

JAPAN GIVES UP GUADALCANAL

Axis Expects British Attack

Sunday Night Is Last Shoe Shopping Spree



On the heels of the order freezing shoe sales after 3 p. m. Sunday, shoppers made this Delaney street store, on New York's lower east side, look like last shopping day before Christmas. Regularly open Sundays, the store were swamped. (NE A Telephoto.)

OPA Says Shoe Rationing to Insure Shoes for Everyone

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—Some 200,000 retail shoe stores resumed the sale of shoes Tuesday, but customers, henceforth must have ration coupon No. 17 as well as money to buy them.

The 33-hour sales "freeze," which was clamped down without warning at 3 p. m. last Sunday, ended at 12:01 a. m. Tuesday.

The ration will be about three pairs of shoes a person a year, one pair being purchasable between now and June 15.

One of the major problems, officials admitted, will be how to keep fast-growing youngsters in shoes on a three-pairs a year basis.

They suggested formation of "shoe exchanges" similar to those in Great Britain, Germany, and other European countries.

British parents for some time have been "trading" children's shoes, which are in good condition but which the wearers have outgrown, for a larger pair.

That, of course, doesn't take care of children who wear out more than three pairs of shoes a year.

But officials saw little danger of the average American child having to revert to the "barefoot boy" type for lack of shoes.

For the time being their best advice to parents was: "Use some of your own coupons for shoes for the kids."

OPA officials pointed out that the average man seldom bought three pairs of shoes a year.

They said it was simpler to give a flat ration of three pairs to each consumer, including children, rather than to cut the men's allowance to increase that of children.

A difference in the allowance for different consumers would have complicated the program enormously, they said.

As the "freeze" order expired and shoes went back on sale, officials hoped that Americans would not rush to shoe stores to "cash in" their first coupon.

Their advice was to continue to buy shoes normally—only if needed.

A "run" on stocks now, they said, would defeat the purpose of the rationing program—to assure all Americans adequate footwear for the duration.

With the ending of the freeze period, Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown told consumers that shoe rationing now eliminates any danger there will not be enough shoes to go around.

"This ration program," he said, "instantly cuts off excessive purchases of shoes, reducing sales to the level where reduced civilian shoe production can keep pace.

"It simply means that no one need fear that there's going to be a shortage."

"You can now buy your shoes leisurely and at your own convenience, because the shoes will be there when you want them."

To Remove Tire Rationing List

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—The office of price administration, it was learned Tuesday, plans to remove passenger automobile tire rationing from the list of rationed commodities about March 1—the first time OPA has freed any rationed product.

Officials said the step was recommended by Rubber Director William M. Jeffers as a measure to save millions of tires now on autos which need retreading if their carcasses are to continue usable.

Under the rationing program, it was said, many tire carcasses are damaged beyond repair before retread certificates can be obtained.

German Planes Drop Bombs on London Suburbs

London—(P)—Replying feebly to destructive British and American raids over Europe in recent days, a small force of German planes swept in low over England early Tuesday to scatter bombs in outlying suburbs of London and to send the city's air-raid sirens screaming briefly.

No bombs were reported dropped in the capital itself, however, and there was no anti-aircraft fire.

Reports from outlying sections said the raiders killed at least seven persons.

The raiders machine-gunned a crowded London-bound passenger train. It escaped into a tunnel.

Cold Wave With Drizzle Forecast

Des Moines—(UP)—A cold wave, accompanied by freezing drizzles and light snow, was forecast for Iowa Tuesday night with temperatures dropping to zero in some parts of the state.

The weather bureau predicted moderately strong winds and light drizzles, changing to freezing drizzles or snow in the northwest and the east and south portions Tuesday night.

Shippers' forecast: Northwest, 0; northeast, 5; southeast, 20; and southwest, 10.

Dozens of People Looking for Kittens!

RED Persian Tabby Kittens, Ovid strain, best of blood line. Reasonable. Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, 313 Fowler.

The lady who ran this ad had lots of calls and several people came to the house. All the kittens were sold and she said she could have sold more if she had had them.

COURIER CLASSIFIED GIRLS

Phone 7111

VICHY REPORTS BIG DRIVE HAS ALREADY BEGUN

Montgomery Sending Advance Units Into German Mareth Lines.

AIR FORCE CONTINUES TO BLAST SHIP LANES

London—(UP)—American planes battered axis communications and supply ports in Africa and Sicily Tuesday while radio Vichy reported that the British Eighth army had started a big scale attack to deprive the Afrika Korps in southern Tunisia of access to the sea.

There was no allied confirmation of the Vichy report, although neutral dispatches had reported "hectic preparations" for a big allied offensive in Tunisia.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British imperials were said to be sending advance units into German positions close to the French-built Mareth line, deep inside Tunisia out an allied communiqué said there was "nothing to report" from the Tunisian land fronts.

Gen. James H. Doolittle's Twelfth American air force and American planes based in the Middle East continued to blast the axis supply lines from Sicily to Tunisia.

Co-ordinated Attack.

Martin Marauders and North American Mitchells, escorted by Lockheed Lightnings made a co-ordinated attack on the airdrome at Gabes, on the Tunisian east coast close to the point where Marshal Erwin Rommel was expected to make a stand with the remnants of his Afrika Korps.

An attack to deny Rommel "access to the sea" presumably would be directed toward the Gabes area, where there is a 15-mile bottleneck between the Tunisian salt flats and the Mediterranean.

Boering Flying Fortresses bombed Sousse, 135 miles north of Gabes, firing buildings and scoring direct hits on at least two enemy vessels.

Eighteen German fighter planes were shot down during the Gabes raid, while the allies lost only five aircraft in Monday's operations.

Consolidated Liberators based in the Middle East made another attack on Messina, Sicily, scoring direct hits on oil installations, the port's power station and harbor facilities, the Ninth United States air force announced.

All American planes returned, reporting they had shot down at least one of a sizable force of enemy fighters.

British Army Poised.

Montgomery's army, with heavy artillery and tanks, was reported poised along the Tripolitanian-Tunisian frontier, with forward elements probing enemy positions eight miles from the Mareth line, inside Tunisia.

Still, only light land engagements were reported, and it was believed that the allied nutcracker was being held for better weather or until its preparations were absolutely complete.

Observers had emphasized that the allies could not take chances on a bobble, that their final offensive had to throw the Germans and Italians into the sea.

The Germans' radio Paris said Lieut. Gen Dwight Eisenhower was concentrating his forces, probably for a drive to the Tunisia east coast to cut off the retreat of the Afrika Korps.

The French announced that they had taken an "important height" in the region of the Kebir river valley, presumably in the Pont Du Fahs sector, 27 miles southwest of Tunisia.

In the Ousseltia region, 40 miles west of Sousse, the French reported that their patrols had captured prisoners.

HOME BURNS BUT HE SAVES HIS WAR BONDS

Kansas City, Mo.—(P)—Fire destroyed the home of Ernest White, packing plant employe, but he saw with some cheer that one chest remained intact. He rummaged thru it and pulled out \$200 worth of war bonds.

O. F. McGrew Missing in Action

Pfc. Orville F. McGrew, who was stationed with the army in the southwest Pacific area, has been reported missing in action, according to a telegram



ORVILLE F. MCGREW.

received from the war department by his mother, Mrs. Flossie M. McGrew, 120 Jefferson street.

The telegram from the adjutant general's office said:

"The secretary of war desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Private First Class Orville F. McGrew, has been missing in action in the south Pacific area since Dec. 5."

Private McGrew was a member of the infantry.

He was born on April 10, 1918, at Springfield, Minn., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McGrew.

When he was a small child he moved with his family to Iowa. They resided on a farm five miles south of Fredericksburg.

He attended school at Sumner, Ia., and had been working on a farm near Sumner until he entered the army thru the selective service on Jan. 1, 1942, at New Hampton.

Last December his mother and family moved to Waterloo.

Surviving are his parents; three brothers, William, James and Marvin, all of 120 Jefferson street and two sisters, Elma, 120 Jefferson street; Mrs. Ethel Bishop, Tucson, Ariz.

Ask Congress to Stop Importation of Argentina Beef

Des Moines—(UP)—Congress was asked to prohibit the importation of dressed Argentina beef into this country, in a resolution introduced in the Iowa house of representatives Tuesday.

The resolution, by the committee on agriculture, gave the prevalence of hoof and mouth disease in Argentina herds, as reason for its action.

No objection was expressed toward the importation of canned meats, since it is free of disease, according to committee members.

The resolution followed reports that trade barriers would be lowered to relieve the beef shortage in the United States.

ANOTHER TOUGH PROBLEM FOR GAS RATION BOARD

Joliet, Ill.—(P)—Two American born Japanese have requested a 7,000 mile-a-month gasoline allowance on the ground that their occupation—determining the sex of newly hatched chicks—is essential to the war effort.

The two are Michael Morihiko Azuma, 23, and his brother-in-law, Henry Makoshima, 25.

Azuma offered letters from 30 Chicago area hatcheries vouching for him.

The board granted him a 1,500 mile a month temporary allowance pending further study.

SAILORS' WAVING GIRL IS DEAD AT SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga.—(P)—Death came Monday to Miss Florence M. Maruts, 74, who for more than 25 years waved a handkerchief by day and a lantern by night to passing vessels to earn the title of the "waving girl."

Harvester, San Felice, Emerson now 6c. King Edward quality Cigar 2 for 6c. (advertisement)

SAVE A LIFE IN 1943!

Traffic Toll in City of Waterloo This Year and Last

Number of accidents	53	57
Number injured	10	20
Number killed	0	0

DESTROYER TO BE NAMED FOR SULLIVANS

Mother Invited to Sponsor Vessel Being Built in San Francisco.

PARENTS MEET DOCTOR WHO TREATED ONE SON

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has approved the naming of a destroyer now under construction "The Sullivans" in honor of five brothers who are listed as missing from the cruiser Juneau, which was lost in action in the Solomon islands in November.

The navy, making the announcement Tuesday, said that the men's mother, Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan of Waterloo, Ia., has been invited to sponsor the new vessel, under construction in the San Francisco yard of the Bethlehem Steel company.

No date has been set for the launching.

(It will be the first time that a naval vessel has been given a plural name.)

Another Named for O'Briens.

This will be the second navy vessel named after five brothers who served their country.

The destroyer O'Brien, which was launched several years ago, was named after Capt. Jeremiah O'Brien and four of his brothers who, in the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary war, slipped out of a Maine harbor on a lumber sloop and successfully attacked a British sloop.

The five brothers on the Juneau were George Thomas, Francis Henry, Joseph Eugene, Madison Abel and Albert Leo Sullivan. They had been assigned to the ship in compliance with their request to the navy that they be permitted to serve together.

Enlisted Together.

The brothers enlisted together on Jan. 3, 1942, at Des Moines, Ia., and trained at the Great Lakes, Ill., training station. The youngest, George Thomas and Francis Henry, had served previous four-year enlistments.

The destroyer which will carry the name "The Sullivans" previously had been assigned the name U. S. S. Putnam after a naval hero who perished in 1882 in the Arctic.

Another destroyer will be assigned to the name Putnam.

(Putnam died on an Arctic ice floe when he sought to rescue officers and men of a burning cruiser.)

Console Another Mother.

Bridgport, Conn.—(P)—As one bereaved mother to another, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan of Waterloo, Ia., who lost five sons when the U. S. Juneau sank, Monday night comforted Mrs. Thomas Rogers of Bridgport, who lost two sons when that cruiser went down.

"Keep your chin up," Mrs. Sullivan urged the tearful Mrs. Rogers when they met. "It's the way our boys would have wanted it." And their husbands, almost

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7 Die in Crash of Plane Near Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia.—(AP)—Seven men lost their lives and three others were injured, one seriously, when an army bomber from the Sioux City air base crashed a short distance south-east of the base at 9 o'clock Monday night.

Witnesses said that the plane was afire after it crashed on the "Thompson farm" two miles east and two miles south of the base.

Names of the dead men were to be released after relatives had been notified.

Captain Francis Hettinger, base public relations officer, said that an investigation was being conducted as to the cause of the crash and that a board of inquiry would be set up within a day or two.

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The farm is occupied by Mark Menard.

Merle Morrison, Journal employe who farms near Sergeant Bluff, said the plane struck amid buildings and farm machinery about 150 feet from the Menard farm house.

He said he understood that four survivors emerged and walked away and added he saw two victims taken from the wreckage and carried away on stretchers.

Morrison said he reached the scene about 15 minutes after the crash.

Italians Capture Iowa Members of Medical Unit

Somewhere in Tunisia, Feb. 4—(UP)—(Delayed)—Soldiers from the southern sector of the Tunisian front said today that Italian tanks had captured 16 members of an unnamed American medical detachment.

Most of the detachment—composed of a captain and 15 enlisted men—were from Iowa.

They had just been brought up with the infantry in trucks during the three-day battle of Sened station which ended yesterday.

Italian tanks spotted them rounded them up and marched them back to axis lines.

American soldiers were near but they were unable to do anything because they were armed only with rifles.

Dobo Port Wiped Out by Dutch and Australian Raids

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia—(UP)—Dobo, Japanese-held port in the Aroe islands between Dutch New Guinea and Australia, was "virtually wiped out" by Dutch and Australian airmen early Monday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said Tuesday in his communique.

The Dutch, flying American-built B-25 Mitchell medium bombers, attacked at 6,000 feet, while the Australians, flying Hudson patrol planes, came in at around 3,000 feet, and wrecked the Japanese headquarters, the harbor, barracks, storehouses and other installations.

It was the third great raid within five days on Dobo.

Insane Flee From Flames in Hospital Without Dressing

Evansville, Ind.—(UP)—A \$1,000,000 fire swept the Evansville State hospital Tuesday, killing a woman attendant and driving 1,180 mental patients, many of them terror-stricken, into the countryside.

Military police aided local authorities and hospital employes in rounding up the patients.

Hours after the fire, about 100 still were missing.

Some police said, may have perished in one wing of the 50-year-old brick and wood structure.

One woman patient was found hanging from a bridge over the Ohio river and was pulled to safety and placed in a straight jacket.

Another woman, barefoot and clad only in a slip, was found pedaling furiously thru Evansville streets on a stolen bicycle.

Another, stark naked, was found crawling half a mile from the ruined hospital.

The body of Mrs. Ida McClure supervisor of the linen making shop of the hospital, was found in her charred second-floor bedroom.

TOKYO CLAIMS MISSIONS HAD BEEN FULFILLED

Berlin Broadcast Says Japs Lost 16,734 Dead; 139 Planes Lost.

FLEET MAY HAVE BEEN COVERING WITHDRAWAL

New York—(AP)—Japanese imperial headquarters announced Tuesday the withdrawal of Japanese forces from Guadalcanal island in the Solomons "after their missions had been fulfilled," the Berlin radio reported in a dispatch dated Tuesday.

The broadcast said the Japanese also announced the evacuation of the Buna area in New Guinea.

This apparently is an admission, nearly three weeks delayed, of the destruction of the Jap army in Papua by General MacArthur's American and Australian forces.

The announcement put the Japanese losses in the two theatres at 16,734 dead.

The Associated Press recorded the Berlin broadcast. Reuters, in London, heard the same announcement on the Tokyo radio, while the OWI reported it also was broadcast from Tokyo on a beam for Latin America.

"Permits New Strategy."

"Withdrawal of Japanese troops from Buna on the northeast coast of New Guinea and from the Solomon islands of Guadalcanal after their missions had been fulfilled was announced Tuesday night by the imperial Japanese headquarters," the Berlin broadcast said.

"The announcement declares that thanks to a strong vanguard situated at Buna, which repulsed repeated enemy attacks, strong bases were able to be established on New Guinea and in the Solomon islands which now permit new strategy."

"After this objective was reached, Buna was evacuated by the end of January.

"For the same reason troops stationed on Guadalcanal, who since last August had repelled strong attacks of the enemy landed there, were moved to other places at the beginning of February, having likewise fulfilled their task."

"As far as is known, in these operations since August of last year 25,000 enemy troops were wiped out, more than 240 enemy airplanes were shot down or destroyed, and more than 30 guns and 25 tanks were put out of commission.

"Admit Losses of 16,734."

"Japanese losses in dead amounted to 16,734 either killed in action or died of wounds and illness.

In addition, 139 Japanese airplanes were lost."

The Japanese figures for allied losses are much higher than those indicated by United States announcements.

General MacArthur said allied casualties in the Papua campaign were less than half the Japanese, who were believed to have lost at least 15,000 men ashore not including those drowned in attempted landings.

There has been no indication that American casualties on Guadalcanal were more than some hundreds.

The Japanese announcement constitutes the first admission from Tokyo in this war of the abandonment of important territory.

It indicates that the recent movements of Japanese task forces toward Guadalcanal may have been for the purpose of withdrawing the badly beaten remnants of the once formidable force which, for six months, has slugged it out first with the U. S. marines then with army forces for possession of the island and its strategic air field.

First Major Island Retaken.

Guadalcanal would become the first major island to be wholly retaken by the allies from the Japanese, who, until the marines landed there last Aug. 7, had continued almost without check their conquests in the southwest Pacific area. If the beaten remnants of the force made in Tokyo it amounts to an admission of withdrawal from Guadalcanal where, according to last American reports, some Japanese forces still had been holding out.

The Japanese lost Buna some time ago.

The Japanese, however, had never told their people of the loss of their Buna stronghold on the Papuan peninsula.

A navy communique said Sunday

Important Address by Byrnes Tonight

Washington, D. C.—(P)—The office of war information Tuesday announced "an important address on the war against inflation" will be broadcast Tuesday night by James F. Byrnes, director of economic stabilization. Byrnes will speak from 9 to 9:30 p. m. central war time, over the Columbia Broadcasting system.

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