southward.

Nearly 2,000 Finnish soldiers were reported killed last week in this apparent offensive likened in hitting power to the coupe de grace dealt the Finns by the Red army two years ago to end their short winter war.

Also Protect Ports
The present Russian drive might have the additional effect of protecting the lease-lend ports of Murmansk and Archangel while Adolf Hitler's main forces still mark time in the slush and mud from Leningrad south to the Crimea.

The RAF ruled the skies of western Europe today in its greatest offensive of the war, a strategic factor upon which the whole course of the conflict may depend.
It threatened devastation of centers of German power, one by one, in the deliberate manner of the last four nights of consecutive bombing of Rostock, a process which no doubt would be speeded up when and if Germany gets under way against Russia.

It was estimated that 1,600,000 pounds of bombs had been dumped on Rostock.
To clinch this aerial sovereignty: The British had the promise that United States planes soon would be working with them wing to wing in a campaign which already has shaded Germany's own 1941 blitz.

The prospect of United States collaboration in the work of destruction was not new. It developed from the recent visit to Britain by the United States chief of staff, General George C. Marshall. But American participation in the offensive was still in secretive preparation.

Last night's RAF pounding at Rostock, Baltic port of exit for supplies and troops to the northern Russian front as well as a great plane-building center, was followed up by another daylight sweep over the northern part of captive France.

Before noon, great bomber-fighter formations of the RAF had winged across the English channel and back from the direction of Boulogne.

Retail Sugar Sales Cease at Midnight To Wait Rationing

Washington, April 27.—(P)—Retail sugar sales cease at midnight tonight when a one-week "freeze" sets in.
They will be resumed on Tuesday, May 5, on a rationing basis.

The office of price administration, expecting a heavy demand as soon as the "freeze" period ends, cautioned retailers to stock up to the limit of their May quota.

Books of rationing stamps for individual consumers will operate this way:
The first stamp will permit the purchase of one pound of sugar in the period May 5-16; the second will be valid for the May 17-30 period; the third for May 31-June 13; and the fourth for June 14-27. The amount allowed for each stamp after June 27 will be announced later.

TRAIL MAN KILLED IN HEAD-ON CRASH AT BYBEE CORNER

Archie Ira Hall, 32, Thrown From Car—Skull Crushed—Companion Arrested.

Archie Ira Hall, 32, of Trail, was instantly killed about 10:30 p. m. Saturday night when his 1930 Ford roadster crashed almost head-on into the 1932 Chevrolet sedan of R. L. Clower of Phoenix at Bybee corner on the Medford-Jacksonville highway.

Hall was thrown from the vehicle which overturned and the front of his skull was badly crushed. His two passengers, Edward A. Hinkle, 15, and Raymond Richard Garrett, 33, both of Jacksonville, sustained only minor injuries.

Both Cars Wrecked
Clower and his brother, W. H. Clower, the only passenger, were not injured. The cars, both total wrecks, came to rest 40 to 50 yards apart.

Hall was said by state police to have been operating his auto over the center line. Clower was following a vehicle driven by his father, T. T. Clower, who swerved out barely in time to miss Hall's car, according to information received by County Coroner H. W. Conger, and Clower did not see the approaching machine in time to avoid collision. The Clowers and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Finley, occupants of the father's car, had been visiting friends in Jacksonville and were returning to Phoenix.

Hall had picked up Garrett, an acquaintance, in Medford and was taking him home. They were hitch-hiking to Jacksonville and who was not acquainted with Hall. Garrett, according to District Attorney George W. Neilson, pleaded guilty this morning to the charge of being drunk on a public highway.

Neither Conger nor Neilson, from the evidence gathered, could see reason for an inquest.
Hall is survived by his mother, Mrs. Minnie Hall of Ashland; two sisters, Mrs. Marion Train of Coquille and Mrs. Thomas Lewman of Provolet and two brothers, Floyd Hall of Grants Pass and Ralph Hall in the army. Funeral arrangements will be revealed later.

Royal Air Force Hammers Rostock



Royal Air Force warplanes have heavily raided the German Baltic seaport of Rostock (1) in night attacks. Rostock is near the port of Luebeck (2), which the RAF reported was nearly half burned out by a previous raid.

OLDSTERS FLOCK TO REGISTER FOR REAR RANK DUTY

Registration of Jackson county men between the ages of 45 and 64 years, was underway today, and draft board officials estimated that between 3,500 and 4,000 men would have their names on the dotted lines when the registration closes this evening at 9 o'clock.

At the courthouse auditorium registering started at seven o'clock this morning, with a line of men waiting opening of the doors. There was a heavy registration all morning with double lines filling into the building. During a brief shower the men were lined up on the basement floor of the courthouse. Many of the registrants were cantonment workers. About 25 clerks were on duty.

A force was busy at the cantonment yesterday and today registering men, within the prescribed ages.
Reports from other cities and towns of the county said the registering was proceeding briskly.

CHINESE IMPROVE BURMA POSITIONS

By the Associated Press
The Chinese in Burma have improved their positions against the Japanese drive, the indications in the Australian theater of war point toward an imminent showdown with Japan, and United States guns on Corregidor are still answering the enemy in Bataan.

Those were the salient reports today from the broad zone of conflict in Asia and the western Pacific.

Corregidor, rockbound fastness in Manila bay, the Philippines, underwent its 250th air raid alarm said the war department. Japanese dive-bombers struck both there and at nearby Fort Hughes.
Japanese guns in siege positions on Bataan peninsula to the north and on the shore of Manila bay to the south shelled Corregidor for four hours, and the answering fire of the Americans "broke up a hostile troop concentration in Bataan and set a truck park on fire," the Washington communique said.

SAFETY EFFORT AT CAMP WHITE HELD ADEQUATE

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—Major General Thomas J. Robins, acting chief of engineers, has advised Senator McNary that safety conditions at the army camp at Medford, Ore., seemed to be well in hand.

William J. McLean of Kerby, Ore., had complained to the senator about the number of guards and fire hazards and inquired about the loyalty of some persons employed to work at the camp.

Robins said there were 145 guards at the camp working in three eight-hour shifts and three patrol cars which made constant rounds of the camp. He said there was one fire house with a fire truck manned by three trained firemen under the direction of a veteran fire chief, who had organized fire volunteers. The general added two more fire trucks would be delivered at the camp May 1, while seven were on order.

Robins said all workmen for the government and private contractors had to be citizens of the United States, had to sign affidavits they did not belong to any organization which advocated the overthrow of the government and all were fingerprinted and the prints checked by the federal bureau of investigation.

RENTAL SITUATION GROWS BAD AGAIN

The Jackson county housing committee, Robert Kyle, chairman, will meet in the chamber of commerce at 4 p. m. Tuesday to discuss the acute local rental situation which is said to have grown from the exorbitant rents being charged for poor quarters by a number of landlords.

It was pointed out by Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator, that a few landlords are indulging in practices which, if continued, will force the government to place a ceiling on rents, considerably below the present average. This will result, he explained, in causing a loss to all landlords, including those who are charging reasonable rates for their houses and apartments.

Rationing of existing stocks of rubber in Argentina has just been ordered by the government.

Hitler's Address to Reichstag Carries Hint of Deep Worry

London, April 27.—(P)—Adolf Hitler made himself the supreme master of Germany yesterday, with flat power even above his own Nazi law, and his act roused the hopeful suspicion of his enemies that Germany is in deep internal trouble after a winter of near-catastrophe.

The extraordinary power to require absolute obedience from every German was voted at Hitler's demand by the reichstag after he had addressed its uniformed members in a speech strangely mixing his usual bombast and confident predictions of victory with a new undercurrent of anxiety.

One of those predictions was that soviet Russia would be the decisive battleground of the world conflict and that it would be a scene of Nazi triumph.

Sign of Cracking
But Hitler's demand came immediately after he had conceded to the reichstag that the German army survived a "threatening catastrophe" and suffered hardships for which the reich had been unprepared during the terrible cold of the Russian winter. That the fuhrer, who became

Germany's military as well as civil overlord during the winter crisis on the soviet front, should now demand strengthening of his dictatorial power was hailed both in Britain and Russia as a sign that nazism's home front was cracking.

The London Daily Herald declared it would not be surprised if Hitler planned a purge "or some move so desperate that its accomplishment will necessitate a purge."
Most British reaction reflected the surmise of the Daily Mail that "the shadow of opposition" has risen within the third reich.
The Daily Telegraph recalled that Hitler resorted to a purge in 1934 and inferred that again he might be reaching for the whip.

Impotency Seen
Hitler, in the Times' view, has found himself "impotent to bring his war to a victorious conclusion" and, as compensation, has made himself "supreme law lord."

The Moscow radio called the speech "a sure sign that the Nazis see the approach of their end" and declared that Hitler's assumption of still greater power "made it abundantly clear

that he had no other alternative than to admit his utter failure in the field and at home."
As broadcast by the Berlin radio, Hitler turned from his assurances that the next winter would find Germany ready on the Russian front and made this demand:

"For this purpose, I expect, however, one thing: that the nation entitles me to intervene and act myself. Immediately, in every case where in the service of the greater cause which decides on our existence not the strictest, unreserved obedience is shown . . .

Full Power Asked
"I therefore beg of the German reichstag explicit confirmation that I am legally entitled to hold anyone to his duties or to sentence to cashiering or to oust from office and position anyone without consideration of his person . . . who in my conscientious opinion does not fulfill his duties."

Experienced radio listeners in London said they detected excitement in Hitler's voice when he dealt with this phase of his message which, in widespread British opinion, was the chief reason for the speech.