

GEN. BERGERET QUILTS GIRAUD WAR CABINET

ALGIERS, March 15 (AP)—Releasable sources said Gen. Jean Marie Bergeret, a member of the Gen. Henri Giraud's war committee who has been heavily criticized as pro-Vichy, handed in his resignation today and it was accepted.

Bergeret, who had been Giraud's assistant commander-in-chief, was regarded by some as one of the hazards in negotiations for unity of French North African forces and the fighting French of Gen. Charles de Gaulle. He formerly served as chief of Vichy's air forces.

The developments came on the heels of a speech yesterday by the high commissioner in which he declared he planned to clean out the last vestiges of Vichy in North Africa, "both measures and men."

It was reported that Jean Rigaud, a political adviser who was one of the most active opponents of any agreement with De Gaulle, had also resigned. Authoritative quarters announced February 16 that Rigaud had been removed from the office of minister of interior and propaganda in the Giraud government. Aside from Bergeret and Rigaud, the only top political leader of French North and West Africa who has been criticized for pro-axis and pro-Vichy leanings is Governor General Auguste Nogues of Morocco.

The next step toward implementation of Giraud's repudiation of the last vestiges of Vichy influence in French North and West Africa, the formality of issuing decrees repealing Vichy laws at one time, is expected within the next two days.

The high commissioner offered yesterday to meet De Gaulle halfway in a union which he said "must be effected among all anti-axis Frenchmen fighting for a rebirth of the republic."

LEWIS TELLS SOFT COAL MEN TO SIGN

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, told northern soft coal operators today it was a safe assumption that if a negotiated contract was not signed by March 31 "the miners will not trespass on your property on the first and second of April."

Lewis, addressing the northerners at a joint conference arguing preliminary negotiations for a contract granting wage increases to 450,000 coal miners, declared:

"If they don't get it (the contract by March 31) the responsibility will not be the mine workers, and if the contract runs out because you will not negotiate with them the responsibility upon you will rely."

More and more people are making the tune in opportunity a success—thanks to war work.

Cotton Pickin' Co-Eds Aid in Emergency



(NEA Telephoto) While the Army debates on sending soldiers into the field to help out during farm manpower shortages, Lenore Gibbons, Eleanor Setzer and Frances Paulsen, left to right, and many other University of Arizona students pitched right in to help pick the long staple cotton near Phoenix.

San Francisco Police Jail 1000 in Anti-Crime Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 (AP)—Arrests in a new, concentrated police drive against San Francisco's wartime crime wave stood close to the 1000 mark after a three-day campaign.

But there was a race riot in a dance hall Sunday in which six men were knifed and seven jailed; there were eight strong-arm robberies, a number of burglaries, and a sailor died of injuries received Thursday in a street fight.

Most of those arrested were booked as drunks; many as vagrants, and several score for not carrying selective service cards. Police squads went through bars, pool halls and card rooms, and

gave night-time street loiterers a close looking over. Municipal Judge George Hoar said he would hold special court every night so the jails would not become over-crowded. Yesterday many held on minor charges were released on suspended sentences.

The dance hall riot broke out at a party for white and negro swingshift workers. Forty police broke up the dance after knives flashed.

Melvin Davis, 22, of the Treasure Island naval training station, died after the Thursday street fight, and a 23-year-old waterfront worker was booked on a charge of murder.

A downtown policeman tried to explain. "San Francisco ain't getting tough," he said, "it's just that some roughnecks moved in. It's hard to pick 'em out of a mob like this, but we'll get 'em."

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) Reports that Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilding executive, is considering acquisition of the Brewster airplane building plants in the east grew today as a meeting of directors of the Brewster Aeronautical corporation was called for tomorrow.

Kaiser is now in New York and was known to be engaged in numerous business conferences during the day.

We feel that an absentee is a slacker working in a defense plant to keep from going into the service—Philadelphia draft board official.

OPA TO INCREASE CANNING SUGAR

WENATCHEE, March 15 (AP)—The Daily World learned today from Congressman Walt Horan's office that there will be a liberalization of canning sugar allotments in the 1943 season.

While exact amounts of sugar to be allowed each person and each family have not been definitely set, the OPA is considering a hundred-quart ceiling.

It is going to be definitely a part of the OPA policy this year, Congressman Horan was informed, to take as complete advantage as possible of home canning facilities.

It is also going to be uniformly administered in 1943 so that there will be no discrimination in one state as against another, nor any inter-county discrimination.

The percentage of sugar allowed for canning will remain the same in 1943 as in 1942, the OPA man said, one pound of sugar to be allowed for each four quarts of fruit. He said every effort will be made to get as much home canning done as possible because of the canned food shortage, and that in spite of the fact sugar holdings or the sugar supply would be less than a year ago.

Supreme Court to Review Conviction Of "Murder, Inc."

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) Taking unusual action, the supreme court agreed today to review the conviction of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Emanuel Weiss and Louis Capone, alleged members of "Murder, Incorporated," on a charge of slaying Joseph Rosen, a Brooklyn storekeeper.

The trio are under sentence to die at Sing Sing prison. A review was denied by the tribunal on February 15 and today it granted a petition for rehearing.

Body From Capsized Minesweeper Found

SEATTLE, March 15 (AP)—Naval authorities today announced the recovery of a body yesterday identified as that of Ensign William Connor Laird, USNR, Chicago, lost when the minesweeper YMS 133 capsized February 20 off Coos Bay, Ore.

Ensign Laird's mother, Mrs. Barbara B. Laird, lives at 1435 Hudson avenue, Chicago. The body was taken to Marshfield, Ore.

SIX KILLED AS NAVY BOMBER HITS FIGHTER

SEATTLE, March 15 (AP)—Six men are known to have died, and perhaps a seventh, in the collision of a large navy bombing type plane and an army fighter type over Puget Sound, a half mile off Richmond beach late yesterday afternoon.

The crew of the navy plane, two officers and four enlisted men, lost their lives, the 13th naval district announced. Two bodies were reported recovered.

At Paine field, near Everett, it was announced an army fighter plane and a pilot was missing, but it was not definitely ascertained that this plane was the one involved in the accident.

Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Leo McCombs, King county fire marshal, was a witness to the crash. McCombs, who thought three planes were involved, said: "The planes were going through maneuvers when they became entangled in the air. There was a violent explosion, followed by another. Two men bailed out of the planes and landed in the Sound."

"The planes fell into the water."

McCombs called Paine field and a crash boat was sent to the scene, he said.

Ex-Lane Sheriff Dies in Eugene

EUGENE, March 15 (AP)—Harry L. Bown, 78, former Lane county judge and sheriff, died at a Eugene hospital this morning after a short illness.

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