

FAKED RATION TOKENS GAINING

Organized Black Markets
In Meat and Sugar
Reappearing.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Organized black markets in meat and sugar are reappearing in dangerous size, the office of war information warned today.

They are based, the OWI said, on the counterfeiting of meat and sugar coupons. This has become a major problem for enforcement agencies.

Institutional and industrial consumers are the chief patrons of the illegitimate operations.

Reviewing black market operations in major rationed commodities, the OWI said reports from the office of price administration, the U. S. secret service, and the alcohol tax unit of the treasury also showed:

Illegal diversion of gasoline through counterfeit and stolen coupons has been almost stopped.

Cigarettes Not Hit

No organized black markets exist in cigarettes, although "petty chiselers" are operating on a small scale. Organized black market activities in liquor virtually have been eliminated.

The enforcement agencies reported to OWI that they are increasing day-to-day vigilance against any new racketeering gangs that might spring up.

First indication of renewed racketeering operations in the ration stamps came recently in Chicago. Price Administrator Chester Bowles reported to OWI. Fifty million red stamps—enough to buy all civilian rationed beef in the country for one week—were seized. The new activity, Bowles said, might have endangered the entire meat rationing program.

Aim at 'Moonshiners'

Sugar as a black market commodity is particularly important in the southeastern corner of the nation, OWI said, where it is needed for illicit distilling operations of the "moonshiners." These operations are the particular target of the alcohol tax unit.

On one occasion, OWI reported, 2,000,000 pounds of illicitly-obtained sugar were traced in North Carolina. Seven persons, including some merchants, were fined a total of \$14,200.

Counterfeit sugar coupons now are appearing in great numbers as racketeers shift their business from the field of gasoline to food, OWI said.

The same control devices which drove the racketeers out of the gasoline coupon business are being applied in the food rationing field. These include use of a new kind of government safety paper, secret mechanical tests to detect counterfeit coupons, frequent design changes, and serial numbering.

Concentrate on Areas

Bowles warned that counterfeiters concentrate on certain areas. More than 80 per cent of all counterfeit gasoline coupons were found along the Eastern seaboard. Nearly 30 per cent of all gasoline represented by these counterfeits was sold in New York City and Newark, N. J. Chicago, Philadelphia and Atlanta were "close behind," he said.

In Salt Lake City, women peddled cigarettes out of shopping bags to be sold for 40 cents a pack. In Portland, a cigar stand sold cigars through a punchboard. In Dearborn, Mich., a company sold cigars for 20 cents a pack, neglecting to put change in the vending machine. In Rochester, N. Y., chiselers drove up to factories at closing time and from their cars sold cigarettes at 30 cents a pack.

Two troubling methods of chiseling are tie-in sales—cigarettes with shaving cream, or cigarettes if you also buy something else—and hotel sales, where bellhops instead of cigar stands were supplied with packs.

STATE FACES LOSS OF INSURANCE TAXES

One of the many financial headaches facing the new state administration is the insurance tax structure.

The state faces the loss of approximately \$3,000,000 annually in tax revenues from out-of-state insurance companies as the result of the U. S. supreme court decision a year ago, holding that insurance was interstate commerce.

A premium tax had been collected from out-of-state insurance firms, exempting companies whose offices were in Indiana. Under the supreme court ruling, this tax structure was held to be illegal.

Republican majority leaders in the legislature are considering a flat 2 per cent premium tax on all insurance to prevent the loss.

Mother of Three Finishes College

MEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 23. (U. P.). — Mrs. Marjorie Hyde Skilkin, 26, believes in stick-to-it-iveness. She left college five years ago to marry. She had three children. Yesterday, she was one of 83 awarded degrees at Tufts college.

"It was tough sledding all the way," she said, "I always wanted to play with my kids more than with my books."

CIRCLE TO INITIATE

Capitol City circle No. 176, Protective Home circle, will receive new members and hold initiation at a meeting at 6:30 p. m. Thursday at the hall. A luncheon will follow the business meeting.

Corncob Puffer



Corncob pipes are not recent whims of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He's been smoking them for many years—at least since 1916, when, as shown at top, he puffed the conventional design. He then was a captain stationed at San Antonio, Tex., during the border uprising. Bottom, he sports an unusual model while observing recent operations in the southwest Pacific.

HELP HUNDREDS OF SERVICEMEN

Local Legal Aid Society Is
Giving Assistance to
Soldiers' Kin.

Servicemen or their dependents were assisted in 733 of the 1400 cases handled in 1944 by the Indianapolis Legal Aid society.

In its annual report today, the society disclosed that 242 aid cases were referred directly to it by the army or navy, with five referrals coming from the President or Mrs. Roosevelt.

Although society attorneys do not generally handle divorce cases, society records show that 360 aid applicants in 1944 sought advice concerning domestic relations.

Many requests regarding marital problems came from servicemen overseas, the report revealed. Society attorneys work in co-operation with legal assistance officers of the army and navy.

Works With Other Agencies

Indianapolis' over-packed housing situation is reflected in statistics revealing that 224 legal aid cases tackled questions of landlord and tenant.

Since participating in the Indianapolis Community fund, the society has co-operated with various other social agencies in the city. Last year, 353 applications for assistance were referred to it by other community fund organizations.

Established in 1941, the Legal Aid society is located in the Bar association building at 224 N. Meridian st. Bulk of its duties are administered by George W. Eggleston, general counsel; Walter Myers Jr., assistant to general counsel; and Miss Lorraine Heidenreich, office secretary.

McGUFFY SOCIETY TO NOTE 20TH YEAR

The Indianapolis McGuffey society's 20th anniversary dinner will be held at 6:30 p. m. Friday in Hollenbeck hall.

The committee in charge of the dinner is composed of Mrs. J. W. Webb, Mrs. Clara Brewer, E. A. Rettig and E. E. Wooley.

Participants on the program will be Will A. Mason, Albert Stump, Mrs. B. Didway, Mrs. Bessie Hermann, J. H. Newlin, Mrs. Laura Williams, and J. A. Moran.

HEMPHILL TO TALK ON CITY PROBLEMS

The Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic clubs will hear Dr. Walter E. Hemphill, works board member, at the meeting at 8 p. m. Friday at the Washington Hotel. He will discuss "Some of the Problems Confronting the City at This Time."

SCHOOL GETS FLAG

Flag presentation and flag-raising ceremonies were to be held at 2 p. m. today at William Penn school No. 49, as the American Legion honored students for war stamp sales. The flag, awarded by the Legion, was to be presented by Maj. A. F. Williams, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

RATION CALENDAR

MEAT—Red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31; T5 through X5 good through April 28; Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2. Meat dealers will pay two red points and 4 cents for each pound of waste fat.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31; C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 are good through June 2.

SUGAR—Stamp 34 in Book 4 good for five pounds through Feb. 28. Stamp 35 valid through June 2. Another stamp will become valid May 1.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons good for four gallons each and are valid through March 21. B5 and C6 and

BLINDED PILOT LANDS SAFELY

Returns to Base After
Being Hit in Raid-on
Jap Ship.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—This is the story of a 24-year-old navy Liberator pilot who flew his plane back to base on sheer guts after his co-pilot was killed and he got a facefull of shrapnel which blinded one eye.

Lt. Elvin A. Petersen of Newton, Utah, and Corpus Christi, Tex., had been flying for eight hours when he encountered the Japanese ship that caused all the trouble. He was only 300 miles from Tokyo, and 1000 miles from home base.

Nevertheless, though weak from loss of blood and half-blinded, he brought the big ship back and landed it so gently that a glass of water on the navigator's table remained upright.

Left Target Blazing

Petersen left the enemy ship blazing and sinking. The encounter occurred while the Liberator was out alone on a search of Japanese-controlled waters.

The co-pilot, Lt. Wallace R. Robinson of England, Ark., first spotted the 4000-ton Japanese freighter that was to prove the cause of his death.

Out of bombs, Petersen made a masthead-level strafing attack. The plane made three runs over the freighter with good results. The enemy ship exploded violently. Flames leaped 100 feet in the air, and dense gray smoke billowed above.

All of the Liberator's crew were eager for "just one last attack." Petersen brought his plane down again.

A-A Gun Spits Death

One of the freighter's anti-aircraft guns was still working. It got in a parting burst before the plane knocked it out.

A 20-mm. shell killed Robinson and showered Petersen's face with steel fragments, blinding his right eye.

Petersen lost consciousness and the search plane continued its plunge toward the sea. A bare 50 feet over the water, he regained consciousness in time to right the plane.

Ensign Ferdinand G. Jausel of Paris, Idaho, the navigator, jumped into the cockpit, dragged Robinson away from the controls and tried to help Petersen keep the plane in the air. Aviation Machinist's Mate 2-c Ashley D. Martin, Santa Monica, Cal., the plane captain, was called to help Petersen.

Spurned Drug

Jausel told of the long flight home this way:

"I kept watch over the cockpit. Mr. Petersen seemed in pain and he complained of being cold. I thought he might want some morphine, but he said, no, he had to stay conscious."

"Later, when we were pretty well squared away, he asked for hot water. That seemed to help a little and he dozed fitfully, but he never lost consciousness. He would ask if everything was all right with the crew, what our position was, and a lot of other questions that amazed me."

About half an hour away from the base, Petersen decided to take the plane in for the landing himself. Despite pain and half-blindness, he did it perfectly. Gunners in the plane, who were given joint credit for destroying the Japanese freighter, included Aviation Ordnanceman 2-c William D. Dunham, Tracy, Cal.; Aviation Radioman 3-c Norman W. Pickles, Providence, R. I.; Seaman 1-c Robert A. Shuffelt, Balboa, Cal.; Seaman 1-c Buck Moye, Valiant, Okla.; Aviation Machinist's Mate 2-c Jack L. Vanpool, Santa Ana, Cal.; Aviation Ordnanceman 2-c Jack Gentz, East Peoria, Ill., and Aviation Radioman 3-c Joe P. Richardson, Dallas, Tex.

3 EXPERTS TO TALK ON PUBLIC WELFARE

Public welfare administration will be discussed at the Indiana Society for Public Administration meeting at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the east room of the World War memorial.

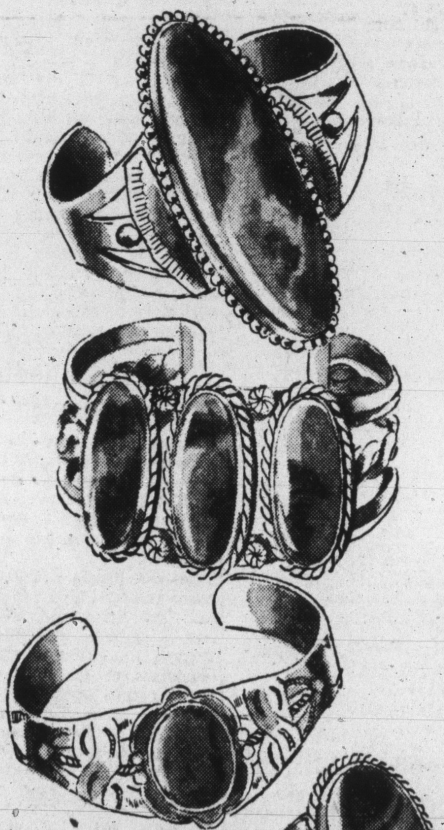
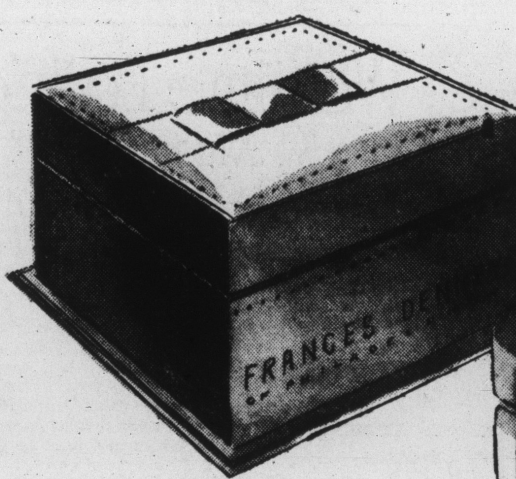
Three welfare experts have been invited to direct the session. They are Lieut. Com. Charles B. Marshall, on leave from the state department of public welfare where he served as director of the division of general administration; John Barnett, associate research director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce; and Robert Nelson, director of the Indianapolis Family Welfare society.

LOWELL CLUB TO MEET

Lowell district civic club will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday in the school building, Raymond st. and Hunter rd. Mrs. Pearl Brady will preside.

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