WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Mediterranean Victories Prepare Way For New Allied Campaign Against Axis; Essential Production to Be Increased By Simplification of Consumer Items

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Under the watchful eyes of U. S. guards, Axis prisoners march in internment camp in Camp Atterbury, Ind. Since fighting in North Africa, many of these camps have sprung up throughout the country, the average concentration holding 2,000 prisoners and 500 American troops. Prisoners of war are treated under rules of an international convention.

MEDITERRANEAN: Eyes Turn to Sicily

With Allied shipping reported massed in the Sicilian straits, all Italy awaited invasion.

Preparatory to the expected blow at the "underbelly of Europe," Al- affairs committee. lied airmen ranged over the Italian islands of Sardinia and Sicily, the iterranean following the fall of Pantelleria, Lampedusa, Lampione and

in Sicily were attacked. At Catachallenge the Allied assault.

Although Allied headquarters remained silent on their military movements in the Mediterranean, the Nazis reported that their airmen were engaging in running fights with large convoys off North Africa. The Axis also stated that the Alies

move. Strong aerial formations at- eliminated. tacked Axis shipping in the Aegean sea, where the Nazis have fortified FOOD CZAR: the islands leading to the Grecian mainland.

SIMPLIFY GOODS:

From Cradle to Grave

In an effort to increase production of necessary essentials, the government has ordered the simplification of more than 1,000 manufactured items. Elimination of frills and variety of sizes is expected to result in enough conservation of material to add to production.

The simplification order will affect Americans from the cradle-to-thegrave. Metal will be restricted in baby's cribs, and the length, width and depth of coffins will be limited. Cast iron kitchen utensils will be confined to 12 items, and 40 styles of enamelware have been eliminated.

Wood furniture will be reduced to 24 basic patterns. Whereas 1,150 types of tools formerly were made, only 357 now will be permitted. Production of electric bulbs will be cut from 3,500 types to 1,700. Feminine apparel will be simplified along with children's sportswear and rayon

AIR OFFENSIVE: Cities in Flames

Bremen's big Atlas shipyards were rocked by a dozen bomb hits as American airmen continued their joint attacks with the RAF over German industrial centers. Results of the U. S. raid on the submarine base of Kiel were unobserved, as swarms of Nazi fighter planes arose

While the Americans hammered the Atlas works, strong British units, bolstered by huge four-engined bombers, ripped Duesseldorf and Bochum in the Ruhr.

Blockbusters caused heavy damage in both cities, sweeping fires adding to the havoc. Mass evacuations were reported, and the German radio asked people in other districts to make room for the refugees.

Size of the raiding fleets can be gleaned from the Nazi claim of having shot down 46 planes, 29 of which were supposed to be the four-engined machines. German aerial activity meanwhile was limited to a short, sharp sally over a London suburb. where bombs were dropped.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: World Cooperation

American participation in the establishment and maintenance of post-war peace was unanimously recommended by the house foreign

In a simple, 35-word resolution which it recommended to the house Axis' remaining bastions in the Med- and senate for approval, the committee declared: ". . . Congress hereby express itself as favoring the creation of appropriate internation-Airfields at Catania and Gerbini al machinery with power adequate to establish and to maintain a just nia, enemy fighters rose in force to and lasting peace, and as favoring participation by the United States therein."

Introduced by Representative J. W. Fulbright (Ark.), the resolution was passed after being stripped of the phrase calling for the organization of an international body to prevent future aggression, and to mainhad massed invasion barges at Bi- tain law, order and lasting peace. Since this section touched on the Meanwhile, the Allies kept the highly controversial subject of an Axis guessing about their next international police force, it was

Wanted by Congress

Shortly after a bi-partisan group of legislators conferred with President Roosevelt and suggested that he appoint a single czar to handle the food situation, the War Food administration prepared issuance of a report dealing with unfavorable crop and meat prospects.

Led by Senator Walter George, the five senators and four representatives urged that a single authority be delegated to co-ordinate production, distribution, preservation, rationing and pricing agricultural commodities.

It was reported the President suggested an appropriation from 11/2 to 2 billion dollars for subsidies to be used in "rolling back" the prices of foods. Many legislators oppose the subsidies, contending the money used only will have to be repaid in taxes.

In commenting on crop prospects, the War Food administration declared floods in the Midwest and dry weather over the great plains have caused considerable damage. Meat slaughter and dairy production have failed to approach expectations.

DRAFT:

Fathers Due for Call

"Fathers will be placed in uniform at least by the last quarter of this

With this stamment the War Manpower commission, headed by Paul Service board's new draft policy in informing employers to prepare for replacement of married men with

children in industry after October 1. In addressing 5,500 employers who have filed replacement lists with state draft directors, the WMC said that after July 1 the employers also should plan to release the childless married men within six months.

Although the WMC's remarks were directed to the 5,500 employers, it indicated that its new policy would be broadly applied throughout all industry. Speaking before a house appropriations subcommittee. Draft Director Hershey said 10,900,000 men will be in uniform by December 31 During the first six months of 1944, 115,000 men will be inducted monthly, Hershey declared.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

SOFTWOOD: Softwood lumber | will be made available for essential farm repairs. About half a billion board feet will be released by the War Production board.

TOBACCO: Possibility of a shortage of tobacco, caused by unrestricted buying for export, was voiced some time after the war, according when government officials conferred to statements to a house subcomwith leaders of the industry recently. | mittee.

SHIPPING: Shipping losses have been lower in June than in May, in which the smallest losses since Pearl Harbor were sustained, says the OWI.

ARMY: An army of about 21/2 million men will be maintained for

RUSSIA:

Action in the Center Official announcements pertaining

to the Russian front continued to be as confusing as the fighting.

While the Reds claimed to have thrown back German counterattacks in the Orel region in the center of the line, the Nazis reported the continuation of the strong Russian offensive in the Caucasus.

In neither sector, however, did either side claim any major advance. In relation to renewed Russian activity in the center, the Nazis said the Reds were massing huge forces there, apparently to press the initial attacks of a week ago when big holes were punched in the German line.

Bolstered by the addition of American planes arriving under lendlease, Russian airmen continued sweeping attacks over the German rear. Military installations and transport were bombed.

OIL:

'Situation Worse'

"We are rapidly passing from an exporting to an importing nation in

natural resources but rather beportation and other factors.

While stating that imports of oil would have to be increased from Venezuela, the Caribbean and Mexico, he declared that California will not be producing sufficient crude by fices looking down the mall from the end of the year to take care of that strange modernistic pile that the Pacific war theater and her own

Ickes also blasted the Office of Price Administration for its handling of the gasoline rationing, declaring the OPA was too lenient in its allotments. He said home owners could expect fuel oil rationing next

CORN:

Plan Call on Loans

Aiming at loosening the tight situation in corn for processors and feeders, it was reported Commodity They had two worries. One: Will Credit corporation planned to call its there be a coal shortage that will loans on 57 million bushels of 1942

be allowed 30 days to liquidate their | bayonets? loans. The call would not interfere with the agency's previous move to

shelling, grading and hauling the corn off the premises.

MEAT PRICES:

Down 10%

Answering to President Roosevelt's "hold-the-line" order, retail to be left to history. prices of meat have been "rolled back" 10 per cent, a move that will save housewives an average of

three cents per pound. The "roll-back" will be accomplished by government payment of subsidies to meat slaughterers to cover their costs of livestock.

Although the action will reduce meat prices, consumers will be compelled to eat even less beef. The War Food administration announced | not as tragic, as the horror tale by that federally inspected slaughter- the gentle Mrs. Shelly, written early ers had been ordered to reserve 45 in the 19th century. per cent of their steer and heifer production for the army.

Flat price ceilings on meat have been drawn by the OPA for four with an annual volume over \$250,000.

NAZI SPY:

Intrigue in Hawaii

In November, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn offered his services as a Honolulu. In a confession to the V. McNutt, announced the Selective FBI, he said he volunteered to supply the enemy with information wouldst not desire against me a about the national defense of the

> Shortly after, Kuehn worked out system of signals to transmit intelligence of American fleet positions to the Japs. According to testimony, the signals were developed through a window light in the dormer of Kuehn's home near Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Kuehn played a prominent role in the intrigue, according to the FBI. In 1939, her daughter operated a beauty parlor designed to attract "navy business," and in 1940 Mrs. Kuehn visited Japan, returning with geographical literature describing American and British islands in the Pacific. Kuehn, first sentenced to death, was later committed to 50 years at hard labor.

SUPREME COURT: Bans Compulsory Salute

Reversing a previous decision by a 6 to 3 vote, the U. S. Supreme court ruled that the nation's public schools cannot require pupils to salute the flag.

Said the majority: "Compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard No official . . . can prescribe what ing principles: 'Be well dressed, be shall be orthodox in politics, reliof opinion . . ."

Washington Digest

History Will Write Details Of Lewis-Roosevelt Feud

Story Begins During 'Roaring Thirties' as The Forgotten Man Is Remembered By New Deal and CIO.



By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | spite of their respective handicaps, Washington, D. C.

Today there came to my desk a mimeographed sheet from the Office of War Information. It was headed "The Nazi Slave Labor So-

As I read that title, my mind shot back to a very few days before this writing, one of the days when your capital was tense over the coal With these words Petroleum Ad- strike from one end of Constitution ministrator Harold Ickes forecast an avenue to the other, and on both increasing shortage of crude oil. sides of the Potomac. I say "Con-Such a shortage, Ickes said, would stitution" avenue instead of "Pennnot develop because of a lack of sylvania" (which you and I have come to feel is the main street of cause of a scarcity of labor, trans- Washington) because this coal strike struck deep into a lot of offices and bureaus beside the White House at one end of this historic thoroughfare and the Capitol at the other.

Naturally, Harold Ickes, in his ofis the new Interior building, was concerned. He was, at that moment, responsible head of the soft coal mining industry and the industry wasn't functioning.

Naturally the members of the War Labor board were concerned. The board's existence was threatened.

Two Worries

Over across the Potomac in that marvelous architectural achievement, the Pentagon building, where the army is housed, officers paced the floor of their pentagonal offices. hold up production of important war supplies? Two: Will we have to go Under the proposal, farmers would out and push people around with

I haven't mentioned what was going on at the Capitol or in the White redeem 35 million bushels of corn House. Plenty. Every enemy of on the 1938-'41 crops, effective July 1. the administration, every friend of Decision to call the 1942 loans the administration who was angry was reported reached after the War at Lewis, everyone who was for 100 Food administration, headed by per cent prosecution of the war-Chester Davis, turned down pro- and they weren't necessarily differosals for requisitioning the corn. ent people, but people with different dreamed dreams. They told their The WFA said requisitioning only ideas—was yelling for Lewis' eyewould incense farmers and leave brows and some of them were the government with the problem of threatening the President if he didn't bring them in (on a silver charger) for breakfast.

were meetings which, because of the presence and absence of certain persons, I would like to report in greater detail but I can't-that will have

As I write these lines, I cannot predict the aftermath of the action which began late one afternoon on June 3 when, contrary to reports circulated earlier in the day, a statement was issued from the White House ordering the men back to the mines by June 7. But between these lines of that statement was the story of "Franklinstein" and the creature which he created, as dramatic, if

Self-Destroyer

A copy of that book ("Frankenstein") is on my table as I write. classes of stores, starting with the On the last page are the lines spoken small independent doing less than by this strange being which the hero \$50,000 worth of business a year, had created, hoping to raise the and ending with the large operator standard of humanity but which, alas, had found itself heir to the human weaknesses and turned against his creator. The "being," just before it destroys itself, speaks to its creator:

. . thou didst seek my extinction that I might not cause greater spy to the Japanese vice-consul at wretchedness; and if yet, in some mode unknown to me, thou hast not ceased to think and feel, thou vengeance greater than that which I feel. Blasted as thou wert, my agony was still superior

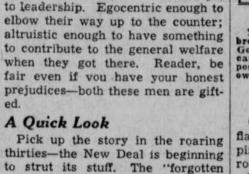
(You really ought to read the book-it's far superior to the movie

version.) But why do I bandy with this ancient tale? Because I do believe that all of us build, materially or physically, creatures which come back to haunt us.

Look at the record of John Lewis and Franklin Roosevelt. John, born to the pits, a man

who won to literacy, yes, to scholarship the hard way. Franklin, born to the purple.

Both endowed with that indomitable something that lifted them, in | Society"-it can't happen here!



Pick up the story in the roaring thirties-the New Deal is beginning to strut its stuff. The "forgotten man" has been remembered and he's grateful to Roosevelt.

The forgotten laborer is being remembered; he's grateful to Lewis. I mean the man who couldn't because of the by-laws of the AFL, get into a labor union any more than he could get into the Union League club. Lewis stepped out of the AFL with his miners. The CIO was formed in 1935.

It looked as if John of the eyebrows and Franklin of the amber cigarette holder had something in common. They did. It began by being an ideal-a better deal for the man who hadn't had such a good deal before. Later, the issues became more complicated but we won't go into that now.

Anyhow, the Wagner act was passed in 1935. (Labor's Magna Charter, they called it.) That gave the poor, heretofore outsider, the workman who couldn't qualify, to join the snooty AFL, a chance to be somebody. If there were more of his group than there were of the AFL's in a plant, shop or factory, his outfit was recognized as the collective bargaining unit.

That was a real step forward in economic democracy.

The CIO thrived. It had the blessing of the administration. It gave its votes in return. It also gave the largest campaign contribution in return. Some of the starry-eyed young men in the New Deal (they have departed, most of them, for Puerto Rico and elsewhere on the fringes) dreams to Lewis.

"Why not a real labor party, Jawn," they smiled encouragingly, "with you as the leader? We'll get rid of the democrats without imagi-Inside the White House, there | nation. You'll be vice president next time . . .'

The Siren's Song

But then Mr. Lewis made a great mistake. He went to Paris. Other men have erred in that once-fair city before this. (I visited it myself.) But John met another siren he witnessed the sit-down

strike. Now, frankly, this is hearsay but I am told that it was Lewis brought that illegitimate Gallic child of the proletariat, conceived in a strange moment of aberration, back to Amer ica. It did not thrive. It needed a more rarified atmosphere than that which blows across the prairies and once flapped the cover of the covered wagon.

Mr. Lewis went to the White House, jerked the previously welcoming latchstring, and went in. But old man Vox Populi got there before him. Up to then, V. P. had been pretty satisfied with things as they were under the New Deal.

But things had changed. In a chilly voice V. P. said: "No, Franklin, no John, No dice."

Franklin listened. John got mad. That was the end of a beautiful friendship and the rest is history. Lewis turned against the man who had made his success possible and there is, as we know, no feud like the feud of former friends.

The soldier on the battlefield, utterly unable to comprehend why men strike while he is risking his life for a fraction of the pay the strikers demand, cursed and threatened; the miner, with many just grievances, stood confused, looking for his oracle to speak, but cringing under the sneers at his lack of patriotism. Small-minded bureaucrats, more interested in saving their faces than saving the country. sputtered and strutted. Lewis and Roosevelt, the two men who, working together, might move mountains (of coal and coalition) were forced to square off against each other, the public backed the government and, as usual, decided the issue.

Oh yes! That "Nazi Slave Labor

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

The Japanese-controlled Bangkok radio has issued more advice on good manners to the people of Thailand. "Since the clothing and manners of those who are in private business are not respectable yet, we request that they observe the followclean, be agreeable to customers, gion, nationalism or other matters do not smoke or be intoxicated, have good manners, be honest.

The United States was producing fighting equipment eight times as fast as Japan in the spring of 1943.

A popular joke in Holland deals with the bicycle shortage. So many men's bicycles have been stolen that it is asked what happens to the ladies' bicycles. "Oh, they're being kept for the Scotch Highlanders when they get here."



FIRST-AID AILING HOUSE by Roger B. Whitman

Roger B. Whitman-WNU Features.

You may not be able to replace worn or broken household equipment. This is war. Government priorities come first. So take care of what you have . . . as well as you possibly can. This column by the home-owner's friend tells you how.

CARE OF FLAT ROOF

Question: The guarantee on the flat roof of my bungalow has expired. I will have to repair the roof at my own expense. Will you advise me just how to go about it? That is, what to buy and how to apply it?

Answer: When the roofing begins to show signs of drying and hardening, the surface should be given a mopping coat of liquid tar or asphalt roof coating. This will prolong the life of the roof. You should find out just which type of roofing by Dr. A. Myerson, Boston, in the you now have, and be sure to use the same type of material for the coating. Do not mix the two.

Flagstone Terrace

flagstones on a dirt terrace. Is it tients reported at a place fitted out necessary to lay a concrete founda- in hospital fashion with nurses and tion, or will cement between the a physician in attendance. They stones be enough? I don't want frost | were given the shock treatment and and ice to ruin the job. How should usually went home within one or

Answer: If the joints are to be made watertight, there should be a concrete foundation laid on a sixinch bed of cinders. Water must be prevented from collecting underneath. In a similar case I laid kind of mental ailments, the electricflagstones on the earth and packed the joints with dirt, sown with grass seed. The soil being sandy this has worked very well; there has been

Leaky Pail

metal things in country places. How from former days. can the bottom be made tight?

pail with roofing cement, which can be liquefied either by heating or with turpentine. Cut a piece of building felt to fit, lay it on the bottom, and put a coat of roofing cement on top.



Summer is the most convenient time to paint radiators. The metal you." should be cleaned with a wire brush, and then washed with turpentine. Two or three coats of flat wall paint, heart, the murmur likely present thinned with turpentine, should then when patient was born, no history of be applied. Wall paint seems to be rheumatism. The patient walked more resistant to blistering than slowly up and down stairs; the inother finishes, but any paint or en- crease in the heart rate was about amel may be used.

Sweating Windows

Question: Our contractor told us that the sweating of our windows was due to not having heat in the house. But the house having been heated for the month that we have been living in it, our steel windows are still sweating. What will stop

Answer: The air in any new house is damp from the drying out of plaster and concrete. The sweating should stop when the house is thoroughly dried out.

Washing Machine Cover

Question: My washing machine cover is starting to chip on the inside. Can you tell me what to put on to prevent further chipping?

Answer: Nothing but careful handling of the cover will prevent further chipping. The chipped spots can be touched up with a touch-up ready for work or exercise. enamel made especially for the purpose. It comes in small bottles and is sold at most hardware and

paint stores. Leaking Slate Roof Question: My slate roof looks in

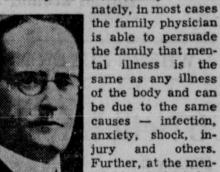
good condition, but wind-driven rain sifts in. Can I paint anything on the inside?

Answer: The slates are apparently nailed to roofing lath instead of to solid boarding. Under that condition about the best that you can do is to raise the lower edge of each slate so that you can put a dab of roofing cement underneath.



SHOCK TREATMENT

Some mental patients receive home care, as the family do not want it known that such a thing as "insanity" is in the family. Fortu-



jury and others. Further, at the mental hospital today treatment to remove any cause of the symptoms is given; dentists, throat specialists, women's specialists are on the staff or make regular visits. One of the most effective methods of treating certain types of mental illness is by producing shock in the patient by insulin, metrazol and,

in mental hospitals and sometimes in the ordinary municipal hospitals. What should mean much to a patient and family is a recent report New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Myerson reports the results obtained by the electric-shock method in the treatment of 123 patients, 74 Question: I am planning to lay by the outpatient method. The patwo hours. In cases where the patient was too upset after the treatment he received further shock

more recently, by electricity. Be-

cause of accidents that occasionally

occur during shock this form of

treatment has heretofore been given

treatment at a mental hospital. Compared to the risk of other methods of treatment of the same shock treatment is much safer as to mental or physical injury.

The big point about being able to go to other than a mental or municipal hospital, receive the shock treatment, return home and continue the Question: I have a galvanized pail treatment for the weeks necessary, in excellent condition, except that is that the family and patient have the bottom is rusty and has two no feeling of shame or humiliation. pin holes. It is too good to throw To get this latest form of treatment away, considering the scarcity of so easily is certainly a real change

Answer: Coat the bottom of the Nursing Along 'Heart Condition' by Resting

A few years ago a physician visiting a southern city made the acquaintance of another visitor who appeared to be "resting" all the time. He informed the physician that he had undergone a serious operation three months previously and as he has a "heart condition" he wished to consult a local heart specialist and asked the physician if he knew of one he could recommend. The physician, being a stranger, was unable to refer him to a heart specialist but asked him the nature of his heart condition.

"I have a heart murmur and after having this operation I was told to be careful of my heart."

"But a heart murmur is not serious nor was your operation of a serious nature." Operation for rupture or hernia is just changing the structure of the tissues in this region; there is no pus, no inflammation, and little or no shock. "This should not have taken much out of

A short examination by the physician revealed no enlargement of the 10 beats and the heart was back to its normal rate within one minute. He walked slowly up and down stairs twice. The heart rate increased 16 beats and returned to normal within one and a half minutes. He was told that his heart was strong and exercise, not so much rest, was needed.

About 10 minutes later, he took his own pulse, walked up and down stairs twice, took his pulse again, waited the minute and a half and found the figures for the heart rate exactly the same as those found by the physician. He was therefore advised to take his daily rests but to take two walks daily, lengthening the walk one block every two days.

The point here is that while a heart murmur was present and he had undergone an operation three months before, his heart already had had all the rest needed and was

HEALTH BRIEFS

Q.-What causes dizziness in the head?

A .- Dizziness may be caused by (a) liver disturbance, (b) ear disturbance, (c) blood pressure disturbance and other causes. Q.-Is there anything that can be

done for high blood pressure? A .- Hypertension (high blood pres-

sure) is just a symptom. Have your physician try to find the cause. May e caused by nervousness or by some disturbance of blood vessels.