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BRITISH CUT ROMMEL FORCE IN TWO

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Peas, Soybeans
Make New Food
Canadian Wheat
May Be Imported
Officials Learn
Milk Facts Late

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Department of agriculture has devised a new concentrated food the base being varieties of wrinkled peas grown in Washington and Oregon and mixed with soybean. Food values are so high in the concoction that the department asserts it makes an ideal ration for the military forces. This concentrate is planned to be largely used abroad when Uncle Sam starts feeding some 400,000,000 hungry foreigners.

The dehydrated soup (just add hot water and serve) in addition to pea meal and soybean grits is mixed with dry skim milk. The protein content is 5 per cent. With the exception of soybean grits, the other ingredients are available in the Pacific northwest, although there is insufficient machinery for full production of powdered milk. The skim milk powder is better than dried whole milk as the latter becomes rancid within a few months, whereas the skim milk powder lasts indefinitely.

Growers of wrinkled peas in Oregon and Washington have a heavy task ahead of them supplying their part of the concentrate. The department states it expects between 15 and 50 million pounds of wrinkled pea meal for soup, and specifies that the peas come from the Pacific northwest. The varieties of wrinkled peas are known as Alderman, Perfection, Thomas Laxton, and Surprise. These peas are not to be confused with Austrian winter peas now grown in that area and shipped to southern states to be used as fertilizer. No price has as yet been fixed for the wrinkled peas.

CLAUDE WICKARD, now food boss of the nation in the matter of production and distribution, has made the statement that if President Roosevelt is given authority to suspend tariff

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PROBATION GIVEN GIRL'S ATTACKER

Hollywood, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Joseph Gerald, 20-year-old songwriter charged with film star Errol Flynn of statutory rape upon Betty Hansen, 17-year-old movie-truck waitress, pleaded guilty today.

He was given a one-year suspended sentence and placed on three years' probation.

Gerald was one of three young studio workers who, with Flynn, were accused of improper relations with the Nebraska high school girl who came to Hollywood seeking a screen career.

Flynn, charged also with the attack of dancer Peggy LaRue Satterlee, 17, was bound over for superior court trial January 11 following a lurid preliminary hearing. The actor steadfastly protested his innocence.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Frank DeSouza fighting his laryngitis in a game but futile effort to carry on a telephone conversation.

George McBee humorously telling of the shock he received when he first heard an eight-inch cannon fired.

"Doc" Sweeney making a social call and getting talked into writing a prescription.

Girls in Czechoslovakia are excluded by Nazis from all but elementary schools, and so are the sons and daughters of "progressive" parents.

BRILLIANT MOVE TRAPS PART OF FLEEING KORPS

Maneuver Changes Entire
African Picture—Nazis in
Worst Plight Since 1918.

By Edward W. Beattie

United Press Correspondent
London, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The British Eighth army, executing a brilliant flanking movement, has cut the retreating Afrika Korps in half about 60 miles west of El Aghella, and British experts said today that Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces were in the worst plight of any German army since 1918.

The blow fell on the weary, retreating Germans and Italians yesterday at the little town of Wadi Matratin on the Gulf of Sirte. Advanced units of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth army, swinging around the German flank, reached the town and then raced south to cut off the path of the enemy retreat.

Part Trapped
Part of the Afrika Korps straggled on toward Tripoli. The other part, including armored units, was trapped in a 20-mile area just east of Wadi Matratin and was fighting to break through the British lines.

"Enemy troops already have suffered heavy casualties and continue to be severely mauled," said a middle eastern command communiqué in describing the action.

(The German high command communiqué did not concede that part of the Afrika Korps was trapped, but did admit that Rommel's forces continued their retreat westward.)

Changes Picture
Montgomery's thrust changed the entire picture, in the opinion of British military experts. Before the flanking movement they were reconciled to a slow, slogging advance by the Eighth army and were speculating on where Rommel would try to make a stand between El Aghella and Tripoli.

Today they were speculating on whether Rommel would be able to get any sizable portion of his troops out of Libya and join forces with Col. Gen. Walther Nehring who commands an Axis force defending Northern Tunisia. There no longer was talk of Rommel attempting a stand anywhere east of Tripoli.

Military experts, estimating Rommel's prospects, said they were the worst of any German army since the allies smashed the western front in the World War. They pointed out that if the Eighth army keeps the trap clamped around the portion of the Afrika Korps near Wadi Matratin, Rommel may be reduced to 15,000 first line fighters. They will be under air attack and land pursuit on the road to Tripoli.

The experts said Rommel lost about one-fifth of his armor when the British broke through at El Alamein, more than a month ago. Since then the road of retreat has been littered with burned out German tanks and vehicles and now another portion of Afrika Korps' mechanized equipment has been trapped at Wadi Matratin.

New Fire Thrower
Used by Russians
The Russians are using a new flame-throwing weapon which has had "a big psychological effect on the enemy," the British radio reported today.

The broadcast, picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting system listening post, described the weapon as "a Vulcan flame thrower, apparently a kind of mortar loaded with wax and something inflammable."

FIVE MINERS TRAPPED
Shinnston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—At least five miners have been trapped in the Owings mine of the Consolidated Coal Co. near Shinnston for more than seven hours, but there is "some evidence" that they are still alive, company officials reported today.



The crew of this American Flying Fortress "somewhere in England" plans to deliver this little present—a 1000-pound bomb—to Adolf Hitler in plenty of time for Christmas. Lieutenant A. J. Davis of New York poses as Father Christmas while members of the crew stand by. Others are, from left, Captain William Anderson, Long Beach, Calif.; Sergeant John Scott, Lansing, Tenn.; and Sergeant John Collier, Beaveron, Ala.

Americans Down 12 Jap Zeros In Battle Over Solomon Islands

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—An entire flight of 12 Japanese Zero fighters was shot down by a group of army flying fortresses near New Georgia island in the Solomons, the navy disclosed today.

Navy dive bombers damaged an enemy destroyer or cruiser in the Munda area of New Georgia.

The communiqué reported that one fortress was lost in the encounter with the Zeros but its crew was saved.

One dive bomber failed to return from the Munda attack, which was directed against shipping and shore installations.

Both actions occurred on Wednesday (island time).

The fact that the Zeros were a land type indicated that they probably were operating from the new Japanese air base established at Munda, 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

As a result of the two engagements reported today by the navy, Japanese ship casualties in the Solomons area were increased to 142—53 sunk, five probably sunk and 84 damaged.

Their plane losses were increased to 649 destroyed.

American ship losses in the Solomons are 28 sunk, not including a motor-torpedo boat recently lost, and an undisclosed number damaged.

German prisoners said the Nazis didn't have enough planes left to support their infantry.

CANADA REDUCES LIQUOR DRINKING

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Drinking in Canada was regulated today by a wartime temperance program reducing the amount of liquor, wine and beer for sale, limiting their alcoholic content and prohibiting liquor advertising.

The essential features of the program, announced last night by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, were:

1. Reduction of the quantities of spirits for sale by 30 per cent; wine, 20 per cent, and beer, 10 per cent. The base figure in each case is the figure for the year ending November 1, 1941.

2. Reduction of alcoholic content of all distilled spirits to not more than 30 per cent under proof.

3. Prohibition of fortifying wine with distilled spirits.

4. Prohibition of liquor advertising by any medium for the duration.

LIBERTY WOULD QUASH LIBEL SUIT SUMMONS

Butte, Mont., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—McFadden Publications, publishers of Liberty magazine, today had filed a motion in district court here to quash an allegedly faulty summons issued in the libel suit of former Congressman Jacob Thorkelson against the magazine, Walter Winchell and others.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—An earthquake of moderate intensity, about 85 miles from Reno, was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Nevada here today. The first shock was recorded at 8:07 a. m., PWT.

Meat Rations Eased by Leon Henderson

91ST DIV. GIVES
COMMUNITY CHEST
CHECK FOR \$3,500

Officers and Men Make
Large Contribution —
Kofod Voices Thanks.

Officers and men of the 91st Division at Camp White have made a contribution of \$3,500 to the Medford Community Chest according to an announcement yesterday by Ernest Kofod, chairman of the chest committee. Mr. Kofod stated that the committee was very pleased to have this evidence of cooperation and good-will between the officers and men of the division and the city and that the committee and benefiting organizations were very grateful for the sizable addition to the chest fund.

Accompanying the gift was a letter from Major General C. H. Gerhardt, commanding officer of the 91st, which said, "In recognition of the close ties between the military personnel of the 91st Infantry Division and the town of Medford, and of the sincere and continuous efforts of the people of Medford to assist the Division and its personnel, I take pleasure in enclosing a check for \$3,500 as a voluntary contribution from the officers and men of the 91st Infantry Division to the work of your organization."

Mr. Kofod said that the general, in discussing the gift to the community chest, stated that he was particularly cognizant of the work of the Salvation Army and of the Outpost, for the men of Camp White. Both of the organizations mentioned share the chest funds.

Mr. Kofod further stated that any individual or firm which had not contributed to the community chest fund during the present drive may do so by taking contributions to the Chamber of Commerce.

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"She was in a very hysterical state and said: 'He was attacking me and assaulting me,'" the officer said.

He described "red marks" on her neck and said Miss Herlihy told him she had fallen or was pushed out of Carr's automobile.

"She said Carr put her back in the automobile and said he would take her home to her mother, tell her everything and let her settle it," Bowdan testified.

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POPULATION JUMP SEEN IN PORTLAND

Portland, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Metropolitan Portland's population has increased 19 per cent from war industry expansion, according to figures released today by the Oregon office of war information and the Portland postoffice.

The population of Portland proper has gone up 21 per cent while that of Multnomah county has been boosted by more than 36 per cent it was reported.

Multnomah county, the state OWT said, has a current population of nearly 430,000.

Construction workers to be freed for army.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The construction industry will release 1,000,000 workers for other war employment in 1943, the Department of Labor reported today.

As a result of War Production board policy halting all new construction not essential to the war program, employment in the industry is expected to drop from 1,633,000 to approximately 550,000 by the end of next year.

BRITISH RECOGNITION

London, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—A Daily Mail Madrid dispatch reported today that Great Britain had reached a working agreement with Admiral Jean Francois Darlan which would recognize him as leader in fact of the French in Africa.

The agreement does not give Darlan permanent recognition, the dispatch said, but subordinates everything to the common allied purpose of organizing French Africa.

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DENIED BY CARR,
WITNESS CLAIMS

Policeman Testified at Trial
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Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Capt. David Carr, in his dying words, denied he had quarreled with his secret bride, pretty Margaret Herlihy, a policeman told the all-male jury in the murder trial of Miss Herlihy today.

Percy Bowdan, Douglas officer, testified that he was questioning the wounded man when Carr gasped: "I am dying."

"If you are dying, I said, 'tell me what happened—what caused the trouble.'"

"Carr answered: 'We had no quarrel at all.'"

Bowdan, the state's eighth witness, said he also had talked to the 21-year-old daughter of Col. Edward Herlihy as she rested in a hospital bed after shooting Carr.

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CENTRAL POINT PETS VICTIMS OF POISONER

The sheriff's office is investigating the reported poisoning of cats and dogs in the Central Point area the past week, and there is a possibility it may be linked with the poisoning here of Tom K. Flynn's prize bulldog, for which a reward of \$100 for arrest and conviction of the poisoner has been offered by Flynn.

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War Bulletins

London, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—A small force of British bombing planes raided targets in northwest Germany during the night and shot down one German Messerschmitt-110 fighter plane which challenged them, the air ministry said today.

Chungking, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—A Chinese communiqué announced today that three Japanese columns driving down from the north have occupied the town of Hsueh in the Yanktse river in southeastern Shansi province after several days of heavy fighting.

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