

BRITAIN TO CURB FOOD RACKETEERS

LONDON, March 3.—(AP)—Public anger over "black market" profiteering in the midst of Britain's most critical war period was answered today by a government announcement that stringent new regulations and penalties are to be put into operation.

Castigating food racketeers as "a danger to our cause," Maj. Gwilym Lloyd George, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Food, declared in the House of Commons that "we are determined that they shall be stamped out." He said details of the new measures would be disclosed soon, and pointed out that the Ministry of Food already employs 800 inspectors and has made 40,000 prosecutions.

Reporting that Britain's loss of food through ship sinkings had not been "really substantial," Major Lloyd George asserted that the nation's essential food stocks at the end of 1941 were 30 per cent higher than at the end of 1940.

Nevertheless, the food secretary said, it may be necessary to reduce existing rations to some extent.

The major added that the retail food index figure now was only 25 per cent above September, 1939, the month the war began, having dropped 7 points since last year.

Jap Families In Puyallup Valley Balk at Tilling

TACOMA, March 3.—(AP)—The black-soiled valley of the Puyallup River, where Japanese families worked on their hands and knees from dawn to twilight last year to produce 1,000 tons of vegetables and berries, went into the do-drum today when the Army announced its evacuation plans.

The fertile Puyallup Valley, reaching from Tacoma Harbor to the foothills of Mount Rainier, long has been devoted to the truck farms of countless Japanese families. Schools in the valley communities have a majority of dark-skinned pupils, and the prosperous canneries are Japanese-operated.

Spring Planting Waits
But the green winter soil of the valley is not being broken up for spring planting.

"It is hard work. Why should we do it if it is not to be of any use?" asked one head of a family. "We can't get white men to work in vegetables."

Cannery owners envisioned closed plants and fallow farms.

"Even if we paid the white workers as high as 50 cents an hour, they would not come out of the defense plants in Tacoma to work the vegetables and berry gardens. And the public could not afford our products if we should have to pay 50 cents an hour."

Most of the Japanese in the valley are American-born. Their children go to the public schools in the valley communities of Fife, Sumner and Puyallup, where they sometimes outshine their accidental schoolmates in studies.

Children Help in Fields

After school and at all hours during spring and summer vacations the children work close to the ground with their elders, weeding by hand the damp, black, river-bottom soil. And when families reach a size of from six to eight to ten children, there is no labor problem.

The Japanese growers admit there has been a change since Pearl Harbor.

"After that Sunday (December 7) the white children in the school began to taunt our children. Some of the valley's white men have been at Pearl Harbor. There is a feeling growing up between the two races."

Labor Surveys Started
Some of the white people in the valley towns are making surveys of available labor, including school children.

"The Japanese have got to go first," one woman told a reporter. "I won't have my boys working in the fields with the Japs."

A local air-raid warden turned to her and replied:
"Your boy will work out there in the field, Japs or no Japs, or else you'll both be working for the Mikado later on."

Italy Gives O. K. To Greek Food Ship

LONDON, March 3.—(AP)—A British spokesman said today the government had received a safe-conduct guarantee from Italy for a relief ship for Greece which already is loaded with wheat at Haifa, Palestine, and should sail this week.

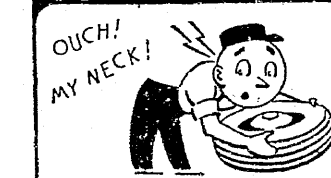
Germany already had given her guarantee.

NEW YORK, March 3.—(AP)—The Vatican radio said today that food supplies sent by Pope Pius XII had arrived in Greece for "the hunger-stricken population."

The broadcast, heard by C. B. S., said the supplies were sent after the apostolic delegate in Greece had informed the Pope of the "grave food situation."

Scientists at Yale University have developed a device to measure the alcoholic content of a person's blood by passing his breath into a tube to change the colors of certain chemicals.

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Swedes Favor Drastic Penalties for Spying; 5th Nation Adopts Poll

By AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION
PRINCETON, N. J., March 3.—Beginning this week, a continuous poll of public opinion using methods developed by the American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) goes into effect in Sweden.

Bi-monthly surveys on social, economic and cultural questions will be conducted by the Svenska Gallup Institute under the direction of Sven O. Blomquist, Stockholm research specialist; Prof. Torbjorn Palander, Swedish economist; and an advisory committee of leading Swedish experts on social and political problems.

The polls are being sponsored by Sweden's largest morning newspaper, the liberal Dagens Nyheter (Daily News) of Stockholm, and by the largest weekly magazine in the country, Vi (We).

With the organization of the Svenska Institute, public opinion news reports are a regular news item in more than 140 newspapers in five countries.

The first Swedish poll, a test poll conducted in Stockholm, showed that the majority of the population expect a long war between the Axis and the Allied Nations.

The second poll, just completed among voters throughout the whole of Sweden, dealt with the issue of punishment for spies and saboteurs working against Sweden. The importance of this issue is obvious in a neutral country where agents of both Axis powers and the Allies reside.

One-third of all Swedes polled in the survey voted for a reintroduction of the death sentence for espionage against Sweden, while a substantial number favored longer prison sentences. Sweden repealed the death sentence in 1921.

Longer prison sentences than at present 22
Undecided 45
The early groundwork for the formation of Scandinavian public opinion polls was laid by "Wahl Assmussen of Denmark." (Copyright, 1942)

Army, Navy Collusion Pays Alien Big Profit, Chicago Man Charges

Seattle Times—Chicago Tribune—N. Y. Times Special Service
CHICAGO, March 3.—Charges of collusion between Army and Navy procurement officials and a contracting company working on defense and war projects, with huge profits accruing to a German alien, will be unfolded before a federal grand jury within the next few weeks, it was disclosed this week by Guy Holcomb, head of the small-business section of the Department of Justice.

Holcomb was here to complete an investigation which began last October. It was initiated as a result of a complaint made to a Chicago business man, Clark T. Henderson, chief engineer of the Everston Manufacturing Company.

Holcomb, a special assistant attorney-general, said he could make no statement except to verify information previously obtained that grand jury action is impending. He said the grand jury probably would be called in Chicago.

"No Matter How Important"
Asked if high officials in the Navy and War Departments would be called as witnesses, he replied: "We shall follow the inquiry wherever it leads, no matter how important the officials involved may be."

The charges are outlined by Henderson. He said his company had attempted to obtain contracts for the installation of water-purifying systems in government camps, and at forts, flying fields and ordnance works. He charged that although his bids had been consistently one-third lower than those of a particular competitor, every major contract had been lost to the competitor because of a "trick" clause in Army and Navy specifications.

This clause, Henderson said, required that purifying systems must be equipped with a certain comparator, an instrument which determines the percentage of chlorine content in water. This comparator, he said, is patented in Germany and the patent rights are held by a German alien residing in New York.

Effective Monopoly
The competitor company, which has not been identified publicly, has exclusive rights to this device. As long as the specifications remain unchanged, Henderson said, the competitor company has an effective monopoly on government contracts. This monopoly has cost the taxpayers between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 on defense installations, he estimated.

"Although we have demonstrated that an American instrument manufactured by the W. A. Taylor Company of Baltimore does work equal to or better than the German device," said Henderson, "procurement officers were obturate in insisting on its use."

"We complained to the small-business section last October, and as a result of pressure brought by the Department of Justice, Army procurement officers agreed to give us one contract at the Huntsville, Ala., arsenal. Our bid there was approximately \$15,000—less than the bid of the monopolist company

65 MORE FAVOR 3-MILL LEVY

Names of 65 Seattle residents were added today to the membership of the Citizens' Committee for the 3-Mill Levy.

Mrs. Dale J. Marble, president of the Seattle Council of Parents and Teachers and chairman of the committee supporting the school measure, now numbers 154.

The new members are: James F. Pollard, A. A. Gardner, Roy G. Rosenthal, Dr. Walter F. Hoffman, A. L. (Lee) Perry, Lloyd E. Johnson, Lloyd Perkins, Bob Jones, Donald G. Waller, Frank D. James, Jr., Joseph Daniels, Dr. H. E. Coe, L. P. Kelley, O. R. Rabel.

Victor L. Nutley, Gordon Tongue, Clinton S. Harley, Frank S. Bayley, Rev. W. C. Bowman, R. H. Vivian, Mrs. B. A. Ross, Rev. W. R. Anderson, G. Morgan McBratney, Murray Grant, Harry Crouch, Rev. Angus R. Matheson, A. Lorin Ridings, A. E. Flagg.

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William L. Waltz, W. S. Darrow, Mrs. Herbert W. Blackstock, August Kristoferson, Earl Kennell, Clarence A. Black, Carroll Martin, Gordon N. Scott, Dr. L. G. Shroat, Arthur Wichman, Charles Grinnell, Hugh T. Campbell, Axel Carsten, W. J. Huntley.

James R. Brewster, T. N. Fowler, Dr. Ralph E. Knudsen, Dr. B. P. Richardson, Sherman W. Bushell, John H. Heitzman, Jeanette Testu, F. A. Ernst, Rev. Charles L. Williams, Dr. C. W. Norman, H. S. Robinson.

The levy recently has been endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce committee on education, the Municipal League and the Central Labor Council.

Aliens Offer To Take Over County Farm

A group of 30 alien Italian King County residents, all experienced truck-garden farmers, today proposed to County Commissioner Tom Smith that they take over operation of the King County farm, The Willows, for the duration of the war.

Henry Aries of Bellevue, spokesman for the group, estimated that they could turn out between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in produce a year. The county farm, a 440-acre tract between Woodinville and Redmond, has been virtually idle for two years. The farm has been offered for sale, but the county has found no buyers.

Commissioner Smith said that Aries, in making the proposal, said the group contemplated operating under federal supervision. The group of aliens is expecting evacuation orders, the commissioner said.

"I believe that if this group can make a showing that they can make a substantial offset to the food problem raised by the expected evacuation of aliens in truck-gardening work, it would be a sound idea," Smith asserted.

We're Not Beaten, Says Dutch Queen

LONDON, March 3.—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina declared defiantly tonight "we are not beaten and for us the struggle is not at an end" in a personal message to the embattled Netherlands East Indies.

"In order to help the East Indies in the great struggle, we shall do the impossible, since we know that only he who accepts surrender is beaten," said the message read over the radio by Lieut. Adm. J. T. Furstner, Netherlands minister for naval affairs.

Paying homage to the "brilliant feats" of her navy, the Queen said both the Japanese and Dutch had suffered "heavy losses."

"Our navy will rise again stronger than ever before," Wilhelmina declared. "To that end immediate steps will be taken."

Port Asks City For Warehouse Space

The Port Commission yesterday asked the City Council to vacate Seventh Avenue South between Horton and Hinds Streets in order that one of its clients forced off the waterfront by the Army may erect a large warehouse.

It was reported at City Hall that a \$100,000 building will be constructed for the State Liquor Control Board.

2nd Victim of Boating Tragedy Still Sought

PORTLAND, Or., March 3.—Harbor Patrol crews, who last night recovered the body of Thomas Saso, 29 years old, Portland, today continued to drag the Willamette River for Arthur Gardner, 32, formerly of Salt Lake City, second victim of a boating tragedy.

The two men were drowned when their small boat capsized in the backwash of a stern-wheeled river steamer. Five companions were rescued.

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