

COMMANDOS STAG BRILLIANT RAID Allied Strength For India Defense Reported Growing GAS RATION: 'AROUND FIVE GALLONS A WEEK'

Rationing Program To Be Started During May

Cut in Supplies To Be Drastic

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Informed Government officials said today a plan for rationing gasoline on the Eastern Seaboard would be announced soon, to become effective some time in May and allowing each motorist "around five gallons a week."

The permitted amount for each motorist would be purchasable on presentation of some type of ration card but the ration books, to be issued under the supply distribution plan would not be used, it was understood.

DELIVERIES CUT—reduction of one-third in deliveries of motor oil to service stations was ordered only last week because of increasing shortage of gasoline.

Affected by the rationing plan will be the seventeen Eastern Seaboard states and the District of Columbia, now included in the gasoline "curtailment area" extending from Maine to Florida.

Three separate rationing plans have been developed by the OPA after weeks of study, officials said, with the ultimate choice depending upon the supply picture.

Drop in Nation's Gasoline Stocks—NEW YORK.—(AP)—The nation's gasoline stocks declined 1,676,000 barrels, about normal for this season, in the week ended April 18 to a total of 103,502,000 barrels, the American Petroleum Institute reported today.

Light fuel oil stocks showed a slight increase to 22,929,000 barrels but residual or heavy fuel oil supplies declined 1,000 barrels to 62,571,000 at the end of the week.

Former Dutch Officials Arrested by Japs in Java—SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—The Japanese controlled Shanghai radio today announced the arrest in Java of an undisclosed number of former Dutch officials who were engaged in subversive activities designed to disturb peace and order in Japanese occupied territories.

The broadcast, received here by the CBS listening station, gave the names of the arrested officials as East Java as its source of information and seemed indirectly to indicate that the Japanese had some organized resistance to the invader continues in the Netherlands East Indies.

Still a Possibility of Agreement on India—LONDON.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps expressed the belief today that there still was some possibility of agreement for settling India's problems could be developed before the end of the war, but that any proposal "would have to come from India."

Ship Plays Deadly Game With Sub But Loses After 12-Hour Struggle—NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—Survivors of a United States merchant vessel torpedoed and sunk April 12 by the Italian submarine today told how their ship played tag for twelve hours with a submarine, trying unsuccessfully to ram it, before the U-boat was destroyed.

The only person missing among the 63 passengers and crew members was the ship's physician, Dr. Benjamin A. Price, 64, former county health officer of Jefferson County, Idaho.

Price was seen aboard the ship as it plunged to the bottom after taking three torpedoes into its hull during the submarine's midnight attack.

Thirty-nine survivors, in lifeboats and on rafts, were picked up by a United Nations warship and landed at Jamaica, coming here later on a transport. The other survivors were landed at Haiti.

Loss of the merchantman was announced today by the Eighth Naval District.

STORY PUT TOGETHER—Naval officers pieced together this story from survivors' accounts.

Blaming through the Caribbean



THE WELL-DRESSED SOLDIER—Major Edward B. Gregory, quartermaster-general of the U. S. Army, inspects uniforms for various climates and conditions. Soldiers, left to right, are dressed for: tropics, ski patrol, arctic regions and paratroop fighting.

First Rationing Of Food To Start

First Stamp Good for Pound Sugar Purchase in May 5-16 Period

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The nation's first rationing of food by stamps will start May 5, the Office of Price Administration announced today, with the first stamp good for purchase of one pound of sugar during the period May 5 to May 16.

In an order setting forth details of the sugar rationing system, OPA disclosed that allotments to restaurants, hotels and the like would be cut 50 per cent under the amount used last year.

Household consumers, who will register at grade schools throughout the country May 4-7, inclusive, will be entitled to purchase one pound of sugar with each of the first four stamps in War Ration Book No. 1.

The first stamp is valid May 5-16, the second May 17-30, the third May 31-June 12, and the fourth, June 14-27.

Retail and wholesale establishments handling sugar will register at high schools April 28 and 29, as will industrial and institutional users.

The cut in the amount of sugar reserved for restaurants, caterers, hotels and other supplying food services, amounts to 90 per cent of the quantity used in the corresponding month last year, or 80 per cent of last year's use are not available, half the

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Reds Breach Finn Lines

Second Hole Driven By Soviet Forces

By EDDY GILMORE—KUIVISHIEV.—(AP)—Warfront dispatches reported today that the Red Army had wedged open a second hole through Finnish front lines on Karelia, northwest of Leningrad, thrusting by night six miles deep into positions manned by 100,000 Finns.

The Red Army was declared, moreover, to have widened further the original gap driven in the Finnish defense line, pushing doggedly ahead in small but steady advances despite repeated Finnish counterattacks.

The Russian dispatches did not disclose the exact location of either penetration, but said both were in neighboring sectors. Fighting was described as violent, with the Finns making troops in an attempt to check the Soviet advance.

RED RESERVES USED—The Red Army was said to have hurled its own reserve units into the night battle in which the second wedge was hammered into the Finnish lines.

(Axis sources said in Stockholm yesterday that Russian troops had been moved up from Siberia for the offensive on the Annap Isthmus between Lakes Ladoga and Onega. The Red Army said the Russian onslaught was ten days old yesterday.)

The German Air Force lost 891 planes from March 22 through April 18 on the Russian front, the Soviet Information Bureau said.

Allied Strategy Is Questioned—LONDON.—(AP)—Lord Strabolgi, Labour leader of the House of Lords, declared in the House today that the recent visit to British officials of the United States Chief of Staff, General George G. Marshall, had shown there was a gap in the existing machinery for mobilizing and marshaling United Nations resources.

"There is some anxiety," he said, "as to whether there is a unified direction of the strategy of the grand alliance."

"Presumably the combined Chiefs of Staff Committee in Washington, which includes senior British officials of all three services, is primarily concerned with the war in the Pacific," he added, and asked: "But is there a corresponding body for correlating plans and advising the Governments concerned for a European battlefront?"

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U. S. Troops In India and Others Are Promised

Japanese Press Burma Assault

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor

Allied sea and air strength for the defense of invasion-threatened India was reported growing appreciably today as Japanese armored forces in Burma, the gateway to India, pressed a furious assault to knock out British-Chinese armies before the arrival of the monsoon season.

U. S. troops are already in India, and more will come," announced Louis Johnson, chief of the United States advisory mission to India, adding that the defense of India was of vital concern to the United States.

AIR FORCES—Johnson presumably referred to U. S. Air Forces already known to be established in India under the command of Maj.-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton. These forces, which include about American "Flying Fortress," have carried out a series of raids blasting Japanese warships and air bases and the big Japanese base at Rangoon, Burma.

American General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British Commander in India, declared yesterday that the day may be not far distant when the Allies will be able to drive the Japanese from the Bay of Bengal.

On the critical Burma war front, British headquarters announced that out-numbered British and Chinese troops again were faced to retreating under heavy pressure by Japanese invasion columns driving from the north, pushing doggedly ahead in small but steady advances.

The Pincung Hwa into the Irrawaddy river near the town of Yonagyaung, which was reportedly recaptured only a few days ago.

SWEPT BACK INTO TOWN—The communique said fighting continued in and around Yangon, implying that the Japanese had swept back into the city after being driven 10 miles to the south by counter-attacking Chinese troops.

The Japanese reported hopes that the British-Chinese Allies might hold the invaders in a Japanese attack on the Island of Panay had forced the American-Filipino troops to withdraw from Zamboanga, a town in the interior where the enemy drive had been held up for three weeks by fierce resistance.

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MACARTHUR AIDE—Major-General John F. Bulkeley has been named commander of U. S. Army forces in Australia. (U. S. Army photo from NEA.)

Mosquito Fleet Hits Jap Cruiser

Tiny U. S. Boats Leave Enemy Craft Sinking in Philippine Waters

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Warning to Japanese warships in Philippine waters: Lieut. John D. Bulkeley's PT-41 is hiding somewhere in the thousands of miles of straits, islands and secret, jungle-screened anchorages of the Philippine archipelago, anxious to fight cruisers and destroyers, or whole fleets of them.

The Navy announced last night that two of Bulkeley's flotilla of motor torpedo boats made a night attack on a Japanese light cruiser protected by four destroyers. In the face of strong fire from the overwhelming Japanese force the tiny American boats seriously damaged the light cruiser and left it sinking.

3,000 GUARDSMEN LOST—The attack was made "during recent operations near the Island of Cebu," said the Navy communique, which also mentioned Army disclosure that nearly 3,000 National Guardsmen from nine states were among the 37,000 or so guardsmen evacuated to Corregidor when Bataan fell.

There was a possibility that the cruiser which the Navy is See MOSQUITO on page 3

Heavy Attacks On Panay Isle

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British Drive Nazis Back In French Section

Push Through German Coastal Defenses; Withdraw After 2 Hours

LONDON.—(AP)—British Commandos knifed through the Nazi coastal defenses near heavily fortified Boulogne this morning and drove German troops back before them in a brilliant scouting raid which struck once more at the foundations of the enemy's defense system in Western Europe.

British combined operations headquarters announced that the raiding force withdrew after two hours in which, for the third time since Feb. 27, they shook German confidence that the Western door to the continent had been nailed shut so that Adolf Hitler's army could hurl its force against Russia without fear of a possible second front.

The attack was directed after Field Marshal General Von Rundstedt took command of all German troops in Holland, France, and on the heels of reports that Nazi "coastal" troops from West Cape to the Bay of Biscay had been reinforced heavily.

THEir FOR SURVEY—Coverers said the official announcement that the raiders were ashore for two hours indicated that they had made a reconnaissance survey of the fortifications the Germans have been strengthening.

In the first combined operations raid since the attack on the coastal region testing the German defenses and "outlining" military information, the announcement said.

BRITISH LOSS LIGHT—The shattering of a heavy German cannonade which was blasted through the French defenses of the Strait of Dover before dawn was the first indication of the new blow against the German forces guarding their coastal coast.

Lookouts along the Kent coast of England said the firing seemed to come from the direction of the coast, but nothing could be seen.

The last Commando raid, at the Narvik, was made March 22. The combined headquarters communique follows:

"In the early hours of April 22 a small reconnaissance party was carried out on the French coast near Boulogne."

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WEATHER section with a small weather icon and text.

Today's Temp: H. 68; L. 50; Sunset Today; Sunrise Tomorrow.

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Note To Readers: Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other sources contain the information that the newspaper contains false information.

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