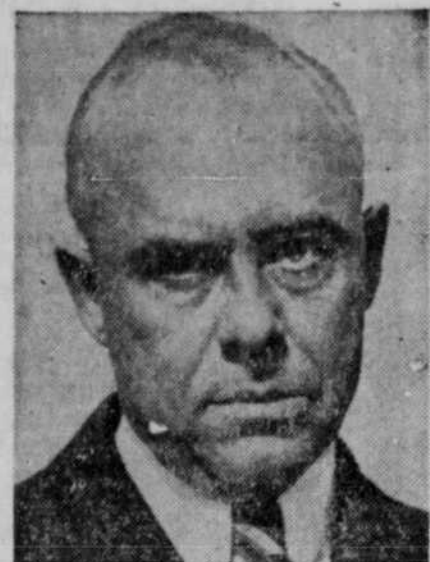


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

FDR Tightens Living Cost Controls; Allies Push All-Tunisia Offensives As Rommel Speeds Retreat Northward; Draftees Status Altered in New Plan

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35 BILLION: U. S. Must Recapture



CHESTER C. DAVIS... 'pending power a peril.' The government will have to recapture \$35,000,000,000 in surplus spending power if present price-and wage controls are to combat inflation effectively, Chester C. Davis, food administrator declared.

Washington Digest United Nations' Parleys First Real Solidarity Test



Russia Seen as Vital Factor in World Organization; Mutual Understanding Essential to Worth-While Peace.

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

Well, what of it. California never threatened to secede because of New England's blue laws or New York state because of the way they turn out divorces in Nevada. The important thing is, what are Russia's intentions concerning other nations? On my desk, there is beginning to accumulate the literature of the various little nations—Poland, Latvia, Finland, who are already starting to plead for the restoration of lost territory or sovereignty.

KEYNES' PLAN: To Sidetrack Gold

Following closely on the heels of the United States treasury's proposal for a \$5,000,000,000 postwar international stabilization plan came Lord Keynes' proposal for a world credit institution "designed to expand world trade and serve as a genuine organ of truly international government."

Unlike the American plan, the British fiscal expert's program would subordinate gold as the postwar international medium of exchange. The announcement of Keynes' proposal made in a British white paper said "the purpose of the clearing union is to supplant gold as a governing factor, but not displace it."

FRANCE: U. S.-Britain Agree When British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced he had invited Secretary of State Cordell Hull to visit London and said he was satisfied there is "complete agreement" between Britain and the United States on the "future policy toward France," he took a long step toward settling the troublesome North African political situation.

BLACK MARKETS: Meat Supply Scarcer

Black markets were blamed by the department of agriculture for the reduced marketing of livestock for slaughter in recent weeks. In recent weeks, a department report noted, government buying agencies and civilian consumers dependent on federally inspected plants have experienced difficulty in obtaining meat. While the report did not disclose how great a reduction in inspected meat supplies stemmed from the black market operations, it described it as "fairly large."

EUROPE: Axis on Alert

The defense of Europe against the forthcoming Allied invasion was increasingly occupying the attention of Axis leaders, reports from the continent indicated. The Germans were said to be undertaking anti-invasion maneuvers in Belgium and Holland. Intelligence reports reaching Allied governments said the German and Italian high commands had met at Brenner pass to discuss the defense of Italy.

RUSSIA: Quiet on Donets

As reports had persisted that the Germans were moving many fresh divisions to the Russian front for a new offensive, the Red forces took the initiative in the Kharkov area and seized several favorable positions south of Izyum, thus widening the Soviet bridgehead on the south bank of the Donets river.

TUNISIA: Fox in the Open

Rommel's retreating Afrika Korps had been faced by Allied armies on three sides after "The Fox" was uprooted from his El Akarit positions and chased into the open plains of Tunisia well north of Gabes. The seriousness of the crisis for the Axis was reflected in Italian communiques which admitted that Italo-German forces were being



GEN. BERNARD MONTGOMERY... outfoxes Rommel. steadily overpowered along the entire Tunisian front.

In routing Rommel at El Akarit, General Montgomery took the Nazis by surprise with a night attack that blazed its way forward under the screen of 500 cannon and scores of tanks and reinforced by hundreds of planes overhead. In the first breakthrough the Eighth army had gathered in 6,000 Axis prisoners.

BLOCK-BUSTERS: Work Well Done

The penetrating eyes of British reconnaissance cameras confirmed reports of RAF bomber pilots that "block-busters" have done their work well in laying waste industrial areas of Berlin. Photographs taken after one recent raid disclosed that 30 important war factories had been destroyed or damaged. The devastation was concentrated mostly in areas south and southwest of the center of Hitler's capital, a report by the air ministry disclosed.

HIGHLIGHTS... in the week's news

NEW YORK: Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced that salvage operations were progressing rapidly on the 83,000-ton former French liner Normandie, now named the Lafayette, which burned and capsized at her pier here on February 9, 1942. He indicated that the vessel should be righted by midsummer. The giant liner is being refitted for naval service.

ANTI-INFLATION: 'Hold the Line'

President Roosevelt's "hold the line" anti-inflation order served blunt notice on all special economic groups that competition for higher prices and wages must end, because the resulting conflict would not only result in inflation but "breed disunity when unity is essential."

Banning further wage increases except to correct substandard living conditions virtually freezing employees to their present jobs and extending price controls to all cost-of-living commodities, the President's order centered a four-pronged attack on inflation. The order provided:

DRAFT: Classes Reshuffled

As local draft boards speeded the reclassification of registrants, in accordance with new selective service regulations, the fathers of children born before September 14, 1942, found themselves the sole occupants of class 3-A. All other men of draft age were being placed in one of the following classes:

- 1-A—Subject to immediate induction; 2-A—Deferred because of occupation in activities directly supporting the war effort, or vital to the maintenance of civilian health and welfare; 2-B—Deferred because of occupation in war plants; 2-C or 3-C—Deferred because of essential agricultural work; 3-D—Deferred because their induction would cause extreme hardship to dependants; 4-F—Mentally, morally, or physically unfit for service.

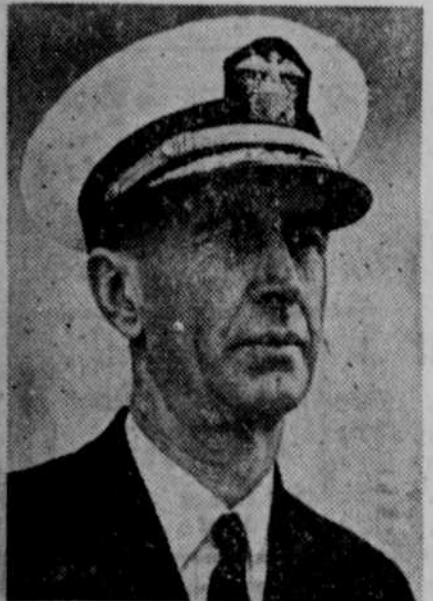
PACIFIC FRONT: Air War Continues

Aerial warfare on the north and east extremities of the Pacific battle front provided for weeks the only activity in this theater.

In the north American army bombers escorted by fighters continued their daily assaults on Japanese positions in the Aleutians, bombing Kiska and blanding Attu.

U. S. NAVY: Billions for Building

Further evidence of the navy's determination to build itself into un-matched global power was seen in President Roosevelt's request of congress for a \$24,551,070,000 appropriation for the fiscal year 1944—the largest amount ever sought for the nation's sea-fighting forces.



ADM. ERNEST J. KING... more battle-wagons for him. ships and \$3,476,000,000 for guns, ammunition and armament. While only \$1,640,000,000 was requested for airplanes, a backlog of about \$4,000,000,000 in orders will provide adequate numbers of fighting craft.

TO YOUR Good Health by DR. JAMES W. BARTON Released by Western Newspaper Union. DEMENTIA PRECOX

The difference between the patient who has dementia precox (schizophrenia) and a normal individual is that the normal individual is a part of everyday life in school, the home and the outside world affairs. The dementia precox individual on the other hand, whether he is naturally breezy or quiet, lives within himself and is satisfied with and believes that his way of life is the right way.

Dr. Barton The quiet or sensitive type is serious, shy, easily embarrassed and without a sense of humor. In school or college he never takes part in "rough games." He may take refuge in books instead of the companionship of others. Dementia precox seems to run in some families.

In the treatment of dementia precox, patients not helped by the usual methods were often helped by treatment with insulin shock. Then followed treatment by metrazol shock, and, just a little later, electric shock. As some physicians have been losing interest in the insulin shock method, it might be well to study the results of insulin shock in 45 cases of dementia precox of various forms reported in Argentine Review of Neurology and Psychiatry, by Dr. A. P. Quaranta.

Food Essentials For Growing Child Some of the older men and women must look with astonishment at the increasing variety of medical specialists. In their youth a physician took care of the needs of his patients, even doing much of his own surgery unless it was surgery of the brain, the thyroid gland, or some other special organ. There were neurologists—nerve specialists—in those days but no psychiatrists (behavior specialists). Later came baby specialists—pediatricians, gland specialists—endocrinologists, then allergists (finding special substances causing hay fever, asthma, stomach upsets) and lately geriatricians who treat the special ailments of elderly people.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Why, after retiring would I have cramps in my toes and feet? A.—Cramps in toes could be due to poor circulation, some low infection, some change in blood pressure, lack of lime in system and other causes. Q.—Does tea contain caffeine? If so, how much per cup? A.—The average cup of tea or coffee contains about two grains, more or less, of caffeine. If used to tea and coffee this much should do no harm.

Broadcaster's Diary The other day, I received a letter that shows that commentators are of some practical use in the world after all. It was from a lady from Long Beach, Calif., who wrote: "I wanted to phone for a plumber one day last week. Each time I tried to use the phone, two women were talking (about nothing) on the '3-party' line. I tried every five minutes for nearly half an hour, never saying anything, only picking up the phone and having to hang up again.

ODDS AND ENDS Allan Napier, British actor in "Appointment in Berlin," has a speech that defends the late Neville Chamberlain who was his uncle. Jean Arluho's spent more time in Washington, D. C., on the screen than any other actress; in real life she's been there just a few hours. The happiest soldier at my canteen the other night was a lad who'd just led the band on Sammy Kaye's program. Bing Crosby's showing up at a Los Angeles broadcasting station before 7:00 a. m. some mornings, making records for South American non-commercial distribution. Leslie Howard's daughter is with him in "Spitfire."

Star Dust STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO By VIRGINIA VALE Released by Western Newspaper Union.

ALL the Ameches aren't in the movies. Dark-eyed Jim, who looks enough like brother Don to be his twin, has made good on his own in radio by landing the master of ceremonies assignment on that new all-musical program, "Here's to Romance," on the Blue Network Sundays. Two movie personalities are featured—orchestra leader David Broekman, whose long-time association with Columbia pictures enabled him to score 60 films, and singer Buddy Clark; his latest picture is "Seven



JIM AMECHE Days' Leave." Jim Ameche was born and educated at Kenosha, Wis., and was introduced to radio by his older brother, Don, who advised him to take an audition for Jack Armstrong—All American Boy. Jim landed the part and since has played the lead in several radio series.

Pat O'Brien, back at work—in RKO's "The Iron Major"—is still marveling over his trip home after eight weeks of entertaining at army camps overseas. He breakfasted at Trinidad, lunched at Haiti, dined at Miami, breakfasted the next morning in New York. He wants to make another army camp tour, but says next time he'll take his wife along; that two-months' separation was too long.

So Merle Oberon said she was retiring from the screen! As usual after such announcements, the star has signed a long-term contract; this one's with Metro, and she'll make pictures in Hollywood and in London. Seems as if, when a star wants to retire, the studios realize what they'll be missing and can't wait to make sure of keeping good box-office material.

Susan Hayward, who did an army camp tour after she visited New York when "Reap the Wild Wind" was released nationally, has been given the feminine lead in "The Man in Half Moon Street" by Paramount. Susan's on her way up, fast!

Judy Garland is proudly wearing a pair of silver wings, sent her by the young paratroopers of Fort Benning, Ga., who recently dubbed her "The Parabelle." You'll see her wearing them for a scene in "Girl Crazy," in which she stars with Mickey Rooney.

Joan Thorsen, famous as a model after she appeared on the covers of six national magazines in rapid succession, has been given her first movie role by Metro. She's beautiful and glamorous—so she'll portray a Russian girl guerrilla, and will make her screen debut wearing a peasant smock, and with her face blacked up, in "Russia," the Robert Taylor picture.

Mayo Methot—Mrs. Humphrey Bogart—is on location with her husband for "Somewhere in Sahara." The other day when they unpacked their lunch kits she spied three kegs, which they used as chairs and a table till the powder man approached. "Sorry, Mr. Bogart," said he, "But I'll have to move these dynamite kegs." Whereupon the Bogarts moved, fast and without argument.

Looks as if Helmut Dantine, who scored so heavily with his Nazi-aviator performance in "Mrs. Miniver," is headed for stardom. Seems he's turned in another grand performance in Warner's "The Edge of Darkness," and Jack L. Warner is looking for possible starring material for him. His fan mail has shown a 300 per cent increase during the past three months.

BRIEFS... by Baukhage

French farmers have been ordered to plant grain on the same number of acres they had under cultivation in 1937-1938 or pay a fine. A plan is being discussed in Latin America to make President Roosevelt "an honorary citizen of the Americas" in recognition of his tremendous activity in favor of the salvation of America and humanity.

The Japanese government has advised the International Red Cross that it distributed 230,000 letters from home to American and United Nations prisoners of war in 1942. Five thousand four hundred letters were delivered to prisoners in the Philippines; 7,500 to Shanghai; 21,500 to Hong Kong, 600 to other parts of China; 4,500 to Zentsu, and 800 to other parts of Japan.