Combined Strength of All Allied Power Concentrated for 3-Pronged Thrust On Hitler's Jittery German Stronghold; **New Plan Devised for Pacific Strategy**

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"Big Three" map sledge hammer blows vs. Axis from north, south and east, as illustrated on map. (See: Statesmen Confer.)

Cut Needs

main unchanged.

3,500,000 women under 45.

Against the 2,000,000 new workers

which the War Manpower commis-

sion estimated would be needed in

the munitions industries by July,

1944, only 1,100,000 actually will be

To achieve their goal of 11,300,000

navy will actually call more than

to keep the ranks at full strength.

Draft calls during January and Feb-

ruary will continue at the current

rate of 300,000 to 350,000 per month.

Killing the Lucas (Ill.) - Green

(R. I.) bill allowing soldiers over-

federal elections by Senator James

plications for absentee ballots to be

Included in the measure was an

amendment by Senator Robert Taft

(Ohio), assuring all parties of equal

While U. S. and Australian troops

slowly hacked their way through

Southwest Pacific jungles, Gen.

Douglas MacArthur's representative

at the Cairo conference revealed the

general's new master plan for de-

MacArthur's plan calls for cap-

off the Japs' principal source of oil

for their mechanized forces, and

otherwise slashing their long supply

To achieve this objective. Mac-

Arthur has sought to lure the big

Jap fleet out into the open for a

finish fight, but the wily Nipponese

cover or behind reefy coral barriers.

feating the Japanese.

lines to the home islands.

distributed by air mail free.

shares of campaign publicity.

Eastland

SOLDIERS' VOTE:

States' Control

seas to vote under

federal supervision.

the senate adopted

spired by Senator

James Eastland

Under Eastland's

vets abroad to vote

in local, state and

establishing a sys-

tem of postcard ap-

sent to the

and

STATESMEN CONFER: | WAR MANPOWER: Map War Strategy

With the Big Four pledged to the destruction of Germany and Japan, all eyes turned to Cairo's historic Mena house where Turkey's Ismot Inonu met with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to discuss his country's role in the war.

Even as the statesmen met in the shadow of Egypt's massive pyramids. Germany played her hand, massing mechanized forces against Turkey's Balkan border in an obvious effort to influence the Turks'

F.D.R. and Churchill met with Inonu following their three-day conference with Premier Stalin of Russia in Teheran, Persia, where the Big Three pledged a finish fight against Germany from the east, west and south, and established the basis for a democratic community of na-

Meeting previously with China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, F.D.R. and Churchill had vowed to force unconditional surrender on the Japs, and restore all territory the Nipponese have overrun since 1894.

Hurry Invasion Barges

Twenty thousand manufacturing firms have been given a special priority for the production of invasion craft and ordered to speed up house a measure indeliveries during the fore part of

As was the case prior to the U.S. (Miss.) leaving elecinvasion of North Africa, shipbuild- tion rules up to the ers have been given precedence over states. planes, high-octane gasoline and othproposal, states er urgency production programs, and the navy has curtailed orders were asked to pass legislation allowing for destroyer-escorts to provide additional facilities for constructing the self-propelled landing barges, amphibious trucks, tank landing vessels. etc.

After being given the go-ahead before the North African operations, shipbuilders turned out 750 million dollars worth of invasion craft in five months.

ITALY:

Nazis' Line Sags

Fighting over muddy slopes, U. S. troops gained foggy mountain heights overlooking the road to Rome, and along the Adriatic to the east, Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Eighth army punched its way up a coastal strip toward the highway hub of Pescara.

Although the Nazis' winter line sagged in some sectors under the steady pressure of Allied infantry and artillery, it recoiled in others, and on the U.S. front, the Germans clung to the pass at Mignano affording access to the road to Rome, while on the British front, the enemy massed to check the Tommies farther inland.

Fighting bravely in the rain, U. S. Doughboys with packs clambered up have evaded battle, preferring to rocky slopes even too steep for mule remain close to bases under air supply teams.

Boost Ceilings

terminal markets, OPA raised ceilings by nine cents, and then froze prices of oats, barley and sorghum grains preparatory to establishing permanent revaluations.

In boosting corn ceilings, OPA said it was complying with the emergency price control act, which stipulates that maximum prices for a commodity shall reflect parity. Under the new tops, No. 2 corn will sell at \$1.16 at Chicago and Milwaukee; \$1.12% at Minneapolis and St. Paul; \$1.163/4 at St. Louis; \$1.12% at Kansas City and St. Joseph; \$1.15 at Peoria; \$1.10 at Omaha; \$1.151/4 at Duluth and Superior; \$1.09 at Sioux City, and \$1.28% at Nashville.

Action on oats, barley and sorghums resulted from steadily advancing feed prices because of the sag in corn marketing, OPA said. Rising prices increased costs for poultry and livestock and dairy

Feed Imports

To meet demands for feed grains in the U.S., a minimum of 75,000, 000 bushels will have to be imported if poultry and livestock goals are to be achieved in 1944, War Food administration estimated.

At the same time, the Association of American railroads revealed that 50 additional freight cars were being made available daily to Canadian lines for hauling grain, mainly into Utah and the Southeast, Capable of moving 2,000,000 bushels a month, these cars are in addition to the 1,000 in use in the North-

As of December 4, Commodity Credit corporation announced the U. S. had purchased 53,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, of which 45,000,000 already have been imported by rail and water.

Banned in 1942, suspender buttons have been ordered restored to work pants by the War Production board.

FLU:

'Seasonal Increase'

in the U.S. five times under that of 1941, and deaths from the sickness in Great Britain far below the proportions of 1937, the world presently faces no flu epidemic comparable to that of 1918, when 20,000,000 died.

So said a spokesman for the U.S. Public Health Service. However, he cautioned that persons suffering from colds, grippe and flu remain at home to prevent spreading the illness, especially in view of the shortage of doctors and nurses and the difficulty imposed in handling many patients.

men by next July, the army and the rising rate of influenza cases as a "normal seasonal increase," while 2,000,000 during the year, as first he pointed out that the deaths in planned, WMC said. Discharges and | Great Britain's large cities for a casualties will create a bigger drain single week recently fell far short of the 2,000 recorded weekly during the epidemic of 1937.

New Army

tators reported that the Russians were moving up a whole newly equipped army to continue their winter offensive the Reds followed no compromise in sight. their traditional tactics of conducting large scale attacks all along 600 miles of front in an effort to break through a weak spot.

Their drive beyond Gomel slowed with the reorganization of 300,000 German troops withdrawn from advance positions, the Reds opened up a heavy offensive in the Dnieper bend, above the industrial centers of Krivoi Rog and Nikopol, where the Nazis have held their ground for several months.

In this sector, the Reds poured troops onto the western banks of the Dnieper at two points, and in the fighting that ensued, they sought to crush German forces wedged be-

approximate 21/2 billion dollars, compared with 3 billion in 1942 and the

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: MacArthur's New Plan Assets in Billions

U. S. is equally rich in finance, with approximating 66 billion dollars. Figures show:

Loans and discounts of 10% bil-

other political obligations. Capital stock of the banks totals | These are just a few of the many 11/2 billion dollars, with surplus, un- efforts to shake loose the war redivided profits and reserves of 2

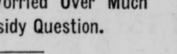
1,079,148 fans watched 55 regular and Austria addressing women's

Highest drawing card in the league was the New York Giants club.

Washington Digest

Dark Spectre of Inflation Rises to Haunt Congress

Strenuous Nail-Biting Marks Senators. Representatives Worried Over Much Debated Subsidy Question.



ahead.

Railroads Plan

For Future Traffic

There is one thing we are all in-

terested in. Getting from where we

are to somewhere else and getting

Naturally, we want to do it as

cheaply as possible. Today in Wash-

ington there is going on the prepara-

tion for one of the greatest transpor-

tation battles in history. The air-

lines believe that the war has virtu-

ally made the skies their garden. All

they have to do is to spade it. When

peace comes, and the various re-

strictions are lifted, the people will

The other day, the executives of

the leading railways got together.

They thought and thought. And this

(1) Reductions in passenger fares.

'We shall have to reduce rates

after the war and do it quickly and

hawing will only result in our empty-

(2) Widespread introduction of

(4) Greater consideration to the

ical departure by one executive.

prone to subject the passenger's in-

terest to the whims of mechanical

and operating offices and to the re-

tures by establishing a common base

rate for the whole country, and sim-

will nullify, as airlines grow larger,

much of their prewar personalized

country, carrying about 20 passen-

created a tremendous sales appeal.

type of selling impossible," said an-

"We have denuded our railway of

and we are thoroughly ashamed of

having done so," one official said.

(8) Greater comfort and better

service on all carriers from local

all-coach trains to the extra fare

(9) Speeding up of passenger

schedules by such means as con-

tinuing to take out curves, reducing

stops, and improving "head-end op-

erations" (mail and express load-

After that pronouncement, the

railway executives stepped forth and

announced in stentorian tones that

they were not afraid of competition

"Fine," says the humble traveler,

'we don't care whether it's airways

or railways, so long as we get where

we want to go and get back, eco-

plification of accounting methods.

both coach and Pullman, immedi-

is what came out of the hopper:

ately following the war.

would bring."

scrapped forever.

al and product advertising.

Passenger's Interest

schedules," he commented.

service sales appeal.

other executive.

ice at many points.

ing and unloading).

from the skyways

spread their wings and fly.

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C.

Unless I miss my guess badly, as these lines appear in print, a number of senators and representatives will be going through one of the most nervous nail-biting periods they have ever experienced.

When the antisubsidy bill passed the house with such an overwhelming majority-enough, if the vote held, to pass it over the President's veto-a lot of congressmen were beginning to worry. They were wondering: If the measure really does become law, will the ghost which the President has conjured up really

Inflation is that ghost. Nobody wants inflation.

Memories are long enough to remember how short the long green shrank after the last war. Suppose there came to pass what all the highbrows and the low-brows were predicting would, that if you lifted the lid just a l-e-e-t-l-e, it might blow off, members of congress had begun to ask themselves.

The memory of the boys selling apples, the memory of mortgages foreclosing, the memory of "Mister, have-you-got-a-dime?" began to stir in many a dormant corner.

Strange Phenomenon

It was a strange but not an unaccustomed phenomenon. The phenomenon of the congressman torn between what the particular group which dominated his constituency wanted and what he felt honestly and sincerely was the best thing for them in the long run. That doubt began to stir. It was an interesting thing to pass through the halls of the Capitol and of the House and Senate Office buildings and talk to these men. You could almost see the spectre rising behind them. The spectre of inflation pointing its finger at them.

Whenever you run into someone whose business it is to feel the pulse of congress, you get the same reaction I have just pictured. Members of congress are worried. They don't want to be blamed for inflation.

And that is why now, at this moment, when the fate of the Commodity Credit corporation (which nearly everybody wants) would seem to be sealed by the triumph of the antisubsidy provision, such fate may not be so certain.

When this subsidy fight started, I wrote in this column that the administration realized it had one of the hardest fights it ever had ahead. That there seemed to be absolutely

The other day, a man, wise in the ways of congress and beholden to no party and, so far as I know in the years I have known him, never a proponent of any measure (his business is to be neutral), said to me: "Wait and see, somebody like Senator Taft will come out with a compromise."

Well, I have waited and perhaps by the time you read this you will also have read that somebody "like Senator Taft" has produced the

If not, the administration's socalled "hold the line" policy will bite the dust.

See how the congress has struck at almost every brick in that wall.

Treasury Department

The treasury said: you must tax the spending money out of the pockets or you'll have inflation. The congress passed a tax bill that would raise about a fifth of what the administration said was necessary. This disregard of treasury's advice was due only in part to a lack of respect for Secretary Morgenthau's total assets of 5,058 national banks tax theories. And everybody blames the President for that. He doesn't have to keep Morgenthau in his cab-Private deposits of 40 billion dol- inet, even if he was a good neighbor lars; U. S. deposits of almost 11 bil- up there on the Hudson. But conlion; municipal and state deposits of gress wouldn't have taken anyone's advice on that subject.

The congress threatened to stop lion dollars; investments in U. S. the appropriation and authorization securities of 35% billion dollars; for the Office of Price Administraholdings of other stocks, bonds and tion. It managed to consider bills securities of 3 billion 400 million, of to take away OPA's powers, bit by which 2 billion represents state and | bit, to maintain the ceiling on coal and on oil.

> straints. Congress has reflected, nomically and comfortably." honestly enough, the feeling of the



Order Fertilizers Now, Urges WFA

Heavy Demands Will Swamp Dealers Later

Prompt action by farmers in placing orders for fertilizers with their local dealers is being urged by the War Food administration. Farmers WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | people. As the Allies march nearer are being advised, also, to take delivery as soon as their requests can to victory, the restraints of regulation and regimentation chafe more

> Because manufacturers and trans-But down deep in the hearts of portation systems alike are faced many a lawmaker today is the realiwith manpower shortages, the WFA zation that whether the administrasays it is imperative that as many tion has been right or wrong in the farmers as possible get in their ferway it has done things, it was right tilizer supplies this winter, instead when it said that inflation had to be of waiting for spring. Ordering now will be insurance against disappoint-And that is why today, unless I ment later on, it is pointed out. The miss my guess, or unless some Danfertilizer industry asserts it will be iel comes to judgment who can disable to get the fertilizer manufaccover a better salve than subsidies, tured and delivered, if allowed sufthe administration will win, at least ficient time. But instead of the usua partial victory, in the battle which al peace-time spring rush period, will be staged in the days just about six months is now needed.

With the heaviest demand in history in prospect, the present outlook indicates that in total tonnage there will be 5 to 10 per cent more fertilizer in 1944 than in 1943. There is a definite prospect for more nitrogen and superphosphate than in 1943, but a certainty of less potash, government reports show.

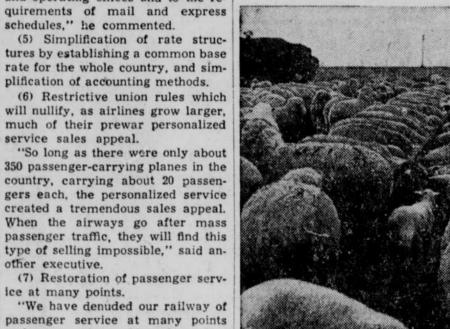
Plenty of mixed fertilizer is reported as available for shipment at present. Unless it goes to farms now, however, there is a possibility, says the War Food administration, that the facilities of manufacturers and dealers may be swamped later on, so that they will be unable to make full delivery in time for spring planting.

It is reported that many local dealers can give immediate delivery on orders. Storage facilities on the farm may be met, studies have shown, by putting the sacked fertilizer on a platform slightly raised off the ground and situated so it will be protected from night winds. It is advised that sacks, wagon sheets and other materials be used to cover

thoroughly," one executive said. the fertilizer. 'Any dawdling and hemming and Under new revisions in the WFA's Food Production Order No. 5, proing our trains again and in the loss vision is made for the addition of a of the highly desirable public relafew grades of fertilizer needed in tions and advertising value that an some states to achieve more equitaimmediate and voluntary slash ble distribution of potash in relation to nitrogen and superphosphate. The application form farmers use in oblightweight, streamlined coaches taining fertilizer from local dealers and Pullmans, with old cars being has been simplified. Provision is also made for special measures (3) Greater use of modern merwhereby some fertilizers-new machandising techniques, including terials or of larger than usual quanlarger appropriations for institutiontity-may be directed into specific areas to encourage production of crops not given priority. Those that comfort and convenience of the pasrespond readily to the application of senger, described frankly as a radfertilizer, but which have not been For Sale: Registered Chester White boars. customarily fertilized in the past, will be the most affected by this part of the order. "The railways have been too

smooth medium type with quality. George Popken, West Point, Nebraska.

Counting Sheep



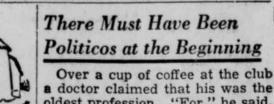
More sheep are shipped from Ketchum, Idaho, than from any other point in the United States, according to the Ketchum Chamber of Commerce. This year it is estimated that 90,000 animals will be sent

Turnips for Chickens

When turnip salad is fed in unlimited amounts, the chickens consume less mash and this, in turn, will cause the flock to slump in egg production. Not over four pounds of turnip salad should be fed to a flock of 100 birds in a day. Any feed that causes a decrease in the consumption of mash by the flock is likely to cause a slump in egg production.

Alcohol From Artichokes Laboratory-scale fermentations of

artichokes are being studied by Joseph E. Seagram and Sons of Louisville, Ky., as another source of fermentable sugars. Unlike grain, from which dextrose is obtained, artichokes contain inulin, a type of starch which, upon hydrolysis, yields fructose sugar. The enzyme necessary to break down inulin is inulase, whose presence in artichokes eliminates the necessity of adding any enzyme for conversion.



cian."

oldest profession. "For," he said, "Adam's rib couldn't have been removed without a surgeon to perform the operation." "Yes," said the architect, "but before that the world had to be

architect." There was a politician in their

created out of chaos. And, you

will admit, creation implies an

"Hold on, gentlemen," he said. "You must carry it back still fur-ther-to chaos. And where there is chaos there must be a politi-

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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

STEEL: The nation's steelworkers have better filled pay envelopes than ever before, the American Iron and Steel Institute reports. October's payroll totaled nearly 145 million dollars, compared with 143 million in September, and 126 million in Oc-615,000 on the payrolls now.

BLOCK-BUSTING: The English village of Deenthorpe has been completely wrecked by the crash of a Flying Fortress loaded with 6,000 pounds of bombs. Neither fliers nor villagers were injured, however, as the crew parachuted to safety, and tober of last year. Average hourly -then ran about arousing the townswage is now just under \$1.16. It people, who fled to the fields. Ten was \$1.08 a year ago. There are minutes later, the plane exploded

CORN:

To stimulate the flow of corn into

farmers, OPA declared.

With the number of influenza cases

required, but military demands re-Because of changes in munitions requirements and the high rate of production achieved, WMC said 10,-700,000 workers will be sufficient to meet schedules. Of the 1,100,000 new workers, most will be recruited from

In the U.S., the spokesman termed

RUSSIA:

While German military commen-

Sales in filling stations in 1943 will

peak 31/2 billion in 1941. NATIONAL BANKS:

Rich in natural resources, the

ture of the rich East Indies, cutting 21/2 billion.

PRO FOOTBALL

Wartime cash boosted attendance at professional football games to a new high average of 26,811 per game, the National Football league reports. This is an increase of 36.7 start January 18 and run until Febper cent over last year, and 24 per | ruary 15, 1944. cent over 1941, the previous high mark. Total attendance for the 40! regularly scheduled games this sea- women's leader, has been making a son amounted to 1,072,469. Last year | morale-building tour of Germany

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage The Fourth War Loan drive will ! The torpedo plane was first con-

Frau Gertrud Scholtz-Klink, Nazi groups on the glory of German motherhood and the need for matching the production of men.

ceived by the late Rear Admiral Bradley Allen Fiske in 1911. He got the idea for the new weapon when stationed in the Philippines, as a defense against a Japanese attack.

So the Japanese "have never been beaten"? Don't tell that to a Korean. Korea has defeated the Japs in war not once, but three times.