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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."

Hurts Employer.

While the program was hailed by Senator Wagner (D-NY), 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 supplies, 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."

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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 communique 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. 9:

"Airacobra 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 Airacobra 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.—(AP)—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. — (AP) — 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 Felice, Emerson now 6c. 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 impedimentia are now entirely out of Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania," he said.

British Cross Frontier.

London—(U.P.)—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 airdrome 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, Airacobras 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 raid 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.

Still carried 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 observes that no 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.

The alert was sounded in the London area when a few enemy planes crossed the south coast and appeared to be heading inland in the general direction of London.

Four Shots Fired at Argentina Official

Buenos Aires —(AP)— 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 Jan 1 1943	Same Date 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.—(AP)—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 fainted 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.—(AP)—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 — (AP) — 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—(AP)—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.—(AP)—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.