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# RATION CUT HITS RESTAURANTS

## Allies Blast Nazis' Retreat

Sullivans Launch Tug in Portland



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan and their daughter Genevieve (left) of Waterloo, Ia., are shown in Portland, Ore., where Monday they helped launch the naval tug Tawasa. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan lost five sons in a south Pacific naval battle.

## Memory Fund for Brothers Passes \$1,800

FIGHTING SULLIVANS MEMORIAL FUND	
Previously reported	\$1,799.13
J. J. Brennan	5.00
Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen	10.00
Robert J. Bannister, Des Moines	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schumann	2.00
Ellin Lou Kilgore	1.00
Mrs. F. R. LaBarre	1.00
Albert G. Donahue	10.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$1,838.13</b>

Waterloo added \$29 and a Des Moines attorney sent in \$10 Wednesday to open the third week of a nationwide "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" campaign, boosting the fund's total nearer the \$2,000 level.

Ten dollars came for the fund from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Another \$10 was the contribution of Robert J. Bannister, member of the law firm of Stipp, Perry, Bannister & Starzinger, Des Moines, who commented:

"I am very glad to have the opportunity to contribute \$10 to the fund to erect a memorial to the Sullivan boys.

"I wish I could contribute very much more to this very patriotic and laudable object."

The "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" sponsored by the Waterloo Daily Courier, will honor the five sailor sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, Waterloo, still missing in action after sinking of the cruiser Juneau in the south Pacific last November.

Their loss brought the heaviest single blow in naval history to one family.

Contributions for the memorial, type and cost of which will depend on the extent of public donations, should be sent to the Courier business office.

Parents of the five boys, and their daughter, were in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, on a navy-sponsored tour of war plants.

**New Zealand Air Bases Offered U.S.**  
Washington, D. C.—(INS)—New Zealand Minister Walter Nash Wednesday made known the willingness of his country to grant the United States permanent air and naval bases. New Zealand thus becomes the first of America's Pacific allies to offer the United States permanent air and naval facilities on a reciprocal basis.

## Three School Board Members Ask Re-election

Three members of the Waterloo school board whose one-year terms expire this spring Wednesday filed nomination papers for election to three-year terms, in the office of Fred J. Miller, secretary of the school board.

They were A. D. Donnell, 212 Alta Vista avenue; Willard H. Lohnes, 1337 Logan avenue; and William A. Priebe, 441 Derbyshire road.

No other candidates have filed or taken out papers.

Deadline for filing for the March 8 election is next Friday noon.

## Committee OKs Another Year of Lend Lease Law

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The house foreign affairs committee, unanimously approved Wednesday a measure extending for one year the lend-lease act—mutual aid supply line between this nation and its war partners.

The action was announced by a committee attaché who said there was no amendment to the bill which continues the life of the act until July, 1944.

I followed three weeks of hearings, during which several amendments were suggested, one of which would have sought to secure American interests in foreign airfields for postwar civilian use.

## CHURCHILL IMPROVED

London—(INS)—The condition of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, abated with an attack of catarrh, was improved Wednesday. The premier was said to have spent a good night.

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## Would Bar Japanese From Schools

Des Moines—(UP)—A resolution asking that Japanese-American students be denied the privilege of leaving concentration centers and attending American colleges Wednesday held the attention of the Iowa senate.

It was introduced by the committee on federal relations, of which Sen. C. V. Findley, (R-Fl. Dodge) is chairman.

The resolution pointed out that it is the purpose of the war relocation authority of the United States to permit approximately 2,500 Japanese-American students, located in war relocation centers, to enter American colleges and universities.

"The loyalty and patriotism of these students are doubtful because of their racial extraction, and as a result they are unfit to be soldiers," the resolution adds.

It asks that they be denied the privilege of attending college, "while the same privilege is denied to loyal Americans of the same age who now are in military service."

The resolution suggests that Japanese-Americans who have been removed from concentration centers be returned immediately and made to perform some service which would be useful to the war effort.

## Jap Warship Hit by Heavy Bombs

United Nations Headquarters in Australia—(INS)—A Jap warship, a cruiser or a heavy destroyer, was reported in an official communique Wednesday to have been severely blasted by direct hits from three 500-pound bombs during a Flying Fortress raid on the New Britain harbor of Rabaul.

Damage was inflicted simultaneously on a 7,000-ton enemy cargo ship by bombs which struck within 25 feet of the vessel.

At the same time two Jap schooners in Aliklikin bay were strafed with machine-gun fire from low altitude.

## CHINA ASKS NO CHARITY NOR FOOD AFTER WAR

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—China does not want anything for which it cannot pay, Madame Chiang Kai-shek said Wednesday, and does not want the United States to help feed Chinese after the war.

China's first lady explained, at Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's press conference, that her people are poor but proud.

## SAVE A LIFE IN 1943!

Traffic Toll in City of Waterloo This Year and Last

## GERMANS DASH BACK TO PASS UNDER ATTACK

Artillery and Planes Smash Nazi Armored Units in Frantic Flight.

## MANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY AMERICAN FORCES

Allied Headquarters, North Africa—(UP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's armored units were being driven in retreat Wednesday toward Kasserine pass, harassed by allied planes and by American and British troops which stopped the enemy dead in his tracks in a three-day battle.

The crack Twenty-first German armored unit, which rolled out of the Kasserine gap three days ago and fought its way to within four miles of the strategic town of Thala, has been pushed back to an area within three miles of the pass.

The Germans, over-reaching themselves in the dash for Thala, found their position there untenable and began to retire early Tuesday.

As they fell back the allied air force—apparently dominant in the skies over the battle area—gave the retreating Germans the worst pasting they have yet experienced in Tunisia.

It was similar in intensity and volume to the air attack launched by the allies at El Alamein when Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth army started the offensive that has now carried it to the Mareth line.

Capture 300 Italians.

Thus the tide of battle in Tunisia swung sharply in favor of the allies with the German push exhausted and with the Eighth army, about 100 miles away from other allied forces in Tunisia, threatening Rommel's flank from the south.

Large numbers of prisoners were taken by the Americans and the British.

On the plain in front of Djebel Hamra alone the Americans captured 300 Italians and enough small arms and other weapons to equip a battalion.

The Germans made a desperate attempt to disengage their armor and infantry from the British in the Thala area.

But the British tracked them every step of the way in the retreat while American artillery blasted away at the German columns that were winding back along roads over which they advanced three days ago.

Then the Americans, timing their action with the British, struck out from the Djebel Hamra area and forced the axis troops back to within three miles of the Kasserine gap.

The full extent of the German losses still are unknown, but it can be definitely said they are considerable.

## Weather Breaks for Allies

One factor in the German defeat was that the bad weather broke after 10 days, allowing the allied air force to get into action on a big scale.

The retreating Germans caught a fury of cannon fire, machine gun bullets, and bombs from Flying Fortresses, Mitchells, Marauders, Bostons, and British and American fighters.

The Kasserine pass was a roaring hell of exploding bombs.

Marauder bombers, escorted by Lockheed Lightnings, swung back and forth over the pass, scoring direct hits on gun emplacements.

Flying Fortresses ranged over to the eastern side of the pass and bombed a road choked with axis vehicles.

The Fortresses also struck at the town of Kasserine itself and inflicted severe damage on a column of German motor transport which got itself bottle-necked in a narrow street.

Nazis Hide in Ditches.

## Cold Wave Forecast for Parts of Iowa

Des Moines—(AP)—A cold wave was expected to hit Iowa Wednesday night, sending the mercury below zero in some sections, the weather bureau predicted.

The bureau said much colder weather was in store for the state Wednesday night and Thursday forenoon.

Occasional snow flurries were forecast with fresh to moderately strong winds.

Minimum temperatures are expected to range from 5 below to zero in the northwest portion.

The mercury was expected to dip to between 5 and 10 above in the southern portion Thursday morning. The cold wave is expected to check a rise in the Des Moines river which has caused flood conditions in some areas. S. E. Decker, assistant meteorologist in the weather office here, said.

Ice breaking up in the river above Des Moines has caused a gorge at the Euclid avenue bridge on the north edge of the city, Decker said, and water is flooding the low areas.

The river was still rising Wednesday in the vicinity of the bridge.

Decker urged residents on low ground above Des Moines to take precautions against possible flood dangers.

Below Des Moines the river is rising, but stages are moderate, except at Eddyville where an ice gorge is causing moderate overflow, Decker said.

If the Eddyville gorge breaks, a stage about one foot above bank level will occur at Ottumwa, the weather man added.

## Gandhi Better; Plans Activity for Next Week

Poona, India—(UP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi was reported cheerful and maintaining his strength Wednesday, showing a slight improvement at the start of the third and final week of his 21-day fast.

Gandhi had rallied to such a marked extent from a crisis Saturday that his friends believed he would survive the fast in protest against his internment by British authorities.

One visitor said Gandhi already was planning his activities for next week. He said Gandhi had a bristling beard.

The optimism of laymen visiting Gandhi was reflected in the wondrous faces of the six attending physicians, who warned, however, that another crisis might occur at any time.

## Berlin Asserts 17 Ships Sunk in an Allied Convoy

(By the Associated Press)

A German high command communique asserted Wednesday that a group of German submarines in an attack on a strongly-protected convoy in the Atlantic sank 17 ships totalling 104,000 tons and in addition torpedoed three steamers.

The date of the attack was not given and there was no confirmation of it from allied sources.

The communique was broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press in New York.

## NOINMATE KELLY AND MCKIBBIN IN CHICAGO

Chicago—(AP)—Polling more than three-fourths of their respective party's vote in the lightest and quietest primary in years, Democratic Mayor Edward J. Kelly and Republican George B. McKibbin Tuesday were named nominees for Chicago's mayoralty election April 6.

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## RUSS CAPTURE NEW AREAS IN UKRAINE PUSH

Drive Nearing Orel in Spite of Spring Thaws That Soften Roads.

## KHARKOV BURNED AND PEOPLE CARRIED AWAY

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow—(AP)—The Red army smashed deeper Wednesday into the northern Ukraine northwest of Kharkov where the capture of Sumy, Lebedin and Akhtyrka fashioned a soviet bludgeon aimed at Kiev and the important railway junction of Konotop.

Wednesday's midday communique said more strongly fortified settlements were captured.

Russian soldiers, racing along muddy roads and across barren black fields, struck west of Sumy, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, 75 miles southeast of Konotop and 195 miles east of Kiev.

A water barrier also was forced and about 600 Germans killed in the capture of a number of towns north of Kursk.

It was announced Tuesday night the Russians had driven to within 40 miles of Orel from the south with the capture of Maloarkhangel'sk.

Soviet tanks bearing automatic gunners followed by infantry slogged westward in spite of spring thaws as the drive proceeded northwest of Kharkov on a 42-mile front, with Sumy at the north end of the line, Akhtyrka at the south end and Lebedin in the center.

Discard Fur Coats.

Soldiers and drivers discarded their fur hats and coats to cool their steaming faces in the warm wind blowing from the Dnieper.

In their wake peasants were digging out buried grain and hidden tools and waved joyfully at mud-plastered tanks as they prepared to get spring planting underway in the rich area.

On other sectors of the long front the Red army was actively pressing its campaign.

A Tass dispatch said the "final outcome is nearing in the Caucasus" and "the offensive in the Donets basin is gradually coming to a head."

(Soviet dispatches did not mention any fighting in the north, but a DNB broadcast from Berlin said the Russians had launched a "major attack on a wide front" with strong tank and artillery support southeast of Lake Ilmen Tuesday.

(The broadcast said 37 Russian tanks were destroyed.)

But in the Donets basin strong German counterattacks were noted, while soviet troops forging west of Rostov engaged in hand-to-hand fighting to occupy a fortified town.

Claim 10,000 Russ Killed.

(The German high command said 10,000 Russians were killed in heavy fighting north of Orel during "vain soviet attacks.")

(The communique said Russian drives in the Caucasus, Donets basin, southwest of Kharkov and west of Kursk were frustrated and a soviet motorized guard corps wiped out on the Mius river west of the Donets basin.)

Izvestia, the government news-

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## Jap Planes Raid Base at Tulagi

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—The navy reported Wednesday that Japanese planes for the first time in the Solomons campaign raided U. S. positions at Tulagi, 20 miles north of Guadalcanal, while other enemy aircraft carried out "nuisance" raids against American bases in the new Hebrides and Henderson airfield.

American planes from the Guadalcanal area retaliated with five aerial assaults against Japanese positions and shipping in the central Solomons.

In one attack they scored bomb hits on an enemy barge loaded with Japanese soldiers.

Results of the enemy attack on Tulagi were not reported but damage was believed to be minor.

Little damage apparently was caused by the other two enemy attacks.

In striking back, American torpedo planes and dive bombers started fires in one raid on Japanese held Munda, where an enemy airfield has been under construction.

The Japanese barge was hit by an American reconnaissance plane near Choiseul Island in the central Solomons.

Other American planes strafed Japanese positions at Rekata bay, 135 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The final American raid was made by four motor Liberator bombers against enemy positions on Kolombangara and New Georgia islands.

This brought to at least 76 the number of American air assaults on Munda.

Some observers believed these Japanese nuisance raids might be a prelude to a Japanese rail attack in force against lightly defended American held islands on the supply route to Australia.

## Liberators Bomb Ferry Terminal for Axis Supplies

Cairo, Egypt—(AP)—United States Liberator bombers of the Ninth air force successfully attacked the harbor and ferry slips at Messina, Sicily, by daylight Tuesday, a United States communique announced Wednesday.

Messina is the Sicilian terminal of an important ferry route for the transfer of axis supplies and personnel from the Italian mainland for Tunisian operations.

Direct hits were scored on the target and a large column of smoke spouted from both the ferry slips and commercial oil tanks to the south, the communique said. A ship at the dock also was hit.

All the Liberators returned safely after shooting down an enemy fighter, the announcement added.

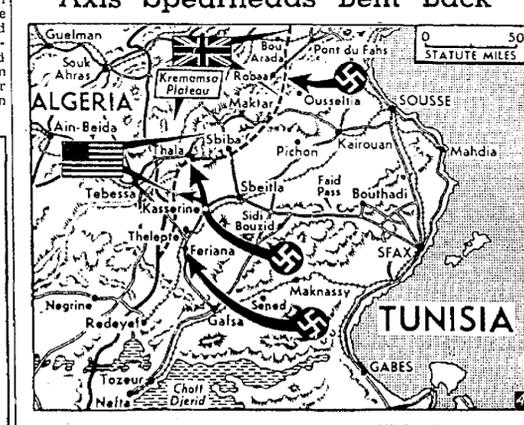
## House Passes Small Loan Bill

Des Moines—(UP)—The Iowa house of representatives Wednesday passed the small loan bill by a vote of 64 to 39.

It was cleared as the house started its fifth day of debate on the subject.

The bill would authorize banks to make installment loans with a \$2,500 limit and raise the rate of interest to 12.92 per cent on small loans.

The bill now goes to the senate.



German drives in Tunisia (black arrows) Wednesday were reported going the other way after failure of the Nazi spearheads to crack allied defenses south of Thala and east of Tebessa where a three-day battle had been raging. Broken line is approximate front.

## OPA SLASHES SUPPLIES OF LISTED FOODS

New Point System May Mean Reductions of from 40-50 Per Cent.

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED FIRST 10 DAYS IN MARCH

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—The office of price administration Wednesday ordered a sharp cut in the amount of rationed food served in restaurants, hotels, and other eating establishments throughout the nation.

The cut was based on a complicated point rationing system but in no case may a restaurant or institution exceed 80 per cent of the amount of foods they used during December 1942.

While the latter figure insured a mandatory 20 per cent cut, officials of the OPA estimated that thru the point system most restaurants and other eating establishments will find their food supply on ration lists cut from 40 to 50 per cent.

The office of price administration explained that the rationing of food to restaurants was based on a system "designed to restrict consumption by their patrons on about the same basis that the individual is restricted on his meals at home."

Thus, the OPA hoped to ration food to restaurant eaters just as severely as to home dwellers.

Get Slight Margin.

Allotment of processed foods to restaurant and other similar users, will be based, the OPA ruled, on a maximum allowance of six-tenths of a ration point for each person served during December, 1942.

"This compares with slightly over five-tenths of a ration point a meal in the case of individual holders of war ration book two," the OPA continued.

"The difference represents an allowance for the fact that restaurant owners cannot calculate with the same accuracy as a housewife the amount of various foodstuffs they will be required to use each meal because of a higher waste factor and since the number of patrons fluctuates."

OPA officials admitted that the rationing would force restaurants to serve smaller portions or eliminate many courses on dinners they serve.

The first ration period for the so-called "institutional users" such as restaurants will cover March and April instead of the single month of March as in the case of home owners.

Must Register.

Restaurants and the other institutions will be forced to register during the first 10 days of March at local war price and rationing boards.

Special forms for their registration will be used.

The OPA, in ordering the cuts, also set up special point values for restaurants.

Canned and bottled processed foods, dry beans, peas, and lentils will cost the restaurants 11 points a pound.

Frozen foods will take 13 points a pound, and dried and dehydrated fruits, soups, and soup mixtures will cost 18 points a pound.

The OPA promised that special consideration would be given to granting increased allotments to restaurants, such as those in boom war industrial centers, if they can prove that their business has increased.

It was indicated, too, that the amount of coffee available at restaurants or over drug store counters would be cut.

For the first time, the OPA set a new basis for the allotment of coffee and sugar to institutional users.

Means Reduction.

Under the new system, institutional users will be given a maximum allowance of .03 pounds of sugar and .013 pounds of coffee a person served in December 1942. In no case, however, may the institutional user receive more than he received under previous coffee and sugar rationing.