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GERMANS WITHDRAW IN VORONEZH SECTOR

7 Marshfield Soldiers Killed

PLAN TO RECRUIT 'LAND ARMY' TO WORK ON FARMS

Washington—(P)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt and Food Administrator Wickard announced today they would seek to mobilize a "land army" of about 3,500,000 to volunteer for seasonal farm work this year.

Together they told a press conference that persons doing work not connected directly with the war effort would be enrolled in both rural and urban communities and asked to shift temporarily to planting and harvesting work whenever needed to save crops.

Such persons—they gave clerks in stores as an example of the type worker they had in mind to accept regular farm wages, even if below the pay of their normal jobs, as a contribution to the war effort.

Workers in rural communities would be enrolled as to ability and willingness to perform farm work through questionnaires sent out by the agriculture department's extension service, which would follow up with recruitment drives.

Even as McNutt and Wickard talked, the senate appropriations committee unanimously approved an inquiry by a sub-committee into the nation's manpower situation and the senate military committee opened extensive hearings on the manpower problem.

Advocates 48-Hour Week
McNutt told the press conference that he advocated a 48-hour work week, to get "maximum production with what we have," but added this did not bear any relation to the question of whether work beyond 40 hours a week should carry time-and-one-half pay rates.

McNutt also said the government did not expect to "take over" any colleges in its program for using them to provide special training for men in the armed services and others scheduled to do technical work.

Police Find Plenty of Clues But No Suspects in Train Murder Case

Portland, Ore.—(P)—The slaying of comely Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21, whose throat was slit as she lay in lower berth 13 of a California-bound train, grew more mystifying today.

Clue abounded, but police in their third day of investigating the strange death of a navy ensign's bride said they could determine no motive and could find no suspects.

They held two men for questioning, at Klamath Falls, marine Private Harold R. Wilson, 22, Buckley, Wash., who slept in upper 13, and John Funches, 30, Oakland, Calif., dining car waiter on the train, but emphasized there was no evidence to connect them with the crime.

At Los Angeles detectives today met the train on which Mrs. James was slain and took Robert Folkes, 21, Negro second cook, into custody for questioning. Folkes said he had no connection with the slaying.

Portland police said this was the story of the killing:
Mrs. James, daughter of a prominent Norfolk, Va., family was following her husband of four months, Ensign Richard F. James, also of a prominent Virginia family, after a routine navy transfer from Seattle.

At 4 a. m. Saturday as the train neared Tangent, Ore., two men in berths near Mrs. James heard a woman exclaim, "I can't take this any longer," and then, "My God, this man is killing me."

One of the men, Eugene Norton, Daly City, Calif., looked into the train aisle immediately. He said he saw Private Wilson lifting Mrs. James, who had sprawled into the aisle.

Blood spurted from a neck wound, and Norton said, "It looked to me the wound was made by a gouge."

14 FROM CITY HAVE MET DEATH IN NEW GUINEA

Marshfield, Wis.—War department messages to relatives here over the week-end told of the deaths in the New Guinea area of seven more Marshfield men, raising the count of dead from this city in New Guinea to 14.

Widow of One Lives Here
Among the new list of casualties was Sgt. Frank J. Busche Jr., 24, whose wife, the former Frances Elmer, resides on Route 4, Wisconsin Rapids. He was killed in action December 27. His father lives in Marshfield.

The other men killed in action, all on December 28, were:
Sgt. William A. Lemke, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemke, Marshfield, R. 4.
Sgt. Lloyd J. Mueller, 22, son of Henry C. Mueller, Marshfield.

Sgt. Donald E. Reese, 21, son of Mrs. Cleo Reese, Marshfield.
Cpl. Cornelius J. Lange, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lange, Marshfield.
Pfc. Victor L. Michels, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Michels, Marshfield, R. 3.

Pfc. Terry C. Markee, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Markee, Marshfield.
4 Missing, 14 Wounded
All of the dead were members of the Marshfield National Guard unit inducted into service in October, 1940. In addition to the 14 dead, four Marshfield men have been reported as missing in action on other battle-grounds and 14 others have been wounded.

American Legion officials believe the community's war toll is one of the highest in proportion to population in the state.
Merkel Awarded Purple Heart
One of the soldiers, whose death was announced previously, has been awarded the decoration of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, his parents were notified Saturday. The award was made post, homously to Sgt. Leander Merkel, 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Merkel were informed by the war department that an engraved certificate and the medal will be forwarded to them in about two weeks. Sgt. Merkel was killed in New Guinea December 7.

Former Arpin Soldier Killed in Plane Crash
A former Arpin soldier, Staff Sgt. Roger M. Stoffel, 25, was a passenger in the large U. S. transport plane which crashed January 15 in Dutch Guiana with the loss of 85 lives.

U.S. Troops, Accepting Nazi Challenge, Raid Enemy-Held Maknassy, Take 80 Prisoners

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(P)—United States troops, accepting a dare from axis forces opposing them, raided the town of Maknassy, only 33 miles from the Gulf of Gabes, and captured 80 enemy soldiers, it was announced today.

A military spokesman said the raid—obviously made in force—was made after the enemy dropped a note on the U. S. lines taunting: "Why won't the Americans come out and fight?"

Halt German Thrust
The answering slap at the troops of Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim came as French, British and American forces halted the menacing German thrust down the Ousseltia valley more than 100 miles to the north, checkmating a play for possession of the heights dominating the Kairouan plains and a long section of the coastal communication routes.

A new threat to Marshal Rommel's forces fleeing before the British 8th army appeared as it was announced that Brig. Gen. Jacques LeClerc's Fighting French troops hurrying up from Equatorial Africa had reached the Jebel Nefusa, a range of hills southwest of Tripoli, and had only 50 more miles to go to reach the Mediterranean.

A Fighting French communique said: "Our forward troops penetrated Jebel Nefusa. The enemy is being pushed without respite."
Reach "Little Maginot Line"
A Cairo dispatch said almost all Rommel's surviving Italians and the greater part of the Germans were already behind the Mareth fortifications, Tunisia's "Little Maginot line," and only rear guard elements remained in the northwestern tip of Tripolitania.

(While the Maknassy action was simply a raid, it suggests that American forces may be mobilizing above the Chott Djerid wastelands for a slash at the coastal roads and the Gabes-Stax railway, which would outflank the Germans campaigning to the north in the Ousseltia valley.)

Further particulars of the axis challenge which was answered by the Maknassy raid were lacking, but it was assumed the raiders started from behind Sanad, 22 miles to the west and about 26 miles northeast of Gabes.

Sanad is the most easterly point known to have been held recently by allied forces in that region.
Continue Aerial Onslaught
American medium and heavy bombers continued their aerial onslaught against axis airdromes and shipping facilities.



BANQUET PRINCIPALS—Dean Chris L. Christensen, left above, will present the University of Wisconsin's honorary recognition to a Wood county farmer at the Farm and Home Week dinner here Wednesday night. Dr. John Earl Baker, right, former inspector-general of the Burma road, will speak at the dinner.

Farmers of 10 Central Counties to Attend Farm-Home Week Here

This is Farm and Home Week for the rural men and women of the 10-county central state region of which Wisconsin Rapids is the center. On Wednesday and Thursday, farmers and farm women will come here for the University of Wisconsin's diversified program.

National Service Is Keynote
The program will be staged on the keynote: "Farm and Home Week—In Service of the Nation." The addresses, the discussions, the inspiration of the two days of sessions here are aimed at helping to secure the maximum production of food, feed and fiber. The war and the job of winning it underlines the importance of Farm and Home Week in this war year.

Events of the program on Wednesday are:
At the Eagles hall, starting at 9:15 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., forum on "Wartime Crops and Fertilizers," George M. Briggs, chairman. Eight speakers and exhibits.
At the Elks club, starting at 9:15 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., forum on "Livestock for War Needs," O. Burr Ross and E. E. Heizer, chairmen. Eight speakers and exhibits.

At the Rose room, Hotel Witter, starting at 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., forum, "The Home in Wartime," Josephine Pollock, chairman. Six speakers. At 4 p. m., conference, representatives of county home demonstration councils.
Banquet Wednesday Night
At Memorial armory, starting at 6:15 p. m., honorary recognition banquet, Dean Chris L. Christensen presenting honorary recognition to a Wood county farmer for his significant contribution to rural living.

Events of Thursday are:
At the Elks club, starting at 9:30, morning joint session on "Prices, See—FARM PROGRAM—Page 7

Legion to Honor 7 Former Commanders
Charles Hagerstrom post No. 9, Wisconsin Rapids American Legion, will present past commander buttons to seven former commanders of the post at the annual meeting honoring past officers to be held Wednesday night at Memorial armory.

SOVIET ARMY OF CAUCASUS ROLLS TOWARD ROSTOV

Moscow—(P)—The red army of the north Caucasus has smashed through German resistance to the rolling plains of Rostov province, capturing the railroad city of Peschokopyskoye and threatening the key German stronghold of Rostov, 95 miles to the northwest, from its softest flank, the Russians said today.

(The German high command added today another chapter to its continuing story of defeat in Russia with the announcement that "in order to shorten the front the bridgehead of Voronezh has been evacuated according to plan and without pressure by the enemy."

Capture 70,000 Prisoners
(A Moscow broadcast was quoted by Reuters in London as saying nearly 3,000 more Germans had been captured in the Kamenka-Rososh sector below Voronezh in the BAD NEWS FOR REICH

Stockholm—(P)—Dispatches from Berlin indicated today that the Nazi press is preparing the German people for news of a great defeat on the Russian front.

Articles in leading German newspapers, these dispatches said, emphasized the great difficulties confronting Hitler's armies in the east and the Boersen Zeitung went so far as to declare that "for the first time in this war Germany faces reverses of a certain importance."

Editorials warned the people that "weakness on the home front forced Germany to capitulate" in 1918, and told them they must "work more and endure more" because "a lost war is a lost future."

past 24 hours, making a total of some 70,000 prisoners taken in 11 days.
(Voronezh, important railway junction 365 miles southeast of Moscow, has been the hinge between the central and southern sections of the Russian front.

(The Germans announced last July 7 that "the Don has been crossed and Voronezh captured." The Russians never admitted loss of the city.
(Significance of the German announcement was not immediately clear, but apparently it means that at least any territory the Germans still held east of the Don in the Voronezh area has been abandoned. It may also be the first step toward a large scale withdrawal comparable to that from the Caucasus).

Youth Released from Custody in Pig Stealing Case

One youth was released from custody this morning and his companion in a venture which brought larceny charges against them in connection with theft of pigs early this month had his case adjourned until April 26.

Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosek said that Jerry O'Day, town of Grand Rapids, was released after paying \$27.50 in restitution and \$98.60 costs and promising that he would join the navy as soon as he becomes 17 years old in April.

The \$27.50 represents half the amount which O'Day and Donald Powers, Seneca, received for three pigs which they sold to George Bauer, Wisconsin Rapids, on January 6. The pigs were the property of Peterson Brothers, Seneca.

Powers' case was adjourned and he was placed under \$500 appearance bond. The boys were brought back to Wisconsin Rapids from Minnesota by sheriff's officers January 14.

Van Verd Dick, 32, Wisconsin Dells Indian, was sentenced in county court this morning to serve not less than 364 days in the Wood county jail, and was placed on probation.

REDUCE JAP HOLD ON GUADALCANAL

Washington—(P)—American forces on a general offensive in the Solomon Islands were reported by the navy today to have won several important positions from the enemy on Guadalcanal, to have killed 201 Jap soldiers and captured 40, and to have virtually wiped out an enemy island base 190 miles to the northwest by sea and air attack.

Take Coastal Village
The places, captured, a communique said, were six important elevations west of the American airfield on Guadalcanal and the coastal village of Kokumbona where quantities of stores and equipment were seized.

This meant that the American front lines had been advanced about two to three miles beyond previously-held Point Cruz which had been the furthest known point of advance on the coast.

The front apparently is being pushed forward in an effort to bottle up and eventually wipe out dwindling Japanese forces on the northwestern end of the island. The enemy still holds about 16 miles of coastline on the northern side of Guadalcanal.

The heavy attacks against the Japanese island base were delivered by both airplanes and warships on Saturday and Sunday, the communique said. The island attacked was Kolombangara in the Munda area of the New Georgia group.

Former Arpin Soldier Killed in Plane Crash

A former Arpin soldier, Staff Sgt. Roger M. Stoffel, 25, was a passenger in the large U. S. transport plane which crashed January 15 in Dutch Guiana with the loss of 85 lives.

The war department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoffel, Lyons, Wis., of the death Saturday. He had been a member of the army air forces for more than a year, and was married just before Christmas to a Greenville, S. C., girl he met while stationed at a camp near there.

He was born in Arpin. The family moved to Burlington seven years ago. Besides his parents, Sergeant Stoffel is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Claus Loonstra, Arpin, and Mrs. John Leddon, Auburndale, a member of the U. S. marine corps, Wendell of Greendale, Wis., and Roy of Spring Prairie.

Elks Club to Hear University Professor

Prof. George M. Briggs, agronomist on the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, will be the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Elks club Tuesday night. Professor Briggs, noted as "Soy Bean" Briggs, will be introduced by County Agent H. R. Lathrop.

Information on Rationing

The war price and rationing board today announced that fuel oil users who are short on current stamps may exchange period No. 4 fuel stamps for others which they may use at once. The exchange will be made at the rationing board office.

Army Bomber Crash in Ohio Fatal to 11

Columbus, O.—(P)—The state highway patrol reported today that 11 persons were killed and one injured in the flaming crash of a four-motored army bomber near New Albany, 14 miles northeast of here.

Be Fingerprinted by March 31 or Face Prison, Judge Warns Aliens

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Four members of the John Weinkauff family, charged with failure to comply with the alien registration act, were warned by Federal Judge Patrick T. Stone today that they would be imprisoned if they did not register and submit to fingerprinting by March 31.

Collect 2,570 Pounds of Tin Cans Saturday

Lloyd Franson, district tin can salvage chairman, said today the collection last Saturday in the district's communities brought in 2,570 pounds of salvaged cans.

Truck Driver Fined After Hy. 54 Crash

Two motorists were fined in Justice George C. Jacobson's court here today on charges brought by County Traffic Officer Tony Heintz.

MacArthur, Australia Celebrate Birthdays

Melbourne—(P)—By a happy coincidence, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Australia will celebrate their birthdays together tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Continued cold in northwest and west central; colder elsewhere tonight; continued cold Tuesday forenoon.



COLDER
Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 25; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., -9; temperature at 7 a. m., -9. Precipitation, trace.