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'BIG THREE' PLOT NEW BLOWS AT AXIS, RUMOR

Allied Armies in Italy Slash On Toward Rome

Believe Roosevelt, Churchill On Way to Talk to Stalin

OPA REDUCES RATION VALUE OF BEEF ITEMS

Washington—(P)—You'll be able to get more beef for your ration points and grapefruit juice, canned sauerkraut and ready-to-serve soups without any points, beginning Sunday.

This good news for housewives came from the office of price administration today.

The new processed food chart shows the greatest number of point reductions made at one time since the start of rationing. There are 15. Given Zero Rating

Along with grapefruit juice, other citrus juices were given a zero point rating.

Reduced in rationing value from one to ten points were green and waxed beans, soy beans, all varieties of canned dry beans, including pork and beans, carrots, spinach, dry frozen beans, and certain other frozen fruits and vegetables.

The entire list of rationed beef items, from hamburger to porterhouse steak, was cut one to three points a pound.

Raise Tomato Items

Three processed food items were raised in point value. These are tomato soup and the two tomato sauces—those sold individually and with cheese in combination packages.

One new item—mixed dried fruits—was added to the list of rationed foods at a value of four points a pound.

OPA said the new processed food adjustments follow an examination of the latest figures on consumer buying trends during November, the final production figures for some commodities and better estimates for others, and expected increases in civilian supplies of some canned foods that will result in releases of stocks by the war food administration.

Some Large Cuts

Reduction for canned and bottled vegetables include a cut for green

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Tokyo Announces New Landings By Americans On Bougainville Island

(By the Associated Press)

Possibility of an American pincer maneuver to crush Japanese resistance on Japan's last major holding in the Solomons was seen today in a Tokyo announcement of new landings by United States forces on Bougainville island.

The Tokyo radio said invading troops came ashore in six large landing barges at Cape Torokina under cover of a bombardment by cruisers and destroyers. It claimed Japanese defenses had "annihilated two companies" of the landing units.

Whether it was the same landings which Admiral William F. Halsey, jr., commander of the south Pacific forces, announced Nov. 27 could not be determined in the absence of any word from allied sources.

Australians Capture Bonga

The possible new thrust in the Solomons came as Australians captured Bonga to deprive the Japanese of still another hold on the Huon peninsula of New Guinea and the Chinese indicated a general improvement in the battle for the "rice bowl" city of Changteh in northern Hunan province.

Allied air activity continued along the widespread Pacific front, while allied light warships, probably destroyers, ventured north of Vitiaz strait for the first time to bombard the Sio harbor area on the northeastern New Guinea coast.

Report Hong Kong Raid

The Tokyo radio reported more than 21 allied bombers and fighters raided Hong Kong today.

The Japanese broadcast of new American landings on Bougainville did not specify the date. Both troops and tanks were landed near the mouth of the Piva river last

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YANKS GAIN 3 MILES; BRITISH NEAR PESCARA

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—The British Eighth army slashed forward beyond captured Sangro ridge with the heaviest air support of the Italian campaign, allied headquarters announced today, and marked up advances all along the line of one to three miles in fierce hand-to-hand fighting.

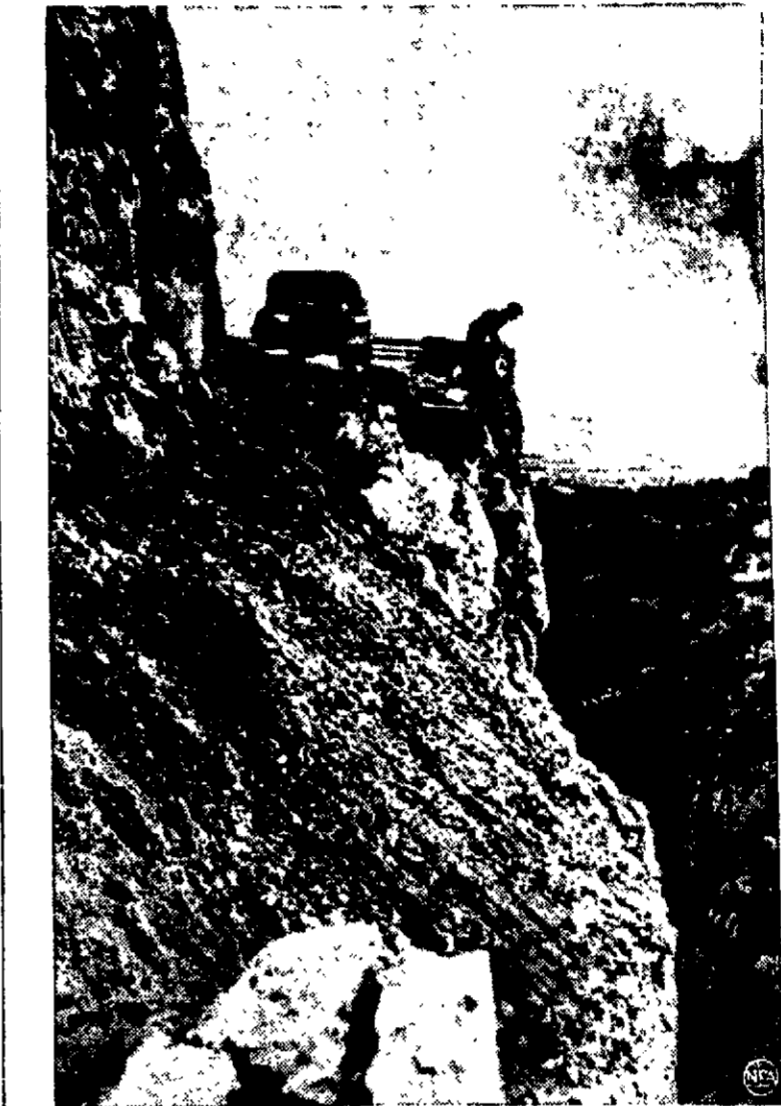
(The Algiers radio said the Eighth army had captured Lanciano, six miles beyond the Sangro and only about 18 miles from Pescara.

(Castel Frentano and Casoli, the latter at the southwestern end of Sangro ridge, also were captured, the Algiers station said in a broadcast heard by Reuters.)

Meet Barbed Wire

In the central sector American troops of the Fifth army dashed forward three miles west of Montaquila through dense mine fields and great twisted masses of barbed wire. It was the first time in the Mediterranean warfare that barbed wire had been used so extensively by the Germans in the manner of the First World War.

"It is apparent that the Germans are not overlooking any trick, See—ITALY—Page 7



ROAD OUT—A thorough job of road unmaking is this Nazi demolition job at the summit of a steep, winding grade near Isernia, Italy. The British 8th army had to by-pass the blown-out section, one of many such slower-uppers.

(By the Associated Press)

Speculation that mighty new thrusts against the axis are in the making was stirred today by unofficial reports that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were speeding to a conference with Premier Stalin in Iran after meeting with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in Cairo.

The reports, emanating from Lisbon and quickly given wide circulation, climaxed a week of guessing by German propaganda agencies, which have been hinting at the possibility of an imminent meeting of the allied leaders in Cairo or elsewhere in the middle east.

The Lisbon report was circulated by Reuters, British news agency, which said it was "known definitely" if the Portuguese capital that the Cairo meeting already had taken place and that Roosevelt and Churchill had departed for Iran.

A communique on the results of the Cairo conference will be issued later in the week, Reuters said.

Broadcast to Europe

The Reuters dispatch was broadcast to European countries in several languages last night by the office of war information, which said it had acted with the authority of the office of censorship.

Elmer Davis, OWI chief, declared later in Washington that the OWI had broadcast the Reuters dispatch because it "already was all over Europe". The German news agency, DNB, and "virtually everybody else" has circulated the Reuters report and OWI felt it "should give its customers something, too," Davis said.

Criticizes Reuters

At the same time, however, he sharply criticized Reuters for putting out the story, declaring that "if there were a conference we could assume from past experience that there would be some arrangement for a simultaneous release in all capitals involved."

"If that were the case," he added, "Reuters broke a release date. If there were no conference, then the story would be an invention. Either way it is equally reprehensible."

Conference Very Likely

The idea that a meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin was probable has gained tacit acceptance in recent weeks. It was generally presumed that the three statesman would deem it advantageous to get together to place their personal

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Funeral Services Friday Afternoon For Arthur Gaetke

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 3, at 2 p. m. at the Baker and Son chapel for Arthur R. Gaetke, 42, of 910 East Two Mile avenue, who died at St. Joseph's hospital in Marshfield at 3:20 a. m. Tuesday following a three-day illness of an acute sinus infection.

The Rev. George C. Westphal will officiate and interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

A member of the Wisconsin Rapids city band for more than 25 years, Mr. Gaetke wrote several musical compositions. He had his own dance orchestra and played both the saxophone and clarinet.

Mr. Gaetke was born in the town of Grand Rapids on December 2, 1901, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaetke, and had lived here all his life. He married Lorena Eberhardt in this city on July 26, 1922.

Besides his wife he leaves two children, Edward and Joan, both at home; three brothers, August of this city, Frank and George of Port Edwards, and three sisters, Mrs. Willis Snyder and Mrs. William Fribbanow of this city and Mrs. Andrew Guenther of Appleton.

Friends may pay their respects at the Baker and Son funeral home until time for services.

Marine Officer Is Elks Supper Speaker

Commander Horace E. Johnson city, an officer in the American merchant marine, was the guest of honor and featured speaker at the regular meeting Tuesday evening of the Elks' Supper club here. His talk was mainly in the form of an informal question-and-answer period, during which members asked questions concerning the commander's experiences and the merchant marine in general.

Commander Johnson, who is himself an Elk, holding a membership in the lodge at Fort Arthur, Tex., attributed the decrease in merchant ship losses mainly to two factors—the increased use of the convoy technique, with escort vessels equipped with depth charges, and the increased speed of the new merchant ships. In the case of tankers, the type of vessel on which Commander Johnson sails at present, the speed of the latest ships built is 21 to 22 knots.

Plan Post-War Projects Now, Rotary Is Told

Wisconsin Rapids can number as its first two post-war projects a new airport and a second bridge across the Wisconsin river, M. W. Torkelson, Madison, state planning engineer and former state highway commissioner, told Rotarians here this noon.

Now is the time to organize and plan preliminary details incident to post-war public works projects, Torkelson pointed out. "The type of planning for public works which we now need is one in which the preliminaries will be gotten out of the way before the war ends, the site acquired, legal conditions met, financing planned, blueprints drawn and specifications written," the Rotarians were told by the speaker.

Senator Criticizes War Department

Washington—(P)—Senator Chavez (D-N. M.) asserted today that the war department, by opposing legislation authorizing promotions in rank for American prisoners of war, has inferentially branded as "yellow bellies" some of our soldiers captured in the Pacific.

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Marshfield to Honor Its First War Dead

Marshfield, Wis.—Memorial services will be held in the Emmanuel Lutheran church here Sunday at 2 p. m. for Private Ivan Sadowska, 22, who was the first Marshfield man to be killed in action in World War 2. Private Sadowska, who was reported missing since November 8, 1942, when he participated in the landings on North Africa, was officially reported killed in action in a recent letter received from the war department by the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sadowska.

Private Sadowska's father was formerly sheriff of Wood county, and the family is widely known in Wisconsin Rapids.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Colder tonight with snow surries north portion. Colder north and central portions. Cloudy and colder Thursday. Windy.

COLDER

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 42; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 16; temperature at 7 a. m., 27.

Initial Task of UNRRA Is Concluded

Atlantic City, N. J.—(P)—The initial task of writing and adopting a constitution under which the United Nations will co-ordinate the relief and rehabilitation of the war zones ended today in an open plenary session at which delegates spoke of the hope for a better world which has grown here as men from 44 nations worked in a spirit of compromise.

Director General Herbert Lehman complimented the council on its work—which was completed a week ahead of schedule after 21-days of labor—and pledged his "complete and sincere efforts" to the job ahead.

Lehman said that within the next few days he will establish UNRRA headquarters in Washington, and plan for the staff and organization as rapidly as possible. In a final press conference Lehman had said that he hoped the United Nations constitutional bodies would make funds available as soon as possible, and that he would hold himself ready, at an early date, to go wherever he is needed.

The British delegate, Col. John J. Llewellyn, asserted that "the goodwill, the good teamwork, and the good sense which has existed between us here, is a good augury for the dawning of a peaceful, better world."

Tokyo Denies Sinking Hospital Ship Centaur

(By the Associated Press)

The Tokyo radio, in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, said today that Sadao Iguchi, spokesman for the Japanese board of information, has denied that a Japanese submarine sank the Australian hospital ship Centaur on May 5, 1943, and that the Tokyo government has rejected an Australian protest over the incident.

At the same time Iguchi said the Japanese government had lodged a second protest with the United States, Great Britain and Australia for alleged attacks by allied submarines and aircraft on 10 Japanese hospital ships during the past two years. An earlier protest, made on May 19, 1943, has not been answered, Iguchi declared, according to the Tokyo broadcast.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Oshkosh, Wis.—(P)—The annual midwinter conference of the state department of the Disabled American Veterans was set today for Dec. 11 and 12 at Oshkosh. Rehabilitation of veterans of World war No. 2 will be discussed.

Sons of Legion Dedicate Service Flag at Dinner

"As we look upon these 35 stars in our service flag, may we remember each one of our comrades for whom they stand and pledge ourselves here at home to keep faith with them and to take our stand beside them when we, too, are called to the colors," L. F. Kimberly, moderator of the Sons of the American Legion told that organization at a service flag dedication meeting Tuesday night in the Memorial Army.

Mrs. John L. Giese made the service flag and donated it to the Sons of the American Legion in honor of her own son, Frank Giese, killed in line of duty and represented as the sole gold star on the flag his mother made.

The dinner preceding the dedication program was served by Mesdames C. H. Babcock, Gus Fiegel, Ward Johnson, Ray Schanock, Harold Wittenberg and Michael Androwski, mothers of members of the Sons of the American Legion.

The following servicemen are represented on the new flag: Marvin Nordstrom, Donald Nordstrom, Hubert Norman, Harvey Fiegel, Peter Schanock, Edward Schill, Grant Jacobs, jr., Douglas Marshall, Frank Giese—killed in line of duty, Stanley Giese, Ray Androwski, Dale Palmatrix, Richard Rickman, Kenneth Polansky, John Kaudy, Victor Kehrberg, Henry Kehrberg, Gordon Galloway, William Glue, Earl Otto, jr., William H. Binnesbosc jr., William Radomski, Peter Christensen, Daniel Muehlestein, Harold J. Gazeley, John Benkowski, Donald Brostowitz, Herbert Brostowitz, Henry Polzin, Tom McLean—discharged, Donald Jensen, Alvin Hinkley, Roger Burmeister, Frank Johnson and Hale Miller, Wausau.

Rev. Robert Agnew of Cadott Is Named New Assistant Here

The Rev. Robert Agnew, newly ordained to the priesthood, has been named as new assistant to the Rt. Rev. Magr. William Reding at St. Peter & Paul Catholic church here, succeeding the Rev. A. F. Baumann who has been appointed administrator of Sacred Heart church, at Mondovi, Wis.

Father Agnew was born at Cadott, Wis., April 27, 1911, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew, and he attended St. Joseph parochial school at Cadott. After completing the four year course at Cadott high school he attended St. Norbert college, West DePerre, Wis., taking the classical course and philosophy, thence going to St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore, Md., where he completed his theological training.

His ordination to the priesthood took place November 17, 1943 at Baltimore, where he was ordained by the Most Rev. John M. McNamara, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore and of Washington, D. C.

The new priest returned to his home town for his first Mass, in St. Joseph church, Cadott, on November 22, and received his first appointment, as assistant to Magr.

Gripsholm Disembarks Happy Americans Back From Internment Camps

Jersey City, N. J.—(P)—Fervently thankful Americans reached American soil today for the first time in two years—two years spent in wartime internment by the Japanese.

Almost 1,500 of them were aboard the diplomatic exchange liner Gripsholm when it docked at 9:15 a. m. (CWT) and to a passenger, they were, in the words of one of them, "damn glad to be home."

Very Happy Group

The first sight of the Statue of Liberty brought cheers, as many of them burst into song with "God Bless America." The sight of the navy tug that was to accompany the ship to its pier, brought wild shouts of joy, particularly from the children.

They looked well and happy, for the most part. Some had been seasick on the voyage. About 15 were ambulance cases. But the majority, many of whom had regained on the trip the weight they had lost during their internment, appeared in good health. They were warmly dressed, in many cases thanks to some 20,000 pounds of various garments sent for those repatriates who needed them by the American Red Cross.

Help Is Waiting

Help and guidance were waiting for the repatriates as they stepped from the pier.

A dozen or more Red Cross workers were on the docks, busy taking messages from relatives and friends of the passengers, and informing them where contacts could be made in New York. A Red Cross station wagon shuttled back and forth on

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REV. ROBERT AGNEW

Reding here, effective a week later, on November 30, 1943.

Father Agnew has a brother, the Rev. John Agnew, who was ordained in 1936 and is now pastor at Rising Sun, Wis.

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Starts for GRAMMY

Buy Christmas