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GEARS NATION TO WAR SPEED FOR INVASION

Minimum Work Week of 48
Hours Ordered in 32 War
Plant Cities.

PURPOSE TO PUT LABOR WHERE MOST NEEDED

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The prospect of an invasion of Europe this year, followed by unparalleled prosperity in the postwar period, was held out to Americans Wednesday but until victory is won they were told they must work longer hours and adopt a "Spartan standard of living."

To hasten the day of victory, President Roosevelt Tuesday night ordered a 48-hour minimum work week on the home war front, with time and a half overtime pay for all those covered by the fair labor standards act.

This means a 30 per cent weekly wage increase for thousands now working a 40-hour week.

Until further notice the order was limited by War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to 32 labor shortage areas, extending from Maine to Washington state and from Florida to California.

Immediately the action was announced, Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes went to the radio to give the people a broad outline of the struggle ahead on the civilian front, and particularly to warn against "a creeping inflation."

While the program was hailed by Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.), sponsor of much New Deal labor legislation, as a "blueprint for victory on the home front," congressional reaction generally was mixed.

Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the senate small business committee expressed the opinion that the order would "have the effect of stilling the demand for any of the pending manpower legislation" now in congress.

On the other hand, Senator Ball (R-Minn.) declared:

"I don't think this order will make much difference in manpower supplies."

"But it will hurt the employer who cannot afford to pay the extra amount in wages and it may very well be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Manpower Commissioner McNutt indicated that the 48-hour week probably will be extended to other areas later, but it is not likely to reach cities having plentiful labor supply, New York for example.

Affected Areas.

The 32 areas affected immediately are:

Bath, Me.; Bridgeport, Waterbury, Hartford and New Britain, Conn.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Springfield, Mass.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Somerville, N. J.; Baltimore and Elkton, Md.; Hampton Roads, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Akron and Dayton, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.;

Manitowoc, Wis.; Sterling, Ill.; Brunswick, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Macon, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.;

Pascagoula, Miss.; Wichita, Kan.; Beaumont, Tex.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ogden, Utah; Las Vegas, Nev.; Portland, Ore.; San Diego, Cal.; Seattle, Wash.;

"In those areas," said McNutt, "it (the order) applies to all employment."

Moreover, Fowler V. Harper, McNutt's chief deputy, announced that it is not discretionary with employers, but is mandatory.

A reasonable period of several weeks will be allowed to put the program into effect. The manpower commission expects to find other jobs for workers forced out by the longer work week.

Wage Rates the Same.

Highlights of the program as outlined by Byrnes, other than the 48 hour week, include:

1. No increase in hourly wage rates beyond that allowed by the war labor board's "little steel formula."

Japs Blasted in Aleutians and Solomons

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—The navy announced Wednesday that American bombers blasted Japanese positions in Kiska in the Aleutians while other U. S. airmen in the south Pacific attacked enemy positions in the central Solomons.

Text of the navy 276th communication follows:

"North Pacific:
"On Feb. 8, Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25) dropped bombs on the enemy camp area at Kiska and on installations at North Head.

"Seven float type Zeros were observed on the water but no attempt to intercept was made. All U. S. planes returned.

"South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude.)
"On Feb. 8:

"Aircraft fighters (Bell P-39) strafed and sank an enemy barge off Hooper bay in the northern Russell islands. A number of floating drums of fuel oil were destroyed in the same vicinity.

"During the evening, a force of Marauder medium bombers (Martin B-26) with Albatross and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) escort, bombed Japanese positions on Kolombangara island in the New Georgia group.

"Results were not reported.

"During the evening Dauntless dive bombers (Douglas) with Lightning and Wildcat (Grumman F4F) escort, attacked Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island. A large fire was started.

"U. S. ground forces on Guadalcanal advanced to positions one-half mile west of the Segilau river in the vicinity of Doma Cove.

"On the northwest coast of the island U. S. troops advanced to the northeast as far as Visali. No opposition was encountered.

"A large amount of enemy equipment was captured."

Cold Wave With Snows Forecast

Des Moines, Ia.—(P)—A cold wave and more snow flurries were forecast Wednesday to bring to a close a springlike spell which has visited Iowa since the end of last week.

Snow in some sections of the state Tuesday night heralded the coming change of weather. Davenport reported about four-fifths of an inch of precipitation.

Sub-zero readings were forecast for Wednesday night at Fort Dodge and Mason City, while Cedar Rapids and Waterloo residents were told to expect zero temperatures.

The predicted snow flurries were expected to ride in on strong winds.

FIRST CLAY CASUALTY.

Gillette Grove, Ia.—(P)—Clay county's first known war casualty is Wyatt Wood, 33, whose death in the South Pacific was reported to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood here. He served in the medical corps.

Harvester, San Felipe, Emerson now 66. King Edward quality Cigar 2 for 5c. (advertisement)

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MARETH LINE TO BE CENTER OF BIG BATTLE

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander
Declares Axis Defense
Can Be Turned.

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY CROSSES INTO TUNISIA

Cairo — (UP) — The axis' Mareth line in Tunisia can be turned and the battle to drive the enemy off the last African bridgehead is imminent with "all the dice loaded in our favor," Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, British commander in the Middle East, said Wednesday.

The Mareth line, about 40 miles long, was constructed at the same time as the Maginot line in France, Alexander said, at a time when people were not thinking in terms of mobile, armored forces.

"The Mareth line can be turned," he said flatly.

The time is approaching, Alexander said, when all the warfare in Africa will be merged into the Tunisian battle.

The bad weather should be over in Tunisia by the end of March, Alexander said. He added that the British Eighth army now was out of the desert and was entering regions of clay soil.

"The enemy forces with all their impedimenta are now entirely out of Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania," he said.

British Cross Frontier.

London—(UP)—Neutral dispatches said Wednesday that the British Eighth army had crossed the Tunisian frontier in force on two sectors and it was announced officially that American Flying Fortresses had bombed the airfield again at Kairouan.

There was no official confirmation of Algerian reports reaching Madrid that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's imperials had crossed into Tunisia from Tripolitania on the central and southern sectors and that a major battle was expected east of the French-built Mareth line.

The allied headquarters communique said that "there is nothing to report from our land forces on the Tunisian front."

American planes, including Fortresses, Lightnings, Albatrosses and Warhawks, planes of the French Lafayette Escadrille, and Royal Air force Spitfires were active over a wide section of the front Tuesday, however.

At least three enemy fighters were shot down. Not a single allied plane was lost.

The Flying Fortresses dropped bombs among 20 to 25 enemy planes dispersed on the Kairouan air field and scored hits on a nearby railroad.

Make Slow Progress.

The lighter planes attacked enemy positions in the Gafsa-Maknassy, Faid and Ousseltia-Pichon areas.

Spanish reports said the bulk of the Eighth army was pouring into Tunisia in the wake of advance patrols that entered the French protectorate two days ago.

The Eighth army was making slower progress on the coastal sector, the dispatches said, because the area was heavily mined and defended by rear guards and some artillery.

Severe fighting was expected between the Eighth army and the Afrika Korps on the eastern side of the Mareth line, 55 to 70 miles inside Tunisia, the dispatches asserted.

Wednesday's Middle Eastern command communique merely said that patrol activity continued along the border Tuesday, and that bad weather hindered air operations over the battle area.

The Middle Eastern command and Royal Air force's communique revealed that axis planes had tried to find Tripoli Monday night for the first time since it fell to the Eighth army.

Both axis bombers sent on the raid were shot down by allied fighter planes, apparently some distance from their objective.

THEY BELIEVED IT WAS THEIR WAR



School children for years to come will read in their histories how these five Waterloo brothers, pictured above aboard the ill-fated U. S. S. Juneau, went into their nation's fighting forces together, served together and were lost together in a Pacific sea battle. Neither Waterloo nor the nation can forget the greatness of sacrifice made so willingly by the five. The "Fighting Sullivans," left to right above, are Joseph, 24; Francis, 27; Albert, 20; Madison, 23, and George, 28.

THAT THEIR HEROISM MAY LIVE FOREVER

Will Honor Five Brothers Who
Were Lost Together in
Battle at Sea.

COURIER WILL RECEIVE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

As a lasting tribute to the gallant spirit and heroic sacrifice of five Waterloo brothers lost in action while serving their country, the Waterloo Daily Courier today launches a "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" campaign.

In so doing, the Courier invites the support and memorial fund contributions of all persons in Waterloo, northeast Iowa, the state and the nation in an effort to perpetuate the memory of the Sullivan brothers, missing since Nov. 14, 1942, when their cruiser—the U. S. S. Juneau—was sunk during a south Pacific sea battle.

Upon the extent of the public's support will rest final decisions as to what type of memorial will be erected, what its cost will be and where it will be located here.

They Gave Their All.

The "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" will honor, for years to come, the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, 98 Adams street, who gave their all in the cause of victory.

Sirnamed on the U. S. navy's roll of "missing in action," the five brothers include:

George Thomas, 28, gunner's mate second class.

Francis Henry, 27, coxswain.

Joseph Eugene, 24, seaman second class.

Madison Abel, 23, seaman second class.

Albert Leo, 20, seaman second class.

All five, apparently, perished with their ship when the Juneau, limping away from a heavy attack near the Solomon Islands last November, reportedly exploded from torpedo or bomb hits.

Joined as Group.

They joined the navy, as a group, Jan. 3, 1942, and had been aboard the Juneau since mid-February—serving together at their own insistence, despite the navy's wartime policy of separating members of the same family.

Announcing the "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" campaign, the Courier observed that the American family since Pearl Harbor has suffered such a heavy blow—the loss of five members at once.

High navy officials have disclosed that never before in American naval history has such a tragedy come to one family.

It may be possible, too, that no other family in the nation will suffer such a blow in this war, since commanders no longer will permit that many from one family to serve together, risking death side by side.

Four Weeks Since News.

Four weeks have passed, now, since the Sullivans' parents, their sister, grandmother and the wife and son of Albert heard the tragic news that the five were "missing."

It has been almost three full months, too, since the Juneau's sinking.

There has been no official word from the navy to encourage belief that any of the five fighting Sullivans had survived the sinking.

Only slight hope for the "miraculous" escape of the five had been held by the family since the navy's announcement Jan. 11.

One survivor of the Juneau's sinking did write the parents here that the eldest brother, George, died aboard a life raft. His letter indicated that the other four brothers went down with the ship.

An Enduring Monument.

Whatever form the "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" takes, it will be an enduring monument in Waterloo to assure that the service of the five brothers and the unselfishness of their family will be kept fresh in the memory of every patriotic citizen here for generations yet to come.

Inauguration of the memorial campaign today marks the first public effort toward full recognition of the five Sullivan brothers' bravery.

The navy Tuesday announced that it will name a new destroyer "The Sullivans," but there has been no move made by the boys' home city and state to honor them, until now.

The Waterloo church in which the brothers were members Tuesday conducted a pontifical requiem mass for the five, when Archbishop

Nazi Bomb Hits Crowded Store in English Town

London—(INS)—An enemy raider scored a direct hit on a large department store crowded with shoppers in a south England town Wednesday afternoon.

It was feared many persons were buried in the debris.

London experienced its 612th air raid alert of the war Wednesday afternoon, but the all-clear sounded within half an hour and no incidents were reported.

Four Shots Fired at Argentina Official

Buenos Aires —(P)—A group standing before the home of Guillermo Rothe, Argentina's minister of justice, fired four shots Wednesday at the official car in which he was leaving for a cabinet meeting at the government house.

Rothe, a member of President Castillo's national Democrat party and among those prominently mentioned as candidates for next September's presidential election, was uninjured.

Those who fired the shots fled.

SAVE A LIFE IN 1943!

Traffic Toll in City of Waterloo This Year and Last

	Since Same Jan 1 Date 1943	1942
Number of accidents	53	57
Number injured	10	20
Number killed	0	0

Reports No Need for Clothing Rationing

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—The government, striking to combat a wave of "scare-buying" of clothing in many areas, Wednesday assured Americans that there is no shortage of clothes and therefore no need for rationing.

A joint statement by War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown denounced "scare buying" as unnecessary and contrary to the best interests of the war program. They said:

"Announcement of shoe rationing appears to have stimulated scare buying in some parts of the country.

"Such buying is unnecessary. Supplies of wool in the United States are larger by several hundred million pounds than they were when the Japs struck Pearl Harbor. At the present time there is no shortage of clothing and therefore no need for rationing."

TRIES TO SEE SON IN NEWSREEL 4 TIMES WITHOUT ANY SUCCESS

Kansas City, Mo.—(P)—Mrs. S. L. Wilson has attended four theatres to see her 17-year-old son, Pvt. Melvin Lee Wilson, in a Guadalcanal newsreel.

Each time she fainting just before he appeared on the screen.

Her husband, a doctor, accompanies her and each time has been ready with restoratives.

"Things just seem to go black when I know Melvin is due to appear," Mrs. Wilson explains. "But I'm going to see him yet!" She's trying her fifth theatre Wednesday night.

Employment Office Labor Exchange for Farm, City Workers

Des Moines Ia.—(P)—The city employment office is beginning to serve as a labor exchange for city men who want farm work and farmers in need of new hired hands, Mayor John MacVicar said Wednesday.

The office already this year has placed eight Des Moines men on Iowa farms which are preparing for the crop season.

The office reported that about 30 more farm workers are needed by farmers whose requests have been filed.

Since last July 15 a total of 484 persons have registered at the bureau. Of this number about 150 have been placed in permanent jobs. Many of the others have obtained one or more temporary jobs thru the office.

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Gandhi Starting on 3-Week Fast

Bombay —(P)—Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 21-day fast Wednesday in the palace of the Aga Khan in Poona, after the government of India refused to grant his unconditional release from confinement there.

The 73-year-old Gandhi announced that he would take only fruit juice and water during his fasting period. Gandhi was taken into custody last Aug. 9 after he instituted a new civil disobedience campaign against British rule.

JAMES POWERS, SINGER, COMEDIAN, DIES AT 80

New York—(P)—James T. Powers, 80, singer and comedian, died Wednesday at his residence in the Hotel Ansonia.

He was a native of New York City, and made his first stage appearance in Boston in 1882.

For the next 40 years Powers appeared in a succession of light operas and musical shows.

His widow, the former Rachel Booth, with whom he appeared in many plays, survives him.

ACTOR TIM HOLT AIR FORCE CADET

Los Angeles, Cal.—(P)—Actor Tim Holt Wednesday followed his more famous father into the armed forces.

Jack Holt, Tim's father and a former movie leading man, is a captain in the quartermaster corps at Fort Warren, Wyo.

Tim, known chiefly as a western actor, became a cadet in the army air forces.

Francis J. L. Beckman, of Dubuque, joined with Waterloo and Cedar Falls pastors of Catholic churches in paying tribute to the Sullivans at St. Mary's church here.

Parents Carry On

Despite their heavy grief, both the parents of the five boys—Francis J. L. Beckman, of Dubuque, and the Sullivans—have tried hard to "carry on, with chin up" since being advised of the sons' loss.

Even today, the father and mother were busy in the east, visiting war plants under sponsorship of the navy department, appealing to workers to speed up production and hasten the winning of a complete victory for the nation and allies.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan—commenting for their courage and spirit in messages from President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Vice President Henry A. Wallace and others—went to New York Jan. 28 for a nationwide broadcast and thereafter were escorted to Washington, D. C., by navy officials for visits with Vice President Wallace, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the navy's high officials.

Tour War Plants

Expressing willingness to "help in every way possible to speed the war effort," the parents have set out upon an extensive tour of personal appearances at war production centers, under the navy's sponsorship, to talk with workers.

Expected home this week end, the Sullivans will have only a few short days of rest before they leave accompanied by their daughter, Genevieve, for Portland, Ore., to officiate at the christening of a navy tugboat.

The invitation to take part in the christening came to Mrs. Sullivan months ago from Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, long before the tragic news that her sons were missing.

In spite of her sorrow, Mrs. Sullivan has insisted she must go through with her plan to visit Portland's shipyards, declaring her sons "would have wanted it that way."

Welcomes Support of All

The Waterloo Daily Courier, in taking the lead to honor the Sullivan brothers, will welcome the support of all organizations and individuals in swelling the fund drive which to erect a suitable "Fighting Sullivans Memorial."

Contributions—which may be in any amount—should be brought or mailed to the Courier's business office, starting today.

The campaign may continue for weeks, perhaps months.

All money collected for the "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" will be set aside in a special fund for that purpose only.

No Charge Against General Whose Car Struck Iowa Sailor

San Diego, Cal.—(AP)—Police have dismissed charges that Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith, 61, commanding officer of the fleet marine force, San Diego area, was intoxicated when his automobile hit Alvin J. Walters, Burlington, Ia., sailor, last week.

Dist. Atty. Thomas Whelan said his office will not file a complaint. Whelan added that he did not believe Smith was aware that his car had come into contact with Walters and that the case was closed as far as his office was concerned.

Says Another Farm Land Boom Likely

Ames, Ia.—(AP)—Two forces likely to set another land boom in motion are a feeling that the war may end sooner than expected and the attitude that "now is the time to buy a farm." W. G. Murray, Iowa state college agricultural economist, said today.

Murray wrote in the current issue of the Iowa farm economist that many tenants are tempted to buy farms in light of high farm incomes during the past year or two and these same high prices are dazzling to the city man who has a little extra money in his pocket.

"It is becoming more and more apparent," Murray said, "that some sort of control must go into effect. Regulations are necessary to prevent a land boom followed by a depression, to raise the farm's standard of living, and to keep absentee ownership by city investors from clouding the real estate picture."

Wheeler May Bolt His Party in 1944

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont) Wednesday indicated that he will bolt the Democratic party in the 1944 presidential race if an unsatisfactory candidate is nominated.

While I much prefer to support someone of my own party, yet I am prepared to support any man whose first interest is the welfare of the people of the United States and our institutions," said Wheeler.

8 Miners Killed in Wisconsin Disaster

Shullsburg, Wis.—(AP)—Eight miners were killed Tuesday night and two others were seriously injured in the worst Wisconsin mine disaster on record.

The dead included two miners who were trapped at the 60-foot level of the Mulcahy mine while they were repairing shoring, and six would-be rescuers from nearby diggings who plunged into the collapsed tunnel and were caught in a second collapse.

A coroner's jury, impelled by Coroner Gordon Roselap at the shaft, heard testimony of six witnesses and decided the tragedy was an "unavoidable accident."

CAR THIEF GETS 10 YEARS. Davenport, Ia.—(AP)—Charles J. Sullivan, 20, of Ottumwa, charged with the theft of a motor car, pleaded guilty before District Judge W. W. Scott and was sentenced to not more than 10 years in Fort Madison penitentiary.

HOUSE BILL GIVES JOBS PROTECTION WHEN WAR ENDED

Measure Would Require All Employers to Reinstate Ex-Soldiers.

Des Moines—(AP)—A measure setting up a broad, all-inclusive job protection program for Iowans who serve in the armed forces during the current war was introduced in the house Wednesday by Rep. Earl Fishbaugh, Jr. (R-Shenandoah).

Fishbaugh's bill would require that all public and private employers restore persons who served in the armed forces to the job at the close of the war that they held when they entered service.

Employees upon reinstatement to their former jobs would regain the pension, seniority and other similar rights they held when they left for war. They also would receive the same pay.

Provision is made in the bill for compelling the employer, through legal action, to make such restoration. The bill applies to all branches of the armed service and auxiliary organizations.

Covers Public Employers. One of the features of the bill is that it applies to both public and private employers.

Previously veterans' preference laws have applied only to public employers, such as those of the states, counties and cities.

The bill would protect only regular employees and would not apply to casual or day workers.

A bill to place the state liquor control commission, which operates the 177 retail liquor stores in Iowa, under the control of the state legislature was filed in the house Wednesday by Rep. Raphael R. R. Dvorak (R-Toledo).

At the present time the liquor commission operates as a self-subsistent department of the state government and virtually the only control the legislature or elective state officials have over the commission is that the state executive council, composed of the governor and five of the elected department heads, approve leases negotiated by the commission.

Handles Own Finances. The commission handles all its own finances and other affairs and remits to the state any unneeded surpluses from its operations.

In recent years it has been turning over to the state about \$3,500,000 a year in profits.

Dvorak's bill would require that the liquor commission submit a biennial budget request to the legislature as is required of all other state departments.

It would be up to the legislature to appropriate the biennial operating expenses of the commission after making whatever changes it chose in the commission's request for funds.

Dvorak said experience had shown that placing such departments under the budgetary control of the legislature resulted in "greater efficiency and substantial economies."

Another bill introduced would set Jan. 1, 1944, as the deadline for which judgments and injunctions issued against real and personal property before Jan. 1, 1930, could remain in effect.

To Lift "Clouds." The sponsor, Rep. Andrew J. Nielsen (R-Council Bluffs) said it was designed to lift "clouds" over the titles of certain real and personal property against which judgments and injunctions were granted back in prohibition days.

Nielsen said there were many such old orders on the court record as a result of prohibition raids and that this would provide a simple manner of clearing up all such titles.

Another bill would increase the terms of mayors and city councilmen from two to four years.

The state fish and game commission introduced a measure to take from Lee county a virtually unlimited fishing privileges it now holds.

Thus a last minute mix-up in the closing days of the 1939 session, Lee county was exempted from most of the regulations on open and closed seasons for fishing.

APPROVE INCREASE IN CERTAIN CHEESE PRICES

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The office of price administration Wednesday approved a three-cent a pound increase in prices of so-called foreign types of domestic cheese.

The increases were permitted in order to place manufacturers of these types on a fair competitive basis with manufacturers of Cheddar, the largest selling cheese on the American market.

The three cents increase primarily affects manufacturers of brick, Munster, Swiss, Limburger, cream, and Italian type cheeses.

These represent approximately 140,000,000 to 150,000,000 pounds of annual American cheese production, compared with 760,000,000 pounds of Cheddar.

CUBA SUGAR CROP SET AT 3,224,000 TONS. Havana—(AP)—Under a decree signed by President Fulgencio Batista late Tuesday night, Cuba's sugar crop was fixed at 3,224,000 short tons. Of that total, it was decreed 2,700,000 tons will be for sale to the United States under terms to be agreed upon between the Cuban sugar institute and a buying agency designated by the United States government.

BENEDICT BETER. Frank L. Benedict, 219 Highland boulevard, secretary of the James Black Dry Goods company, Wednesday was reported to be recovering at his home from a light attack of pneumonia.

Has Changed Adolf's Name



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mittel admire their two-week-old son, Adolf Hitler Mittel, in their home in New York City. The father explained he has no liking for the German fuhrer and named his son Adolf Hitler only because he was of German-Austrian descent.

RUSS DRIVE THRU GAP IN LAST NAZI OFFENSIVE LINES

Tighten Assault Semi-Circle of Troops About City of Kharkov.

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow—(AP)—Strong Russian army forces are pouring thru the Belgorod gap in German defenses north of Kharkov, the only point on a 200-mile front where the invaders still hold the line from which they launched their 1942 offensive, battlefield dispatches reported Wednesday.

The great Upper Donets industrial city which the Germans have held since October, 1941, thus was menaced by a tightening semi-circle of assault with the Red army roughly 40 miles from its limits to the north, east and south.

At the same time the Russians announced the repulse of desperate enemy counterattacks against a second semi-circle closing upon Rostov, and against the Kramatorsk wedge to the northwest which, if carried south toward the Sea of Azov, might pinch off the whole Rostov defense force.

Greatest Gain in Hill Country. The Russians reported their greatest gains in the snow-piled chalk hills country between Kharkov and Orel where the stronghold of Kursk and the important rail junction of Belgorod fell in 48 hours of whirlwind assault.

(The German communiqué reported a tightening of the Nazi defenses in this sector and said "German divisions in many places not only stopped the enemy advance but threw the Soviets back eastward, inflicting heavy casualties on them.")

Below Kharkov, Russian troops trying to drive southward around the Donets basin to the Sea of Azov met determined German resistance, and the Soviet columns closing in on Rostov were fighting off bitter German tank unit counterattacks, it was reported.

On Eve of Anniversary. (The newest Russian gains came on the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formal Russian withdrawal from the war with Germany in 1918.)

(It was generally regarded that the fall of Kharkov would deprive the Germans of any stable communications center until they could fall back on Kiev and set up a defense line behind the Dnieper river.)

The Russians announced the recapture of Belgorod, 50 miles northeast of Kharkov, and of Shebekino, only 40 miles to the northeast of Kharkov's city limits, in a special communiqué.

The movements of Red army troops north of Kursk and northward of Voronezh point a Russian dagger at Orel, another point on the Moscow-Kursk-Kharkov-Crima rail line.

If you plant an apple seed in Yunnan, Mexico, it becomes a guava, according to the Mayans.

Only "Unrationed" Shoes can be Sold at "Going Out" Sale

Des Moines—(AP)—Iowa shoe stores should now have their footware labeled "rationed" and "unrationed," Charles Cownie, state shoe rationing director, announced here Tuesday.

"Going out of business" sales would have to apply to unrationed shoes only, Cownie said.

The new director told members of the Des Moines retail shoe dealers' association that they must be customer relations, particularly from women who bought dress shoes last week and will want to exchange them for more substantial models this week.

He advised dealers to let their regular exchange policies prevail and added that they are not required to exchange the shoes and in all cases they must receive stamp 17 for the pair finally accepted.

Ration boards are to use the same blanks they now issue for extra sugar allotments until new forms are printed.

Shoe dealers also learned: "Parents of children who need special shoes must present a letter

New York—(AP)—Adolf Hitler Mittel became Theodore Roosevelt Mittel Wednesday.

The baby, christened "Adolf Hitler" by his father, Joseph, had his name changed without benefit of a fund-raising campaign the father envisaged as result of the stir caused when word of the name got about.

While Joseph Mittel stomped angrily about his flat Wednesday, burning indignant letters which arrived in the morning mail, Mrs. Mittel appeared at the Jamaica office of the board of health to register the new name.

"We are going to name him after one of the Roosevelts," she said.

"Not one of the Democratic Roosevelts, but the other side," She refused to say more.

"The letters said nothing but abuse," he complained, "and one letter said they would get the FBI after me and deport me. Where are they going to deport me to? I was born in Manhattan."

Gears Nation to War Speed for Invasion

(Continued)

ula, except in special cases.

This formula permits a 15 per cent increase over Jan. 1, 1941 levels to compensate for higher living costs.

2. Incentive payments to farmers to "enable us to increase production without increasing prices," but no change in the farm parity formula.

3. No further increase in the basic and essential cost of subsistence living. "We must break up the black markets."

4. Work by all where most needed. "If some men can be drafted and sent abroad at \$50 a month, every civilian must go where he can render the greatest service, even if it means less money."

Bigger War Production. 5. Higher taxes to close a \$16,000,000 "gap" between income and the amount of available goods.

A part of the additional taxation on "the lower-middle income groups," Byrnes said, should take the form of post-war credits or compulsory savings.

War plans for 1943, Byrnes said, call for "a very substantial increase in our war production over last year's record-breaking goals."

"They contemplate, without a measurable period of time," he said, "the invasion of Europe, one of the greatest military operations ever planned in history—a military campaign, which no matter how successfully and brilliantly executed, will involve casualties such as this nation has never before endured."

While warning that there is no way that we can hope to improve or even to sustain our customary standards of living during the coming war year," Byrnes declared that the worker's present purchasing power is preserved by a successful fight against inflation it will "constitute the basis of an unparalleled prosperity for American workers in the postwar period."

BRITISH BOMB JAPS IN BURMESE TOWN

New Delhi—(INS)—British Wellington bombers Tuesday night blasted a jettty and rail sidings in the Burmese town of Sangaing, on the Irrawaddy river about 15 miles below Mandalay, the India command announced Wednesday. Many explosions and large fires resulted from the heavy bombing of the Jap-held river town.

POSTMAN SHOWS UP LATE IN DELIVERY OF STAMPS

Wilmington, Del.—(AP)—Ten years ago George P. Swain ordered a shipment from a Washington, D. C. firm.

It arrived in Tuesday's mail—postmarked June 3, 1932—and was the postman's face red.

The shipment (from a philatelic agency) 46 cents worth of stamps.

SHOES MAY BE OBTAINED FOR DECEASED PERSONS

New York—(AP)—Undertakers have been calling the district office of price administration to ask how shoes may be obtained for deceased persons. The OPA ruled Wednesday that ration board would issue certificates of necessity to undertakers when no adequate shoes were available.

HOUSE KILLS OFF FIRST 3 INCOME TAX AMENDMENTS

Will Try to Complete Work on Senate Measure to Cut Tax Thursday.

Des Moines—(AP)—The house cleared away nearly a third of its work on personal income tax proposals Wednesday morning, rejecting three of nine amendments filed to a bill providing for a 50 per cent cut in the personal income taxes Iowans will pay this year and next on their 1942 and 1943 earnings.

All three defeated amendments would have provided for more relief than the major bill under consideration and were knocked down by margins of about five to one.

After two hours of debate, the chamber recessed until 2 p. m. when additional amendments were to be taken up in what floor leaders said was an attempt to get the tax bill out of the way by Thursday night.

Debates Repeal Move First. The first amendment, defeated 84 to 15, would have repealed the state personal income tax permanently.

The second proposal, to cancel the income tax payments Iowans normally would make in 1943 and 1944, was beaten 83 to 20.

The third proposal, beaten 83 to 17, would have trimmed 75 per cent off the normal income tax Iowans would pay this year and next.

The senate two days ago passed 47 to 0 a bill by its income tax reduction committee providing that Iowans will have to pay only 50 per cent of their normal income tax payments due this year and next.

The bill is the one under consideration by the house, which first must act on the nine amendments providing a wide assortment of other forms of tax relief.

Deputy Salary Bill. A bill providing that salaries of deputy sheriffs should be fixed by county boards of supervisors passed the Iowa senate Wednesday and went to the house.

The measure would replace the present law which puts a \$1,500 a year limit on the salaries of deputy sheriffs in counties of less than 50,000 population and a maximum of \$1,800 or 65 per cent of the sheriff's salary, in counties over 50,000.

An amendment by Sen. Frank C. Byrnes (R-Cedar Rapids), to put a floor of \$1,400 a year under all deputy sheriffs' salaries, was defeated.

The senate also passed a bill to make the killing, injuring or interfering with carrier pigeons punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or a sentence of not more than 30 days in jail or both.

Other Bills Passed. The senate also passed bills to: Eliminate the requirement of a year's residence in the city to be eligible for appointment as a milk inspector under civil service.

Appropriate \$11,000 to the state department of health as a deficiency appropriation for the division of vital statistics.

Transfer authority to commit indigent patients to the state sanatorium at Oakdale from city or township boards of health to the county supervisors.

Bills introduced in the senate included one to permit veterans of world war I who had not previously claimed their state soldiers' bonus to apply up to Dec. 31, 1944.

The body was taken to the Ray Hurler funeral home.

MARGARET KENYON GARNER. A committal service was conducted at 4 p. m. Wednesday in Elmwood cemetery for Margaret Kenyon Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Garner, 444 Bratton street, who died Tuesday afternoon in Allen Memorial hospital, half an hour after birth.

Rev. G. E. Melchert, pastor of Trinity American Lutheran church, officiated at the service.

The child is survived by the parents; one sister, Darlene Kay, 2, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Buehler, 216 Moir street.

The body was taken to the Parrott & Wood funeral home.

HARRY W. NAUMAN. The funeral of Harry W. Nauman, 113 Lafayette street, who died Monday in Allen Memorial hospital, will be conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday in the Parrott & Wood chapel by Rev. A. L. Drake, pastor of First Baptist church.

Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Casket bearers will be Matthew Carroll, Walter Degelau, John Furush, Nels Peterson and Walter Zerkle, fellow employees of Nauman in the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern Railway Co., and Clyde Tuttle.

JOHN C. FOLKER. John C. Folker, 67, was found dead at 1 p. m. Wednesday at his home at 1344 Lafayette street by Frank Dins, who resides upstairs in the same dwelling at 1344½ Lafayette street.

Coroner Sidney D. Smith said Folker had died of a heart attack, probably early Wednesday forenoon. Folker apparently was trying to move from a chair to the bed when he was stricken.

In recent years he had been doing garden work and painting. At one time he had operated a grocery store here. He was twice married.

His first wife and two sons preceded him in death. He and his second wife were divorced.

One son was killed in an airplane accident last summer in Missouri and another son died many years ago.

Two sons and one daughter survive. The body was taken to the O'Keefe & Towne funeral home.

Gets Reply on Winchell

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Information on Walter Winchell's "full status" in the navy will be sought from high navy officials at a public hearing soon, Chairman Vinson of the house naval committee told the house.

Vinson (D-Ga.) said the inquiry will be in response to questions propounded by Rep. Hoffman.

The Michigan Republican in a resolution last Tuesday had asked why Winchell, as a naval officer had not been punished for certain statements he had made over the radio and in his newspaper column.

Knox replied to the resolution in a letter Vinson placed in the record.

The secretary said Winchell was on active duty as a lieutenant commander in the United States naval reserve Jan. 31, 1943, when he broadcast:

"You bet I'm prejudiced against those in high office who guessed wrong before Pearl Harbor. They're still guessing wrong."

"I am not in the least comforted by their confessions of ignorance."

"What worries me most are all those damn fools who re-elected them."

Knox replied "yes" to the resolution's question whether the United States code did not provide for punishment by court-martial of any one in the navy "who is guilty of profane swearing, falsehood, or any other scandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals."

But the secretary said the code applied only to the army in calling for punishment of officers using "contumacious" or disrespectful words against congress.

DEATHS

GEORGE WEIDLER.

Victim of a heart ailment, George Weidler, 76, who had resided in Waterloo the past two months with a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Spear, 805 Columbia street, dropped dead at Columbia and Center streets Tuesday afternoon while waiting for a bus to carry him downtown.

Weidler, long a resident of Bremer county and at Carpenter, Ia., had been ill several months with the heart ailment, his daughter said.

A native of Germany, he came to the United States at the age of 1 year.

Surviving, in addition to the daughter, are two sons, Elmer, of Carpenter, and Edwin, Tripoli, Ia.; another daughter, Mrs. Philip Miley, Northwood, Ia., and a sister, Mrs. Anna Walthe, in Illinois. His wife preceded him in death.

The body was taken to the O'Keefe & Towne funeral home.

ALPHONSO BENNETT. Alphonso Bennett, 902 Cannon street, died at 12:15 a. m. Wednesday at his home of a heart ailment. He was 87 years old.

He had lived in Waterloo for 15 years, previous to which he farmed in Wisconsin.

He was born Feb. 7, 1856, in New York state, the son of Levi and Sarah Bennett. He came to Iowa as a young man and married Ida Davis in Waterloo 61 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Earl, at home, and Paul, St. Croix Falls, Wis.; two daughters, Mrs. Edward Reider, 437 Vaughan street, and Mrs. Ethel Bird, St. Paul, Minn.; and three sisters, Mrs. George Quivey and Mrs. Alice Parsons, both of Cedar Falls, and Mrs. Fred Sheeley, 810½ Walnut street. His wife died in March, 1942.

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