WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Final Battle in Campaign for Tunisia Marked by Fierce Enemy Resistance; Allies Strive to Reunite Reds, Poles; Labor Front Studies Coal Mine Issues

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Wearing the uniform of a division general of the French army, Governor Jean Rapenne of French Guiana poses on the portico of the governor's mansion in Cayenne with two members of the U.S. military mission. At left is Lieut. Com. J. Marvin Krause. Right: Col. Paul L. Singer. Governor Rapenne assumed political leadership following the ouster of the pro-Axis regime of former Governor Rene Veber.

SOFT COAL:

Labor Showdown

John L. Lewis forced a showdown

Backed up by approximately 450,-

000 members of the United Mine

Workers, Big John demanded a \$2

a day raise; an \$8 minimum wage

for all employees, and portal-to-por-

tal pay, or, pay from the time a

worker enters a mine to the time

At stake was the President's "hold-

the-line" order, based on the WLB's

policy of granting a 15 per cent

wage increase over January, 1941,

rates. Lewis has opposed this for-

Although the UMW was committed

to continue working until the end of

last month many mines reported

stoppages and slowdowns during the

week preceding the deadline. UMW

did not authorize the disruptions, but

neither did officials order the work-

Stating that American shipyards

could produce 20 million tons of ship-

ping a year, Rear Admiral Emory

S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Mari-

time Commission, has revealed that

yards are constructing five vessels

Land's announcement coincided

with one made by Undersecretary

he told the Atlanta War Effort com-

mittee that American aircraft manu-

facturers turned out 6,200 airplanes

be produced if critical materials and

shipping since the start of the war,

Land said our shipyards will pro-

duce almost 19 million tons this year.

This will be greater than the rest of

Patterson revealed that production

of major items in the army supply

program exclusive of aircraft will

approximate \$1,600,000,000 in April.

This will be about 15 per cent great-

Swirling mists and rains continued

to hold up American bombings in

the Aleutians. Although prepared to

ately withheld some of their fire.

stationed in the Aleutians. Airmen

believe that these troops have since

been strongly reinforced. Summed

up: American observers believe the

battle of the Aleutians will be a big

Seventeen bombers failed to re-

turn following the RAF's heavy raid

on the important German industrial

Over 1,000 tons of explosives were

dumped on Duisberg, famous for its

engine works, as the RAF returned

to the wars after bombing Stettin,

Meanwhile, RAF bombers contin-

ued to attack Nazi communications

Bombs Rip Duisberg

one, and no picnic.

center of Duisberg.

Rostock and Berlin.

RAF:

er than the January total.

men were available.

the world combined.

ALEUTIANS:

No Picnic

ful of raids.

mula from the beginning.

ers to return to their jobs.

Ships and Planes

on the government's war labor poli-

TUNISIA: Slow but Sure

Meeting fierce fire, Allied troops fought methodically to the approaches of the Axis' final two bas-

tions in Tunisia, Tunis and Bizerte. While French and American forces pressed against rocky Axis entrenchments in the north, and British units contained the enemy in the mountains in the south, the Allied First army's armored columns fought German tanks in the plains in the central sector.

Driving the Axis from Long Stop hill, the First army cleared the road eading to the Tunis plain to the east. A little to the south, First army formations shot it out with German tanks in flat country, then swung off toward the Axis' vital central sector base of Pont du Fahs, which was rapidly encircled.

Resisting bitterly, the Axis was giving up territory by the foot only, relying on mortar and machine gun fire to stop Allied infantry advancing under cover of massed artillery barrage. Using freighters and motor PRODUCTION: barges, the Axis continued to run the gantlet of scathing Allied bombers in the Sicilian straits in an effort to keep their embattled troops

Helmet Saves General

Only a helmet saved the life of Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, leader of American ground forces, as shell fragmentation struck him down while on observation on the Tunisian front during the bitter fighting. Although fragmentation glanced off the helmet, particles ripped into the general's shoulder, injuring him painfully. Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear has assumed his position pending his re-

RUSSIA:

Break With Poles

Charging that the Polish government in exile was using Nazi propaganda in order to force territorial concessions from the Russians, the Reds formally broke diplomatic relations with the Poles. In consultation with the United States, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden immediately got to work patching up the rupture.

Immediate cause of the break was centered around the Nazi charge that they had uncovered the graves of 10,000 Polish army officers near Smolensk, allegedly murdered by the Reds before they were driven from the area. The Poles asked the International Red Cross to investigate the charge. Polish officials said that they have been unable to locate the officers despite a general amnesty granted Polish prisoners of war by the Russian government.

At the same time there were indications of another diplomatic break, this one between the United States and Finland. Withdrawal of American embassy officials from Helsingfors reputedly followed Finland's declination of a U. S. offer to mediate her war with Russia.

Catch Breath

Russian troops held against Nazi attacks in the Leningrad area and Red airmen continued to pepper German supply lines along the whole front. Minor action was reported above Kursk, where the Reds are wedged into Nazi lines, and at Novorossisk, the Germans' big base on the Black sea shore in the Cau-

POISON GAS:

Nazis Prepare

For the last two months, the German people have been drilled against poison gas attacks.

This Information reached Allied sources in the wake of Great Britain's warning that she would use poison gas against Germany should the Nazis start such warfare in

According to reports, fire fighting squadrons in Germany were instructed on the effects of gas.

RATIONING:

More Tires, More Gas Because of the increased quota of tires for civilians, OPA has amended its gas rationing regulations outside of the 17 eastern seaboard states

and the District of Columbia. Following Rubber Administrator William Jeffers' announcement that more Grade A tires would be available for essential use, the OPA boosted the maximum allotment of 470 to 720 gallons per month. The figure is based on an average of 15 miles per gallon of gas.

Formerly, only doctors, ministers and some classes of salesmen received the cherished "C" card allowing 720 miles for occupational driving. Average allotments on "B" cards approximated 470 miles. Now "C" cards will be available on application, showing all traveling will be done on jobs, or the car is being used to transport three or more persons to war industry.

The OPA also ruled that rationing certificates for replacing tires on farm tractors may be issued by local boards in areas where recapping facilities are inadequate.

SHIPPING:

Allied Losses

The Allies suffered a net loss of ping in 1942, the navy department reported.

The "net" figure was arrived at after deducting losses from existing fleets and new construction during the year. The navy declared, however, that figures were incomplete, since building records were not received from some of the Allied nations.

In announcing the losses, the navy pointed out that they included submarine sinkings, mines, airplanes, capture and otherwise. According to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, ent, a million and three-quarter solsubmarines accounted for 50 per cent of the losses.

The navy's statement followed a report by the Truman defense investigating committee that 12 million tons of Allied merchant shipping had been sunk during the year.

CHINA:

Fight in Mountains

Forty thousand Japanese assaulted the Chinese army's positions in the mountain range flanking the Pieping-Hankow railroad.

Both sides suffered heavy losses as the Chinese resisted flercely in the passes and on the heights.

The Chinese also reported throwing back two Japanese attempts to land along the China sea coast. The first attempt found troops trying to reach the beach under cover of a lone warship's fire. But when Chinese cannon forced a withdrawal, the Japs returned the next day with four warships. Again heavy fire frustrated a landing.

Meanwhile, American airmen were active over China, combatting Japanese fighter planes from an advanced Allied base in Hunan prov-

of War Robert Patterson, in which **NEW HORIZON:**

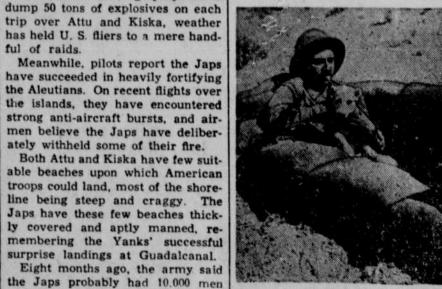
'Old Capitalism Dead'

"The capitalism of complete laisin March. Like Land, Patterson desez-faire which thrived on low wages clared that many more planes could and maximum profits for minimum turnover, which rejected collective bargaining and fought against jus-Deriding Nazi claims that they tified public regulation of the comhave sunk 30 million tons of Allied petitive process is a thing of the past."

No words of a soap-box orator these, but rather the keynote of an address made by Eric A. Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at the initial session of the chamber's 31st annual meeting.

Continuing, Johnston said: "Political and economic freedom are integrated, and that what impairs one also hampers the other in like measure. The horizons of opportunity being opened up are larger than

SHELTER IN TUNISIA



Protected from the burning sun by solar helmet commandeered from an Axis prisoner, this American corporal relaxes in his foxhole in central Tunisia. His dog keeps him from getting too lonely.

MISCELLANY:

FUEL OIL: American Liberators bombed the huge Thilawa oil refinery south of Rangoon, scoring hits on the distillation and storage instal-

DRAFT FATHERS: Secretary of War Henry Stimson said drafting of fathers was necessary if the army was to take advantage of the opportunities offered for speedily end-

Washington Digest

Nation's Railroads Move 50,000 Troops Each Day

gas for occupational driving from Special Surveys Decrease Cross Hauling; **Developments Abroad May Force** Unexpected Shifting of Troops.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building | er. Thomas represented many peo-Washington, D. C.

Recently I had to make seven consecutive week-end trips between Washington and New York-I left Washington after a late Friday broadcast and had to return Monday for one at noon. Not once was I able to get reservations for the return trip until at the last minute when some unused space was turned

If I groused a little too loudly over this, it may have been because one million tons of merchant ship- I didn't know then what I learned officially only the other day; namely, that "if the war department insisted in having all the Pullman equipment it could use, all the Pullman cars of the country would be carrying troops.'

In other words, if Johnny Doughboy didn't step aside occasionally, we'd all use coaches or walk.

Compromise

The present arrangement is said to be a compromise in recognition of essential civilian needs. At presdiers are being moved a monththat is 50,000 a day-in America's trains in official troop movements. This does not include the many men

There are, of course, movements of whole divisions with full equipment but these are the exceptions. As you have probably noticed if you travel very much, there are usually a few cars containing troops attached to your passenger train. This is the way most of the troops are transported-in small groups of 250 or less. However, that is a considerable addition to the regular

It's said a soldier eats twice as much as he did in civilian life and that is one reason why food has to be rationed to civilians. But he travels a lot more in proportion to Many a man saw his first big city when he reached Bondon or Cairo or New Delhi. I know a pilot who dropped in at the airport here recently and had several hours waitover. When he was asked why he didn't cross the bridge and look the capital over, he said he'd never been in a big city and didn't want to get lost. The next thing heard | from this particular was that he was in Calcutta.

Average Number

In the last war, the average number of moves made by a soldier were three. Here is a list of typical moves he makes in this war, drawn up by the Office of War Information:

- 1. To the induction center
- 2. To reception center 3. To replacement training cen-
- 4. To his particular branch of
- service 5. To big maneuvers
- 6. Return 7. To special training areas 8. To port of embarkation

Special studies are made to cut down unnecessary cross-hauling but sudden developments abroad may force soldiers who are located near one port to be shifted to another far away. Or a special need for particularized training may arise and that may force men to be doubled back to desert or mountain for the specialized practice in snow or under a hot sun that new requirements

Maneuvers in the southeast and southwest, including the desert training areas of California, have sometimes required the moving in of as many as 300,000 men within a few weeks, equipment and all. Naturally, that disrupted a large part of passenger traffic for several weeks at a time.

Unessential Travel

make necessary.

Efforts are being made to cut down extra passenger travel by discouraging conventions, trade shows, big sports contests and other gatherings. One exception has been made, and that is the lecturer Even the President saw fit to come out with a statement encouraging the continuation of the work of lecture bureaus. He expressed himself to

Nazi girls are being mobilized by

cupied territories.

ple who do considerable public difficult to be certain of connections and a broadcaster has to move with -a train schedule in peace timethe microphone waits for no man.

that because of the U-boats, supplies were piling up on the docks and loaded freight cars were jamming the yards and causing congestion. But the Office of War Information says that latest advices indicate that congestion is being lessened. In fact, the official word is: "The battle of transportation . . . at a crisis at Pearl Harbor time . . . is now being won."

Nearing Limit

I hope that this statement isn't over-optimistic. As a matter of fact, the reservation is noted that "the victories are not necessarily permanent. Our transportation equipment, with few exceptions, is being used close to its limits"-and there remain two situations which are not satisfactory, one is movement of oil and the other is the problem of getting the war workers to and from work.

The latter difficulty is responsible, according to some investigators, for much of the recently decried absenteeism.

To get an idea of what the traffic has to bear in a city where war industries are concentrated, there has been an increase of use of the Detroit street railway systems of 76.9 per cent. The Baltimore transit line is up 90 per cent and the Washington, 131 per cent. I know what these figures mean as does anyone who has to make his way to and from work in the capital. I have also seen that fabulous city of San Diego, once a pleasant, sleepy town which seemed to move lazily with the pelicans that flew over the bay or the whispering palms. The pelicans have been replaced by planes and it's a 24-hour town, with a 336 per cent increase in the use of its busses and trolley cars.

Diary of a Broadcaster

Today I made it from bedside to desk in one hour and 18 minutes, including the time to make my own breakfast of coffee, poached eggs, some 13 Washington blocks. I think that this record is not bad consider- constructing farm equipment. ing the variety of activities included. I managed to hear the early fiveminute newscast and scanned the headlines which told me whether the supplies. news wind was blowing in the same direction this morning that it was creased use of labor-saving devices went to bed-in other words, was I and the inability of local service to plow fresh fields or harvest what men and dealers to take care of all I could from the old ones.

shields our three parakeets from farm to be as self-sufficient as posnorthern drafts and waited for the sible in this respect," the engineer welcoming chirrup that one, the says. least snobbish of the three, condeall burst into song.

the WAVES are in the preponder- and a wood vise or clamp. the navy has a uniform that is a is ideal for hanging tools. For a little bit less drab than the olive. It | well-equipped shop these should inis surprising how an elderly matron clude twist drills; auger bits; asturns out in that navy blue-and-gold sorted sizes of machine, drift and as smart as a midshipman.

its two beautiful seasons, is here in ball-peen hammer; an assortment of April-gone in May. First, the for- wood chisels; wrecking and crowsythia burns with its yellow flame; bars; an eight to 12-pound sledge; then the magnolias blush and fade, and the dogwoods raise their sweet forging and straightening; a set of ghostliness among their darker sis- adjustable socket and pipe wrenches; ters; then the cherry blossoms come -and there are many of them scat- plier cutters and pincers; an elecbetter advertised ones along the la- ing bits; a good grinder, preferably tered over the city as well as the goon. Soon they are followed by leaves on the oaks and the elms Lowell Thomas, who traveled to and the maples. Then backyards Washington, on that subject-the are brilliant with the rambler roses plea for a good word for the speak- and you know that spring is done.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Four Series E War Savings bonds, | Twenty tons of food are carried costing a total of \$300, will supply on every Liberty ship-enough to the navy with a balsa wood life last the crew of 63 for a six-month float, capable of sustaining 60 pervoyage.

"Honor thy father and thy mother, but above all, the Fuehrer." This is the Nazi version of the the German ministry of propaganda Fourth Commandment, as the chilto serve as "front line" saleswomen dren in Norway's Nazi-supervised of Nazi books and pamphlets in ocschools hear it.



More Eggs Per Hen, More Milk Per Cow, More Corn Per Acre

Agricultural Science Now Fully Mobilized

Science hitched to the plow is one of the main reasons for America's astonishing food productivity. Day by day the department of agriculture, in co-operation with state colspeaking. I know how difficult it is. leges of agriculture and experiment I, myself, have been unable to ac- stations, is carrying the results of cept lecture dates because it is so research into practical application on the nation's six million farms.

A task force, made up of some the regularity of a train schedule 9,000 county agents, home demonstration agents, 4-H club leaders and specialists takes the findings of sci-There have been rumors of late ence to the farmer. Practically evthat transportation was snagged; ery one of the country's 3,000 agricultural counties is served by a county agent of the agricultural extension service.

Food, food and still more food. That sums up the Food for Freedom program in 1943: 8 per cent more eggs, over 25 billion pounds of meat, 122 billion pounds of milk. No technique making for more ef-

ficient farming, or scientific fact that



Lawrence Boyd, a Lafayette, Ind., farmer, devotes considerable of his acreage to corn. He is shown here planting it.

will help increase the total food supply, is being overlooked. Even such a simple practice as giving a cow drinking water with the chill taken off of it on a cold winter's day can help boost milk production. The practice of milking three times a day instead of two, if generally followed and combined with feeding three times a day, for only a 90-day period, would increase production sufficiently to meet 1943 goals. In a recent feeding test with cows that had production records of around 9,300 pounds of milk a year, increases in the milk output as high as 23 per cent resulted from feeding more grain.

Systematic Tool Storage

Very Important on Farm W. C. Krueger, extension agricultural engineer at Rutgers univergrapefruit and zwieback (my wife sity, believes that every farm should is away) also to traverse on foot have a work space or room especially reserved for repairing and

At least a corner in some building should be set aside for the systematic storage of tools, repair parts and

"The storage of new machinery, inlast night when the newspapers to offset the scarcity of farm help reconditioning and repair work I also removed the blanket that makes it highly desirable for every

There are enough tools on most scends to give me before I leave farms to do the ordinary repair jobs the room. As soon as I do, they provided all of the tools are systematically collected, put into good Walking to work in Washington shape, arranged, stored, and handy these days is like reviewing the to use, Krueger points out. A necarmies of the United Nations for essary item is a solid topped work one can spot almost any uniform bench 2 to 21/2 feet wide and bebetween Dupont Circle and Pennsyl- tween 5 and 10 feet long fitted with vania avenue. But it seems that a four-inch or larger machinist vise ance. The WAACs are smart but The wall space above the bench

center punches; a carpenter's ham-Washington's springtime, one of mer and both a light and heavy anvil or heavy rail section for a size range of screw drivers, pliers, tric soldering iron or pair of soldermotor driven: flat, triangle and round files of assorted sizes, together with oil and emery stones. Block and tackle for hoists, jacks and pipe rollers will also be found handy.

Recapping Available Owners of passenger cars and

commercial vehicles using tires smaller than 7.50 by 20 will now be able to get casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camel back without applying to local war price and rationing boards for certificates. However, recapping of commercial vehicle tires with truck-type camel back, which contains a large proportion of crude rubber, continues subject to present rationing restric-



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