

SUGAR QUERIES ARE ANSWERED

Everyone Who Wants to Buy It Must Have Ration Book.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—The following questions and answers clarify some of the problems arising from the sugar rationing plan:

Q—Who will need sugar rationing books?

A—Every person who wants to buy sugar from a retailer.

Q—How do I get my war ration book?

A—By registering with teachers in the public schools on a date to be announced later and obtaining the book at that time.

Q—What will the book contain?

A—28 stamps, each good for a designated amount of sugar which may be purchased during a single, specific week.

Q—Can I save the stamps and use them next week?

A—No. The stamps will be good only for the week they are designated.

Q—What happens when I go to my grocer?

A—You will tear out the stamp for that particular week and give it to the grocer.

Q—Will each individual have a book or will there be one for each family?

A—There will be one book for each person, regardless of age.

Q—What happens when I register?

A—You go to your neighborhood schoolhouse where you will report the amount of sugar that you have on hand. If you have more than two pounds for each person in the family, stamps covering that surplus will be torn out of the war ration book before you receive it.

Q—What happens if I don't report my sugar surplus?

A—False reports subject you to maximum penalties of a \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison, or both.

Q—How much sugar will I be able to buy?

A—The Office of Price Administration has not yet decided but it probably will be 12 ounces a week for each person.

Q—When will sugar rationing start?

A—The OPA says that it will be in "several weeks" when the tremendous job of printing rationing books has been completed.

Q—If I eat regularly at hotels, restaurants, cafeterias and lunchrooms, do I need a war ration book?

A—Probably not but definite plans are being worked out by OPA for institutionalized eating places.

Q—If I live with a family as a boarder or roomer, am I included in the family quota?

A—No. You apply individually for your ration book.

Q—Can a housewife take the rest of the family's ration books to the grocery for the week's supply?

A—Yes. She may obtain the family's entire weekly supply at one time.

Q—Will there be enough sugar on hand for all requests?

A—The OPA and the War Production Board are making every effort to see that adequate supplies will be on hand to meet all rationing demands.

Q—What about buying sugar before the rationing plan goes into operation?

A—Grocers have been told to limit sales to individual buyers until formal rationing is established.

Q—Why is sugar rationing necessary?

A—OPA Administrator L. E. Henderson said rationing is necessary because:

(1) Sugar cane is needed for molasses to manufacture smokeless powder.

(2) Stoppage of sugar imports from the Philippines and curtailment of shipments from Hawaii, and

(3) Shipment to others of the United Nations which have been cut off their regular sources.

Heavy Army Truck Takes to Air



A heavy Army truck takes to the air as Armored Force Engineers at Ft. Knox, Ky., test a newly developed suspension cable bridge designed for transporting vehicles across small streams or gorges. The supporting column at right is made in knock-down sections, which can be floated. Tractors pull the vehicles across the stream by means of attached cables. The rig is said to be capable of carrying a light tank.

The War and You—STAMPS TO VOID SUGAR HOARDING

Americans Will Have to Use Supply to Get New Rations.

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OPA officials change their minds about how to handle diners in hotels, restaurants, cafeterias and lunch rooms.

No Special Corsets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—It looks like painful times ahead for Mrs. "Short Fullest," and she may as well start training the old man now to lace her up behind.

Corset manufacturers and the War Production Board both have left her out of their calculations. At the WPB it was indicated that the "limited amounts" of rubber thread might run out in the autumn, and corset makers already have announced they will limit production henceforth to seven basic models.

These models include average, junior, misses, average short, average full, average tall, and short full. They do not, however, embrace short fullest or other exaggerated types.

Name Your Style

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—Style must have its place even in gas masks.

Brig. Gen. Paul X. English of the chemical warfare service told a House appropriations subcommittee that plans for gas masks which will buy call for five distinct types:

1. A "baby" respirator—an enclosed bag with two windows "so that the mother may see the child."

2. The "Mickey Mouse" type for children from four to four.

3. The "nest" mask for children from four to nine.

4. The "small face" mask, principally for women.

5. The "universal," for adults with normal size faces.

6. The "duty" mask, identical with that used in Army training and intended for civilian workers who may be exposed to gas attack.

Pacific: U. S. Pursuit Planes Over Bali Shoot Down 3 Japanese Craft

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—American pursuit planes have gone into action in a new war theater—the tourist-famed island of Bali—while the Japanese have opened an artillery assault on American-held island forts in Manila Bay and on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's lines in Bataan Peninsula, the War Department disclosed today.

A squadron of eight American P-40 pursuit planes was attacked by a "greatly superior" force of Japanese fighters and bombers near Bali, an island which lies east of Java and is noted for its beautiful women. The American planes shot down at least three of the enemy craft. One American plane was destroyed and another is missing.

Meantime American-held Forts Mills, Drum and Hughes in Manila Bay were subjected to a three-hour artillery barrage, but suffered "no material damage."

Fort Mills is on the stronghold of Corregidor. The other two forts are on smaller islands in the Bay. Most of the fire, the communiqué said, was concentrated on Ft. Drum, which is an unusual small but heavily armed post constructed along the lines of a battleship.

Heavy enemy artillery fire also was reported against Gen. MacArthur's lines in Bataan.

The Department's communiqué said the island forts returned the enemy fire "with undetermined results."

The Department said yesterday that our big guns on the islands had destroyed Japanese artillery emplacements on the southeastern shore of Manila Bay but today's communiqué indicated some of the enemy guns had remained standing, for the new enemy fire came from that direction.

Little infantry action was reported from Bataan during the last 24 hours but enemy dive bombers were active. Two of Gen. MacArthur's small force of fighter planes engaged four Japanese dive bombers and shot down one of them. Neither of the American craft was damaged.

The Japanese artillery fire both on Bataan and the island forts, together with yesterday's disclosure that new reinforcements were being landed in Luzon, indicated that the enemy was preparing for an all-out assault against the remaining American positions in the Philippines.

The Department said yesterday that nine enemy transports were in Lingayen Gulf, north of Bataan, landing reinforcements for Japanese forces in Bataan and other parts of the island of Luzon.

Japs May Total 250,000

Gen. MacArthur's troops were believed to be holding lines on a 15-mile front about half way down the narrow peninsula which separates Manila Bay from the China Sea.

The Japanese troops, forming the 14th army under command of Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, were believed to exceed 250,000 men before the arrival of reinforcements, outnumbered Gen. MacArthur's forces at least 10 to 1.

In noting the arrival of the Japanese transports, the War Department said the troops were not only being used to reinforce Bataan divisions, but at "other points on the island of Luzon."

There was speculation that there may have been developments unfavorable to the invaders at other points. There have been reports already of American guerrilla bands raiding an air base in the northern tip of Luzon.

East Indies: Allied Warcraft Sink Cruiser And Transport, Hit 2 Others

BATAVIA, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—Allied warcraft operating in the Netherlands East Indies have sunk a Japanese cruiser and a large transport and have damaged and possibly sunk a second cruiser and a submarine, the Netherlands East Indies High Command said today.

It was admitted that the greater part of Ambon island, second largest naval and air force base in the Netherlands Indies, was now practically in Japanese hands and that Pontianak, capital of Dutch West Borneo, had now been completely occupied by the enemy.

The communiqué reported the third Japanese air raid this week on Soerabaya, the largest naval and air base in the Indies, but said that though many bombs were dropped on the harbor front no damage was done to the base except for slight damage to the cook house.

Continue Fight in Ambon

The Netherlands Indies Agency pointed out that in addition to Ambon and Pontianak, the Japanese had taken Tarakan Island off the east coast of Borneo, the east Borneo port of Balikpapan, the Menado region of northern Celebes and the Kendari area of southeast Celebes.

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The destroyer was attacked by seven planes in Indies waters. The other warship was attacked in harbor and the Japanese dropped 53 bombs before they gave up.

A supplementary communiqué issued by the Netherlands Indies command emphasized that Japanese reports that the Netherlands fleet had been destroyed were totally false and that the fleet, absolutely intact, was at sea and ready for action.

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Russia: Nazis Face 52-Ton Russian Tanks In Battle Raging West of Moscow

MOSCOW, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—Russian tanks, ranging up to massive 52-ton land dreadnaughts, today were thrown into the fighting west of Moscow where German resistance is beginning to stiffen.

Reports received here from the front said the fighting was becoming more intense in bitter cold and heavy snow.

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Cairo: British Report Many Axis Tanks Set Afire in Attacks by R. A. F.

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—Battering Royal Air Force attacks on Axis columns threatening Tobruk were reported today to have set many vehicles afire in one of the most successful aerial attacks of the campaign.

The harbor installations at Benghazi and the airbase were raided Thursday night, the communiqué said. "Fires broke out at west of Tobruk."

Singapore: JAP GUNS FIRE ON ISLAND CITY

Boat Armada, Assembled For Direct Assault, Is Shelled by British.

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SINGAPORE, Feb. 7.—Japanese preparations for imminent direct assault on Singapore appeared to be intensified today as British artillery smashed small boats assembled across the Strait of Johore and enemy heavy guns shelled the residential areas of Singapore City. The bombardment is still going on.

Despite renewed enemy aerial bombardment, a tour of the north shore defense preparations today emphasized the readiness of the British to meet the large forces massed by the enemy in Johore in almost every way except in the air.

"The Japs will never get past us," one British soldier remarked as he stood guard on the coast. "I've never seen such a well-defended fortress. It is better than the English Coast."

"All we want is more and more airplanes."

Attempt to Swim Straits

That the Japanese were getting ready for their all-out attack seemed as evident as the British preparations for all-out defense.

Developments included:

1. A number of Japanese were captured swimming across the straits, presumably in an effort to get information or carry out sabotage assignments. Some of the famous Japanese Olympic swimmers who competed in California have been reported among the enemy troops assigned to the attack on Singapore.

2. Newspapers carried renewed and more emphatic warnings to civilians to guard against expected Japanese parachute landings at night as well as small boat landings on the coast and said that the enemy must be wiped out quickly because "every minute will count."

3. Many new defense units arriving on the island are quickly fitting themselves into the coastal forces.

4. Gen. A. E. Percival, the British commander, said that air and naval forces would aid the defense of Singapore although bombing of island air bases had forced removal of air fields to other nearby points.

Gen. Percival said that certain personnel and stores had been removed from the naval base because it is under shell fire.

Silence Jap Battery

The British batteries also silenced a Japanese battery in the course of their steady fire on all Japanese positions, concentrations and road columns on the Johore side, a communiqué said.

Japanese guns caused some damage but few casualties, the communiqué noted.

British fighter planes of the Far Eastern command intercepted Japanese planes which raided the island and destroyed one enemy plane, probably destroyed another, and damaged two without loss to themselves, the communiqué said.

During yesterday's Japanese raids, the communiqué said, British planes shot down one Japanese Army-97 two-motor bomber and one single-motor bomber.

The opening of Japanese gun fire, at ranges of 10 or more miles, on Singapore brought every man, woman and child of this great city, one of the most cosmopolitan in the world, into the front lines.

Petitions were forwarded by civilian groups to Governor Sir Shenton Thomas asking him to raise immediately people's army of from 30,000 to 100,000 men to aid the defense forces.

Watching the blazing oil off the north island shore, where a Navy tanker was still burning after five days, gave me an idea of what may face the Japanese when they attempt a direct attack.

ALLIES SMASH FOUR JAP NAVAL VESSELS

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positions. Several Japanese attempting to swim the mile-wide strait were captured.

In the Singapore fighting, the British were facing a steadily mounting army of picked enemy troops massed on the Johore coast.

The enemy moved large artillery to a point where the outskirts of the city of Singapore could be shelled and intermittent shells crashed into the residential area.

British big guns replied, silencing one enemy battery and continuing to bombard Japanese supply lines and troop concentrations.

5. A renewal of heavy German air raids on Malta revived fears that an invasion attempt might be impending.

Defense officials described the raids of the last 48 hours as the worst of the war.

Two enemy planes—a Junkers and a Messerschmitt—were brought down during one raid and two Junkers were damaged during another.

6. From Cairo came the first encouragement in weeks for the Allies. The R. A. F. was reported to have fired many Axis tanks while the land forces were holding their own against Gen. Rommel.

The Germans, however, claimed to be within 40 miles of Tobruk.

7. On the Russian front, the Red Army was reported putting fleets of big tanks—up to 52 tons—into the battle west of Moscow in an attempt to break down stronger German resistance.

The Russians reported recapture of 20 towns near Leningrad and the breaking of 50 German strong points. Berlin radio claimed that two Russian divisions had been "destroyed" on the central sector and the German press said that Russian losses of all kinds now totaled 8,000,000 men.

Rep. Fish Called In Axis Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U. P.).—Special Prosecutor William F. Maloney said today Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) has been called to appear next Tuesday before the Federal Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda.

George Hill, a \$2000 a year secretary in Rep. Fish's employ for 20 years, was sentenced yesterday to from two to six years in prison for perjury. Hill had told the grand jury that he did not know George Sylvester Viereck, Nazi agent, and that he had not hidden sacks of isolationist propaganda wanted by Federal authorities.

STORM CAUSES BLACKOUT HERE

Eastern Part of County in Dark Five Hours; 13 Pedestrians Hurt.

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flashlight to operate the switch board, it was reported.

Wires were reported down and power off for a short time in various parts of the City and County. Among the more serious breaks was that in the northwest downtown section of the City last night when a tie line between the Mill St. and Perry-W plants of the power company was severed. The break was due to moisture which caused a short circuit in a transformer.

Some Roads Blocked

Although much of the water which had covered more than a dozen state roads yesterday had drained off by last night, four roads remained impassable and a fifth had some water on it today.

Highways blocked were Road 157, three miles north of Worthington; Road 245 just south of Lamar; Road 1 south of Road 28, Road 42 at Eminence; Road 59 north of Clay City at El River, and Road 39 south of Tampico. Road 1 north of Red Key and Road 42 at Poland was covered to some extent. There was three inches of snow in the extreme north section of the state.

The State Highway Commission said the fact that rain in the northern part of the state turned to heavy snow yesterday enabled roads in that section to be cleared of water. Driving, however, is hazardous because of rain and snow.

The three pedestrians critically injured in overnight traffic were 6-year-old Donald Baumann, 36 W. Arizona St.; Thomas Bridges, 56 of 2423 Shriver Ave., and Mrs. Naomi Watkins, 2119 N. Capitol Ave.

Boy's Leg Fractured

The Baumann child received head injuries and a fractured right leg when struck by a car driven by Elmer Miller, 41, of 424 Ketchum St.

Mrs. Watkins was struck by a car driven by Theodore Shellie, 27, 403 W. Michigan St., at North and West Sts.

Mrs. Bridges received a fractured leg and internal injuries when struck by a car driven by Jack Pollock, 22, of Richmond, at 25th St. and Northwestern Ave.

All were taken to City Hospital.

FIREMAN OVERCOME IN APARTMENT FIRE

One fireman was overcome and traffic was blocked for more than an hour last night as flames roared through two units in the VanDyke Apartments, 1229 N. Pennsylvania St.

William J. Lynch, 24, fireman at Engine House 5, was overcome by smoke in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. James Becktel, where the fire originated. He was carried out by other firemen and revived.

According to firemen, the blaze started from the explosion of alcohol that had dripped on the floor in the Becktel home. The flames shot up the walls through the insulation into another apartment.

Other residents of the building helped in saving most of the furniture as hundreds of spectators stood outside. Smoke filled the second and third story corridors as firemen worked more than three hours to extinguish the blaze.

PROTEST APARTMENT BUILDING ON COLLEGE

A special meeting of property owners to protest against a proposal to erect an apartment building on College Ave. near 64th St. was called today by Stephen A. Clinehens, president of the War-fleigh Civic Association.

"We don't want those 'barracks' built there and we're going to see what we can do to prevent it," Mr. Clinehens said.

The protest meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the American Legion hall at 64th St. and College Ave. The proposal for erection of the apartment building comes up before the Board of Zoning Appeals Monday.

SAILOR FROM HERE LISTED AS CASUALTY

Frank Ehrmantraut Jr., seaman first class, has been listed by the Navy Department as a casualty in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ehrmantraut Sr., 21 N. Randolph St., his parents, received the notice yesterday. Seaman Ehrmantraut was a graduate of Tech High School and enlisted in the Navy Jan. 11, 1940.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Betty, Pauline and Alice, all at home.

WASHINGTON Calling
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vital to war production, are being glamour-pressed into volunteering.

New committee is likely to halt Navy recruiting—but only after a free-for-all.

An old profession newly honored: Ransacking. Scavenging at dumps for rags, rubber, metals, is encouraged.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION is laying plans to curb a feared speculative boom in farm land.

WHEN YOUR coffee isn't sweet enough, remember: Sugar equals alcohol, which equals smokeless powder, which equals dead Japs and Germans.

Free Air-Raid Insurance Dropped

FREE AIR-RAID insurance up to \$15,000, proposed in Senate-passed bill, is dropped by House committee in favor of moderate premiums to be fixed by War Damage Corp.

Chiseler, 1942 model: The tire dealer whose helpers busily put new tires on a car, drive it around the block, take tires off, mark them "Used: For sale," repeat process all day.

A BILL providing for issuance of citizenship certificates to native-born Americans who never had, or cannot find, birth certificates, is booked for House hearings. It has Attorney General Biddle's O. K. The sponsor, Rep. Harness, says it's needed by seekers of munition jobs.

Labor Disputes Are at Minimum

LABOR FRONT is calm, superficially. No strikes to speak of: no big rows at the boiling point. But War Labor Board has a nasty jurisdictional row to settle, in Toledo, between A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions quarreling over which should do installation work in munitions plants.

To same agency are headed major controversies from Bethlehem and Republic Steel; these involve what unions call "union security" and management calls "closed shop."

War Labor Board also is tackling crucial double-time-for-Sunday-work issue, in General Motors case.

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