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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Germans Counterattack to Slow Allies' Smash Into Rhineland; OWI Warns of Hard Pacific War

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As Holland became a flaming battleground, civilians are shown fleeing from battle zone near Kerkrade to safety.

EUROPE:

'Greatest Battles'

In what the Germans said was "... the greatest battle of material in the world's history ..." with 2,500,000 men facing each other on a 460-mile front, Allied forces moved slowly on the Siegfried line against stubborn enemy resistance.

All along the curving battle-line the Germans launched extensive counterattacks, throwing in large numbers of tanks to stem the Allied drive on their all important industrial belt along the Rhine.

Bearing the brunt of the enemy's aggressiveness were Lieut. Gen. Miles Dempsey's British Second Army driving northward in Holland and Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army lunging for the coal-laden Saar basin beyond Metz and Nancy.



Gen. Dempsey

In Holland, strong German counterattacks were aimed at thwarting General Dempsey's Tommies from pressing past the northern anchor of the Siegfried line at Kleve, and of throwing an arm to the great water basin of the Zuider Zee to the northwest to cut off an estimated 200,000 Nazis still engaged in the lower extremity of the country.

In addition to employing masses of tanks against General Patton's men before the Saar, the enemy also made good use of the hilly and wooded terrain in the sector to reduce the valiant doughboys' advances to yards.

As the fighting raged to the north and south, Lieut. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First American Army launched a heavy attack between those two sectors east of Aachen, fighting its way through thick woods to draw up within 27 miles of the great industrial center of Cologne.

Having smashed through the upper reaches of the Germans' vaunted "Gothic line" in northern Italy, Allied troops fought toward the leveling plains of the great Po valley, cradling the majority of the country's population, and its most highly developed resources.

Despite desperate German attempts to stem their drive, the Allies pushed on, with Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's American Fifth Army threatening to close an escape route for stubborn enemy troops ringed between it and the British Eighth Army to the east.

As the remnants of Germany's Baltic armies pulled out of Latvia, the spotlight on the eastern front swung back to East Prussia in the north and Hungary on the south, where the Reds pushed offensives to crack these anchors of the Nazis' eastern front.

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PACIFIC:

Airpower

Long is the reach of America's famed B-29 Superfortresses, which have flown to the wars to hamstring the flow of enemy supplies to his widespread Asiatic front by striking at principal Japanese industrial centers.

With recent improvements permitting the carrying of heavier bomb loads, no less than 100 of the B-29s flew the equivalent of from Atlanta, Ga., to the Arctic circle in attacking manufacturing plants in Anshan, Manchuria, second largest steel-making center in the Japanese empire.

While the B-29s were on the wing, other U. S. Army and Navy planes struck at Jap positions along the whole Pacific front in attempts to soften the enemy against further advances.

Jap Resistance

With Japan possessing many strategic materials in the home islands and Korea enabling her to increase war production; with the country capable of putting 8,000,000 men in the field, and with American supply lines stretched, U. S. victory in the Pacific may require from 1 1/2 to 2 years after Germany's defeat, the Office of War Information said.

To America's advantage in pressing for victory, OWI said, was its own tremendous war output, capable of turning out 8,000 planes a month to Japan's 1,500; the threat to cut the enemy's supply lines from the Indies area and blockade the homeland, and the overrunning of his outer defenses which has brought U. S. forces close to the inner ramparts.

Far from slaking the Japs' fervor, Germany's fall might strengthen the enemy's determination to resist, OWI said.

POSTWAR GERMANY:

Allied Plans

With Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's proposal for stripping Germany of all of its manufacturing and reducing the country to an agricultural basis rejected, Allied postwar plans looked forward to the maintenance of the Reich's industrial machine under close supervision.

Challenging Morgenthau's position, Secretary of State Hull and Secretary of War Stimson declared that not only did Germany turn out certain essential industrial products for the rest of Europe, but that its business also put it in the market to purchase other countries' goods.

In order to check German industry's war-making capacity, Allied plans call for control over all strategic materials, with possible elimination of factories adapted to arms production.

BUTTER:

Tight Supply

With only 12,000,000 pounds of butter in storage earmarked for civilians and consumption on a day-to-day basis, the point value on the product was raised from 16 to 20 points per pound, OPA officials said.

Despite the government's plans for withdrawing from the butter market in October until production climbs in the spring, no immediate relief in the tight supply was seen. Said OPA Administrator Chester Bowles: "... We civilians are going to have to get along with less butter than formerly, at least during the next 90 days or so. ..."

Besides reserving 126,000,000 pounds of the present stocks of 138,000,000 pounds, the government has been purchasing great quantities of butter fat from producers for powdered milk and other uses.

Cars

Thinking in terms of a utilization in space and weight, Ford Motor company officials are working on plans for large-scale production of the lowest priced automobile since Ford's model A.

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PRICE CONTROL:

Must Stay—Byrnes

Until total victory is achieved in the Pacific, price and wage controls must be maintained to prevent an under supply of goods and overly stuffed pocketbooks to set off a dangerous inflationary cycle, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes declared.

Stating that figures of the bureau of labor statistics showed only an increase of 25 per cent since January, 1941, Byrnes said that farm income rose 81 per cent and the average weekly pay of workers 51 per cent during the same period.

"The stabilization program has hurt neither the farmer nor the worker," Byrnes asserted. "The white collar workers and the people with small fixed incomes have fared less well during the war, but the only way to help them is to continue to hold the line against inflation."

Seek Higher Wages

Even while Byrnes spoke, organized labor pressed for revision of the government's stabilization program, urging that the formula for limiting wage increases to 15 per cent over January, 1941, levels be junked.

In appearing before the War Labor board, CIO Chief Philip Murray argued that public members of a WLB panel had found living costs increased almost 30 per cent since January, 1941, rather than 25 per cent as claimed by the bureau of labor statistics.

Declaring that both labor and management were entitled to a quick settlement of the wage question so as to be able to solve immediate and reconversion problems, AFL leaders joined the CIO in the assault upon present wage stabilization.

Early Start



To beaming parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walls of Los Angeles, Calif., tiny six-week-old Evelyn is a constant delight.

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RADIO TUBES:

Small Surplus

With such scarce radio tubes as the 12SA7 and 12A8 commanding as much as \$10 in black markets, army release of 1,000,000 surplus tubes for civilian use will tend to only slightly ease the tight supply situation.

To be returned to manufacturers for testing and packing before distribution to customers on an "equitable basis," the 1,000,000 tubes will not even approximate the production of 1,754,000 in July, which met only a fraction of the demand.

Because of the services' extensive use of radio equipment for communications between units on the fighting fronts, trade circles saw little hope for increased civilian supplies until Germany's defeat permitted a cutback in military orders.

FOOD STOCKS:

Orderly Disposal

With the War Food administration already feeding the government's excess stocks of food to civilian outlets without disrupting the markets, U. S. officials will make every effort to maintain orderly disposal of surpluses with the war's end, WFA distribution director Lee Marshall said.

"We must maintain specified war reserves no matter how favorable the war may be going," he said, "but I, for one, don't think it necessary to build a separate stockpile of the same foods for postwar relief feeding."

In disposing of surpluses, Marshall said, salable goods would first be offered to companies which furnished the government with the products. Others in the same business would be given second choice.

WOMEN WORKERS

Tasting well the fruits of boom-time employment, with many adjusting themselves to industry since 1941, seven out of ten women workers intend to stay at work after hostilities cease, a survey by the Northwestern National Life Insurance company revealed.

Nearly two-thirds of the married women and four-fifths of the single women declared their intention to remain in industry, the survey showed. Only 19 per cent planned to return to housework.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Some homemakers serve raw turnips in strips to be eaten with salt, like celery.

The bottom part of a funnel may be used as an apple corer in a pinch.

Wax the metal wastepaper basket inside and out to prevent rusting.

For a well-seasoned roast, add a few ginger snaps to the juice in the pan.

To reheat bread, place in a paper sack, fasten tightly and warm for five minutes in a moderate oven.

If you have difficulty in getting sonny-boy to wash his neck and behind the ears, try giving him an old shaving brush and let him apply the soap.

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