

LAND ARMY TO SAVE NATION OF STARVING

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make such equipment, he said, but also an effort will be made to obtain more adequate distribution facilities for the smaller plants. Previously, the big manufacturers had been converted to war production and had stopped making farm machinery.

The president released today the executive order setting up the new office of food production and distribution, of which Davis will take charge on Monday. Davis will cooperate with Agriculture Secretary Wickard, Mr. Roosevelt said but in final decisions, Davis would come to him. This will remove nearly all phases of the wartime food program from Wickard's control and leave him to handle the old line bureaus of the agriculture department.

Price Authority

To make clear another point, the president said Davis also would have authority over farm prices.

This authority, he said, will be exercised through the office of price administration.

Near the close of the conference, the president expressed a thought that we are not going to starve in this country. He said he had heard all sorts of speeches and noted headlines about food production falling off.

On the question of a land army, the chief executive asserted that this is one of the things Davis is going to take up upon his arrival in Washington. The chief executive cited Britain's success in increasing food production about 60 per cent through the use of such an army. He indicated that it would have to be recruited from among high school boys and girls and women.

The farm labor supply in addition will be augmented, Mr. Roosevelt said, by the probable release on furlough of a great many thousand servicemen. He said this would help very much in alleviating the labor shortage.

Furlough Farmers
It is possible without too much disruption, he said, to furlough men in divisions which have been in training only three or four weeks. But he said it would spoil the army to break up combat divisions ready to leave within two weeks for overseas duties.

Just what size a land army would take, the president did not say.

Breaking down the 3,000,000 man total of prospective deferments of farm workers this year, the president said 400,000 would be single and 2,000,000 married with wives or with wives and children. He did not account for the other 600,000.

The men deferred, he said, will be in the 18 to 37 age group.

Martin Claims Votes to Pass Ruml Tax Plan

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beaten," Martin expressed confidence.

Rep. Dewey (R-Ill.), a former assistant secretary of the treasury, told the house that "the primary objective" is to place individual income tax payments on a current basis and he said the Carlson bill, which embodies principles of the Ruml plan, "is the only measure which equitably achieves this objective at one stroke."

Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 2 California, 4 Oregon, 2 Florida arrived; 6 unbroken, 3 broken cars on track; no sales reported.

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 2 Florida, 6 Idaho, 1 Colorado, 1 Utah arrived; 16 broken, 7 unbroken cars on track; market steady; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, March 26 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 77; on track 117; total US shipments 847; old stock; supplies light; track trading very light account of lack of offering of table stock; market unsettled and confused; new stock; nothing offered in today's market, no sales reported; North Dakota Bliss Triumph commercials seed stock \$3.30-35; 2 seed stock \$3.00; Idaho Russet Burbanks US No. 1, \$4.03; main Katahdins and Chippewas US No. 1, \$4.00.

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EIGHTH ARMY CLIMBS HILLS ABOVE GABES

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of Lieut.-Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. armored forces was reported to have reached a point seven miles beyond Maknassy, on the fringe of the narrow coastal plains which Rommel must guard to keep open his "escape corridor" to the north.

"Allied pressure is becoming stronger" in Gen. Patton's drive toward the sea from Maknassy, field reports said.

A communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said 8th army infantry attacking the Mareth fortifications "made some advances and improved their positions."

"Devil's Cauldron"
Other dispatches said Rommel was hurling wave after wave of tanks and infantry against the British in an effort to reduce the so-called "Devil's Cauldron" salient driven into the north end of the Mareth defenses.

"There was little activity in the Gafsa (El Guejar) and Maknassy sectors, where the enemy made local demonstrations but no major attacks developed," allied headquarters said.

Increased Activity
On the northern Tunisian front, the communique reported "increased enemy activity" but said British first army patrols were active and inflicted casualties on axis troops southeast of Medjez-El-Bab, 34 miles below the capital city of Tunis.

Over the whole battle arena, allied warplanes blasted enemy airfields, motor transport and troops with bombs and cannon and machine-gun fire.

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senate agricultural committee for "further study."

McNary, who usually votes with the farm bloc, says its passage would be used by organized labor to force wage increases that would break down inflation controls.

A FEW minutes later, the senate passes and sends to the President (the house had passed it already) a bill to prohibit deduction of government benefit payments made to farmers in computing parity price ceilings. Its purpose is to RAISE the ceilings.

AT the same time, before another senate committee, John L. Lewis defends his demanded heavy wage increases for coal miners. The session, at times, gets so hot it sizzles.

JOHN P. FREY, AFL Metal Trades president, tells the senate war investigating committee he ADVOCATES SUSPENSION of the Wagner labor relations act for the duration!

He adds: "I'm of the opinion that nothing would be more advantageous to the production of war material."

At first glance this looks like one for the book.

THE mystery clears when Frey adds that representatives of the National Labor Relations Board (which handles administration of the Wagner act) have encouraged and assisted CIO unions in RAIDING the memberships of AFL unions in West Coast shipyards.

The issue back of these raids is WHO COLLECTS THE DUES. AFL is collecting them now. CIO wants them.

DON'T draw wrong conclusions.

The rank and file of farmers and working people are as loyal and patriotic as any citizens we have. Their boys are on the fighting fronts along with everybody else's.

Too many of the high-up leaders are BLINDED BY THE BIG MONEY.

Senate Takes Middle Road on Inflation

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voice vote, and without vocal dissent. Chairman Smith (D-S.C.) said the committee would call farm leaders, and Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) predicted the bill would be back on the senate floor in a week.

Take Revised Measure
Without pause, the chamber took up a house-revised measure, which it had passed previously by an overwhelming vote in slightly different form, and passed it. This bill, which goes now to President Roosevelt, would prevent the deduction of benefit payments made to farmers in calculating parity price ceilings, a change Brown contended would raise food prices 7 per cent and boost the cost of living \$1,500,000,000.

ELKS PRESENT AMBULANCE IN NIGHT EVENT

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A handsome, useful new ambulance was presented to the local unit of the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps by the Klamath Elks lodge last night, in ceremonies attended by officers of the OWAC from Portland.

About 45 members of the corps here were guests of the Elks at a large dinner attended by more than 300 in the basement of the lodge temple, Third and Main streets. The ambulance was parked in front of the building where it was inspected by the Elks and the public through the late afternoon and evening.

Here from Portland for this event were Major Helen Rinaud, Captain Elizabeth Robinson, Captain Ann Bridge, and Lieutenant Marguerite Webb. Lieutenant Webb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Chase of Klamath Falls.

Talks were made at the dinner by Major Rinaud, Captain Livingston. Lieutenant Berdena Reeder, Corporal Dona Backes, Corporal Mona Dixon, Private Veneta Larson, Sergeant Esther Lawler and Exalted Ruler Peyton.

The ambulance will be housed at the city hall and will be available for all charity emergency calls.

Dust-Gathering Jap Farm Machinery Poses Problem

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American Legion council's war advisory committee states that 200 to 300 Jap-owned tractors have been found in barns and warehouses in Orange county alone. He has demanded these be seized.

An official of the state department of agriculture recently estimated 267 Jap tractors are stored in southern California.

Eager for Release
"I have found war production board officials eager to do everything that can be done to expedite the release of this machinery to California farmers, who need it badly," Daniels commented.

He said he had been advised by the U. S. attorney-general's office that the responsibility for releasing this idle equipment rests with the U. S. department of agriculture, but he added, there appears to have been "a great deal of buck passing" in dealing with the problem.

Washing the car in winter months is a protective measure, as well as a real economy, for it eliminates a considerable amount of rust and corrosion caused by the salt and chemicals sprinkled on icy streets to make driving safer.

Anti-Strike Rule Not Binding, Says Lewis to Truman

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court of appeals had held that under the wage-hour law no contract was valid that did not provide for paying the men for all the time they spend in the mine. (At present they are paid only for time actually worked.)

No Pay Increase
Then Lewis declared that the mine operators were not willing to give that increase in pay, and asserted that under the Little Steel formula the increase could not be granted because the miners already had received a 15 per cent boost.

"I want to point out that there is a conflict between the legislative and judicial branches of government," he said.

Heated Exchanges
In heated exchanges with senatorial investigators, Lewis turned on Senator Ball's (R-Minn.) mention of demagoguery today to shout "when you call me a demagogue before I can reply, I hurl it back in your face, sir."

This give-and-take was only one of many which punctuated the testimony of the United Mine Workers leader before the senate war investigating committee.

At another point, when Senator Brewster (R-Me.) asked him if he was "stalling" before answering a question, Lewis declared:

"I wasn't stalling with you, sir, but I foolishly believed you wanted an answer to your question."

It was after an assertion by Lewis that coal miners weren't "getting enough to eat," that Ball remarked:

"When you say that, it's demagoguery, pure and simple."

This brought Lewis' sharp reply and contention that Ball had not given him an opportunity to substantiate his statement.

Churchill Relative Engaged to Royal Navy Lieutenant

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—The engagement of Lady Sarah Spencer-Churchill, eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, to Lieut. Edwin F. Russell of the Royal navy, was announced today.

Lieut. Russell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius T. Russell of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Russell, 29, was an associate publisher of the Newark Star-Ledger, Newark, N. J., before enlisting in the British navy in 1941. He received his lieutenant's commission in the Royal navy voluntary reserve. He is a graduate of Princeton university and was a member of its under-graduate field artillery corps for two years. He had been a sailing master in America for 10 years.

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RED ARMY PRESSES TOWARDS SMOLENSK

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toward Smolensk was unaltered.

On the northern Donets river battleground, the Russians fought bitterly against large units of Germans, the battle shifting this way and that in the Belgorod sector where, the midday communique said, the Soviets recaptured two settlements they had lost previously to the nazis.

Germans Deny
(The German high command in its Friday communique, recorded by the Associated Press from a Berlin broadcast, said flatly: "No operations of special importance were reported from the entire eastern front.")

(It added that "the striking power of enemy attacks launched south of Lake Ladoga decreased considerably." It told of German air raids on the harbor of Gelendzhik, on the Black sea coast in the Caucasus, and on railway targets and industrial plants at Leningrad. One medium-sized merchantman was reported sunk.)

Helinski Raid
(A Finnish army report, also broadcast by the Berlin radio, said 20 enemy bombers late last night attempted to raid Helinski again but reached only the environs of the capital and their bombs caused no damage.)

(The Russian midnight communique as recorded by the London soviet radio monitor declared Russian artillery had smashed German tank and infantry columns making new attempts to cross to the eastern shore of the Donets river east of Kharkov.)

Defend Height
(It reported that soviet troops north of Chuguev successfully defended a height against a tank and mortar array supporting a German infantry regiment in one sector and that Russian field guns in another sector

Meats and Fats To Be Topic

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A discussion of meats and fats rationing will take place at a meeting to be held at 8 p. m. tonight (Friday) in the district OPA office, to which local food retailers were invited.

The meeting was called at the request of several local business men in order to obtain a fuller explanation of the OPA program on these commodities.

Spring Dances in Klamath Thursday

Daffodils stretched their stalks, crocus and hyacinths were making a colorful debut and spring dancing in with a maximum temperature of 64 degrees Thursday, warmest since last October 25.

On that day the thermometer reading was 72 degrees.

Snappy mornings, warm days and nights, have been the weather menu for the past week in Klamath county.

OBITUARY

GEORGE SMITH

George Smith, for the last 20 years a resident of the Dairy district, passed away in this city on Friday, March 26, 1943 at 10:20 a. m. following an illness of five weeks. He was a native of Holland and at the time of his death was aged 61 years, 10 months and 9 days. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

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