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Hero O'Hare Waves To Admirers



Lieut. Commdr. Eddie O'Hare, ace of the Navy, who shot down five Jap planes and disabled a sixth in one fight, waves to admirers in his native city of St. Louis during a parade. At left is his mother, Mrs. Selma O'Hare; on the right Mrs. Eddie O'Hare. Naval guard of honor flanks the automobile.

Government Sets Price Ceilings; War Boom Rents Due For Freeze

Highest March Levels To Be Maximum Price On Nearly All Articles

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—A government padlock forged in March will be placed May 18 on the price of virtually every article that appears on America's daily shopping list and rents in all war-boom towns will be battered down for the duration.

In a sweeping order coincident with President Roosevelt's share-the-war economy program, Price Administrator Leon Henderson last night announced that prices would be held to their highest March levels and directed that rents in areas housing more than half the nation's population be restored to their pre-boom levels.

3 Per Cent Decline
Henderson estimated the universal price ceiling would knock retail costs about 3 percent below today's levels. That is the amount of increase shown by April indices. They still will be about 13 percent above August, 1939, however.

Labeled frankly as a framework for other anti-inflation measures yet to come, including higher income and excess profits taxes, vastly expanded rationing, wage stabilization and income limitations, the over-all ceiling exempts only a limited number of food commodities.

The government's stop-price order will be aimed at such "cost of living" items as tobacco, meat, canned goods, clothing, and packaged household goods, and Henderson estimated that housewives would find 60 to 75 percent of all foods back at March costs when the universal ceiling takes effect in retail stores May 18.

Must Post Lists
Retailers will be required after that date to post public lists of the ceiling prices on "cost of living" items.

Wholesalers and manufacturers prices will be affected May 11. Beginning July 1, rates charged for "retail services"—such as garages, tailors, laundries, dry cleaners and shoe repair shops—likewise must revert to the March base.

Loud protests against pegging both wholesale and retail prices to the same month were voiced by store owners who said they had not kept pace with increasing wholesale prices during March.

One Fifth Avenue, New York department store executive, describing Henderson's order as "completely unfair" to the retailer, said stores that kept their prices to the public down while selling inventories purchased at earlier lower levels "were now being penalized."

Although emphasizing that he expected business to cooperate generally, and that stress would be placed upon government administration rather than police, Henderson called attention to penalties permitting the office of price administration

RAF CAPS RAIDS WITH BIG PUNCH AT KIEL SEABASE

Great Fires Left in Before-Dawn Attack — Battleship Lair Also Bombed.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
British warplanes capped a devastating week-long air offensive by smashing heavily at Germany's big naval base of Kiel before dawn today and bombed the Nazi battleship lair at Trondheim, Norway, for the second night in a row.

Great fires were left raging at Kiel, the British said, while the Germans asserted that the RAF aimed its bombs at "cultural monuments", dwellings and hospitals.

The high command acknowledged an unspecified number of civilian casualties and said the raid cost the British 11 bombers, making a 48-hour total of 36 RAF bombers shot down. The high command said 25 were shot down Monday night alone.

On the Soviet front, Russia claimed an important 45-mile advance in four days in which the Red armies stormed across a big river and sent the Germans reeling back to the southwest.

The river was not identified, but the Russians have been hammering Nazi defenses along the Volk river below Leningrad, the upper Volga in the Rlyev sector before Moscow, the Oka river 200 miles south of Moscow, and the Donets river in the Kharkov area of the Ukraine.

It was the most sweeping advance described in Soviet dispatches for weeks.

Aside from helping to stem the flow of German war supplies to the Russian front, the RAF's latest raids indicated that the British were smashing hard in an attempt to knock out German naval bases along the channel "invasion coast."

TORNADO AND FIRE RAZE TEXAS TOWN
Vernon, Texas, April 29.—(AP)—A tornado followed by a devastating fire destroyed or damaged every building in the west Texas county seat town of Crowell last night, killing at least eleven persons and injuring hundreds.

Hospitals were filled with injured. All communications in the vicinity were down.

George Self, Red Cross chairman at Crowell, said 1,000 persons needed emergency aid and housing.

BASEBALL

American	4	9	2
Detroit	2	9	0
Boston	2	9	0
Benton, Manders, Gorsica and Tebbetts; Terry, M. Brown and Peacock.			

3-A Draftees Face Reclassification if Dependency Recent

Camp Murray, April 29.—(AP) Selective service officials were instructed today by the national headquarters in Washington, D. C., to delve more deeply into the reasons for dependency of their class 3 registrants, and to reclassify all those who have acquired dependents "for reason of providing deferment or when induction was imminent."

Adjutant General Walter J. DeLong disclosed today part of the directive received from the national headquarters.

"In cases where the dependency status (such as marriage) was acquired after December 8, or acquired when induction was imminent, the registrant shall not be classed in 3A," said the directive.

Dependency deferment such as pregnancy, birth or acquiring a child since December 8, also shall not prevent a registrant from being drafted.

EUGENE FLIER ONE OF SEVEN KILLED

Orlando, Fla., April 29.—(AP)—Seven army flyers were killed when a bomber and a pursuit ship collided in mid-air about nine miles west of here.

The dead were announced by Colonel Thomas S. Voss, commander of the Orlando air base, as:

Second Lieut. Ernest W. Robertson of Eugene, Ore.
Second Lieut. Joseph S. Smith of Yakum, Tex.

Second Lieut. Richard R. Carnevale of Columbus, Ohio.
Private M. C. Brown of Detroit, Mich.

Private L. A. Gerhart of Wrentham, Pa.
Private Wm. E. Wint of Holland, Mich.

Second Lieut. Robert S. Boyce of Chillicothe, Ohio, pilot of the pursuit ship.

The bomber, carrying the crew of six, was attached to MacDill field at Tampa and the pursuit plane was from the Orlando air base.

Eugene, April 29.—(AP)—Ernest Robertson, 25-year-old Eugene youth, killed in Florida today in the crash of an army bomber, is a former University of Oregon football star. He played for three seasons under Coach Callison and Tex Oliver, and in 1939 was considered one of the leading linemen in Pacific coast conference football.

JAPANESE REACH NORTH RAILHEAD OF BURMA ROUTE

Invaders Entry in Lashio Threatens Complete Isolation From Allied Help.

By the Associated Press
Advanced Japanese troops have broken into the suburbs of Lashio, railroad of the Burma road to China, a Chinese communique disclosed tonight.

This disastrous development indicated that barring some miracle of defense the Mandalay-Lashio railroad soon would be cut and China isolated from all presently effective communication with the allies.

President Roosevelt's disclosure that America now has "several hundreds of thousands of fighting men at bases and battle fronts thousands of miles from home" was quickly followed today by an official announcement that strong new reinforcements of U. S. troops and equipment have arrived in Australia.

Sink Jap Ship
Other good news for the allies centered on the valiant resistance of Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright's defenders in the Philippines.

A war department bulletin said American gunners on Corregidor and other island forts in Manila bay sank an armed Japanese ship, broke up enemy troop concentrations and silenced several Japanese batteries on the opposite shores.

The communique said that Japanese guns heavily shelled the forts, but that enemy air attacks on Corregidor were decreasing.

On Panay island, in the central Philippines, the war department reported that American Filipino troops continued to fight against Japanese invasion forces but that enemy naval strength had been increased near Panay and nearby islands.

The size of the new American expeditionary contingent which landed in Australia was not given, but officials said it was "strong and well supplied."

Commenting on the arrival of the Americans, Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin declared Australia was mobilizing to take the offensive against Japan despite the "constant and undiminished" threat of Japanese invasion of the down-under continent itself.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
The Kentucky Derby will have broadcast space on CBS Saturday afternoon at 2:45. Ted Husing will do the color while Clem McCarthy, loaned by NBC will handle the actual running. Madeline Carroll, Red Skelton, Jean Hersholt, Bea Wain and Peter Van Steeden's orchestra are combining for a special one-time broadcast at 7:30 p. m. Thursday on NBC to introduce a war savings stamp drive by the drug industry. Radio facilities and talent are being contributed.

Tonight: Talks—MBS 5:30 James A. MacKinnon, Canadian minister of trade and commerce, on "Inter-American Relations." MBS 7:15 United Nations speak, Alexander Louden, Netherlands minister. BLU and MBS 8:30 from St. Paul "Buy a Bomber Show." Paul V. McNutt on "Manpower Mobilization."

Thursday: NBC—3:30 p. m., American Legion Child Health Day program. CBS—2:30 Kentucky Derby preview; 3:15 Herbert Agar on "What Are We Fighting For?"

SUNDAY HOLIDAY OUT
London, April 29.—(AP)—The Berlin radio was heard tonight broadcasting a decree abolishing all Sunday holidays.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 29.—Hitler has been reported massing troops in the southern Ukraine for several months now to start his promised big drive, the one which is to make or break his cause.



PHOTO BY PAUL MALLON

German generals have been running in and out of Berlin. The weather has been suitable for fighting on that front for several weeks. Yet there has been no action.

The answer is he is still massing, still struggling to accumulate every possible force. He has lifted Italian soldiers from Italy—not for the fighting, of course—but to relieve Germans to go to the front.

Rumanians, Hungarians, Bulgarians also are being used for this purpose. Planes are being gathered in from the occupied regions along the Atlantic seaboard (which should leave that way easier for the British.) German troops have been shifted from the central Russian front, south to the scene of prospective fighting.

This certainly means action is coming. But if it does not get started within the next three weeks, Hitler will have to furnish some tall excuses.

HITLER is evidently counting on the big thaw, just now developing on the central and northern front to keep the Russians from breaking through his weakened forces there. His transportation facilities are so much better than the Russians that he can move from the center to the south much faster.

But he seems to have depleted his center to such an extent that he will need this fast transportation to get them back when the thaws pass in a few weeks.

Therefore time weighs heavily on his shoulders, and every moment he loses in getting his southern drive going means that

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SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

City School "Supe" E. H. Hedrick willing to be quoted concerning the weather.

Building Inspector Frank Rogers being able to give a lengthy discourse on a certain subject which would be Greek to the public.

CLOTHING MAKERS PLANNING APPEAL ON FREEZE ORDER

By the Associated Press
An appeal by the clothing industry for release from the OPA's price freeze order was predicted today by a large Cleveland manufacturer of men's clothes.

A spokesman said several producers had announced price increases on fall lines before the OPA order was issued, and asserted no clothing maker would be able to sell stocks six months from now at the highest levels of March.

"On May 4, the industry generally will start paying higher wages. In addition, the industry has bought materials for fall and winter clothing at far higher prices than those in clothes on the market now," the spokesman said, asking his name not be used.

"It will be impossible to operate and stay within the OPA's freezing order."

DISTRICT AG AGENT TED TIBBUTTS QUILTS

Salem, April 29.—(AP)—Ted Tibbotts, department of agriculture district agent for Jackson and Josephine counties, has resigned, and will be succeeded by Tom Stott, Jr., of Grants Pass, the department announced today.

POLITE BURGLAR

Eugene, April 29.—(AP)—A polite burglar robbed the apartment of Elsie May Moore, Eugene, last night. He ransacked her dwelling, took \$7.50 in cash, and left a note thanking her for the money.

MEDFORD NAMED AMONG SECTIONS FOR RENT SLICE

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The office of price administration named five Oregon communities yesterday in its rent control program.

The recommended maximum date for each was March 1, 1942.

The communities, their extent, and 1940 populations, were: Astoria, Clatsop county, 24,697; Corvallis, Benton and Linn counties, 49,114; Medford, Jackson county, 36,213; Pendleton, Umatilla county, 26,030; Portland-Vancouver, Wash., Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, Ore., and Clark county, Wash., 501,275.

Plans formulated by the Medford homes registration committee at its Monday meeting, concerning the rental situation here, are being held in abeyance pending the receipt of definite information on federal control of rents as ordered by Leon Henderson, price administrator.

Robert F. Kyle, chairman of the committee, said this information would probably be received here within the next few days.

AXIS SHIP SUNK

London, April 28.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that a big enemy supply ship had been sunk off the Norwegian coast by the British submarine Trident.

SILVER ACT SAFE

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Western senators were assured today by Secretary Morgenthau that the treasury did not plan to seek repeal of the silver purchase acts.

F.D.R. Bares "Best Kept Naval Secret of War"

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The guns of American warships confronted Hitler and Mussolini in the Mediterranean today and President Roosevelt warned that the united nations would fight any Nazi attempt anywhere to use Vichy French territory for military bases.

In a detailed war report to the nation by radio last night the president disclosed that American warships "are now in combat" in the Mediterranean and that American troops have taken stations in the Near East and Middle East—a fact which British commentators declared had been "one of the best kept naval secrets of the war."

Mr. Roosevelt took cognizance of Collaborationist Pierre Laval's rise to power in Vichy and declared that the united nations would not hesitate to act anywhere "to prevent assistance to the armies or navies or air forces of Germany, Italy and Japan."

Calls All To Work
At home he called all Americans to war—every man, woman and child. The price of victory, he said, is hard work, sorrow and blood.

He pledged the exercise of "all the executive power" at his command to prevent a spiral in the cost of living and summoned the nation to harsh self-denial for a "tough" and long war program that will reach a \$73,000,000,000 yearly rate before 1942 is over. He spoke just after blanket price control was imposed on virtually everything Americans eat, wear and use.

Abroad, he gave this report on the war:
America now has "several hundreds of thousands of fighting men at bases and battle-

fronts thousands of miles from home."
"American warships are now in combat in the north and south Atlantic, in the Arctic, in the Mediterranean, and in the north and south Pacific. American troops have taken stations in South America, Greenland, Iceland, the British Isles, the Near East, the Middle East, the Far East, the continent of Australia, and many islands of the Pacific."

Axis Target Soon
Swarms of American four-motored bombers will soon attack Axis Europe.

There have been serious losses in the orient, but there is good reason to believe that the southward drive of the Japanese has been checked. "Australia, New Zealand and much other territory will be bases for offensive action—and we are determined that the territory which has been lost will be regained."

The situation in Burma is serious. The Japanese may cut the Burma road. But "no matter what advances the Japanese may make, ways will be found to deliver airplanes and munitions of war to the armies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek."

For every advance that the Japanese have made since they started their frenzied career of conquest, they have had to pay a very heavy toll in warships, in transports, in planes and in men. They are feeling the effects of these losses.

In Europe, the great Russian offensive is "destroying more armed power of our enemies—troops, planes, tanks and guns—than all the other united nations put together."

Axis Realizes Plight
Defeatism is slowly spreading in the axis countries. The Germans and Italians have "a growing conviction that the cause of nazism and fascism is hopeless."

The president said that the Mediterranean area was receiving "very careful attention."

voiced concern that the new Vichy regime might force the French people "to submit to nazi despotism," and issued this warning:

"The united nations will take measures, if necessary, to prevent the use of French territory in any part of the world for military purposes by the axis powers. The good people of France will readily understand that such action is essential for the united nations to prevent assistance to the armies or navies or air forces of Germany, Italy and Japan. The overwhelming

majority of the French people understand that the fight of the united nations is fundamentally their fight, that our victory means the restoration of a free and independent France—and the saving of France from the slavery which would be imposed upon her by her external enemies and her internal traitors.

"We know how the French people really feel. We know that a deep-seated determination to obstruct every step in the axis plan extends from occupied France through Vichy France to the people of their colonies in every ocean and on every continent.

"Our planes are helping in the defenses of French colonies today, and soon American flying fortresses will be fighting for the liberation of the darkened continent of Europe."