

# PLANES WEIGH HEAVILY FOR CRETE ATTACK

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The position of the Anglo-Crete allies in the battle of Crete was so grave today that even as this is being written they well may have been compelled to give up the fight to retain control of that strategic island.

During the 10 days of one of the fiercest battles of history the Nazi dive-bombers have all but blasted Crete out of the water. Late Greek reports record that the cities of the island literally are pulverized by the deluge of high explosives that have produced an inferno in which civilians and troops alike have struggled.

Lack of air power in the eastern Mediterranean is the millstone about the allied neck. It will so continue to be until this deficiency is supplied from America.

Some London observers believe that if the Hitlerites win the battle of Crete they will turn their attention next to the big British naval base on the island of Cyprus. This lies 400 miles to the east of Crete and off the coast of Syria.

That might indeed be an early objective, but possession of Crete would give the Nazis a fairly wide choice of moves. In any event, they must take time out for consolidation of the bomb-torn island before it will be of much value as a base for further major operations.

It is quite possible that the Germans will by-pass Cyprus for the moment, and try to establish themselves in Syria. This would provide a necessary base for a drive through Palestine to Egypt and the Suez canal, and it would give them handy airbases for an assault against Cyprus.

Also of vast and perhaps more immediate importance is the fact that possession of Crete would bring German bombers within 250 miles of the Libyan-Egyptian border on the north African coast where the axis expeditionary force is maneuvering for an opening to drive into Egypt. In fact, this entire stretch of coast, including the all-important British naval base at Alexandria, and the Suez canal, would be brought within very handy bombing distance for the Nazis.

While possession of the island of Crete doesn't by a long shot win the conflict for domination of the eastern Mediterranean, it would be of inestimable value in development of the German campaign. The only satisfaction the British and their allies get out of the situation is that the German victory—if so it proves to be—has been tremendously costly.

The British claim that the Nazis have thrown equipment away right and left and among other things have lost many of the 1200 transport planes they are said to have assembled in Greece for the effort to drive the allies from the Mediterranean. That will be a blow to Hitler. For those big planes cannot be replaced overnight.

**Eugene Mill Race Swimming Banned**

EUGENE, May 30 (AP)—The mill race, picturesque branch of the Willamette river which runs through the University of Oregon campus, has been declared unfit for swimming.

An examination showed the waters contaminated, the county health board reported.

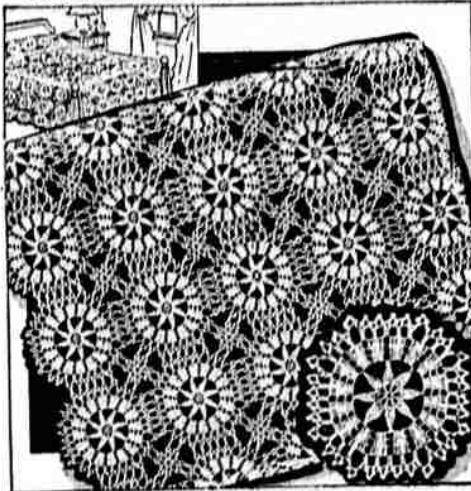
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## U. S. Needs Help of Housewife In Kitchen Defense Campaign

**By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX**  
NEA Service Writer

Three very important things the American housewife can do to keep her family well fed in the face of rising prices.

First, she must realize that it is her duty to maintain the quality of diet needed for good health despite crisis conditions in the world. Only healthy men and women will have the stamina to build up our national defenses. If the costs of a favorite food, beef steak or lamb, for example, spirals beyond her budget reach, she must begin to study leaflets, books and reports issued by government, both federal and state, on the use of other cheaper foods with equal nutrition.

**Newspapers Help**

Cook books and newspaper food columns offer her guidance in the skill she must have to use new or different recipes in her family menus. She can learn to use cheese, eggs, dried beans and fish more frequently if the cost of meat goes too high. These are good proteins and are abundant and reasonable. Cooked well and combined into interesting menus, they will supply her family with excellent nourishment, interest and a feeling of being well fed at a comparatively low cost. In other words, she must learn to reconstruct her family diet as part of her job in national defense.

Why should prices rise? That is a question the housewife should ask every grocer or butcher every time he tells her coffee or sugar or bread or anything has jumped a few cents. That's the second duty.

**Avoid Hoarding**

The third duty of the American housewife is to avoid panic—the kind of panic which starts her hoarding food. Hoarding immediately runs up prices. In 1939, housewives quickly created an artificial shortage of sugar through their own unfounded panic, based on ignorance of the sugar market. As a result the price of sugar jumped overnight, but it took months to get it back to normal.

As a result, American housewives spent 40 million dollars more for their sugar in 1939 than they had to, simply because they started to hoard. What applies to sugar, applies to most of our necessary foods. But sugar is generally the symbol of hoarding because it is cheap, easy to carry and easy to store.

**MENU**

**BREAKFAST** — Sliced bananas and oranges, rice griddle cakes, honey, coffee, milk.

**LUNCHEON** — Bacon and cheese toasted sandwiches, sliced tomatoes, chocolate nut cookies, tea, milk.

**DINNER** — Sautéed pork chops with sliced apples, mashed potatoes, dandelion greens, blueberry pie, cheese, coffee, milk.

**ABOUT TEA**

Difference between black tea and green tea is in the manufacture, with the fermentation process being omitted if green tea is desired. Both, however, come from the same plant.

It is claimed that 60 per cent of all traffic deaths occur during dusk and darkness.

## CIVILIANS TO FORM OREGON DEFENSE ARM

**SALEM, May 30 (AP)**—Thousands of Oregon citizens will be enrolled in civilian defense activities as Governor Charles A. Sprague's civilian defense council, to be appointed in a few days, can enlist them, Budget Director David Eccles said Thursday on his return from Washington, D. C.

"The most important activity as far as Oregon is concerned will be the airplane spotters," Eccles said, "although we also will enroll volunteers whose job will be to extinguish fire bombs, fight fires, give first aid to injured civilians, and to perform other war jobs."

"Of course, there isn't much chance that Oregon, outside of Portland and lower Columbia river areas, will be bombed. That is why the airplane spotters will be more needed than the other volunteers."

"All of this might sound a little premature, but it is better to begin immediate training of a highly-organized civilian defense force. Then we would be ready if we need it. And if we don't need it, nothing is lost anyway."

Eccles, who also is executive secretary to the governor, was advised by federal officials to begin organization of the civilian volunteers as soon as possible.

"However, government officials said they could see no reason why Oregon should have a state guard. We do plan, however, to rely on a reinforced state police to deal with emergencies."

Eccles was advised by officials of the office of production management that if Oregon expects to get defense industries, its industries must take the initiative. The 18-member industrial development commission, authorized by the 1941 legislature, will meet here June 6 to begin a campaign to gain defense industries for the state.

**GROWTH EXPECTED**

**PENDLETON, May 30 (AP)**—Expecting a 20 per cent increase in Pendleton school district population, the budget committee Wednesday authorized a 6 per cent increase in the district's special tax levy. The total budget of \$98,855 will be raised through a levy of about 15 mills.

## Fresh Vegetables Help Round Out Inexpensive Meat Meal

**A LOW-COST** Sunday dinner can be a feast even with an inexpensive cut of meat. Fresh vegetable "prepared dishes" will round out the menu inexpensively, adding not only flavor and consistency but also vitamins and minerals at low cost. This is the fresh vegetable season. Make the most of it.

**Green Peppers Stuffed With Corn**  
(Serves 4)

Four green peppers, 1 cup corn, canned or fresh, 1 slice onion, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon flour, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, dash pepper, 1 egg, 1/3 cup bread crumbs.

Prepare peppers and parboil five minutes. Cut fresh corn from cob, or use canned corn. Sauté onion in butter five minutes. Blend in flour, add milk slowly, stirring it in, add seasonings and corn. Beat egg, add to mixture. Season well. Stuff peppers, sprinkle bread crumbs over the top. Put into a baking dish, add boiling water to cover the bottom of the pan, and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until peppers are tender, from 20 to 30 minutes, depending on whether or not the peppers have been parboiled.

That recipe comes from the "Merry Mixer Cook Book," an economical guide to menu making. So does this recipe:

**Sweet Potatoes with Apples**  
(Serves 4 to 6)

Six medium-sized sweet potatoes, 2 apples, 1 cup brown sugar, 3 tablespoons butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt.

## Japan Sees Chance To Hunt Seals

**NAGASAKI, Japan, May 30 (AP)**—In view of the United States abrogation of the 1911 treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan, Japanese are making arrangements for a great catch of fur seals in the northern Pacific between Sakhalin island and Alaska. The treaty forbade such hunting.

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**PORTLAND, May 30 (AP)**—It would be "suicide for the republican party to go contrary to the administration, for political reasons," Philip H. Parrish of The Oregonian, told the Multnomah chapter of the Oregon Republican club Wednesday.

Parrish said President Roosevelt had "chosen a position which coincides fairly well with the views of the great majority of us."

## Oregon 15th in Increased Sale Of Gasoline

**WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP)**—Oregon was 15th among the 48 states in percentage of increase in gasoline consumption last year over 1939, the federal works agency reported today.

Based on tax collections, the greatest increase was in the District of Columbia with 12.7 per cent more gallons. Tennessee led the states with 12.5 per cent. Oregon's increase was 7.4 per cent.

Taxes ranged from 2 to 7 cents a gallon, Oregon's 5 cents topping the national average of 3.96 cents.

Net gasoline tax receipts in the United States were \$870,692,000 and Oregon's total was \$11,359,000, placing it 30th among the states and the District of Columbia.



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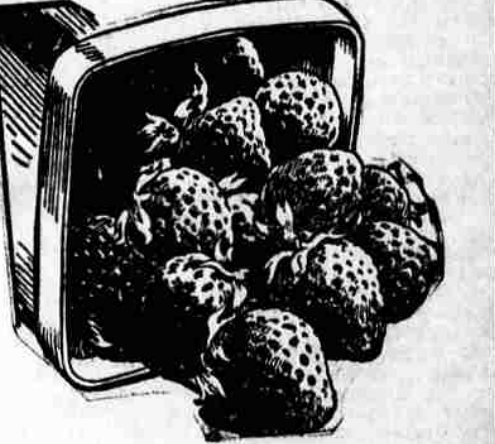
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