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Daily Ration of Meat To Be Only 4 Ounces

But Rationing May Be Delayed Again

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—When meat rationing finally comes, it is going to be just as stiff on the individual as canned goods rationing. On the average, the meat ration will provide about four ounces per person per day.

In restaurants this will mean about two ounces to the average portion for a main meal and none for breakfast. Restaurateurs had better start learning the tricks from the British whose ration in normal restaurants is only one ounce per person per main meal.

The trick is more stews and meat gravies and no steaks.

The 2½ pounds a week originally announced as the meat ration by Food Administrator Claude Wickard was dropped long ago but without any notice to consumers. Now Wickard is refusing to take the rap and announce the new low ration which is to average about 1¾ pounds a week.

New Postponement Due

Serious as the meat situation is, the country may be asked to stagger along on its present first-come-first-served system of distribution for another month. There's a good chance that the Office of Price Administration (OPA) may again postpone the starting date for meat rationing from Apr. 1 to Apr. 15. If this happens it will be the first and last postponement that Price Administrator Brown is likely to tolerate.

What happens to meat rationing will happen to butter, cheese, cooking fats, shortening, table oils, canned meats and canned fish. They all will be rationed out of the same monthly budget of points.

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