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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Army Frowns On Work On Furlough

Denies Housing Discrimination

Urge Governors To Free Traffic

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Soldiers stationed in the west, on furlough or not, will not be used for the harvesting of crops "except in cases of extreme emergency," Col. James H. Walker, the chief of the enlisted branch, general staff, has announced here. In addition to Colonel Walker, Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general western defense and the 4th army, has also expressed opposition to this use of the boys in uniform. They can not be spared from their military duties, General DeWitt states—and they need all the rest and recreation they can get on their short furloughs.

In the event of an extreme emergency—and the first requirement in this case would be proof that all other sources of harvest labor had been exhausted—a showing would have to be made to the secretary of agriculture, and if he was convinced of the need he would carry the request for aid from the troops to the secretary of war. If aid was granted, a unit rather than individuals who had volunteered would be assigned to the task. Requests for such aid came from various places in Oregon after reports were circulated that soldiers from Fort Lewis had aided in harvesting perishable Washington crops while on furlough. Salem packers were short of cold storage space; Med-

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AXIS SUBMARINE BARBADOS PORT

Barbados Island, Sept. 13.—(Sunday)—An axis submarine late yesterday laid siege to shipping in Carlisle bay on this tiny British island 150 miles north of Trinidad and for 25 minutes poured torpedoes into the inlet without inflicting casualties.

The submarine, believed to be a German U-boat, launched five torpedoes at intervals of five minutes, as thousands of citizens of Bridgetown rushed to the waterfront.

Machine guns and large caliber defense cannon replied from the shore and the enemy broke off the action at 5:10 p. m.

The information office release did not mention whether shipping in the bay was damaged.

EXTEND TIME FOR FUEL SIGNING UP

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The Oregon fuel registration in 29 voluntary cities will be continued through Wednesday because of the unusual response being shown, Richard G. Montgomery, Oregon OPA director, said today.

Estimate is that some 20,000 have signed up in the first four days. OPA officials look for a final total of 40,000.

Registration is designed to determine where fuel shortages exist.

WOMEN WELDERS WORKING

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Women welders and burners won a 16-day controversy over union clearance tonight, and went to work in bay area shipyards. Local 6 of the International Boilermakers and Welders union authorized their clearance.

New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Glenn Miller, dance orchestra leader, was sworn in today as a captain in the army specialist's corps.

ALLIED BOMBERS WRECK 17 PLANES IN BUNA ATTACK

Jap Air Power Sags—Enemy Renews Effort to Dislodge Marines at Tulagi.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Sept. 13.—(Sunday)—Allied bombers in one of the heaviest attacks of the New Guinea fighting have destroyed at least 17 Japanese planes on the ground at the Buna airfield to halt the enemy drive toward the approaches to Australia, an allied communiqué reported today.

The Japanese drive through the Owen Stanley mountain range apparently had been stopped by raids of the allied air forces behind the Japanese lines. The communiqué reported "only sporadic patrol activity" in the mountain areas.

The Buna attack was made in four sweeps by the allied bombers. They dropped 26 tons of bombs on the Japanese airport installations and before their last plane roared away even the heavy anti-aircraft installations around the important field had been silenced.

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One of the raiding bombers failed to return, the communiqué said.

American, Australian and New Zealand airmen were hitting at the Japanese everywhere they found them. An allied reconnaissance plane strafed an enemy minelayer south of Kavieng, the New Ireland island port.

Japanese air action on the sprawling island front was almost non-existent and allied planes ranged over Japanese positions, bombing them almost at will.

It was believed that the terrific battering given the Japanese air base at Buna on New Guinea is at least partly responsible for Japanese air weakness which has been evident for a week or more. It also was thought possible that Japanese air strength was shifted to the Solomon Islands area to challenge the American marine force there.

Navy Report

Washington, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Japanese bombers continued to pound U. S. forces in the Solomons and Japanese troops have "reinforced and supplied" enemy troops in the interior of Guadalcanal, the navy announced today.

The navy said that 20 more Japanese planes have been shot down in heavy bombing attacks—bringing to at least 143 the number of Jap planes officially reported shot down since operations began August 7.

Text of navy communiqué number 123:

"South Pacific (all dates given are east longitude.)

"1. The Japanese are continuing determined efforts to dislodge American forces from the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands.

"2. Enemy air raids against our positions in this area continue. On September 9, 26 enemy bombers escorted by Zero fighters attacked our installations at Guadalcanal. U. S. aircraft shot down five bombers and four fighters. On September 10, 27 enemy bombers attacked Guadalcanal and four of the Japanese planes were shot down. On September 11, 26 enemy bombers with fighter escorts again attacked the Guadalcanal installations. Six bombers and one fighter were shot down by U. S. planes.

"3. Enemy destroyers have shelled our positions at night but no damage has resulted.

"4. On September 11, our Douglas 'Dauntless' dive bombers attacked installations on Gizo Island in the New Guinea group. A small enemy surface craft was sunk and considerable damage was done to buildings and installations.

Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Aug. 19.—(Delayed)—One of the most determined and effective patrol operations yet attempted against the Japanese forces remaining on Guadalcanal has just been completed.



MANY FIGHTING FRONTS—Concluding in Washington lend-lease pact to provide materials on many fighting fronts are, from left: Sir Owen Dixon, Australian Minister; Lord Halifax, British Ambassador; State Secretary Cordell Hull, and Walter Nash, New Zealand Minister.

VOTING TUESDAY IN 5 STATES TO SHOW WAR VIEWS

War Work and Harvests Factor in Maine—Long Aide in Michigan.

(By United Press)

The nation's first statewide general election of the war takes place Monday in Maine, with five other states holding primaries Tuesday.

Primaries will be in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Michigan and New Jersey.

Gasoline rationing, war work and harvests may be deciding factors in Maine's election, which has been preceded by a mostly listless campaign for Senator, governor and two seats in congress, all now held by Republicans.

Michigan's primary finds greatest interest in the senatorial race of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, one time aide of Huey P. Long, and Circuit Judge Homer S. Ferguson, whose one-man grand jury swept grunting Detroit and Wayne county officials out of office. Republican leaders are obviously concerned about Smith, whose whirlwind campaign has featured "tires for everybody" and a "square deal" for the Townsend plan.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Former Congressman John J. Dempsey appeared headed for the New Mexico governorship tonight as late returns gave him a nearly 5,000-vote lead for the Democratic nomination which is tantamount to election.

Latest unofficial returns gave Dempsey 5,190 votes to 2,902 for his opponent, Bryan G. Johnson, a former district judge.

U. S. Senator Carl Hatch was leading his nearest opponent, Dr. John J. Clarke, a dentist, 1,263 to 776, for the U. S. senate.

ARGENTINE TRADE HIT, NO RELIEF

Buenos Aires, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Nelson Rockefeller, United States co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, said tonight that although Argentine fruit growers and wine exporters need the North American market and their products are in demand, there is little prospect of increased war-time trade between the nations because of shipping shortages.

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A warrant had been issued at Madison, Wis., for Bailey's arrest on a charge of transporting a stolen automobile across a state line.

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THOUSANDS SEE TROOPS COMPLETE SIX DAYS' MARCH

With thousands of civilians lining Main street from the west to the east city limits, some 2,000 officers and enlisted men of the 91st Infantry Division's training cadres marched through Medford Saturday morning en route back to Camp White to complete a six-day, 90 mile hike.

Led by Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, the troops with full infantry pack and rifle streamed into Medford from their Friday night's bivouac near Jacksonville and were met on West Main street by a group of Girl Scouts who placed roses in the muzzles of each soldier's rifle.

In front of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Colonel F. S. Jacobs, chief of staff, dropped from the column simulating fatigue, and was immediately taken care of by the medical corps.

The soldiers, although appearing rather weary, looked tough and hard, which was the purpose of the trip. Some of the units sang songs as they marched past the chamber of commerce, and others broke out with the 91st division's battle cry, "Powder River Let 'er Buck."

SOLDIER ADMITS ASSAULT MURDERS

Santa Maria, Cal., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Police here tonight arrested Robert Taylor Bailey, 25-year-old army deserter, who they said admitted killing and raping two women social workers in Tomah, Wis., three days ago.

Bailey, who had been the object of a nationwide manhunt after the ravished bodies of Dorothy Baun and Nell Pietrangeli were found in the woods near Toham, admitted killing and raping the women and said he took Miss Pietrangeli's automobile after killing the pair, police said.

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AUTOISTS URGED TO SELF RATION USE OF GASOLINE

Same Mileage Basis as East to Conserve Tires Asked by Henderson.

Washington, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson tonight asked the 20,000,000 motorists outside of the Eastern gasoline rationing area to place themselves voluntarily on the same mileage basis as motorists within the area.

Warning against "joy-riding to defeat," Henderson requested nationwide rationing on a voluntary basis pending establishment "in several weeks" of a coupon rationing system as proposed by the Baruch committee to conserve the nation's tires.

Henderson pointed out that "today and every day that passes until the (consumption) cut is made we Americans are wasting 1,000,000,000 tire miles in unnecessary driving. That means we are unnecessarily wasting enough rubber to recap 200,000 tires."

Henderson made his appeal for voluntary rationing a few hours after a senate agriculture committee had criticized the Baruch report for failing to place enough emphasis on the production of synthetic rubber from farm and forest products. The committee is headed by Sen. Guy M. Gillette, D. Ia.

Henderson, in his statement, said that one paragraph in the report of the Baruch committee "ought to be memorized by every driver of every rubber-tired vehicle in the nation—or better still, pasted on the window or windshield of every rubber-tired vehicle where it could be read whenever the driver steps on the starter."

This is the paragraph: "Tires on civilian cars are wearing down at a rate eight times greater than they are being replaced. If this rate continues by far the larger number of cars will be off the road next year, and in 1944 there will be an all but complete collapse of the 27,000,000 passenger cars in America."

BISHOP DAGWELL SERIOUSLY ILL

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, who is seriously ill of pneumonia, is "slightly improved," hospital attendants reported tonight.

Despite his rally today, the noted church leader still was in a dangerous condition, attendants added.

Bishop Dagwell has been head of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church since 1935, when he succeeded the late Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner.

BERLIN REPORTS YANKEE LOSSES IN SEA BATTLES

Warships and Transports Hit in Tasman Sea—Confirmed Broadcast Says

(By United Press)

The Berlin radio claimed tonight, without indicating the source of its purported news, that Japanese submarines have sunk two United States transports and that Japanese planes have inflicted heavy damage on an American battleship and a cruiser.

An English-language broadcast beamed to North America and recorded by United Press at New York said the two transports went down in the Tasman sea and that some of 4,000 troops on board were lost. The broadcast neither identified the transports nor said when the action occurred.

"Fierce explosions took place on one of the transports which sank immediately thereafter," the Berlin propagandist said. "The other transport was gutted with fire and sank within an hour's time. Part of the troops perished."

Another broadcast, beamed to the far east and also recorded by United Press at New York, said that a U. S. battleship of the Tennessee class and a heavy cruiser were damaged by Japanese dive bombers in the south Pacific.

"Large fires and explosions were observed on the ships," the broadcast claimed, and added that "Japanese reconnaissance planes observed that the heavily listing battleship was only able to proceed at greatly reduced speed."

"Square hits were scored on the heavy cruiser, two of the gun turrets were destroyed by bombs and one anti-aircraft turret was put out of action."

In another dispatch, the Berlin radio said three allied freighters had been sunk by gunfire from German submarines along the coast of South Carolina. It did not say when the sinkings occurred.

LIVING COST NOW UP 39 PER CENT

Washington, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The cost of living rose 4 per cent in large cities on July 15 to Aug. 15 and now is about 19 per cent above the level of August, 1939, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported tonight.

Miss Perkins said the average rise in food prices not regulated by the office of price administration was 2.2 per cent during the one-month period and nearly 10 per cent during the three months beginning May. Controlled food prices, however, declined 3 per cent since May.

Among the large food price increases were 18 per cent for lettuce, 14 per cent for sweet potatoes, eight per cent for butter and five per cent for roasting chickens.

RED ARMY LOSES MANEUVERS FRAY

With the U. S. Army in The California Desert, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Dive bombers and low-level attack planes pounded the charging mechanized forces of the "Red" army to a standstill today as the greatest battle of the army's war maneuvers in the southeast California desert developed.

A squadron of 29 "Blue" air force bombers surprised the speeding Red tanks and armored vehicles after they had punched their way 30 miles through the rear-guard of the outnumbered Blue army.

Roaring down through clouds of dust and smoke, the Blue bombers hammered at the Reds mercilessly, forcing them to stop and reorganize.

War Bulletins

TOKYO, Sept. 12.—(Radio-cast recorded by U.P., San Francisco)—A Japanese submarine has sunk a 10,000 ton British freighter off Portuguese East Africa, Tokyo radio reported today.

BRITISH ADVANCE MOPS UP FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR

(By United Press)

London, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—British Empire forces tonight advanced rapidly across Madagascar mopping up minor French opposition in a quick drive for complete control of the island.

Gen. Sir William Platt, commander in chief for East Africa, announced in a communiqué that British troops had advanced 130 miles from their landing point at Majunga toward Tananarive, capital of the French colony.

That force had reached the great bridge over the Betsiboka river, the communiqué said.

An official communiqué issued in Vichy said the French still were resisting along the Betsiboka river between Majunga and Tananarive, inflicting heavy losses on the advancing British.

Another column, striking southward along the west coast, was said to have resumed its advance Friday night after being halted all day because of the destruction of bridges by the French. The coastal force was reported within 20 miles of the port of Ambanja.

"STAND-SIT" SEAT

Washington, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The crowd-weary straphangers of the national capital will serve as guinea pigs in experiments with a unique bus and street car space saver described as the "stand-sit" seat, the Office of Defense Transportation announced tonight.

NAVY TEAM WINS

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The Navy Pre-Flight school at the University of North Carolina tonight defeated Catawba college, 13-2, to open a 13-game schedule which includes many of the nation's toughest football squads.

Friends of General White All Invited to Camp Rites

The Camp White dedication exercises under supervision of Service Command Unit 1913 will take place near the flagpole at Camp Headquarters at 5 p. m. Tuesday, it was announced Saturday by Colonel Owen R. Meredith, commanding officer, Camp White.

Although every effort has been made to extend personal invitations to the close friends of the late Major General George A. White for whom the cantonment was named and whose remembrance will be honored at the ceremony, many of these friends have undoubtedly been overlooked, said Colonel Meredith. However, they are cordially invited to attend the dedication which should be completed by 8 p. m.

Guest cards will be issued to automobiles as they enter the camp, it was announced, and the

cards should be returned as the cars leave. Guests may drive around the camp before and after the exercises, but are requested not to leave their cars or enter buildings unless under appropriate escort of military personnel. All cars should be out of camp by dark and none should leave the main highways of the camp unless under military escort or direction.

It is also desired that those who accepted letter invitations to attend the informal dinner following the exercises remain in their seats for a few minutes after completion of the ceremonies.

Every effort will be made to provide a pleasant visit to and observation of the camp, Colonel Meredith said, and to this end the co-operation of all visitors is cordially requested.

RUSSIANS CHECK FURIOUS ATTACK OF NAZI HORDES

Red Lines Hold West and South of Stalingrad—Snow in Caucasus.

(By United Press)

The "Red Verdon" of Stalingrad beat off furious attacks tonight by enemy forces estimated to include 1,000,000 men, 1,000 planes and countless tanks but the "greatest battle in world history" appeared to be rapidly approaching its most critical stage.

Unconfirmed reports told of fighting in the streets of the steel city of the Volga, and the German radio, without naming its source, said the Russians had been forced back to the center of the city.

Stockholm reports said Marshal Feder von Bock's legions had reached the Volga below Stalingrad and the Vichy radio, often unreliable, had them crossing the river.

Moscow's only official word was that the Red lines were holding west and southwest of Stalingrad. It acknowledged that the Soviet fighters had been forced into "tactical retreats" at some points where Nazi wedges had been driven into the lines.

Far south of Stalingrad, the winter's first snow was falling in the Caucasus mountains near Mordok, bringing with it the promise of heavy rains which soon may turn the Volga battlefield into a quagmire.

To the extreme north of the elongated Russian front, the Red army launched a divisionary attack to ease pressure on besieged Leningrad and perhaps draw some of the axis strength from the south.

The Soviets smashed a German fortified line east of Leningrad with artillery, aircraft and tanks, driving into the enemy positions at Cinyavino, six miles south of Schlusselburg and 20 miles east of Leningrad.

Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The Santa Anita Japanese reception center recorded its first divorce case today.

PROGRAM

4:55—First Call.

5:00—Assembly.

5:10—Retreat.

5:15—Invocation. Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell, Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.

5:18—Instrumental Solo. SCU 1913.

5:23—General George A. White, Oregonian, by Honorable Charles A. Sprague, Governor of Oregon.

5:28—General George A. White, Civilian, by Palmer Hoyt, publisher Portland Oregonian.

5:23—"Home on the Range," vocal quintet. Service Command Unit 1913.

5:38—General George A. White, Soldier, by Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General, Ninth Service Command.

5:43—Unveiling of Plaque by Mrs. George A. White, accompanied by General Joyce.

5:45—Remarks by Mrs. George A. White.

5:50—"God Bless America," vocal quintet. Service Command Unit 1913.

5:55—Announcement. Colonel Owen R. Meredith, Commanding Officer, Camp White and Service Command Unit 1913.

6:00—Benediction. Chaplain C. H. Johnson, Service Command Unit 1913.