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WILD BATTLES RAGING IN TUNISIA MEAT RATIONS: 2 LBS. STEAK PER WEEK

Rationing Of Meats Begins Next Monday 2 Pounds of Steak or 3 1-5 Pounds Of Hamburger May Be Bought

By IRVING PERLMUTER WASHINGTON (AP)—Disclosure today of coupon values of meat showed that Americans will be allowed, starting Monday, to buy a maximum of two pounds of steak or three and one-fifth pounds of hamburger per person per week under rationing.

Typical Budget A typical budget probably will be per person, two pounds of meat, plus perhaps a quarter-pound of butter and a quarter-pound of cheese.

Stave Off Threat Of Coal Stoppage Northern Operators Agree to Continue Negotiations on Retroactive Basis

NEW YORK (AP)—Threat of an immediate stoppage in soft-coal production, vital to the nation's war effort, was staved off today until at least May 1 in part, if not all, of the rich Appalachian coal fields.

Air Punches Exchanged Allies and Germans Make Attacks

LONDON (AP)—Trading punches with the Germans across the English Channel, Allied planes struck again this morning at enemy targets in northern France as Nazi warplanes resumed hit-and-run raids on coastal districts.

Shuttle Service As Allied Daylight Raiders Kept Up a Regular Shuttle Service across Narrow Dover Strait

As Allied daylight raiders kept up a regular shuttle service across narrow Dover Strait high-flying Germans, using the mist as a screen, crossed the water to bomb a locality in the southwest.

Allies Make Rabaul Raid

By VEEN HAUGLAND ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA (AP)—A growing concentration of Japanese air power in the southwest Pacific was smashed yesterday by a pre-dawn bombing of three airbases at Rabaul, New Britain, in which more than 250 Japanese fighters and bomber craft left the weight of 54 tons of explosives and incendiaries.

OFFICIAL TABLE OF CONSUMER POINT VALUES FOR MEAT, FATS, FISH, AND CHEESE No. 1—Effective March 29, 1943

Table with columns for COMMODITY, Points per lb., and sub-categories for BEEF, LAMB-MUTTON, PORK, VEAL, STEAKS AND CHOPS, READY-TO-EAT MEATS, BACON, and CHEESE.

MEAT, FATS, FISH AND CHEESE RATION CHART—This is the official point ration chart for meats, fats, fish and cheese. The point rationing will go into effect March 29.

Higher Tax Collections Greater Than Year Ago

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau reported today that February collections were nearly \$200,000,000 greater than for the corresponding month a year ago.

Weapon Forged In Tunisia: U. S. Army Comes Into Its Own In Repelling Great Nazi Attack

By HAROLD V. BOYLE WITH THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN SOUTH-EASTERN TUNISIA, March 23—(Delayed)—"We're a hell of a lot better off now than we were a few days ago and we're going to stay that way."

Great U. S. Raid Heralds New Phase In Air Offensive

52 German Planes Destroyed in Vegesack Attack Best Mark—Eaker Says Bombing Method Practical AT U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (AP)—United States heavy bombers knocked down 52 German fighters positively in week's raid on Vegesack, near Bremen, plus 20 probably shot down and 23 damaged, it was disclosed today by Maj.-Gen. Ira Eaker.

Reds Clinging To Donets Positions

MOSCOW (AP)—EDDY RED MORE The Soviet Union clung tenaciously today to its positions on the northern Donets River, beating back every effort of the Germans to establish themselves on the eastern bank, and on the central front Soviet troops plunged on toward Smolensk, capturing more settlements in their advance.

Rommel Hits Furiously At British Army

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Concerted counter-smashes by Axis armor and infantry created a very confused situation today where units of the British Eighth Army were rained into the Mareth Line and in the El Gueitar sector had met with a decided reverse against American tanks and troops threatening Marshal Erwin Rommel's lifeline to northern Tunisia.

Danes Ask Democracy

Stockholm (AP)—The Danes, people, yearning for the democratic Denmark of 1940, are asking the United States to help them to re-establish their democracy.

Very Hard Fighting

In extremely hard fighting the British who had driven a bridgehead through the Mareth Line in a frontal assault near the coast succeeded in repulsing all efforts of the Germans to dislodge them from the area of Mareth Village, an Allied Headquarters communique said today.

Flank Drive Gains

While the frontal assault of General Montgomery had run into a terrific struggle which was not minimized by headquarters spokesmen, the leading drive of his detachments which circled Rommel's flank gained greatly in the past 24 hours.

Says Sweden Lends To Axis

LONDON (AP)—An alleged member of the House of Commons, told that both Sweden and Finland were helping the Axis in the war.

Japanese Attack Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Japanese planes caused some material damage to the American airfield on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomon archipelago at an attack Tuesday night, the Navy disclosed today.