

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allies in "Big Heave" Seal Off Ruhr Valley Production Center; Clay to Rule Occupied Reich

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German dead litter road as British Tommies drive toward Berlin in rout of enemy forces on 21st army front.

EUROPE:

Last Great Arsenal

The last great source of Germany's supply of war material had been sealed off as tanks of Lieutenant General Hodges' U. S. 1st army swept before them all resistance in their spectacular dash towards Berlin.

Typical of the magnitude of the American forces was the one-day bag of 14,000 Nazi prisoners taken by General Patton's 3rd army in its sensational drive eastward.

City after city had fallen into Allied hands under Eisenhower's steam roller. Among the rich prizes were Frankfurt - on - the - Main (546,000), ranking ninth in the German Reich.

Clearly the final doom of Nazi power was sounding. Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain declared he believed the "hour of success" was at hand.

Spring rains and fog had kept the Italian front quiet, but observers had expected Gen. Mark Clark's armies to begin massive smashes northward.

Relentless Reds

In the East, Russian armies had kept up their relentless pressure on Berlin and elsewhere, with armored divisions sweeping over the Austrian border from western Hungary and closing ever closer on Vienna.

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RATIONING: Smaller Supplies

Already warned of a 12 per cent reduction in meat for the next three months, civilians took the first big hitch in their belts for the current quarter with the announcement of an increase in the point values of pork, sausages and canned meat products.

While news of the tightening of these and other controls over fats and oils occupied the home front, it was announced that all babies' leather shoes would be rationed after April.

In raising the point values on pork, sausages and canned meat products, OPA said that there would be 5 per cent less meat available during April, but the decrease in supplies would hit civilians harder in May and June.

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United Nations' Parley Holds Hope of World

Russia Important Factor in Outcome of Peace Conference; U. S. Delegation Working for Successful Formula.

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

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Farm Topics logo with illustration of a farm scene.

New Chemical Aids Farm Production

Many Weed Control Problems Answered

REPORTS of excellent results in killing weeds in grass plots, lawns and pastures, without damaging the grasses, promises important new uses of a compound called 2-4 dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2-4-D for short).

Water sprays containing this compound in specified solutions killed heavy stands of dandelion and narrow-leaf plantain without injury to the grass.

Experiments with lawn pennywort in areas of turf that were heavily infested with the weed, resulted in destruction by 2-4-D acid of heavy stands of turf pest without accompanying injury to the established grass. New grass seedlings coming from seed planted several weeks after the chemical treatment were not affected. Repeated applications were found necessary to kill out



Spray to Kill Weeds.

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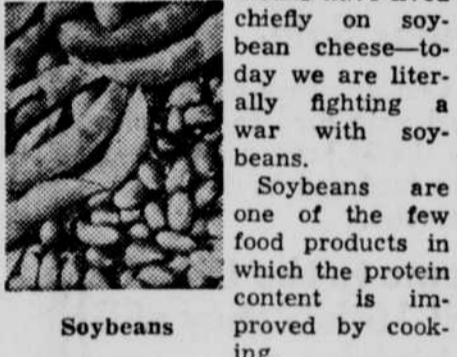
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Agriculture In the News

By W. J. Dryden

'COW OF CHINA'

Recorded in history since 2838 B. C., soybeans have come into their own as a leading American farm crop. For centuries the Buddhist monks have lived chiefly on soybean cheese—today we are literally fighting a war with soybeans.



Soybeans

Among the food uses of soybeans and soybean oil are shortening, margarine, salad dressing, bakery goods, ice cream, macaroni, flour, soy milk, bean curd, soy sauce, diabetic foods, sausage filler, candy and meat substitutes.

The industrial uses include paints, varnishes, enamels, linoleum, oilcloth, fabrics, protective coating material, lecithin for mineral oil, soaps, etc., rubber substitute, printing ink, adhesives, plastics, leather tanner, medicine, synthetic wool, bee food, beer element and as food for livestock and poultry.

Distillers' Grains

High in vitamin B complex, distillers' dried grains, available in most localities, can be profitably included in the wartime poultry ration.

Recent experiments at Purdue have proved that the distillers' dried solubles are capable of entirely replacing milk in the ration of growing chicks. Six pounds of the solubles will take the place of five pounds of dried milk. While they will not furnish all the animal nutrition needed, they are an excellent addition to the chick's ration.

TELEFACT

Should Farm Owners Organize? (Fortune Poll) bar chart showing Good Idea (63%), Bad Idea (24%), Don't Know (12%).

SPRAYER FOR SALE FOR SALE: Hayes tree sprayer, 50 gal. capacity, hand power. \$25.00. John F. Boisen, Upland, Nebraska. FOR THE RELIEF OF ARTHRITIS Vitamins D and B Thousands of satisfied users acclaim the outstanding results obtained by the combination of Vitamin D together with Vitamin B Complex for relief of Arthritis, Rheumatism, and the prevention of tooth and bone decay. National magazines have featured cases where persons with joints hopelessly stiffened and swollen were able to resume normal movements, work, play golf, tennis and give other positive indications of complete recovery. Success of this treatment is further attested to by clinical research records and by many leading authorities. We urge you to try Vitamins D and B Complex in high potency dosage for Arthritis. Orders Filled Same Day Received 100 Vitamin D 50,000 U.S.P. Capsules 100 Vitamin B High Potency Tablets Regular \$3.98 Value BOTH FOR \$2.98 HEALTH FOOD SERVICE STORES 118 1/2 "N" Street - Lincoln 6, Nebr.

Which of his two wives will he come home to... Mrs. "Gay" or Mrs. "Glum"? Irritable, depressed moods are often related to constipation. Take Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets). Contains no chemicals, no minerals, no phenol derivatives. NR Tablets are different—act different. Purely vegetable—a combination of 10 vegetable ingredients formulated over 50 years ago. Uncoated or candy coated, their action is dependable, thorough, yet gentle, as millions of NR's have proved. Get a 25¢ box today... or larger economy size. All druggists. Caution: Take only as directed. NR TO-NIGHT, TOMORROW ALRIGHT

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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER Proper inflation is a must for maximum tire service; and now we have reports of an ingenious post-war device which, through a series of lights on the car or truck dashboard, will warn the operator when the pressure in any tire is under what it should be. "Ducks," the amphibious 2 1/2-ton trucks now used by the Army, have tires that originally were designed by B. F. Goodrich for desert use. The tires have broad tread and are exceptionally flexible and light in weight. These desert tires which went to sea are rendering heroic service in the South Pacific and on the European battlefronts. Jerry Shaw

In war or peace B.F. Goodrich FIRST IN RUBBER

Italian Prisoners Save U. S. Manpower

'Million Man-Days'

Italian service units in the U. S., helping to relieve the manpower shortage by contributing one million man-days per month of essential skilled and unskilled labor at military installations, total approximately 35,000 men, the war department reported.

The members of the Italian Service Units wear Class B army clothing from which all army buttons and insignia have been removed and on which have been sewn distinctive sleeve and hat patches bearing the word "Italy." They are paid \$24 monthly, which approximates the 80 cents per work day paid ordinary prisoners of war engaged in labor. The government receives the regular wage scale for their work.

DEMOBILIZATION: Small Scale

Though some combat troops in the European theater of war will be demobilized after Germany's fall, all service, air force and naval personnel will be retained to continue the fight against the Japanese, officials indicated.

Demobilization of some combat troops will result from inability to make full use of them in the Pacific for geographic reasons, it was said, but the exact extent of release will depend upon conditions in Europe. All members of the service branches will be needed for the construction of staging areas and bases in the Pacific, and the air force intends to bring its full weight to bear against the Japanese.

Because all approaches to the Pacific theater of war are over water, and because ships will have to bear the bulk of supplies, all naval personnel will be required to bring about the Japanese's fall as quickly as possible, Fleet Admiral King declared.

MANPOWER: Buck Controls

Though the President made a strong appeal for passage of the compromise manpower control bill, under which plants would be limited in the number of persons they could employ and workers and farmers alike would be frozen to present jobs, the measure encountered rough going in the senate.

Despite the fact that the legislation fell short of military leaders' demands for a labor draft, the President said, its terms assured continued high production for the knockout blow against Germany, and provided for keeping workers on the job after the Nazis' fall.

Senators pointed up the great wartime production record of the U. S. in opposing legislation tightening control over both employers and employees, and O'Mahoney (Wyo.) hit arguments that passage of the bill would convince G.I.s that the home front was behind them. Rather, he said, defeat of the measure would assure them of retention at home of the freedoms for which they are fighting.

TARIFF: Fight Renewed

Calling for authority