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RATIONING OF BUTTER, ONE LB. MONTHLY HELD LIKELY

Seattle Creamery Executive Raps O. P. A. for Delay in National Control; Dealers Here Restrict Purchases

A prediction that government-enforced limitation of butter consumption to slightly more than a pound a month—half the normal consumption—for each person in the United States, was made today by Ray Miller, secretary of the Washington State Creamery Association.

Voluntary rationing which is the virtual equivalent of such a program already has been instituted by butter distributors of Washington and most of the remainder of the nation, Miller said.

"Distributors are limiting their retail outlets to 50 per cent of normal," Miller said. "The retailers, in their turn, generally are restricting purchasers to not more than one pound at a time. Some of the big chain stores will not sell more than one-fourth of a pound at a time."

"It's too late to ration a product when there's none left to ration," Miller said. "The Office of Price Administration, as usual, muffed the ball on butter."

"There are so many government agencies trying to control these things that each one can see the picture only through its own little hole in the fence. It follows that the industry involved gets as confused a picture as they do, and doesn't know what to expect."

"We are facing the worst butter shortage since butter left farm churns and became an industry," Miller said.

14 JAPANESE BOY SCOUTS SAVED U. S. FLAG IN RIOT

By Associated Press. MANZANAR, Calif., Dec. 9.—The story of how 14 heroic young Japanese-American Boy Scouts stood off a milling mob which last Sunday tried to seize the American flag in the midst of a fatal riot celebrating the Pearl Harbor anniversary was told today by Ralph P. Merritt, director of the relocation center here.

One man was killed and nine were wounded when soldiers fired into the rioters after repeated warnings to stop advancing were ignored.

Merritt said the Administration Building flagpole was near the area where the mob formed, with the Stars and Stripes waving in the fresh breeze.

"One of the pro-Axis sympathizers," Merritt continued, "started for the flagpole to haul down the flag. The Boy Scouts surrounded the base of the flagpole. They had armed themselves with stones the size of baseballs. They defied the agitators or the whole mob to touch the flag. And the flag was not hauled down."

Merritt did not say whether reinforcements went to the aid of the small band or whether their countrymen in the mob withdrew.

Meanwhile, conditions at the center continued quiet today, as War Relocation Authority officials from Washington flew west to join an investigation and question leaders of the agitators.

Extra rations of liquor for pre-Christmas week are in the "still hopeful" stage with no definite promises being made, Evro Becket, chairman of the Washington State Liquor Control Board, said today.

Becket reported encouragement in increasing supplies of liquor in this state and said some of the board's long-standing orders are arriving.

U. S. Censorship of Alaska Mail Challenged by Senator

CALLAGHAN HONORED



TODAY IN WASHINGTON—Lieut. (j.g.) D. J. Callaghan (right) received from President Roosevelt the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously to Callaghan's father, Rear Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan, who was killed in the Battle of Savo Island. Also receiving the medal were Rear Adm. Norman Scott (posthumously) and Comdr. Bruce McCandless.—A. P. wirephoto. (See Page 14 for details.)

MURRAY'S PLEA BRINGS END TO STEEL STRIKE

By Associated Press. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 9.—Representatives of 3,000 Congress of Industrial Organizations strikers at several Bethlehem Steel Company mills here voted today to end their 24-hour-out walkout, which arose from a dispute over double pay for Sunday work.

The men, members of the United Steelworkers, yielded to a request by C. I. O. President Philip Murray that they return to work and settle their grievance through arbitration.

The strike had closed several departments which were making plates for warships.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS CITED BY VAN NUYS

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Chairman Van Nuys, Democrat, Indiana, of the Senate judiciary committee today challenged the legal authority of Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship, to censor mail between the United States and its territories and possessions.

Van Nuys expressed his stand at a press conference after Price had testified for three hours behind closed committee doors. The censorship director himself, talking to reporters before Van Nuys' conference, said he had no doubt that it was Congress' intent in passing the first War Powers Act last year to "protect the security of communications in and out of the country."

Van Nuys said he thought the censorship of mail, except that going to foreign countries, "has all been illegal up to date."

"I don't think the commander in chief has got any more right to censor mail between Alaska, Porto Rico and the United States than he had to censor mail between New York and California," he said.

At issue is a bill authorizing the censorship of communications between the United States and possessions and territories.

Protection Emphasized "The mandate of the commander in chief certainly includes a mandate to control communications in or around combat areas," Price said. "So far as the intent is concerned, I have never had the slightest doubt that it was the intent of Congress to protect the security of communications in and out of the country."

Price said that because all communications with possessions and territories must pass through territory where there is possible danger of enemy interception or must go into a combat zone, he felt that censorship of these communications was necessary for security purposes.

U. S. CARGO SHIP, HIT FROM STEM TO STERN, SETS ATTACKER AFIRE

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A medium-sized American merchant vessel exchanged shot for shot with two enemy surface raiders in the South Atlantic, probably sinking one of the raiders and severely damaging the other before she herself plunged beneath the waves, the Navy reported today.

Only ten of the merchantman's crew of 41 survived the 20-minute slugging match and the subsequent 31 days in an open lifeboat.

In addition, five men of the Navy gun crew aboard the vessel survived.

The out-gunned merchantman was hit from stem to stern by four salvos, the large guns of the smaller raider apparently being fired together from a central fire-control system, the Navy said in telling of the battle on a day late in September.

The Navy said: "One main boiler was hit, and the ship's speed was reduced to one knot; other shells struck the radio mast and destroyed the aerial; the steering-engine room was hit by shrapnel and incendiary shells; the main deckhouse was set afire; the ship was slowly flooding from numerous hits below the water line, but her guns continued to blaze defiance."

In reporting the first United States engagement between an armed merchantman and raiders, in which the raider probably was sunk, the Navy said the merchantman went down, "her colors still flying."

High among the names of men whose action was praised by survivors was that of Ensign Kenneth M. Willett, Sacramento, Calif., listed as missing.

TEN ENEMY PLANES ARE SHOT DOWN IN BATTLE

Latest Attempt of Foe to Reinforce Guadalcanal Island Troops Foiled by Action of Navy Flyers

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Destruction of one Japanese warship and severe damaging of three others by American dive-bombers and torpedo-planes operating from Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons was reported by the Navy today.

One ship was seen sinking and the three others in flames the morning after the attack on an enemy force streaming toward Guadalcanal December 3, the Navy said. In addition, the communication reported that ten Japanese float-type planes were shot down during the engagement, which frustrated another attempt by the Japanese to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal.

The action originally had been reported by the Navy Department December 5, but at that time results of the attack, in waters between Santa Isabel and New Georgia Islands about 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, were not known. (See Page 15 for communique.)

War Plants Must Run New Year's—Nelson

Regular Work-Day Output of Goods Is Expected, Says W. P. B. Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board today announced that war plants would be expected to stay on the job New Year's Day and get out "a regular work-day's production of war goods."

ALLIED GUNS, PLANES SOFTEN FOE IN TUNISIA

By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Morocco radio broadcast a report today that Allied counter-attacks in the Tebourba area, 20 miles west of Tunis, were being carried out with success.

The broadcast attributed to the communicate its report that "in the Tebourba sector of Tunisia, Axis forces were shelled by heavy artillery after the successful Allied counter-attacks."

It indicated also that the Allies were concentrating heavy land and air forces, presumably to exploit the advantage won when the enemy was forced to withdraw from wedges he had sliced into the British-American lines.

100 French At Lyon Seized As Hostages

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Fighting French headquarters asserted today that the Germans had taken 100 hostages from the population of Lyon in reprisal for an attack on a German soldier there December 1 and that the hostages were reported now to be awaiting execution. Some hostages are women.

The Fighting French said this was the first instance of taking hostages in what was Unoccupied France before Hitler's November 11 occupation of the whole country, although scores have been executed in the old occupied zone.

Army Crash Kills Six TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 9.—Six Army flyers were killed yesterday when a medium bomber from MacDill Field crashed in Tampa Bay about 100 yards off the airfield runway, military authorities said today. No other details were announced.

OTHER WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

AERIAL—British bombers winged again last night from England to Italy to blast the arsenal city of Turin for the fifth time in a month; both British and Italian accounts indicated the raid was one of the heaviest yet made in the campaign to blast Italy out of the war; one bomber was lost. Page 15.

350,000 Rail Men Will Ask \$3-Day Raise

Operating Unions Plan to Join 900,000 Other Workers in Move

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Representatives of 350,000 railroad operating employees announced today they would ask for a 30 per cent increase in wages, or a minimum raise of \$3 a day, from the nation's carriers.

Alvaney Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said there has been a "breakdown" in the railroad industry because many skilled workers are leaving to go into war work where they are paid more for the same kind of work.

The decision, by 750 union chairmen meeting since Monday, was a sequel to wage adjustment demands by 15 non-operating brotherhoods, reporting a membership of about 900,000. They are asking an increase of 20 cents an hour.

GROGER'S WOE! 6-MONTH TASK LOST IN DRAFT

ATLANTA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—If your business has felt the pressure of war measures, consider the case of Abner Lichtenstein, representative of the Atlanta Wholesale Grocers' Association.

Testifying at a hearing conducted here by the House committee on small business, Lichtenstein related:

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MAIL LOCAL GIFTS BEFORE DECEMBER 10

Jap 'Sub' Attack Off Argentina Reported

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Paris radio said today that a submarine alarm was sounded in the Falkland Islands, off the coast of Argentina, yesterday after a Japanese submarine attacked an American tanker.

The alarm, sounded in Stanley Harbor, was the first the South Atlantic Islands had experienced during the war, the Nazi broadcast said.