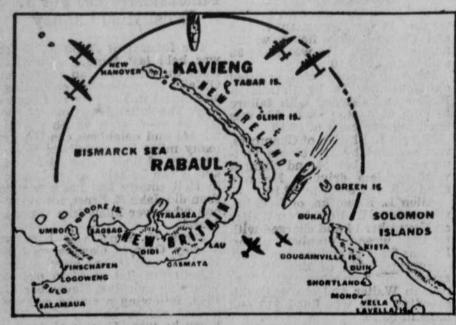
Allied Drive Through Italy Is Slowed By Hard Fighting and Stout Defenses; U. S. Campaign for Rabaul Threatens **Entire Jap Southwest Pacific Position**

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Attention in the South Pacific is focused on the great Jap naval base of Rabaul on New Britain island, which U. S. air forces have pounded from New Guinea on the west and the Solomons on the east.

ITALY: Fight for Main Road

With their artillery commanding the mountain heights, German troops fought doggedly to seal off a pass leading into the long, level corridor

Complicating the Fifth army's task to break through, was steady rain, which muddied the country. A succession of German counterattacks were designed to disturb U. S. and British groupings for concentrated assaults against Nazi posts.

To the east, the British Eighth army picked its way slowly over the mountainous central sector, with strong German armored formations holding it off on the flat coastal stretches of the Adriatic.

Shipping Gains

As a result of Italy's surrender, the Allies have come into control of 170,000 tons of merchant shipping and 149 warships, besides many smaller craft.

Adding to this trip-hammer blow against the Axis sea strength, was the destruction of 527,000 tons of en- HITLER: emy shipping in the Mediterranean, mostly by submarines.

While the enemy was being lambasted, 22,526,485 tons of Allied merchant shipping reached North African ports, including Casablanca. Losses in action totaled 11/2 per cent | persistency," Adolf of the total tonnage.

AGRICULTURE:

Less Cotton

On the basis of conditions prevailing November 1, the department of | London one day latagriculture estimated a 1943 cotton crop of 11,442,000 bales of 500 pounds | Winston Churchill each, compared with 12,824,000 bales last year, and a 10-year average of 12,474,000 bales.

pounds of lint cotton. The average last year was 272.5 pounds, and for life experienced by 10 years, 217.0 pounds.

For Texas the 1943 crop was estimated at 2,825,000 bales; Mississippi, 1,820,000; Arkansas, 1,090,000; Alabama, 950,000; Georgia, 845,000; destructive propaganda . . . The Louisiana, 745,000; South Carolina, 700,000; North Carolina, 610,000; Tennessee, 500,000; Oklahoma, 375,- Nazi war production had risen de-000; California, 360,000; Missouri, 305,000; Arizona, 141,000; New Mexico, 116,000; Virginia, 25,000; and lied air raids, but vengeance would Florida, 16,000.

As of November 1, 9,061,252 running bales of cotton of this year's growth had been ginned.

U. S. Fat Supplies

will be available for civilians during the next year, compared with 47 pounds in 1943, the War Food administration announced in revealing that total U.S. needs will approximate 11,700,000,000 pounds.

Of this vast amount, the U. S. will produce 11,300,000,000 pounds, or 90 per cent of the total, and 1,100,000,000 pounds will be imported.

Of the 8,000,000,000 pounds allocated for food, civilians will get 70 per cent of the supply, while the army will receive 9 per cent. The remaining 21 per cent will be divided between exports, lend-lease and requirements for feeding liberated

Industrial users will be allotted 3,600,000,000 pounds, with 2,100,000,-000 pounds going into soap and glycerine production. About 600,000,000 pounds will be allocated for civilian and military paints, varnishes, linoleums, oil-cloth and other coated fabrics. The remainder will be used for lubricants, printing inks, leather | as they restore their own economy and textile processing.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

Focal Point Two years ago Johnny Doughboy

never heard of Rabaul. Today, this great port on New Britain island is the focal point of the U. S. drive in the Southwest Pacific, with hundreds of bombers soaring over it to dump tons of explosives on the ships lying in its waters and the planes parked on its many airdromes.

With Rabaul lost, the Japs might as well pull up their stakes in the area to the northeast of Australia. Today, not only does it block any general move the U.S. might make northward to the Philippines and Japan, but it also acts as feeder point for barges supplying New Guinea and the Solomons.

Using such barges which can carry from 35 to 150 troops, the Japs reinforced their embattled forces on Bougainville island, their last stronghold in the Solomons from which U. S. Doughboys fought to expel

'Fight to Finish'

Declaring that "the last battle will bring the decision, and it will be

won by the people with the greatest Hitler broadcast to the world Germany's resolution never to give in at the 11th hour.

But speaking in er, Prime Minister said Germany was doomed to defeat in 1944, in a campaign Yield per acre was set at 253.4 that will be the most severe and costly in the Allies.

Adolf Hitler In 1918, Hitler said: "Germany's final collapse was due less to force of arms than to people were simple . . . The leaders were weaklings . . . " Claiming that spite persistent bombings, Hitler said civilians suffered most from Albe wreaked on England. ". . . We

cannot reach America . . ." he said. Because of their disturbing effect on enemy morale, Allied bombings are one of the prime forces against Hitler's regime, Churchill said. "The About 44 pounds of fats and oils back of the U-boat campaign has been broken," he asserted.

WORLD RELIEF: Planned by Allies

To rebuild shattered Europe after the war and relieve the privations DEMOBILIZATION: of its people, 44 United Nations signed an agreement establishing an organization to conduct the work.

Supplies needed for the undertaking will be contributed by participating nations, and of the 46 million tons of food, seed, fuel, clothing, raw materials, machinery and medical items that will be required during the first six months after the war, the U. S. will furnish 91/2 million tons, Great Britain 31/2 million, Europe 29 million and other regions,

4 million. Money required for U. S. participation must be appropriated by congress. Plans call for putting the distressed people back on their feet, then gradually withdrawing support I to the prewar levels.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

and commodities broke on rumors postal department have passed the of peace with Germany. Shares on one billion dollars a year mark for the New York market fell from one to ten points before rallying. Low months ending September 30, total grade bonds dropped sharply. Wheat | income was \$1,006,000,000, Postwent down two cents a bushel, wool | master General Walker reveals. two to three cents, cotton \$1.35 a bale. Two billion dollars of "paper valuation" were lost in the sharp The period is neither a regular

PEACE SCARE: Stocks, bonds | POST OFFICE: Revenues of the the first time in history. For the 12 Expenditures totaled \$994,000,000. leaving a surplus of \$12,000,000. fiscal nor a calendar year.

LABOR:

Lewis Sets Example

John L. Lewis' success in obtaining a daily wage increase of \$1,50 for his United Mine Workers seemingly has shaken other labor leaders from their reluctant compliance the administration's "Little Steel Formula" for holding pay boosts to within 15 per cent of 1941

Representing 900,000 members, the executive committee of the CIO's United Steel Workers decided to demand higher wages, with the exact extent yet to be determined. It was in awarding the steel workers a raise of 44 cents daily two years ago, that the War Labor board developed its hotly contested wage for-

While the steel workers made their move, spokesmen for 1,100,000 non-operating railroad union employees rejected the government's offer of graduated pay increases ranging from 10 cents an hour for all wages less than 47 cents an hour. to 4 cents an hour for wages of 97 cents and over per hour.

Oppose Workers' Draft

Solution of manpower shortages in different areas through co-operative efforts of labor-management-agriculture committees instead of draft legislation, was recommended by union, business and farm leaders in a special report to War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. Mc-

To get community programs operating, it was recommended: 1. There be surveys of manpower supplies; 2. Determination of local urgency for products and services: 3. Surveys of needs of employers; 4. Controlled flow of available manpower to shortage areas.

The report stated that large numbers of workers have yet to be transferred to essential industry. Longer working hours in some instances, and increased recruitment of women workers, also were suggested.

Intent on flying, Emil Guse and John Gander were sworn into the army air corps at Hamilton, Mont.

RUSSIA:

Near Europe

On the northern front, Russian troops stood within 20 miles of the old Polish border, while it was reported that the Germans were mobilizing all able-bodied men in Estonia and Latvia to help in a last ditch fight for these states commanding the Baltic sea route.

To the west of fallen Kiev, the Reds moved on the last railroad linking German armies in the north with those to the south.

On the southern front, Go forces still held their ground at Krivoi Rog and Nikopol, guarding their general retreat from the big Dnieper river bulge. Near the mouth of the Dnieper on the Black sea, the Reds were only about 100 miles from Rumania.

Some 75,000 Nazi troops holding the strategic Crimea peninsula which guards the Black sea routes, tried to reduce Russian concentrations on its eastern shore.

CIVILIAN GOODS:

More Forks, Spoons

To extend the life of flatware, the War Production board has authorized the release of small quantities of nickel for plating under silver and chrome knives, forks and spoons. At the same time, WPB allowed purchase of alloy steel from distressed stocks for use in manufacturing restaurant and institutional flatware.

To bolster dwindling stocks of infants' and children's hosiery and underwear, the WPB granted priorities on necessary yarns for production of such goods.

Priorities will cover cotton knitting yarns for use in making infants' ribbed hose, sizes 3 to 51/2; infants' half socks and anklets, 3 to 61/2; children's half socks, 5 to 71/2, and % and % hose to 91/2; boys' crew and slack socks, 7 to 111/2, and boys' golf hose, 7 to 111/2.

Having evidently collided with a lightning flash, 300 wild geese fell from the sky near Galena, Mo.

British Plans

Release of soldiers only when employment is available is being studied by the British government, along with plans for holding workers in war jobs until conversion to civilian production is completed. To assure new industries of ade-

quate labor supplies, the government is considering controlling employment, so as to prevent any rush into old, established lines.

The government's present intention is to start demobilization as soon as the European fighting ends. but it recognizes that many troops will be needed for occupation of the continent, and many more will be shifted to the Pacific for the war against Japan.

BALL PLAYER

Spurgeon Ferdinand ("Spud") Chandler, Yankee pitcher, was named most valuable player in the American league by the Baseball Writers' association. He won 20 games and dropped four during the season. In the series, he pitched the first and last games, winning

Previously, the association had voted Stan Musial, Cardinal, most valuable man in the National league, and Walker Cooper, teammate, sec-

Washington Digest

Government Asks Reports On U. S. Holdings Abroad

Form TFR-500 Supplies Valuable Information Concerning American Stake in Foreign Lands, Aids Reconstruction.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

> > the question of claims for damage

There are more than 100 people in

the state department alone who are

now working on postwar plans. One

of the most important phases of this

work is the reopening of trade with

the war areas as well as the rest of

the world. Of course, the terms un-

der which the trade is reopened may

depend on the industrial possibilities

of the various areas; and how soon

the controls of foreign exchange can

be dropped will depend, in a large

part, on the extent of the U.S. and

other foreign holdings of the obliga-

edge of the value and type of United

might be able to encourage com-

panies with foreign experience to

Washington correspondents for the

press associations and some of the

well as the network broadcasters

news of the agreements reached at

There have been many bad leak-

national events recently. The state

department, the Office of War In-

formation and the Office of Censor-

American newspapers and radio

against these violations of prema-

ture release of important stories

involving foreign countries. The

leaks usually have come through

foreign officials who whisper a

few hints to some of their news-

men friends. They also sometimes

occur when news dispatches, radioed

in advance for later release, are

picked up by the enemy or are di-

Every effort was made to prevent

such leaks in connection with the

Moscow conference. The question

of safety of the lives of British and

American negotiators was involved.

It was feared that if the fact that

the conference was over was pub-

licly revealed, the enemy might be

on the watch to shoot down the

vulged in neutral countries.

develop such an enterprise.

Moscow were released.

to American property.

foreign countries.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | affected by the war. Also there is Washington, D. C.

When Paratrooper Jones landed "plop" in the midst of a field he had never heard of in a country he had only read about in books, he was able to lead his comrades direct to a certain building whose purpose, importance, construction and contents, almost down to the last nut and bolt, were all known in detail by the American high command. Paratrooper Jones knew just where to get to the point he wanted to leave his dynamite and General Smith, at the headquarters, knew exactly the damage that would result to the enemy when that dynamite went off. Neither would have had that information if a worried banker in Bingville, U. S. A., hadn't painstak-

The information asked for concerned American investments in foreign lands, and the information the government got back made it possible for it to get the detailed blue prints of the factory that Jones blew up from the American firm which had built it and, in this case, the construction engineer who had

ingly filled out Form TFR-500 which

the treasury department had sent

bossed the job. The function of these annoying TRF-500's which have already located American investments in 102 countries, the largest single one of which is seven million dollars and the smallest forty dollars, serves other exceedingly useful, if not as dramatic, purposes.

Other Functions

One government official pointed out to me another important function this information plays in nonmilitary wartime activities. He said: "The more complete information

the government has on the total American stake abroad, the more successful will be the efforts of our forces on the fighting fronts, the more quickly will the Allied Military Government be able to restore | The Moscow Conference civilian activities in reoccupied areas, the better equipped our representatives will be to safeguard the interests of the American people during the peace table discussions, and the sounder will be the working out of postwar policies in the field of international economic relation-

"This survey of American investments abroad is an instrument of vital importance to the future of this country. Most other world powers have long since collected similar information. They not only know the holdings of their own nationals all over the world, but their relations with those of other countries. Their plans are well formulated to protect and develop these investments. Our government believes we should not be less well informed."

This official had a particular reason in discussing this situation with

First, he wanted to stimulate the people who had received Form TFR-500 in giving as complete a report as possible.

Second, he desired wide publicity in the hope that other American citizens, individuals, corporations, executives of estates, trustees of charitable organizations who might be able to furnish the information desired, would get in touch with the treasury department and turn it over to the government.

Rehabilitation

Aside from its value to military men, the facts are exceedingly important to the Allied officials who are administering rehabilitation in occupied countries. If they know about a plant that has certain production facilities or trained people who can be used in producing what they desire, it greatly helps their work. It has proved in Sicily, and will prove in Italy, of great value to the Allied administrators to get information concerning the citizens so that they can pick those who are of known non-Fascist leanings to cooperate with them. The information also, of course.

is exceedingly valuable to many of the government departments.

Claims for Damage

Another thing that the state department is called upon to do is to property in countries that have been | my one o'clock network broadcast. | mealy," he warns.

planes carrying Secretary of State Hull and British Foreign Minister Eden and their parties. Some of us who were affected, learned on the Saturday before the Monday of their official release that

copies of the agreements had of agriculture, states that recent reached the state department earli- tests with harvest or hormone er. We had guessed as much since the President commented on the licious, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, success of the agreement the day Stayman, Winesap and Duchess apbefore in his press and radio conference. We were told we would receive copies as far in advance as possible which meant that someone two or three days after application representing the various news agencies and networks had to be on duty he says. If possible, application day and night. Finally, the word should not be made too early-prefcame Monday morning that the messages were available and they were given out at ten o'clock for release manufacturer of the particular at one o'clock. We, therefore, had spray should be used and a thorthree hours in which to digest the five separate documents.

Fortunately for me, the one fruit in order to be effective. o'clock release made it possible for me to report the story a minute and assist citizens in getting back their 19 seconds after it was given out on long, because the fruit will become

Five hundred Cuban youths are fighting in the armies of the United Nations, according to General Beni-

More than 10,000,000 servicemen, per year visit USO clubs in this hemisphere outside continental Unittez Valdes, special Cuban delegate suggest livestock specialists. to Mexico. Ten thousand Mexicans According to the Swiss newspaper are fighting in the U.S. army.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Journal de Geneve, cigarette butts are at a premium in Berlin and an increasing number of persons may aircraft defenses in Germany, it is be seen collecting them on the



Fertilizing Soybeans In Rotation Studied

When, How Is Question Before Agronomists

How and when to fertilize soybeans in the rotation is a question that faces hundreds of thousands of American farmers, since the war's demands have so greatly increased

the production of this crop. Agronomists at the Purdue university agricultural experiment station are seeking the answer to this question in a series of experiments that are expected to produce some in-

teresting results. One of these tests, conducted by R. R. Mulvey, designed to reveal the best place in the rotation to supply supplemental fertilizer to meet requirements for higher crop production, is being conducted on three blocks of land comprising 10 plots each on the university's soils and crops farm.

The present rotation is corn, soy-

tions of the country in question. All beans and wheat, with sweet clover this will affect our exporters here seeded in the wheat as an intercrop. as well as American interests in Before the present experiment was laid out, the land had been in a ro-The treasury department, as you tation of corn, wheat and clover for know, has drawn up the White plan 25 years. All crops had been refor international stabilization; the moved yearly from all plots. On British government has the Keynes six of the plots to which six tons of manure had been added annually, None of these projects, treasury the corn yield had averaged 56.5 officials said to me, which vitally afbushels per acre. On four of the fect the postwar movements of trade plots which had received no treatand capital, can be intelligibly ment, the corn crop averaged 43.5 planned and certainly cannot be put bushels. Thus the contrasting plots into effect without adequate knowl-

States interests and the number and low productivity. character of the persons having In the current tests, corn on all plots received 100 pounds per acre of 0-12-12 fertilizer near the hill at Many other important business negotiations such as private loans planting time. Wheat is fertilized to foreign countries, direct investwith 300 pounds of 3-12-12 at seeding ments by American corporations, time and is top-dressed with 20 furthering the good neighbor policy. pounds of nitrogen the latter part of will be affected by the informa-March. Because of adequate fertition in the government's hands. For lization of both corn and wheat the instance, if the government can say intercrop of sweet clover is to be definitely that in a certain area there relied on for nitrogen. But whenis very little capital invested in a ever the clover fails, 80 pounds of certain type of enterprise and it is nitrogen will be plowed under on all known such an enterprise might be plots. enlarged there, the government

represent two levels of productivity

-one of medium and the other of

In addition to the foregoing basic tests, variations of treatment are being tried on particular plots. For instance, 400 pounds of 0-10-20 is applied via the plow sole for corn, on two plots where the soil is of a medium productivity level. Similar treatments are applied for soybeans on three additional plots-four huncountry's metropolitan dailies as dred pounds of 0-10-20 is top-dressed on wheat in March on two plots-one lived on needles and pins for more on low level productivity soil and than a day and a half before the the other on medium level.

When harvests are completed yearly on the various plots and yield results under the different fertilizer ages in advance of important inter- treatments are compared, it is expected that some interesting information will be forthcoming on the most effective means of applying ship have done their best to protect supplemental fertilizer in the rota-

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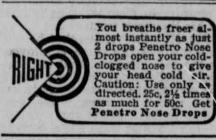
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