

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Strong Allied Drive in South Pacific Threatens Main Jap Base in Solomons; Nazis Make New Bid to Cripple Russia Through Attack on Orel-Belgorod Line

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Taking oath as colonel, Overta Culp Hobby assumes command of the new Women's Army corps, which replaces the WAAC. Pictured with Colonel Hobby from left to right are Brig. Gen. H. B. Lefis, acting adjutant-general of the army, Gen. George C. Marshall, and Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell.

NAVY STRIKES: Jap Fleet Hit

The battle in the Southwest Pacific grew in intensity, with the Japs throwing the full weight of their air and sea power against the advancing Allied forces.

Drawn out by the U. S. navy's shelling of the Jap anchorage of Bairoko, through which supplies have been carried to the big enemy air base of Munda on New Georgia island, formations of the Japanese fleet engaged the American ships in the Kula gulf, coming off a poor second beat.

According to a communique from General MacArthur's headquarters, no less than six enemy vessels probably were sunk and four damaged. We lost one cruiser, which with a destroyer sunk in the Bairoko bombardment and a transport knocked out in the earlier landings, brought our own known losses to three.

All along the 700 mile front the Japs hurled their aircraft at American positions. Enemy fighters and bombers flew over newly occupied Rendova, struck at General MacArthur's beachhead below Salamaua in New Guinea, and attacked Darwin in northwest Australia in force. At Salamaua, Allied forces had worked their way through jungle to the northwest, so that with General MacArthur's position, that Jap base was now ringed from three sides.

JAPAN: Parcels Out Territory

In development of the "great east Asia co-prosperity sphere," Japan ceded four Malay and two Burmese states to the kingdom of Thailand. North of Malaya and east of Burma, Thailand, by its alliance with Japan at the start of the war, provided the Nipponese with a backdoor into these British possessions.

The cession of the Malay states gave Thailand rich rice, tin and rubber producing territories. The population includes more than a million natives. The two Burmese states constitute 24,000 square miles.

The cession was made on occasion of Premier Hediki Tojo's visit to the Thai capital of Bangkok. Tojo later went to Shanghai, where Chandra Bose, exiled Hindu nationalist leader, called for the organization of all rebels for the defeat of the British in India.

WAR PRODUCTION: Up and Down

Declaring that we are on the verge of one of the greatest trials of our national history, War Production Chairman Donald Nelson revealed that the nation's arms output for May had gained for aircraft and naval vessels, but fallen in other lines.

On a weight basis, airplane production jumped 10 per cent in May, Nelson said, with bomber deliveries up but fighter manufacture unsteady. A total of 204,000 tons of naval vessels were completed. In other lines, ground ordnance, such as tanks, artillery, etc., was down 3 per cent; merchant vessels were down 4 per cent, and miscellaneous munitions were down 7 per cent.

For the first half of the year, Nelson said the estimated output fell below the goals marked out. Merchant shipping was 44 per cent of the year's objective; army ordnance and naval vessels, 40 per cent, and aircraft 35 per cent.

DADS:

O. K. Draft Delay

By a vote of 11 to 5, the senate, military affairs committee voted to delay the induction of fathers until after January 1, 1944. Congressional action on the bill will not be taken until sessions are resumed in September, however, one month before the drafting of fathers is scheduled.

Introduced by Senator Burton Wheeler, the bill provides that any man married before Pearl Harbor, who has maintained bona fide family relationships since that date and has children under 18 years of age, would be exempt from induction until the first of next year.

As the Wheeler bill was being approved by the committee, the War Manpower commission announced that an additional 3,600,000 persons will have to be placed in the services and munitions industries within the next 12 months. Of the total, 2,000,000 men and women will be needed in uniform, 1,500,000 by December 31.

Materialization of the WMC plans will mean that half of the population will either be fighting or working. 11,300,000 will be in the services; 11,600,000 in war industries; 12,000,000 in agriculture, and 30,000,000 in other non-farm work.

POST-WAR WORLD: What Labor Thinks

How one great union feels about the post-war world was ably expressed by the United Automobile Workers, CIO, in a seven-point program for peace time.

Among other things, the UAW called for government ownership and operation of industries whose monopoly gives them dictation in their fields; the 30-hour week, and a vast public works program, calling for construction of schools, highways and power projects.

Of private industry, the UAW said: "Our industries can no longer be operated to serve private interests where those private interests conflict with the public need. Initiative can find its most useful outlet, greatest recognition and highest reward when exerted in the public service."

The UAW also proposed each soldier be given a \$2,500 bonus upon his discharge from the service.

CABINET FEUD: Jones Answers Wallace

Fur continued to fly in the heated cabinet feud between Vice President Henry Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones over Wallace's charges that Jones had throttled activities of the Board of Economic Warfare, and failed to build up an adequate stockpile of tin, rubber, quinine, etc., before Pearl Harbor as directed by congress.

Repeating his previous statement that the Reconstruction Finance corporation which he heads has committed itself to purchase 3 1/2 billion dollars of foreign material, Jones said the BEW initiated only 10 per cent of this business. Then he declared that the RFC cannot sign blank checks for the use of any government agency, and charged Wallace with amending President Roosevelt's original order setting up the BEW to permit approval of BEW transactions without inspection.

In the matter of stockpiles, Jones said our supply of quinine was ample and BEW's program for obtaining the drug in South America failed to take account of that continent's unfamiliarity with producing the bark. BEW accused Jones of overestimating our inventory by 50 per cent, and delaying the BEW's production program.

MEDITERRANEAN: Adolf Comes to Rescue

Increasing opposition to Allied air raids on Italy and her neighboring islands by swarms of Axis planes, many of them German, indicate that the Nazi air force is being employed in strength in the critical Mediterranean area.

Despite the stiffening resistance, however, Allied planes broke through to pound Palermo to such an extent that the Italian radio admitted that Sicilian air and naval base was of no further use. Allied reconnaissance also disclosed that the Italians had destroyed shipping installations at the harbor of Trapani.

According to American fliers, the Axis met the strong Allied formations with new tactics. Approaching the rear echelons of the Allied squads, the enemy planes flew in a single line, dropping incendiaries that burst into strings of small explosives.

Official Axis circles awaited an attack on Sicily or Sardinia or Corsica. Capture of Sicily would be necessary for an attack on the Italian mainland or protecting Allied convoys bound for the Balkans, they said, while occupation of Corsica and Sardinia would be necessary for an invasion of the French coast.

POLES: Russian Status Unchanged

The tragic death of Gen. Wladislaw Sikorski, premier of the Polish government-in-exile, has not altered that government's attitude toward Soviet Russia, its officials declared. Poland's attitude will continue to be one of friendliness, with insistence on Polish territorial rights, which have been contested by Russia's claim to portions of the former Polish republic.

Washington Digest 'When Will War End?' Nation's No. 1 Question

Ruhr Valley Bombings Seen as Concrete Evidence of Germany's Inevitable Defeat; Aviation Expert Revises Estimate.

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Today Washington, deep as it is in the problems of the moment—on the home front and along the seething globe-scattered sectors where our men are fighting—is more deeply conscious of the future than ever before in history. And that feeling is clearly reflected in every town, city and cross-roads in the country.

The letters I receive express this interest in tomorrow, the many polls on post-war problems and the plans to solve them echo that interest, the comment of leaders, the organization of clubs and forums and committees to discuss them, add up to the largest and healthiest curiosity that the nation has ever seen. The political parties recognize this and the Republicans are busy working on a constructive foreign-policy plank for their 1944 platform to meet the administration's post-war plans.

As the people look toward tomorrow, the first thing they ask is: "When will the war end?" You can't get an official prognostication on that subject and, personally, I would hesitate even to make a guess. But this week, there came to my notice two remarks, one from the German propaganda minister and one from the president of an American aviation corporation which I want to place figuratively in parallel columns—not only side by side with each other but in balance with previous remarks of both men.

Goebbels' Viewpoint

Some time ago, Herr Goebbels spoke of "the Ruhr," that little industrial area including the historic center of Germany's munitions manufacture, the Krupp works of Essen.

Goebbels was on record as saying that the destiny of the Ruhr was the destiny of Germany itself. And then only a few days ago, a broadcaster from Berlin admitted that the "havoc" wrought by the Allied bombers in that area was "incredible."

The other gentleman whom I wish to quote is R. S. Damon, president of the Republic Aviation corporation, which builds those famous P-47 "Thunderbolts," the fighters which have done such an efficient job of protecting our bombers over Europe.

Some time ago Damon predicted that Germany would be knocked out of the war by 1944. But Mr. Damon has now revised that estimate. He says: "Unpreparedness may have cost us many early rounds but now it appears possible that Germany will have been removed from the lists by the end of 1943. I believe this to be true because no nation, not even Hitler's Germany, can suffer the rate of attrition which is now being inflicted on the Nazis and survive for long. The aerial combat box scores are now so definitely in our favor and our constantly increasing production of fine aircraft and well-trained airmen precludes any possibility of those scores being reduced unless by a miracle, and the days of Hitler's miracles have ceased to be. Our air forces are now systematically and liberally pulverizing the industrial centers of Germany and without her industries, Germany cannot fight or even exist."

Mind you, I do not underwrite this prophecy but I think it is worth recording because both men have revised their views in the direction of a shorter war—Goebbels would never have dwelt on the importance of the Ruhr in the beginning if he knew he would have to admit the degree of its destruction—Damon, after similar consideration, reduces the time he believes it will take to knock Germany out.

Aviation's Growth

In both cases, we have a tribute to the tremendous growth of American combat airpower. Now let us look at the parallel growth in non-combatant airpower. We turn to no less an authority than the Office of War Information:

"By 1945, it is expected that transport planes in the 100,000-120,000-pound class will be flying in quantity, carrying loads of 15 tons at a speed of 250 miles per hour over distances such as from New York to Chicago.

"By 1946, it is expected that 70 per cent of the passenger travel, now relying on railroad pullmans, will go by air—about 20,000,000 passengers a year. "Exclusive of certain military air-dromes, there will be about 865 major airports in the United States by the end of this year, all with paved runways of 3,500 feet or more, capable of handling the largest planes, where fewer than 100 existed in 1940. In addition to these, there are well over 2,000 smaller fields.

"To operate these planes and airports after the war, there will be the 3,000,000 air-minded and trained pilots, navigators, radiomen, airport engineers, traffic controllers and others who will be in the air forces by the end of this year."

The OWI predicts post-war flights of 11 hours from Washington to Paris and London; 7 hours from Washington to Mexico City; 16 from Washington to Moscow; 18 from Washington to Cairo or Buenos Aires and 22 hours from Washington to Tokyo (if Tokyo is still on the map).

I quote these statements to show how tremendously the world we are living in today differs from the world we lived in before Pearl Harbor—a change which must affect all phases of life tomorrow. Already, as far as the military go, the earth has shrunk from the comparative size of an orange to the size of a marble. When the war is over and we have had time to adapt what we have learned in the field of aviation to peaceful transportation, it will shrink to the size of a pea. When we shift our war effort to peacetime production, it will shrink still further.

Utopian Plans

Aviation is only one phase of the achievement the war has forced upon us; there are great plans bursting to become realities, many that seem so utopian that the cynics scoff—a world organization to enforce peace and achieve freedom from fear; world co-operation which will increase production and facilitate distribution to the point where there will be at least an approximation of freedom from want—to tick off only two of the four freedoms for which we are supposed to be fighting.

Discouraged at our inability to realize within our own vast borders all of the dreams of our founding fathers, we cannot believe that the high aims for unity embracing the whole world can be anything but pure fantasy. But if we can shrink the globe from orange to marble, a feat that would have been considered utterly incredible to our own grandfathers, must we say that we cannot build a world unity and a world understanding greater than anything heretofore conceived?

It took a dreamer to put the first wings on man—the laboratory and the machine shop did the rest. With the widespread will to a better future providing the psychological inspiration, who knows but that the energy which has made the prosecution of global war possible can be transmuted into a framework upon which global peace can be built?

It's a smaller globe, after all. As we begin to think in global terms, we have to adjust our views of geography. For instance, suppose someone should tell you that the important port of Siberia, for which the Japs yearn but do not dare attack, the port of Vladivostok, were a hundred and fifty miles south of the poetic city of Venice with its streets of water? Of course, you would know better but could you say how much better?

Or if someone said flatly to you: "You can't tell me what South American countries a line running straight south from Savannah, Ga., would pass through," you would feel you could at least guess and get one right. No. No. Naples is 150 miles north of Vladivostok.

You can't name any South American country south of Savannah, Ga., because the western coastline of South America is east of such a point. Guess again.



Life of Mower Can Be Prolonged

It Is Wise to Repair And Oil Machine Early

Mower breakdowns during hay harvesting are expensive in labor, time and farm crop losses, and new mowers are increasingly hard to get. But old mowers will give many years of good service if given proper care.

A frequent cause of poor work is misalignment of the cutter bar. With the mower tongue end raised 30 inches, stretch a cord tightly across the top center of the Pitman bar past the end of the cutter bar. The outer end of the cutter bar, as measured at the knife rivets, should be ahead of the string a fourth of an inch for every foot length of cutter bar. This setting is called the "lead" and is necessary to give alignment of the cutting parts in heavy grass. Some mowers provide an eccentric bushing adjustment at the cutter bar hinge pin; in others the worn hinge pins will have to be replaced.

Make sure that the knife sections register in the center of the guards at the extremes of the Pitman bar stroke. Failure in this causes pulled grass and heavy cutting. Incorrect Pitman length, hinge pin wear or improper lead are the cause for poor register.

The back of the knife is held by wearing plates while the knife clips reach over the bar and hold the front edge of the knife down against the guard or shear plates. When the wear plates or clips become



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Worn, the knife does not make close contact, thus causing heavy draft and uneven cutting. Wear plates can be moved ahead to take up the wear by loosening the guard bolts and driving the plate forward. Knife clips can be driven down with a hammer. Do this with the knife pulled back from under the clip and use the knife end as a measure of clip tightness. With all clips properly adjusted, the knife should slide back and forth by hand but there should be no play. Severe wear of the knife head ball joint will cause broken knives and shearing of the knife head rivets. A new knife head is usually necessary for correction.

Worn out guard or shear plates can be replaced without removing the guards. A guard anvil will be found extremely useful here. Discarding guards because of worn shear plates is a waste of precious metal.

For adjustments peculiar to a particular mower, see the mower instruction book.

Vaccinating Calves

For Bang's Disease

"Many farmers have heard of the good results obtained from calfhood vaccination for Bang's disease, and immediately want to apply it to the older animals in their herds as well," states the report from the American Foundation for Animal Health. "This presents an entirely different problem. Sometimes older vaccinated animals do not 'clear up,' and later on when herds are tested it becomes difficult to distinguish them from natural reactors. The question of which animals should be vaccinated and when, are matters to be determined by a veterinarian. "Calfhood vaccination has been a great aid in clearing up Bang's disease in individual herds, but our job today is to eradicate it completely. That is why we must pursue the cow-testing program on an area basis until all major farming sections have been cleared. More than 400 counties have already been certified, and this number will be greatly increased before the war is over. When Bang's disease has been finally wiped out it will mean many millions in additional profits to American farmers."

Rural Briefs

Fresh pork drippings are good for seasoning vegetables and for making gravy; they may be clarified and used in place of other cooking fat.

Extra sugar for canning will probably be made available again this summer, but sugar for jams, preserves and jellies should be accumulated right now from your regular sugar ration.

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Camels Suffer Heatstroke

Because the camels of North Africa often suffer from heatstroke, the Allied Nations have constructed a number of "Camel Heatstroke Centers" in Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, where prostrated animals may be treated.

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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

CONSTRUCTION: All building materials and construction facilities have been placed under the control of the War Production board, "in order to eliminate all non-essential construction."

GRAIN: Oats sold at the highest in 23 years of the Chicago market at 73 1/2 cents a bushel, while rye reached \$1.12 1/2 recently.

SUGAR: About one-third less acreage was planted in sugar beets this year than last. Leaders of the industry blame shortage of labor, and competition of other crops more favored by governmental aid.

BANKS: The Chase National Bank of New York, the world's largest, reports total assets of \$4,482,606,435 in its latest statement.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Tokyo propagandists have added India to the growing list of countries they are seeking to dazzle with promises of Japanese-style "independence." The Office of War Information says on the basis of Tokyo broadcasts exploiting the reported arrival in Japan of Subhas Chandra Bose, outlawed Indian extremist now very active in the Axis camp.

Commemorative lights in Polish cemeteries must be extinguished during blackouts, according to an article in a German-language paper in Poland reported to the office of war information.

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