WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Terrific Air Attacks Spur Allied Drive Against Nazis on Central Italian Front; Moscow Conference Offers Blueprint For Lasting Peace in Postwar World

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An Allied transport is shown rumbling over pontoon bridge thrown up by American engineers across the Volturno river in Italy.

ELECTION NEWS:

alty elections.

step in his shoes.

64,000 votes.

war world:

FOUR POWERS:

GOP Maintains Growth

Continued growth of Republican

strength was evidenced in a smat-

tering of important state and mayor-

In New York, GOP candidate

Joe R. Hanley won the lieutenant-

didate Lieut. Gen. William N. Hask-

ell by more than 340,000 votes of

approximately 3,308,000 cast. Han-

ley's victory assured the GOP of

control of the state if Governor

race for the presidency, since, as

lieutenant-governor, Hanley would

New Jersey's governor during

World War I, Republican Walter E.

Edge, returned to the political arena

to win the office again during World

War II by defeating Democrat Vin-

cent J. Murphy by approximately

100,000 votes. Edge succeeds re-

Republicans held their 62-year

control of Philadelphia, with GOP

Mayor Bernard Samuel besting

Democrat and White House favorite

William C. Bullitt by more than

From out of the conference of for-

eign ministers in Moscow was fash-

U. S., Great Britain, China and Rus-

sia pledging a finish fight with the

Axis and this blue-print for the post-

1. Establishment of an interna-

small sovereign nations to maintain

peace and security; 2. Before the

establishment of such an organiza-

tion, the four powers will act togeth-

er to preserve order; 3. Regulation

For Italy, the powers dedicated

themselves to destroying Fascism

and promoting democratic govern-

ment. They refused to recognize

Germany's annexation of Austria in

1938, telling that country its future

treatment will be conditioned by its

The U. S., Great Britain and Rus-

With the nation's corl pits back

in U. S. hands, Secretary of Interior

Harold Ickes conferred with United

Mine Workers President John L.

Lewis to end the walkout of al-

1 aving given the pits back to pri-

vate ownership October 12 after hav-

ing taken them over last July, Ickes

found them in his lap again, follow-

ing their seizure by President Roose-

velt after the UMW began its walk-

out over failure of negotiations for

The big bone of contention lay

in the War Labor board's refusal

to ratify a new contract drawn be-

tween the UMW and Illinois Coal

Operators, providing for an 81/2 hour

day, with compensation for under-

ground travel time and a daily wage

increase of \$1.50. Instead the WLB

recommended an 81/2 hour day, with

To Ickes fell the task of reconcil-

ing the UMW and WLB differences,

even as a danger of a coal shortage

arose, with deliveries prohibited to

anyone with 10 days' supply on hand,

and sales limited to one ton to

a daily pay boost of \$1.121/2.

a signed contract.

householders.

most 360,000 bituminous miners.

sia planned creation of a committee

Back in U.S. Hands

of the armaments of nations.

within its borders.

MINES:

tiring Governor Charles Edison.

EUROPE:

Blast Communications

Roaring over France's once paradisaical Riviera, Flying Fortresses took pot-shots at communications lines shuttling troops between southern France and northern Italy. To the south, Allied medium bombers blasted harbors above Rome, which the Nazis have been using to relieve strained road and rail facili-

As their heavy bombers smashed far back of German lines, Allied troops slowly drew up for their next | Thomas Dewey should make the assault on Nazi mountain positions in central Italy. As rain continued to fall in swirling sheets and muddied up the country, U. S., British and Canadian soldiers captured strategic heights for observing enemy action and took over important road junctions for shuttling supplies.

As the Allies edged forward, the Germans snuggled deeper into their new posts along the 2,500-foot high Massico ridge facing Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army on the west, and the rugged country confronting Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Eighth army to the east.

Italian King on Spot

Noted for his political tight-rop walking, King Victor Emmanuel of Postwar Blueprint

Italy now threads a very shaky line, with the new democratic forces in the country demanding his abdication.

Led by former foreign minister and refugee Count Carlo Sforza, Italy's democratic elements have expressed approval for setting up King Victor's six-1 year-old grandson, Prince Vittorio Em-

manuel, as the nom- Prince Vittorio inal monarch, with a regent like Marshal Badoglio to

represent him until he comes of age. Chief objection to King Victor is that he not only allowed Mussolini to come into power, but that he also supported him throughout his administration, renouncing him only when it appeared Italy would lose the war and the smart thing to do to advise on political questions in

bandwagon. Removal of King Victor Emmanuel would sound the death knell of monarchy in Europe, since he is one of the last rulers with any actual governmental powers.

would be to jump onto the Allied

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

Last Step

Gen. Douglas MacArthur took the final step toward driving the Japanese from eastern Australasia with a massive attack designed to clear the enemy from the big air and sea base of Rabaul in New Britain.

Feeder point for Japanese forces in the Solomons and New Guinea, and nerve center for enemy resistance in the whole eastern Australasian area, Rabaul stood threatened as U. S. forces spilled over into the remaining Nipponese holdings in the Solomons, which flank the base and offer means for harassing any Allied force attempting to move against the big pivotal position.

Occupation of the Treasury Islands heralded MacArthur's drive in the Solomons to cut off Rabaul. Then, U. S. troops landed on the last two important Jap strongholds of Choiseul and Bougainville, with units of the enemy fleet and air force offering resistance.

SUBSIDIES: Asked by FDR

Declaring that government subsidies are comparatively cheap for (1) stimulating production of certain necessary and select crops; (2) preventing inflationary tendencies, and (3) encouraging sale of food through ordinary channels instead of black markets, President Roosevelt asked congressional approval for his food subsidy program.

By use of subsidies, the President said, food prices can be kept at lower levels than if processors, distributors and retailers were each permitted to mark up their margins. Failure to provide stabilization through subsidies, he said, would bring about justifiable demands for increased wages.

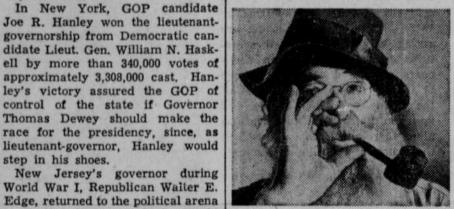
Use of subsidies to stabilize prices is presently costing the U.S. 800 million dollars a year, the President said. Of the sum, 450 million dollars is being used to maintain meat and butter prices by subsidizing the producer.

Mr. Roosevelt answered the demand for a food czar by asserting that the different duties of the War Food administration and Office of Price administration made consolidation of the two bureaus impracti-

What People Are Doing

When Ensign George Swiggart Miles appeared for duty at the navy department in Washington, D. C., he reported to his mother, Lieut. Amy Brown Miles, in charge of officer personnel.

A gold prospector from Leadville, Colo., bewhiskered F. E. Gimlett, broke into a meeting of the house ways and means committee study-



ing new taxation. "I want congress to put the WACs and WAVES back in the kitchen with pots and pans and babies," he stormed, before he was led from the room.

After calling every available nonfather in LaPlata county, Colo., to service, draft board clerk John Craig put his name at the top of the induction list for fathers. Craig's job went to his wife, and no sooner was him to report for induction. They have four children.

ioned a four-power pact between the RUSSIA:

Surge Into Crimea

Taking no time to catch their breath, Russia's marching Red legions stormed into the Crimea, the great body of land off the southern tional organization of both large and Ukraine commanding the Black sea

Lost to Russia after the fall of Sevastopol in 1942, the Nazis primarily have used its former luxurious resorts as health havens for wounded soldiers. When it fell to Germany, 200,000 Russians were killed or captured, and the exact number of Nazis remaining is unknown, since that depends on the proportion that could be evacuated while rearguards fought bitter delaying actions at Melitopol. assistance in overthrowing Naziism

Farther to the north, German rearguards battled flercely in the Krivoi Rog area to hold off the Russians while the Nazis withdrew from countries reconquered by the Allies. | the great bend of the Dnieper river.

CIO:

51/4 Million Members

Growth of the CIO to over 51/4 million members increased the ranks



million. Announcement of Murray, at the open- became an addict. convention in Phila-

strength estimated

in excess of seven

As the CIO delegates convened, the production program, stabiliza- was created to prevent it. tion of employees at their present | The proponents of the subsidy plan occupations was now essential.

TOKENS:

For Rationing

The tokens that will be substitutes for ration coupons for small Office of Price Administration as be- meat ration one-third. The weekly are colored red or blue, with orange now are good for only 100 grams, or edges, it was said. Red tokens about two ounces, according to a rewill be used for meat purchases, and port published in a German language whom 1,853 are German, 1,798 Jap- travel across country in new triple- blue for processed foods. The new daily in Holland. The cut means a

Washington Digest

Politics Seen as Key in Farm Subsidy Problem

Acceptable Compromise Lacking; Presidential Veto Forecast for Any Bill Banning Use of 'Economic Stimulant.'

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

> > publicans naturally take the side op-

posite to the administration because

they can win some farm votes as

champions of higher prices to farm-

ers if they take this stand. On the

other hand, they believe that the

the veto will be sustained. If so,

supported the bill, to stand.

They mention the sugar "subsidy."

operation where the man who milks

Meanwhile, we know that the cost

of living has already gone up. We

know that we need full production

of foodstuffs. We know that many

farmers can't get the feed required

to raise the stock or to fatten it to

its most efficient weight for slaugh-

Payment of any money out by the

treasury does mean more money in

circulation but the subsidy pro-

ponents point to the kind of inflation

we get when prices aren't controlled.

The administration says it is better

to control a few processors and dis-

tributors, even if Uncle Sam has

to snoop into their books to see he

isn't cheated, than to let that vicious

spiral of prices and living costs start

In the next weeks you will hear

The other day when I stepped into

I ate them with pleasure. Al-

though the meat loaf was 25 per cent

soy grits, it tasted exactly like meat

to me. The cookies and the Brown

Soy flour and soy grits-the bread

had some soy flour in it-are both

on the market ready to contribute

ing recipes, and you can get one by

writing to the bureau, care of the

department of agriculture, Washing-

There are recipes for mint loaf,

chile con carne, suggestions for use

of soy with vegetables when they are

served as a main dish; soy in sauces

and mixed with cereals to give a

richer protein diet-many sugges-

tions for making what you have go

Frankly, when I get a letter that

makes me real mad, I sometimes

mention it on the air. I shouldn't

ever do it, I suppose, because I usu-

ally get a flood of sympathy which

perhaps I don't deserve but one of

the best replies I ever had was from

a man in Spearfish, S. D., who wrote

tune you in. Now, I may be mistaken,

yet it seems to me that at times you

think some of the letters you receive

are 'hitting below the belt' which has

always been considered cowardly and

unjustified. But in a great many cases,

if we don't hit below the belt, we just

make a total miss as it seems that some

of the stuff that is put out for us to fol-

low shows that there is NOTHING

"Each morning at 11 a. m. MWT, 1

further and accomplish more.

ton, D. C.

A Letter

to me as follows:

a lot more of these arguments.

to mount.

F & H broadcast.

Betty were excellent.

is nothing to be sneezed at.

the cow gets the subsidy direct.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | purely political. They say the Re-Washington, D. C.

The administration is in the midst of one of its fiercest contests to "hold the line" against stabilization. It is the old question of subsidies for farm products and it looks like a fight to the death. The house agriculture committee, with Representative Steagall and others swinging over to the Republican side, is backing the bill which would renew the appropriations for the Commodity Credit corporation and cut out the subsidies to processors, distributors and some direct cash aid to farmers. The present legislation expires in January. A presidential veto is taken for granted for any bill banning the use subsidies. Administration supporters believe that such a veto can be sustained, but they see a tough, bitter fight ahead.

The key to the whole difficulty is violent partisanship. Successful politics is like successful living-in the family, in the community, in the world-it depends on the ability to compromise. In this fight, there seems to be no one able to work out an acceptable compromise. Already the feeling is bitter.

Cost of Living

Complicating the problem is, as usual, labor's insistence that the cost of living has gone up higher than statistics show, that the Little Steel formula is no longer a fair yardstick for wage increases since decisions of the War Labor board, plus insistence of the director of stabilization, hold down wages while the administration has not carried out its promises to roll back the living

The farm organizations and the processors and the distributors oppose the roll-back. They don't put it that way. They say they oppose subsidies for rolling back consumer prices. They argue that subsidies to increase production and support prices in a free market are all right | Food Contribution -and are horses of another color. The President sees no difference. Subsidies which permit the government to buy up commodities or make loans at a minimum price when the market price dips below that figure are all right, say the farm bloc, but, they claim, the "new" subsidies go further than that in that they mean payments direct to the processor and distributor and also buying and selling by the government. This, they claim, is in itself inflationary because it means payments out of the treasury. They say they don't believe that the money will get back to the farmer, that it means "grocery bills paid by the government," with very little real saving to the consumer, and finally, which is the real rub, it means too much government control.

Subsidies and Votes

Of course, there is the point that the politician doesn't like to mention -nobody who depends on votes wants to be in a position later on of having to remove those benefits. Another point, not stressed, is that subsidies to processors mean that the government has a right to look into the books of private industry.

But to the President, it is subsidies or inflation. At a recent press and radio conference, the President said that he got the head of the Farm of organized labor Bureau federation, Edward O'Neil, to over 12 million, to admit that letting prices go up in what with AFL a free market, which the government says would have to be the alternative of the subsidy if the farmer was to get the incentive for increased production, would mean a CIO membership little inflation. The President then was made by its told the story about the man who president, Philip took just a "little" cocaine. He soon

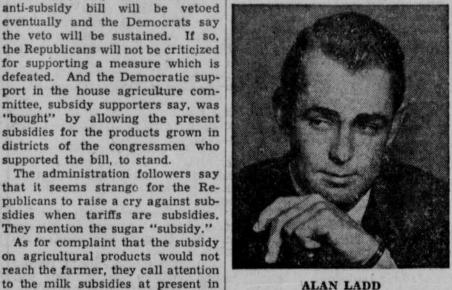
ing of the CIO's It was then that a woman reportsixth constitutional er, known for her spicy questions, asked if the President didn't think delphia, Pa. To the that if his measure was carried we 51/4 million mem- might become subsidy addicts. The Philip Murray bers, the CIO will President didn't seem to think so. add two million | He pointed out that agriculture has more in the coming year, Murray been getting subsidies since 1933.

Whether or not there is danger in any of this mild economic stimulant they heard a message from Presi- which the administration feels is a dent Roosevelt, in which he said that wartime necessity, everybody adalthough the movement of workers mits that runaway inflation must be to new manufacturing centers was avoided if possible. The whole comdesirable during the early phases of plicated machinery of stabilization

say that the fight against them is above the belt to hit at."



TIME was when an actor I was likely to lose his public if he stayed off the screen for even a short time. Some can't risk it now. Alan Ladd doesn't belong in that classa large part of the public is remaining faithful to him while he's off serving his country, and refusing to put anyone else in their idol's place. He worked hard for his success-had years of encouragement but few good roles, and put in time working in radio before he got a good role in "Joan of Paris." Then



ALAN LADD

he tested for "This Gun for Hire," and when Paramount executives saw his test they didn't bother about testing anyone else. His success in that role was like Marlene Dietrich's in "Morocco"-instantaneous.

Gary Moore, who co-stars with Jimmy Durante over both CBS and NBC, will make his picture debut under David Selznick's sponsorship, and will be developed as "a sort of combination of Fred Allen and Bob Hope"-which should be something! It'll be Allen on writing ability and Hope from the slant of his delivery.

Howard Petrie, announcer of the Moore-Durante air show, had both Paramount and RKO after him with a long-term acting contract. He stands six feet four and weighs 240 Bill Edwards, of "Our Hearts Were stores.) When you're sending gifts Young and Gay."

Farm and Home Hour had ended, I has the "Beat the Band" show on Post Office restrictions on packfound some cookies, some Brown Betty and a meat loaf sandwich wait- song called "She's Got Bars on Her can still send Camels to soldiers ing. These samples had been saved | Shoulders and Stars in Her Eyes"; | in the U. S., and to men in the from a more elaborate layout of the WACs couldn't resist the title good things made with soy beans so adopted the ditty for their official which had been the subject of the recruiting song.

> Pompeii's emergence into frontpage importance because of the fighting around Naples inspired RKO to reissue its spectacular "The Last Days of Pompeii." originally released in 1935; its cast includes Alan Hale, Basil Rathbone, and Louis Calhern.

vitamins, mineral, protein, vim and vigor to our food, reducing the con-Dick Haymes' first tests at 20th sumption of scarcer and more ex-Century-Fox turned out so well that pensive products. A saving of from his part in "Four Jills and a Jeep," 20 to 25 per cent in meat and still with Carole Landis, was made bighaving almost identical food values ger and bigger. Meanwhile, his radio sponsor pays for the lad's popu-Soy, it is pointed out, is not a larity. Half the program comes substitute but a supplement to other from New York, with a full orchesfoods and you would be surprised tra, chorus, and Jim Ameche feahow many tasty dishes can be protured-another orchestra and chorus duced with it. The Bureau of Hugoes on in Hollywood, accompanyman Nutrition and Home Economics ing Haymes' songs. has a handy little pamphlet contain-

> Flossie Flynn, head of Loew's Telephone Information Service in New York, says that recently her office has been swamped by inquiries about Metro's two-reel short, "Heavenly Music," a tale of a jive musician who can't get into heaven until he convinces a jury of famous composers that swing is real music-says she gets more calls asking where it's playing than she does on feature productions.

> It's taken 14 years for Hollywood to get around to remaking "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," done in 1929 as a silent. Benedict Bogeaus, a business man who bought Hollywood's General Service Studios a year and a half ago, bought the screen rights and put Rowland V. Lee in as director-and now the picture's timed right to coincide with the work of the Committee on Inter-American Affairs.

> The Ellery Queen cast likes to be heard above the incidental music of the organ, except when guest detectives turn up early, during the dress rehearsal-then, when the crime's solution is given, the organ fairly roars, drowning out all voices.

ODDS AND ENDS-Tenor Bill Days, discovered by Groucho Marx in his radio program's chorus, and then given the solo singing part, has been signed to a 26-week contract . . . Looks as if "Blondie" — Penny Singleton—would in musicomedy films-she was origher success in musicals on the Broadway stage . . . Maureen O'Hara, last seen in RKO's "The Fallen Sparrow," and Paul Henried will co-star in nor in Tennessee's elections next year.



HIS bag was planned as a gift for someone who was finding days in bed difficult enough without having books, magazines and writing materials scattered about. If you like to take an assortment of reading matter to bed, sick or well, you will enjoy a bag like



Its hanger hook may be sewed to box springs and there you are with everything handy.

The bag shown here was made of a remnant of heavy cotton upholstery materials in tones of green with a touch of red in the pattern. The red was repeated in the sateen lining. The sketch gives all the dimensions and shows how the lining and the outside part were made. A coat hanger was cut down to measure 12 inches from end to end and was placed between the lining and the outside; these being stitched together around the top, as illustrated.

NOTE-This bedside bag is but one of thirty-two useful things to make for the nome, that are illustrated with detailed directions in BOOK 8 of the series pre-pared for readers. The price of BOOK 8 is 15 cents. Send your order to:

MRS. RUTH WYETH SPEARS Bedford Hills Drawer 10 Enclose 15 cents for Book No. 8. Name Address

When the soldier talks about "the skipper" he means his captain, the head of his company. And that's just what the title "captain" means. It comes from the Latin word "caput" meaning "head." Another leader high in the Army man's favor is Camel cigarettesthey're first choice with men in the Army. (Based on actual sales pounds-right up with Paramount's records from service men's own from home, keep in mind that a carton of cigarettes is always most welcome. And though there are Wednesday evenings, introduced a ages to overseas Army men, you Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard wherever they are .- Adv.

NO ASPIRIN FASTER

than genuine, pure St. Joseph Aspirin. World's largest seller at 10¢. None safer, none surer. Demand St. Joseph Aspirin.

Tree Blows Up

Contrary to common belief, a bolt of lightning does not splinter the tree; the tree itself "blows up" when its moisture is suddenly turned into steam under high pres-



Healthful Alaska

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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

ENEMY ALIENS: Since Pearl | the 14,738 persons seized as poten- hind with 434 yards. tially dangerous. Biddle says that 3,771 aliens have been interned, of

GROUND GAINER: The Notre Harbor, 7,884 enemy aliens have Dame football team is establishing purchases were described by the land have even cut the Dutch horsebeen interned or paroled after a a new mark for ground gaining. The hearing, Attorney General Biddle re- average is now about 485 yards a ing made of fiber, and between a meat ration coupons, which used to veals. That is more than half of game. The army team is close be- nickel and a quarter in size. They be good for 150 grams of horsemeat,

SLEEPERS: Soldiers will soon anese, and 111 Italians. A few Hundeck sleeping cars, the Pullman system will go into effect in Febru- great deal to the Dutch, whose liv-

garians and Rumanians are held. | company announced.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Nazi occupation authorities in Holing standards have lowered.

Collecting spider web for precision sighting instruments is one of the soon be kicking her pretty legs again duties performed by women in the British Auxiliary Territorial service. inally brought to Hollywood because

Because corn fields are excellent hide-outs for partisans, the Croat minister for the interior has ordered all farmers to cut their fields by the end of this month. If they are not Opry," may be a candidate for government by they are not of this month. cut by then, they will be burned.