

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

MacArthur's Forces Close In to Cut Off Japs' Pacific Empire; Set Up Military Rule for Reich

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EUROPE:

Press Through Mud

As American forces extended their holdings about rumbled Aachen, and other Allied units pressed against the Reich through fall mists, the U. S. and British laid down regulations for strict military government of occupied German territory and Adolf Hitler called on every able-bodied male between 16 and 60—and "if need be, women and girls"—for guerrilla warfare against the conquerors.

Focal point of fighting continued around Aachen, where Doughboys routed out German defenders house by house in the once proud, now shattered, city of 165,000, and strong enemy units assembled to the east of the metropolis in an effort to prevent the Americans from bursting into the vital Rhineland.

Action also flared on the Dutch frontier to the north, where British troops pressed toward the German border below the pivotal Siegfried bastion of Kleve, gateway to the industrial Ruhr valley. So bitter was the fighting in this sector, that desperate Nazis made every house around the village of Venray a stronghold, with hand-to-hand struggles even carrying into the hallways framed with miniatures of Dutch masters.

Fighting was equally intense on the lower end of the 460-mile front, where the U. S. Seventh army edged up the foothills of the Vosges mountains guarding the Bavarian border, and lashed at approaches to the 25-mile-wide Belfort Gap to the south.

Strict Control

In extending military government to occupied German territory, the Allies demanded strict obedience to regulations, and decreed death for espionage, armed resistance, unauthorized possession of firearms or a



Churning through muddy roads, jeeps carry U. S. troops to rain-soaked battle-front.

wireless transmitting set, looting or pillage, destruction of records and sabotage. Further, travel within Germany will be forbidden except by special permission, and all political prisoners, Jews and foes of the Nazi regime will be released.

Pending establishment of Allied control, postal, telegraph and telephone service will be suspended. Radios will be permitted.

'By Every Bush'

In calling up the guerrilla army to operate behind Allied lines, Hitler said:

"Just as in 1939 we are facing the enemy alone. In a first enormous effort of our German people's strength, we succeeded then; Germany's second all-out effort must and will succeed. Relying on our own force, we will not only break the enemy's will of destruction, but we will throw him back again."

Addressing the Reich from a barracks in East Prussia, under siege of Russian forces driving in from the north, east and south, Home Front Commander and Gestapo Chief Himmler ordered the defense of Germany "... by every village, every house, every farm, every ditch, every forest and every bush..."

Massed Attacks

With the Russians attacking in force in East Prussia, driving into Czechoslovakia through the northern Carpathian mountain passes and battering enemy armored columns on the Hungarian plains, the Germans were hard pressed to hold their lines in the east.

Referring to the bitter fighting in East Prussia, where the Reds were employing upwards of 600 tanks, the Nazi radio exclaimed: "... The country is enveloped in smoke and belching flames and above it hangs the never ending din of battle..."



PACIFIC:

Return to Philippines

Pursuing the tactics he employed in the Solomons, New Britain and New Guinea in separating enemy forces, General Douglas MacArthur struck at Leyte Island in the center of the Philippines.

As the general's grand strategy shaped as the U. S. Sixth army, supported by the U. S. Third and Seventh fleets and carrier planes, not only were the Japanese on the main island of Luzon in the north divided from their units on Mindanao to the south, but the Americans' foothold put them in position to threaten the enemy's supply lines farther to the west carrying vital raw materials from the Indies region up to the foe's home industries.



Circle indicates region of U. S. invasion of Philippines.

Under cover of an extensive air umbrella and the big guns of the U. S. warships, supplies were poured ashore to the American troops, who held a wide strip reaching southward from the principal port of Tacloban, and who girded for a showdown fight with an estimated 225,000 Japanese in the Philippines under Field Marshall Count Juichi Teruchi.

General MacArthur's invasion of the Philippines, fulfilling his pledge to return after the Japanese conquest of the islands less than three years ago, followed in the wake of the Third fleet's continued aerial attack on enemy shipping and aviation units in the Formosa and Manila regions, which prevented their free dispatch to counter the big invasion of Leyte.

The presence of substantial elements of the Third fleet in these waters, with warships as well as aircraft carriers in full array, also scared off the vaunted Japanese navy's incursion into the invasion waters, the enemy turning tail before large-scale action could develop.

General MacArthur's return to the Philippines was personal, the commander having directed the operation from a warship and then set up headquarters ashore.

FUEL: Warm Winter

Due to a combination of high production of coal and efficient transportation, U. S. homes will be well warmed this winter, even though the government continues to advise conservation to assure orderly consumption to meet wartime needs.

With production having passed the 500,000,000 ton mark so far, soft-coal output is running 25,000,000 tons over last year. Not only are rail deliveries moving up to snuff, but careful planning has permitted the transport of great quantities of coal over the Great Lakes for distribution to adjacent territories.

Oil Output

Rich in coal, the U. S. is equally rich in petroleum, with oil production estimated at approximately 5,500,000 barrels daily.

With its western and coastal fields alone yielding over 1,000,000 barrels daily, Texas, with its seven producing areas, leads the U. S. in output with over 2,000,000 barrels. With almost 900,000 barrels daily, California runs second.

Other big producers with their approximate daily output include Louisiana with 360,000 barrels; Oklahoma 340,000; Kansas 265,000; Illinois 200,000; New Mexico 100,000; Wyoming 98,000 and Arkansas 80,000. With 50 barrels daily, Florida is at the bottom of the list.

While casting in the west fork of the Chippewa river near Hayward, Wis., Frank Shriner of Chicago, Ill., drew on a 3 1/2 foot musky.

Twice the musky bumped into the spoon, then, enraged, really charged it a third time as Shriner pulled it in. Coming in hard, the musky crashed right into the flat side of Shriner's boat as he nailed the spoon and lay nearby belly up! Then the musky rolled right side up, shook the spoon out of his jaws, and was off.

FARM EXPORTS: Study Subsidies

Payment of subsidies to permit the American farmer to enter the foreign market at a profit was agreed upon by the Commodity Credit Corporation and cotton and wheat representatives, with details of the program still to be worked out and submitted to the state department and other government agencies for approval.

Under the proposals, the CCC would bear the difference in cost between domestic and foreign prices to enable American producers to meet cheap competition.

Where the CCC had cotton on hand, it would resell the commodity to exporters at mark-downs. A similar procedure would be followed for wheat for export as bulk or flour, with the CCC reselling the commodity to shippers at an announced price.

RAIL TRAFFIC: To Stay Heavy

As government agencies resisted increases in railroad freight and passenger rates, army officials predicted continued high traffic after the end of the European war as the emphasis on movement will shift to the west for acceleration of the struggle against the Japs.

In opposing the railroads' petitions for average freight rate increases of 6 per cent, and a retention of the 10 per cent boost in passenger fares, agricultural agencies declared heavy production assured the carriers of continued high tonnage.

Not only will the rails have to handle longer hauls to western ports for the Pacific war after Germany's surrender, army officials said, but rolling stock also will be needed for shipments to Atlantic ports, where some troops also will be sent out to fight the Japanese and supplies will have to be funneled for occupation forces and rehabilitation needs in Europe.

AIR TRAVEL: Super-Liners

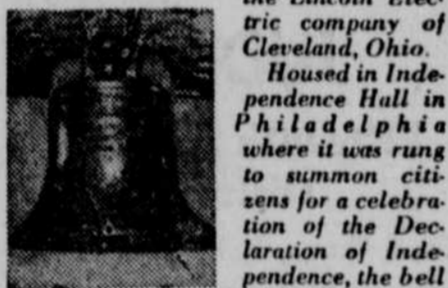
As the Civil Aeronautics board conducted hearings to determine costs and volume of traffic of future trans-Atlantic air travel to guide it in deciding how many companies should be allowed to operate over ocean routes, plans were presented for elaborate facilities to be used in such transport.

Listed for use by one airline was a new, and as yet undeveloped, combination passenger-cargo plane weighing 92 tons and capable of carrying 128 people by day and 119 by night 3,500 miles at a cruising speed of 288 miles per hour. Cargo capacity would be 2,082 cubic feet.

Also listed for use was Lockheed's famed Constellation, now in production as an army transport plane, with a passenger capacity of 40 by day and 30 by night and a cruising speed of 322 miles per hour. The Constellation holds an unofficial speed record of 6 hours and 58 minutes from Los Angeles to Washington, D. C.

May Ring Again

Repair of America's historic liberty bell so that it could ring out in full on V-day was proposed by W. J. Conley of the Lincoln Electric company of Cleveland, Ohio.



While tolling out the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. Of copper and tin structure the liberty bell could be repaired by arch welding, Conley declared.

HURRICANE: Sweeps Caribbean

Leaving unsecured dwellings uprooted, store windows smashed, power lines tangled and many persons killed and injured, a destructive hurricane whirled out of Havana, Cuba, and twisted across the Caribbean to lash along the western coast of Florida and then head over the mainland to the northeast.

As the hurricane moved northward at a rate of 15 miles per hour, with 60-mile-an-hour gales shifting in its path, residents of the thickly populated beach areas around Bradenton and Sarasota moved inland, with some seeking refuge in churches and schools. Residents of the low-lying coastal area on the Atlantic side of Florida were advised to retire to higher ground since abnormal tides were predicted.

Besides taking a toll of two lives in Florida, the hurricane blew virtually all of the state's record crop of oranges and grapefruit to the ground, causing damage estimated at \$50,000,000.

FURNISHINGS: Future Supplies

To housewives interested in the home furnishings market after the end of the European war, trade experts say:

"First to make their appearance on retail shelves will be such kitchenware items as can openers, dust pans, washbats, scrubbing boards and pots and pans. Also hand tools, shovels, nails and a wide variety of home repair articles. Speedy return of irons is also assured..." Continuing, the experts say: "Sub-

Washington Digest

Pamphleteering Enlivens CIO's Political Campaign



Political Action Committee Making Wide Use of Literature in Drive to Get Voters to Polls November 7.

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One thing which stands out in the not-too-breath taking electioneering which is just drawing to a close, is the highly modernized revival of an ancient art of persuasion, called by its instigators, "streamlined" pamphleteering.

You have undoubtedly seen or heard of some of the little booklets which the CIO political action committee and its foster brother, the national political action committee, have produced.

Recently I received from the director of publications, CIO political action committee, eight of its eye-catching pamphlets, which I was informed were being distributed at the rate of 1,500,000 daily in October. Most of them are illustrated in color. They look, as a commercial artist friend who examined them said, "professional." They not only look that way but they are. The CIO has recruited some of the best talent in the country for its research, copy and art staffs.

Pamphleteering has been an important function since even before Samuel Johnson edited the Harleian Miscellany in the middle of the 18th century. But this day and age calls for more than a literary style. It takes punch. The CIO's have provided it.

No. 3 in the "every worker a voter" series, entitled "What Every Canvasser Should Know" was on top of the pile I received. It is vividly illustrated with pictures that have just enough of a suggestive perk to catch your attention.

The sub-heads match. "Canvassing is like Love" is blurted at you above a picture of a chap on a sofa with a girl on his lap. He is saying: "How about some political action?" Then follows a couple of paragraphs of brass tacks, common sense on the value of person-to-person selling. And from there on a simple, straightforward "how to do it" talk on getting the vote out, and a lot of sales arguments on continued action as long as—"labor has enemies..." as long as there are those who crush unions... as long as there are small farmers being pushed off the land..." etc.

Three of the other pamphlets are illustrated by Bernard Bryson, a top-notch, grotesque comic artist who is on the CIO staff. These three books, all filled with technical information in the simplest of language, are thus diversely titled: "Speakers Manual"; "A Woman's Guide to Political Action" and "Radio Handbook."

Attractive Pictures Underscore Points

The pictures are so funny you can't help looking at them and yet they all manage to underscore a point. One sent a shiver down my back. It showed a strange misshapen radio listener, with a face that looked like a cross between a bartlett pear and a hedgehog, yawning menacingly into one hand while the other dialed off the loud speaker.

Not only did that book tell how to broadcast most effectively but it also told what was the best time on the air and how to get the use of it, to whom to go, and seventeen other bits of information from "can labor get radio time?" to "what assistance can you expect from us (CIO) in preparing your program?"

With ten years of radio experience I say that book is good. And no wonder. Norman Corwin (also on the CIO staff) wrote it.

I might go on indefinitely. There is the red-white-and-blue "People's Program for 1944" with striking photographs and more cartoons; there is another of the "every worker a voter" series on how to organize your community.

Two more in plain black and white, pretty much "straight" copy, just good, clear photographs, one entitled "The Negro in 1944" and a smaller one with a lovely rural scene framed by a picket-fence and tree-branches. "This is Your America."

The pamphlet on Negroes shows photographs of Negroes in various capacities: workers, medical students, soldiers and sailors, one at some dinner sitting beside President Roosevelt, another in a group around a conference table with other Negroes and whites.

BRIEFS... by Baukhage

The women have it all their own way in one Melbourne, Australia, war plant. Now entering its fourth year of operation, this plant is run entirely by women, ages 25 to 40. Most of the women had never worked outside their homes before they took their present jobs. Among other things the women turn out steering gears for Bren gun carriers and Telescope holders.

The "American" booklet has a broader appeal. It shows types of all kinds, some distinctly "foreign," some familiar Anglo-Saxon, farm scenes and factories, railroad yards and skyscrapers. The message is simple, straightforward, clear. When it comes to how you can tell an American few could quarrel with the statements that:

"He believes in freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom from fear and freedom from want—for all the people."

"He believes in freedom of opportunity for all men and women."

"He believes in the right of people who work to have a job at fair wages. He believes in the right of workers to organize, protect and improve their conditions."

"He believes in education, and the opportunity to study, for all the people."

"He believes in the right of every man and woman to vote in free elections."

"He believes in majority rule. At the same time he believes in the protection of minorities."

"He believes in a government of the people, by the people, and most important of all, for the people."

The rest of the text is chiefly devoted to getting out the vote.

An Appeal for Religious Associates

There is one other little booklet printed in very attractive but dignified type. No illustrations. It is the only one sent me which bore the signature of the National Citizens Political Action Committee—not the CIO.

On its cover is printed the nursery rhyme:

This is the church, This is the steeple; Open the door And there are the people.

It is an appeal, signed by Dr. Dwight Bradley of New York to become a "Religious Associate."

There has been at least one sharp attack by a minister against the effort of the CIO or its foster-organization to attempt to solicit the support of the church. Note that I have seen is based on any of the texts of the Action Committees' propaganda but rather on the assumption of communist leanings on the part of the CIO and presumably the materialistic philosophy behind them, which the CIO heads deny.

This pamphlet starts out with the statement that "we present our statement with profound humility but without hesitation. If we understand the mission of religion and of economic organizations—labor, farmers, businessmen, they do not clash but supplement each other—the one concerned with spiritual protection and development of its members, and the other with economic protection and development of its members. These two objectives are interdependent. And both are clearly dependent on the proper functioning of political democracy."

From there on the mood of the childhood rhyme, "this is the church..." etc., is carried out to a conclusion that the leader in the living church serves "all of the people and not just some of the people" and then states that a group of Religious Associates "has been formed to work with the National Citizens Political Action Committee, which itself was created to protect the interests of the common man."

I do not know how effective the CIO-PCA program has been in getting out the vote, or in getting the vote to support the organization's candidates. It will be difficult to find out since many other organizations are at work and many other influences are brought to bear on the choice of a candidate.

I note that I. F. Stone, writing in the Nation in the middle of October said that "it will take the greatest outpouring of working-class votes in the history of Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and the smaller Ohio industrial cities to counter-balance the anti-New Deal tide in the countryside to carry Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio for Roosevelt."

Stone goes on to say that it these states go for FDR despite the trend to Republicanism, it will mean that the workers in these areas "will have proved as potent in politics as in collective bargaining."



Farm Topics

Soil Conservation To Maintain Health

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blue soil cloth with roses cut from a remnant of chintz and appliqued with the machine zigzagger, as shown at the lower left. The same chintz was used for rose appliques for both bath and hand towels as well as the bath mat. Here a quarter of an inch was allowed all around for cutting.

NOTE: The spool shelves shown over the tub and in the corner are made with pattern No. 255. The curtain idea is from the new booklet "Make Your Own Curtains," which contains 32 pages of illustrated directions for making all types of curtains, draperies and valances. The pattern and book are 15 cents each postpaid. Address:

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