

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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REDS BEAT NAZIS FROM VYAZMA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS UP north we've been hearing some tall tales about food shortages in San Francisco. They are exaggerated. On the basis of the lush years of the past, when our big problem was to find a market for the mountains of food we produced every year, there is a measure of scarcity in certain items in this city that is ringed around with war industries. But no one is going hungry. Considering the fact that we are up to our necks in a world war, no one is being seriously inconvenienced. Certainly no one is being actually hurt.

MEAT is the scarcest item. Most of the hotels are observing meatless Mondays and Fridays. Elsewhere, meatless Tuesday seems to be more or less the rule. But by "meatless" is meant no beef or pork. There is plenty of chicken or other fowl. There is mutton and lamb. There is brains and sweetbreads, and usually liver.

Here in this fish food center of western America, there is much complaint as to fish. Not that it isn't moderately plentiful. It just doesn't come straight from the boat to the table, as it once did. The fishing fleets have been interfered with by war.

IN the foreign colonies, especially the Italian, there is capretti, which is young goat. Normal Americans, for some reason, are prejudiced against goat meat, but those who have been induced to overcome their psychological allergies and try it say that capretti is delicious.

MEAT isn't non-existent, by any means. But to get it the family shopper needs to be somewhat on the alert. The general theory is first come first served, but human nature is human nature and the average established meat market man has a tendency to take care of his regular customers at the expense of the casual drop-ins. Especially out in the suburbs.

Here in the down-town city itself, there is testimony to the effect that it pays to keep a sharp eye out for the meat wagon and make a dash for the butcher's as soon as it is sighted in the offing. If you get there too long after the day's supply has been delivered, you're apt to be disappointed.

IT seems to be definitely true that housewives don't plan their meat menus days and days ahead, as they once did. They serve more or less what they can get, and if the head of the family doesn't like what is provided they invite him to go out and do the meat shopping for himself and see what he can do.

BUTTER isn't thrown around. In the public eating places, you get one pat and if you get edgy and demand more the waitress smiles pleasantly but firmly and reminds you that we are at war. But if you order griddle cakes, you get butter enough to make them palatable. The stores ration their customers to a half-pound at a time, and sometimes (Continued on Page Two)

Roosevelt Has No Views on Fourth Term at Press Meet

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt told inquiring reporters today that he did not think he had any views to express on two White House conferences recently in which the question of a fourth term was mentioned. Let's get on with the war, he suggested, when asked whether he had anything to say about recent meetings with officials of the democratic national committee and with Representative Sabath (D-III). It was the first time that the fourth term question had risen, even indirectly, at a press conference.

Three Saved After 83 Days on Raft



On the deck of a U. S. patrol boat, three survivors of an astounding sea saga try their first solid food after spending 83 days on an open life raft in the South Atlantic. Their ship was torpedoed off the Brazilian coast. Left to right are Cornelius Van der Slot and Nick Hoogendam, both of Holland, and U. S. Navy Armed Guardsman Basil Issi, South Barry, Mass. Patrol Boat Crewman Raymond Buckley kneels beside them at right.

Kiska Jap Positions Hit By American Bombers

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—American bombers and fighters blasted Japanese gun positions and buildings on Kiska island in the Aleutians, the navy announced today, in a violent, low level attack against the Japanese outpost last Wednesday.

Communique, number 307, said: "North Pacific: 1. On March 10th: (A) During the morning, United States aircraft attacked Japanese positions at Kiska and scored bomb hits in the target area. (B) Later in the morning, a force of Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24), Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25) and Lightning fighters (Lockheed P-38) again attacked enemy installations at Kiska. An-

ti-aircraft batteries were bombed and strafed at low level and hits were scored. Three buildings in the camp area were damaged by heavy bomb hits. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered, but all United States planes returned. "South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude). "2. On March 11, during the early morning, Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated PB4Y) carried out minor bombing attacks on Japanese positions at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland island area and at Vila in the central Solomons. Results were not observed. All United States planes returned.

The Kiska raid was one of the heaviest delivered by the Aleutians air command in several weeks, although the Japanese base has been repeatedly pounded whenever weather permitted. It has been the target of five reported raids so far this month, counting the two actions disclosed in today's communique. (Continued on Page Two)

Michigan, Iowa Ask Law Limiting President's Term

DES MOINES, Ia., March 12 (AP)—The overwhelmingly republican Iowa house of representatives adopted a resolution today asking congress to initiate a constitutional amendment limiting the tenure of office "of any president of the United States to two terms of four years each."

LANSING, Mich., March 12 (AP)—The republican-dominated state senate today adopted a concurrent resolution petitioning congress to initiate a constitutional amendment to forbid any president of the United States more than two terms of four years each.

Congress Charged With Post-War Responsibility

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that it is squarely up to congress whether the nation would have a great post-war delay in providing jobs for men leaving the armed services and war industries. Mr. Roosevelt made his statement at a press conference. A little later the senate adopted a resolution by Senator George (D-Ga.) to create a 10-man senate committee to investigate the whole postwar economic field and report from time to time.

In his meeting with reporters, the president did not go into the broad recommendations of the national resources planning board for a postwar economy. But he did say, in response to questions, that the burden and responsibility for continued planning rests entirely in congress—nowhere else. The house has refused to vote funds for continuing the work

of the planning board, but the senate has taken no final action on the issue. Mr. Roosevelt said that the board has listed about \$7,000,000 worth of public works to make up unemployment which would affect a great many people upon demobilization and closing of war plants. It is all very well for congress to pass legislation, he asserted, but you don't start human beings to work on a project by passing an appropriation. You have to have engineering and specifications completed beforehand, he remarked. Thus far, Mr. Roosevelt said, only about \$1,000,000,000 in projects have been approved and specifications for them drafted, and these projects would not employ a great many people. It is squarely up to congress, the president declared, whether we are going to have a great hiatus, whether there will be jobs only on paper or jobs ready to start.

General Douglas MacArthur's fliers, in turn, bombed Japanese airdromes at Rabaul, New Britain, and at Finschhafen, New Guinea, and attack planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Mubo sector of New Guinea, it was announced. In the latter area Vickers Ridge, a mile southeast of Mubo, and Guadagal Ridge, south of Vickers, were the objectives.

NEW DELHI, (AP)—Continuing their destructive assaults against Japanese installations in Burma, heavy four-motored bombers of the 10th United States airforce poured "many tons" of explosives on an enemy (Continued on Page Two)

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The state department has received unconfirmed reports that Adolf Hitler is suffering from a complete breakdown, Acting Secretary of State Welles said today. Welles did not imply that the department was attaching much importance to them. He merely asserted, in answer to press conference questions, that the department had received unconfirmed reports similar to those published about Hitler in the newspapers of various countries recently.

Cheese, Butter, Meat Rationing Starts March 29

By IRVING PERLMETER WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Beef, pork, lamb and mutton will be rationed at an average of about two pounds a week for home consumption starting Monday, March 29. Rationing of butter, cheese, other edible fats and oils and canned fish will start at the same time. Through this long-expected action, the government hopes to even up the civilian supplies, which have been curtailed by huge diversions to the armed forces and lend-lease. Local shortages are expected to disappear quickly. Harold B. Rowe, in charge of food rationing, at the office of price administration, said the allotments will be proportionately more generous than the limits put earlier this month on canned, frozen and dry fruits and vegetables.

"The meat ration," he said, "probably will be more than many low income families will be able to afford, although less than the average purchases of middle or high income families." In the light of existing rationing programs, the new plan will bring restrictions to the largest part of the typical American diet. Still unrationed on the basis of today's announcement, will be milk, cereals, fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery goods, and numerous specialties such as relishes. From the customer viewpoint, the unrationed oasis of food will be the restaurant or other public eating place. These places will be rationed on their supplies, but will not collect coupons. Details of the program were announced partly last night by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and partly this morning by Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown. America's diet thus was tightened up within a few hours after (Continued on Page Two)

AFRICAN AIR FORCES HIT ROMMEL TANKS

Allies Soften German Lines in Mareth Area By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 12 (AP)—The RAF announced today that its western desert air force had destroyed 21 of Field Marshal Rommel's armored vehicles attacking allied ground forces at Ksar Rhilane, west of the southern end of the Mareth. Original reports said the Germans attacked with about 30 armored cars. The RAF announcement indicated therefore that the greater part of the attacking force had been wiped out. Allied bombers and fighters began softening Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troop positions and supply lines in the Mareth area yesterday as British and American ground forces beat off three attacks by Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim in North Tunisia, it was announced today. Axis infantry and artillery (Continued on page two)

JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN IN PACIFIC

12 Fighters Bagged In Fight Over Oro Bay ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 12 (AP)—Fourteen Japanese planes, two bombers and 12 fighters, were shot out of action yesterday in an attempt to raid Oro bay, on the east coast of New Guinea, the allied command announced today. The Japanese, again mustering a show of air power in the Southwest Pacific, sent over 12 bombers escorted by 16 fighters to attack Oro bay, where three days ago they sank a small merchant ship in a raid. A headquarters communique said allied losses were light. The Japanese also sent two bombers over the allied base at Wau, south of Salamaua, last night but there was neither damage nor casualties, it was declared.

Washington Law Men Quit After 60-Day Session

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 12 (AP)—The 28th regular Washington state legislative session, first war-time meeting since statehood, adjourned sine die early today with a record of enacting many far-reaching measures during a 60-day period marked by the partial wrecking of the republican governor's program. The session dragged out last night until the clocks had to be stopped at 11:50 p. m., while capitol workers finished final drafts of bills which had not been enacted until the last minute. The senate quit work at 5:08 a. m., the house at 5:13 a. m. The legislature provided for the spending of more money in the next two years than in any previous biennium in the state's history. Appropriations totaled around \$325,000,000, but allowing for reappropriations, the net will total about \$287,000,000. The previous record, set in 1941, was \$281,206,000.

Nick Long Resigns As Price Specialist For District OPA

Nick Long, local business man, announced Friday he had resigned as price specialist of the district OPA office to devote his time to his private affairs. Long previously was a field coordinator for OPA, working on rationing, but after formation of the district office was switched to the price work. He said he will devote all the time he can spare to volunteer work for the local war price and rationing board. Long is head of Long's, Inc., a women's wear store, and is president of the Oregon State Retailers' council.

Oregon High School Hoop Meet Results

By The Associated Press Class A (First Round) Astoria 32, Salem 25. Baker 54, St. Helens 36. Klamath Falls 30, Eugene 19. Pendleton 30, Oregon City 29.

Soviet Army Takes Vyazma



At the same time Russian armies on the central front smashed into Vyazma in a continuation of their drive, the Germans caused the reds to abandon eight newly-won bases in an 80-mile retreat and recaptured Kharkov. The soviets dug in along their upper Donets basin line.

U. S. Planes Bomb Rouen Rail Yards

LONDON, March 12 (AP)—The RAF paid its eighth night visit of March to Germany last night, pounding the important industrial and communications center of Stuttgart in southwest Germany in a strong attack from which 11 bombers did not return, it was announced officially today. AT A UNITED STATES BOMBER STATION SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, March 12 (AP)—United States heavy bombers with allied Spitfire escorts scared off German fighters for the second time in a week today and bombed railroad yards and oil stores at Rouen, 45 miles inland from the coast of France. Direct hits were seen by Fortress fliers on a concentration of probably 1000 freight cars, and fires burst up from a nearby group of big oil tanks. The Spitfires, some of which probably were flown by Americans who are now operating with the RAF, were even more strikingly effective than during Monday's raid on railroad yards at Rennes. This time Focke-Wulfs and Messerschmitts not only kept at a respectful distance but could hardly be seen among the great swarms of Spitfires flying above, below and on all sides of the bomber formations.

GERMANS CLAIM KHARKOV SEIZED

Nazi Reoccupy Russian City by Tank Thrusts LONDON, March 12 (AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast today a dispatch credited to the "international information bureau" asserting that the Germans had reoccupied Kharkov. "The international information bureau" is a Nazi propaganda agency which DNB, the official agency, quotes in matters for which it does not wish to assume full responsibility. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said German troops were again standing on the Red square of the steel city which they had abandoned during the soviet offensive February 16. Nazi tank formations were declared to have executed thrusts to the center of the town. "Three soviet crack armies southeast, south and southwest of this area were destroyed," the dispatch said. The declaration that the Germans had regained Kharkov was made a few hours after the German high command announced the evacuation of Vyazma, the last point of the Germans' strategic Rzhev-Velkie Luki-Vyazma triangle west of Moscow.

House Committee Approves Plan to Reduce Income Taxes Four Per Cent

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today approved a plan to reduce by as much as 4 per cent the tax obligations of persons paying income taxes before they come due, thus encouraging individuals to go on a pay-as-you-go basis. Word of this action came shortly after President Roosevelt expressed opposition to the Ruml skip-a-year tax plan on the ground that the net return to the government under that plan would be less. Under the ways and means committee proposal a taxpayer remitting any part of the taxes on his current year's income by March 15 would be given a discount of 4 per cent on that part, by June 15—3 per cent, September 15—2 per cent, and December 15—1 per cent. Thus if any taxpayer desired

RUSSIANS CUT ENEMY OUT OF KEY RAIL CITY

Tough German Stronghold Evacuated For Reds LONDON, March 12 (AP)—The soviet monitor announced today the recording of a Moscow broadcast which said the Russians had captured Vyazma. More than 9000 of the enemy were declared by the Russians to have been slain. "On March 12 troops of the western front commanded by Commanding General (Vasily) Sokolovsky stormed and captured the town and railway junction of Vyazma," the communique said. The red army seized eight aircraft, 83 tanks, 89 guns, 222 machine guns, 585 trucks and tractors, 57 locomotives and other war material, it was announced.

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, March 12 (AP)—Observers in Moscow had reason to believe today that the hard-hitting red army of the central front had captured Vyazma, a railway hub 130 miles west of Moscow and one of the toughest German strongholds of the Smolensk salient, although there was no official confirmation of the report. (A DNB broadcast from Berlin recorded by The Associated Press announced the German army had evacuated Vyazma after demolishing military installations.) Vyazma, last of the famous corners of the Vyazma-Velkie Luki-Rzhev triangle, was the strongest outpost for the great German base of Smolensk, 230 miles west of the capital, and its fall would mean that the fast (Continued on Page Two)

OPA Considers Price Ceiling On Seed Spuds

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Temporary price restrictions on seed potatoes, now exempt from price ceilings, were reported under consideration by OPA today in order to discourage sales of seed potatoes for table consumption. While no official decision has been made, it was understood that such action might be taken after price administration officials held a long conference with producers and shippers of seed potatoes. Such an order, if issued, probably would freeze prices of seed potatoes at some recent level. Ordinary table potatoes have been under price restrictions for weeks, and some merchants were reported to have adopted the practice of selling seed potatoes for table use because there was no price regulation on this type.