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JAPS ARE SHORT OF PILOTS—RICKENBACKER

British Advance Into Burma

HOPE TO RELIEVE EAST'S GASOLINE FAMINE MONDAY

Washington—(P)—The eastern seaboard's gasoline tap, ordered closed to an emergency trickle, appeared likely to be turned on again Monday but with prospects that the flow of motor fuel will be thinner than the old rationing volume.

Seek "Integrated" Plan The office of price administration which shut off gasoline purchases at noon yesterday to the average motorist in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, sought to work out today what Price Administrator Leon Henderson termed "a thoroughly integrated plan" to replace the drastic suspension.

"And we hope," said Henderson last night, "to be able to announce it by Sunday and put it into effect Monday morning."

OPA officials eliminated the new plan at least will eliminate some of the inequities resulting from the temporary order. But in view of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes' announcement that gasoline distribution in the east will be cut nearly 20 per cent during the rest of December and about 25 per cent next month, it was expected that forthcoming rationing restrictions will be more severe than before.

May Eliminate "A" Books Meantime, speculation on what the new program will provide ranged from reduction of unit values of the "A," "B" and "C" rations to elimination entirely of the "A" coupons which are worth three gallons apiece in 16 of the eastern states and four in west Virginia. The value of "B" and "C" coupons, issued for essential driving, is four gallons.

While all non-commercial vehicles in the area continued eligible for normal supplies, the motorists with "A," "B" and "C" books were instructed they may buy only one coupon's worth of gasoline for emergency trips.

Confusion over the term "emergency" and protests that war workers might be unable to reach their jobs brought instructions from Henderson that fuel may be supplied "workers in war plants where their transportation to and from work depends on their getting gasoline."

Physicians, mail carriers and others dependent on automobiles for essential occupations were included in the "emergency" classification.

Stores Open Nights Until Christmas Eve

Starting with the regular Friday night opening last night, Wisconsin Rapids retail stores are open each evening between now and Christmas, with the exception of Sunday, to accommodate gift shoppers. Neokosa and Port Edwards business establishments are following a like schedule.

\$500,000 Fire Wrecks War Plant at Denver

Denver—(P)—A Denver war plant was destroyed by fire today, with damage estimated by fire department officers at \$500,000. Three employees were burned, one seriously.

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy Christmas Seals

At Least 2 Lives Lost, Nine Severely Burned in Chicago Hotel Fire

Chicago—(P)—At least two persons were killed and nine injured today in a noontime fire that cracked through the five-story brick West hotel at Madison and Halsted streets, the heart of the near west side flophouse and honky-tonk belt.

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RICK RETURNS HOME—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker (left), flying hero of two wars, and Maj. Gen. Barney Giles in San Francisco before Rickenbacker left for Washington, D. C., to tell Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson of his harrowing experiences while lost on the Pacific 24 days.

QUALITY OF JAP FLIERS 'GOING DOWN RAPIDLY'

Washington—(P)—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, back from a briefing war survey which brought him three harrowing weeks adrift on a life raft in the Pacific, reported today that the quality of Japanese fighter and bomber pilots is "going down very rapidly."

Lauds American Fliers

In contrast, the World War flying ace said, the level of American fliers in the south Pacific "is going uphill."

Real Hell Hole

Of Guadalcanal, he said: "There I found a real hell hole—mud and confusion—if only the people back home could know what those boys are doing for us and putting up with, I think they would take this war more seriously."

Kept Going by Successes

He added an opinion that "if it weren't for their tremendous successes in combat, I don't believe those boys could possibly last physically or mentally very long, but due to the great stimulus of their successes, they are all happy and anxious to keep going."

Sgro Murder Case to Reach Jurors Today

Milwaukee—(P)—The case of Joseph Sgro, 23-year-old accused slayer of the Rev. Benjamin Re, will go to the jury this afternoon.

MRS. LORENZ DIES

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Mrs. W. F. Lorenz, 59, wife of Dr. W. F. Lorenz, director of the University of Wisconsin's psychiatric institute and chairman of the university athletic board, died in a hospital yesterday. Besides her husband, she is survived by five sons. She was born in New Jersey.

Petition for McMurray Expense Probe Denied

Madison, Wis.—(P)—A petition for investigation of campaign expenditures of Howard J. McMurray, representative-elect of the fifth district, was denied today by Attorney General John E. Martin.

BURNS TO DEATH

Mondovi, Wis.—(P)—Oscar Lindall, 66, was burned to death today when the building in which he lived alone was destroyed by fire. Firemen said origin of the blaze was undetermined.

POPE TO BROADCAST

Washington—(P)—The national Catholic welfare conference said today that Pope Pius XII will broadcast a Christmas message Dec. 24 at 2:45 p. m. Central War Time. The broadcast will last 45 minutes.

THE WEATHER For Wisconsin! Continued cold tonight and Sunday forenoon; occasional light snow in extreme west portion late tonight and Sunday forenoon.