

# Americans, Called Upon To Share Their Bread Lest Millions Starve, Actually May Eat Better Than Ever

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Americans—called upon today to share their bread lest millions starve overseas—actually may eat better than ever before, for a time.

Their own bread will be dark, and they may find less whisky and beer, but there should be a temporary jump in pork, beef, poultry, eggs and some dairy products.

How long this richer diet may last hinges on the weather—spring and summer rains and fall frosts. For a bad crop, soon could well whittle down supplies of animal products to a point where rationing again might be necessary late in the year.

**Food Crisis**  
President Truman, in a statement declaring the world faces a food crisis which may be "the worst in modern times," yesterday ordered government agencies to draft emergency rules to cut consumption of wheat at home so that "mass starvation" abroad may be averted. The cuts in American consumption will take these forms:

1. Millers will be required to convert a larger portion of each bushel of wheat into flour. This flour will be dark in color, less tasty and less suitable for cakes, pies and other pastries. But it will take fewer bushels of wheat to meet American bread and pastry needs.

2. The use of wheat in making whiskey and beer will be forbidden. Also the use of other grains for these beverages will

be reduced. There was no immediate indication what effect this will have on current supplies.

3. Farmers will be asked to feed less wheat and other grains to livestock. Mr. Truman directed the agriculture department to develop programs designed to pare down livestock production until grain supplies become plentiful again.

The presidential action was made necessary largely by the fact that Americans—and American livestock—have eaten more wheat since the last harvest than the government had planned. This fact did not become known until recently, however, when a government survey showed stocks to be 61,000,000 bushels below what they should have been.

Now it is necessary for Americans to make up as much of this 61,000,000-bushel "deficit" as possible—by reducing consumption—if the country is to come anywhere near fulfilling its promises to hungry people abroad.

**Record Levels**  
Food consumption in this country has been at record levels for months.

The prospective measures to cut animal consumption of wheat and other grains are expected to result in earlier than normal marketing of hogs, cattle and poultry.

This earlier marketing in turn would make market supplies of meats and poultry larger in the weeks and months immediately ahead than if farmers could follow their present practice of holding animals until they had been fattened.

But once the animal numbers have been reduced to the size of the smaller feed supply, market supplies of meats and other animal products will decline. Meat production then can be increased again only after grain supplies have been replenished. And improvement in the domestic feed grain supply cannot come before this year's crops are harvested next fall.

That's where the possibility of future meat rationing enters in. A poor crop season would prevent re-expansion of livestock production until the next good feed crop.

## Kramer Denies Attempting To Clear Kimmel

By J. W. DAVIS  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Naval Capt. A. D. Kramer testified emphatically today that he never joined a campaign designed to clear Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel "or anybody else" of Pearl Harbor blame.

Kramer also said it was inconceivable that the high command framed the 1941 Pacific fleet commander or any other person to be a scapegoat for the December 7, 1941 disaster.

Rep. Cooper (D-Tenn.) of the senate-house committee investigating Pearl Harbor posed the questions which brought these replies.

The preceding witness, Capt. L. F. Safford, said he had written Kramer two years ago to line up Admiral William F. Hallsey for "the cause" of vindicating Kimmel.

Safford also had written, in a code letter, that no one in naval operations here could be trusted and that he believed Kimmel had been a scapegoat from the start.

**Exchange**  
There was this exchange between Cooper and Kramer:

"Did you have any interest in the prosecution or defense of Admiral Kimmel or anybody else?"  
"Most emphatically, no, sir."  
"Did you ever exercise yourself in actions in behalf of Admiral Kimmel or anybody else?"  
"None whatsoever, sir."  
"Did you ever feel, or do you feel now that the officers of the general staff of the army or the navy in effect are crooks, or would indulge in framing Admiral Kimmel or anybody else, or thought they were not to be trusted?"

The prematurely gray witness, trim in his service-striped uniform, paused for awhile, then said:

"Such phenomena is inconceivable to my mind, sir."

## Extension Unit News

The next meeting of the Bonanza extension unit will be held at 10:30 a. m., February 12, at the home of Mrs. Milton Conquergood, on the Dairy-Bonanza highway. Mrs. Conquergood and Mrs. Fletcher Ralph will demonstrate labor-saving salads and samples of the salads will be served at the noon luncheon. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

## Gilchrist PTA Slates Program

GILCHRIST, Feb. 7 — The Gilchrist Parent-Teacher association will hold its third Founders' Day program in the high school library at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 12. There will be a good program and the president, Mrs. M. R. Stenerson, will preside over the birthday cake and take charge of the silver offering for national Founders' Day.

The room prize, won by Bertha Wertz' class in December, will be awarded to the room having the highest per cent of attendance for January and February. The prize is a lovely flag on a standard, and Miss Wertz' class is very anxious to keep the prize another month.

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The chamber now has 218 members. Membership cards en-

title wives of holders to attend the crab feed also. The next regular meeting of the chamber is scheduled for February 11.

**NOT SO FUNNY**  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7 (AP)—An aircraft engineer who said he was tired of being called a tramp has filed a petition in superior court to change his name to William F. Cramer.

He said he has taken a ribbing from friends throughout his 47 years, and he's had enough of it. His name is William Ferdinand Tramp.

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**Sherwood Mayor Dies At Age Of 78**  
SHERWOOD, Feb. 7 (AP)—J. E. Morback, 78, mayor of Sherwood for 30 years and a resident here for 60 years, died at his home Tuesday night.

When he first came to the city he was in the mercantile business, later handled insurance and aided in organization of the Citizens' bank. Survivors include his widow and three daughters.

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