Rommel's Southern Front Stronghold Captured in British Eighth Army Drive; FDR, Camacho Join in 'Neighbor' Plea; American Fliers Pound Japs in Pacific

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Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U. S. A., head of the Allied forces in Africa, takes the salute of a sentry as he inspects front lines in Tunisia. Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of American ground forces driving through Tunisia, follows him. The colonel commanding the unit being inspected returns the sentry's salute.

TUNISIA: Nazis Run Gauntlet

Axis efforts to reinforce their embattled armies in Tunisia met strong Montgomery's 8th army opened a successful assault on the Enfidaville passes on the southern front. Enfidaville, Rommel's coastal anchor, fell after furious fighting.

While British naval units charged an Italian convoy in the narrow channel separating Sicily from Tunisia, American and British fighter planes fell upon huge German Junkers transports and cargo planes crossing the straits.

While British Spitfires held off Axis fighter escorts, American Warhawks (P-40) dived to attack the giant Junkers, flying almost at water level.

Fifty-eight of the Junkers and 16 of the fighters were claimed shot down. That brought to 142 the number of Axis aircraft destroyed in a three-day period.

Gen. Montgomery's hardened infantry stormed initial Axis positions laid down a heavy barrage.

FARM MEASURE: House Economy

In one of its sharpest economy moves to date, the house passed by a voice vote and sent to the senate an agriculture department appropriation bill allotting \$715,099,622 for the fiscal year 1944 but abolishing the Farm Security administration and banning incentive payments to farm-

In its budget request the department had asked for \$947,134,491. The measure lopped \$240,093,647 off the original request. The revised total was reached by adding \$20,000,-000 for the Rural Electrification administration and striking \$12,000,000 sought by the FSA for rural rehabilitation loans.

In its final form the house bill abolishes the FSA, abolishes the federal crop insurance program for wheat and cotton, stipulates that none of the funds may be used for incentive payments to farmers producing war crops, sets aside \$300,000,000 for the AAA conservation program, prohibits payment of more than \$500 to any one person for soil conservation purposes, prevents restoration of the Regional Credit Agricultural corporation and allots \$20,000,000 for REA.

Belief was expressed in some quarters that the senate committee would reinstate the FSA to prevent it from being snuffed out.

RUSSIA:

Scramble for Base

Portending possible large scale action in the Caucasus, German troops continued their pressure in the Novorossisk region.

While the Russians claimed to have beaten back Nazi efforts to prevent their forces from tightening their vise around Novorossisk, the Germans said the luftwaffe pounded Red positions and supply bases on the Black sea coast.

Novorossisk stands as the Germans' lone important base in the Caucasus. Situated across from the Crimea, it was the only major position retained by the Nazis during their retreat this winter. It is a relatively short distance to Novorossisk from the Russian mainland connecting with the Crimea.

GOOD NEIGHBORS: Visit in Monterrey

"We have, all of us, recognized the privilege of interdependence-Allied resistance as Gen. Bernard one upon another."-Franklin D. Roosevelt.

> "Good neighbors. Good friends. That is what we have always wished to be for all the peoples of the earth."-Manuel Avila Camacho.

> With those words, spoken on Mexican soil, the President of the United States and the president of Mexico reaffirmed the unity of the Americas and offered the goodneighbor policy as a model for the world, once the "machinery of barbarism constructed by the dictators is completely destroyed.'

President Roosevelt arrived in Monterrey, site of the historic meeting, following an extensive tour of inspection through war centers in the southern part of the United States. He was high in praise of the troops, which he compared with those he had seen on his trip last September. He told the press he had found morale very, very high

PACIFIC:

Action at Both Ends

Giving the Japs no rest, American fliers pounded enemy air fields and shipping at both ends of the Pacific.

Flying Fortresses, Liberators and Avengers struck at the Jap air base of Kahili in the Solomons, starting big fires and pocking the runways with bomb craters. Other units attacked Munda farther to the west, also causing damage.

While the air fields were being raided, Avenger torpedo planes sailed into a cluster of Jap ships bearing reinforcements for enemy troops in the Shortland island area of the Solomons. Five hits were scored on a 10,000-ton vessel, which was left sinking, and two other ships were battered by hits and near misses (bombs exploding alongside the target)

In the Aleutians to the north, bombers and fighter planes swooped down on Attu and Kiska. Results were unobserved at Attu, but hangars and camps were blown up and grounded planes strafed at Kiska.

WAR MANPOWER: 27 Million Frozen

If you're an employee in an essential industry, you're as good as frozen for the duration.

That is the substance of the War Manpower commission's orders forbidding employees in essential industry from changing jobs except under especial conditions.

Under the WMC's order, a worker must be irregularly employed or not employed to his best ability in an essential industry before he can shift jobs. In regions in which the WMC has decreed no labor shortage exists, employees in essential industry can take higher paying jobs if the moves are approved by the

The WMC order does not affect employees in non-essential industry, who are free to switch positions In all, some 27 million workers are affected by the WMC ruling.

Invoking provisions of the Economic Stabilization act, the WMC established a fine of \$1,000 and a year's imprisonment for violation of the order

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

LEND-LEASE: Lend-lease ship- 1 ments to North Africa during the first four months of Allied occupation reached \$26,250,000. Shipments included flour, sugar, clothing, seed. democracy will have failed.

HONEST STEEL: In a special report, the Truman war investigating committee called upon steel producers to overhaul their inspection systems so as to assure the government of the highest grades.

FOUR FREEDOMS: Speaking in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Henry Wallace said that unless the four freedoms were instituted after the war,

PRAYERS: Prayers for peace were asked as the Vatican inaugurated weekly broadcasts to Russia. The broadcast told the people not to give up hope for a peace despite the continuance of the war.

FOOD SUPPLY:

Another Pull on Belt

Following a statement of the Office of War Information that there would be a reduction of 6 per cent in the food supply for this year, the department of agriculture revised its previous production estimates downward.

The department said there would be about 12 pounds less meat, a pound less poultry and fish, 21/2 pounds less lard, margarine and cooking compounds, and about 101/2 pounds less citrus fruits per person than anticipated earlier. Fractional increases were reported for

canned fruits, potatoes and rice. Despite the cut, the department said that the food supply per capita would equal the 1935-'39 total, but that rationing would spread the amount more equitably. The department also revealed that food production in 1943 will be 3 per cent above last year, if favorable weather prevails, and 31 per cent above the 1935-'39 average.

Of the total supply of food available this year, however, the army, lend-lease and world relief will obtain 25 per cent. Army requirements are based on a force of 8,200,-000 men, who eat twice as much as

In its report, the OWI declared that food shortages will bring "inconveniences" and "exasperations" to consumers, but will not affect their life or health.

TOKYO: Stung From Hornet

Equipped with a 20-cent bombsight, 16 North American B-25 meof the aircraft carrier Hornet to take off for the historic raid on Tokyo.

The Hornet was 800 miles from Tokyo when the B-25s rose in the airmen flew in at low level to avoid detection, and then raised their planes to 1,500 feet as they plastered factories, railways and refineries in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe.

The original plan was to alight at but storms arose, exhausting the planes' ebbing fuel supplies. Of the 16 craft, 15 made crash landings or were lost as their crews bailed out. Major General Doolittle, who led the raid, was among those who para-

Of the 80 pilots, eight fell into Jap lic hands. One was killed and two are still missing. Sixty-four survived, many of them landing in occupied unoccupied zone with the help of friendly natives.

in the mountains after artillery had and declared the men looked ex- inaccurate as the Japs were caught Germans, if they are able, will held one—attached by a clever cise is now easier to take, that he completely by surprise.

GOEBBELS:

No End of Sufferings

"The war is in its fourth year and has reached its hardest stage so far, and the end or a way out of its the West. burdens and sufferings is at present nowhere in sight." Thus spoke Nazi Propaganda Min-

ister Joseph Goebbels on the eve of Adolf Hitler's 54th birthday. Goebbels said the fuehrer would spend the day at field headquarters. While Goebbels spoke, Marshal

Herman Goering issued an order of the day to the German army, stressing the same foreboding note. Said he: ". . . . We will follow the glorious German flag in accordance frontiers-if she does-that the Gerwith our oaths as brave soldiers-in

and sea in any area with the greatest readiness to sacrifice." Eulogizing Hitler as the "liberator of the fatherland," Goering also called him the "savior of western

civilization from the Bolshevik men-

SUBMARINES:

Planes vs. Wolves Allied airplanes have joined in the

battle of the Atlantic. Manning American Flying Fortresses and Liberators and British

Sunderlands, Allied airmen are ranging far into the North Atlantic to strike against packs of Nazi U-boats, attacking the east-bound convoys. Attached to the British coastal

command, these long-range heavy bombers are meeting the barassed convoys on the last leg of their journey. They are dumping thousands of depth charges on the wolfpacks they can spot from aloft

In recent action, the bombers delivered 19 attacks in four days. Seeking to avoid the concussion of the depth charges, U-boats climbed te the surface and then engaged the airplanes with anti-aircraft fire from their decks The British air ministry claimed no kills, but said there was evidence of at least five submarines destroyed.

The Allied planes were manned by British, Canadian, Rhodesian, Australian, New Zealand and Belgian aviators.

FOOD CONFERENCE: U. S. Has No Scheme

Representatives of United Nations will crowd Hot Springs, Va., May 18, for the Allied food conference sponsored by the United States

According to Sen. Alben Barkley. the conference will be chiefly exploratory, with the various delegates specifying the needs of conquered peoples, the means required to restore production in occupied countries and the mutual distribution of

Washington Digest

Terrible Hatreds Kindled By 'Blood Revenge' Spirit

Rumors From Embattled Nations Hint of Plans for Organized Extermination Of Enemy Peoples.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator,

> > numerically when the war is over.

To meet this, the other nations are

talking about turning the tables and

beginning organized mass murder of

Germans everywhere the moment

the Nazi armies lay down their

Only the other day, I talked with

a widely traveled Russian newspa-

per man, who said frankly that he

believed this was the proper course.

How powerful this spirit of blood

Another mystery of which there

revenge really is and whether it will

be carried out, one can only guess.

are only tiny hints is the power and

scope of the underground move-

ments in the occupied countries and

the extent to which Allied agents are

now working hand-in-hand with the

saboteurs in France and Belgium

and particularly Holland. Hints leak

A secret German report which

reached Allied hands stated the fol-

they obeyed the order, 'hands up.'

Aerdrome (Africa) the enemy Allied

troops put up distress signals. They

succeeded in enticing the sentries

away from their posts for a time

and successfully carried out their

Reports have come of British

saboteurs gaining entrance to fac-

been perfected which can be car-

means to a tank car or a locomo-

tive, it would blow it to pieces. That

is only one of hundreds of ingenious

gadgets which have been perfected

for this strange work of secret de-

struction that is going on every-

where. Even more ingenious are

the methods which the underground

organizations in France and Italy

are using to obtain arms and sup-

plies for the insurrection when the

Some day, "an important state-

ment from the White House" will

come, heralding events many of

out bombers and fighters, the air-

minded leaders continue to make

their air plans for peace. The lat-

est scheme which has come to my

attention is an announcement from

the Northeast Airlines company

which says this company has made

application for a helicopter service

to carry air mail and air express

These little planes that can rise

straight up and hover, can land on

a parlor rug. They would, in this

proposed service, land on the roofs

of post office buildings-provided, I

take it, that the buildings are not

of the rococo vintage with peaked

The service would carry first-class

as well as air mail, according to

the application filed with the Civil

points would be included. The little

'flying automobiles" would not only

fly between towns and cities but

would carry mail from urban centers

to the large airports where the mail

A national labor service act still

hovers just beyond the horizon. The

sioner McNutt's intricate plans, in-

cluding shifts of men from non-

deferrable industry to war work is

the act is passed it can be put into

has been taken off McNutt's door-

Now that the farm labor problem

effect at once.

and pointed and turreted roofs.

which we have not even dreamed.

moment comes.

in New England.

Saboteurs

the policemen."

sabotage.'

Italian military channels:

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | Washington, D. C.

It was a soft, Washington spring afternoon. The late shifts of government workers were hurrying home. The two guardian magnolias that stand on the White House lawn were tipped with the rays of the setting sun. My thoughts were neither on this blissful scene nor on the latest news of the battlefront which I had just finished broadcasting. Frankly, I was concerned chiefly with dinner.

The announcer was just finishing the "commercial" and I was picking my hat up from the sofa in the studio when I saw the engineer beckoning to me from behind the glass wall of his goldfish bowl. He held up a paper on which was printed "Stop in News Room-Important!"

I did. The atmosphere was tense as it is frequently these days. A dium bombers used the flight deck notice had just appeared on the news ticker to the effect that the White House was about to release an important statement.

It is possible, but not probable, that the thing we were all thinking air and headed for the Japanese that statement was going to ancoast line. As they approached, the nounce but didn't, will happen before these lines reach print-the invasion of Europe. Until it does, we shall continue to expect it and while the busy home front keeps our nose pretty well to the grindstone, one hint from overseas and an atmoscertain points in unoccupied China, phere of suspense envelops the

Secrecy's Curtain

Meanwhile, there is the feeling that tremendous things are happening under a heavy curtain of secrecy in Europe even the hint of which does not reach the press or the pub-

Russia, of course, is a mystery. What is happening there? Is the remarkable Red army, which in the China, but working their way to the past has seemed to be able to draw endless men and supplies from nowhere after each crushing defeat, Weak fighter opposition was en- finally exhausted? Spring came earlaunch their annual summer offensive a month earlier. They hope to be able to break the Red army this time and then hold back the remnants with a sparsely manned but intricate line of defense while they turn their attention to the Allies in

No one knows what the strength of Russia is today. One does know that a terrible hate has been enkindled in the whole race against the Germans and it is reported that the Red army has threatened that if Soviet forces ever do reach German soil, they will leave no human being living. One story has been spread through Switzerland that if an Allies' army is on the continent when Russia breaks Germany's eastern mans will open their western front any hours and in any fight on land to the Allies and let them in rather than expose themselves to the Rus-

Plan for Prisoners

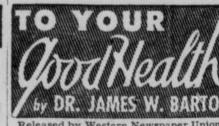
Another report has seeped out of Russia. It is continuously repeated that simply because of the inconvenience of caring for prisoners, both the Germans and Russians have been shooting men who are captured or who surrender. On the other hand, the Russians are said to be carefully preserving some of the men they take. Russian propaganda, dropped over the German lines. is very alluring. Some of the pamphlets instruct the German soldiers to surrender and bring with them the leaflet which acts as a passport.

Then, according to a report which has come in from a neutral country. the prisoners are carefully examined and a small percentage weeded out for Soviet indoctrination. They go through a long course of instruction so careful that it is said finally only 10 per cent are accepted as satisfactory. These elite are then trained to be used as the spearhead of a political invasion of Germany. Hatred, like that in Russia, has poisoned all Europe. There is a belief now on the part of many of the conquered countries that the Germans, having given up hope of vic-

tory, intend to go forward with a

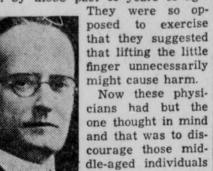
systematic extermination of other step, and with the definite "back-toraces within their reach, as they the-farm" trend, congress may ease have in Poland and with the Jews. up on McNutt and give him the so that regardless of what happens, money he needs to build his prethe Teutonic stock will dominate national service machinery.

> Some of our soldiers in American camps during the meat shortage



LIGHT EXERCISE

It is unfortunate that a couple of outstanding physicians should advise that exercise should not be taken by those past 40 years of age.



who thought that exer-"strenuous" was needed just as much, if not more, at middle age than for those under 40. The advice was given to prevent strain on heart and blood vessels. These physicians are aware that in the treatment of the middle aged or elderly of average health the last thing they would want them to do is to rest all the time, that is become bedridden. This is because the body needs to move itself to keep heart, blood vessels, lungs, appetite, digestion and bowel movement normal. To rest all the time would lower the health mental-

from taking exercise

ly and physically. I have in mind particularly those who are overweight and among the methods of getting rid of excess fat 'Sometime ago, English parachut- are already taking exercise or have ists landed near Prague. When they been planning to take some exerwere held up by the local police, cise. As a matter of fact exercise is the "natural" way to reduce But they carried a special device weight because it creates extra heat on their belts with a pistol from thus melting away the fat tissue which cords ran to their hands. The which is inactive and developing latter fired the pistol. Thus they muscle tissue which is active and succeeded by a quick and appro- heat creating when it is active.

priate movement in accounting for "Exercise improves the circulation, sweeps away the stagnant Here is a part of another enemy waste materials which collect in the report, revealing the activities bebody, creates a sense of well-being hind the lines. It came through which lasts for a long time afterward and burns fat." "During the attack on the Fuka

The overweight individual because he is overweight does not like exercise as every movement of his body means that he must do much more work than one of normal weight. But as he gradually removes the stored fat on his body and increases his muscular strength he gets a threefold benefit—(a) removes excess fat, tories in the daytime, planting time (b) increases his muscular strength bombs and leaving. A device has and (c) because of this increased muscular strength loses his dislike countered and anti-aircraft fire was ly to the steppes this year and the ried concealed in the hand—I have for exercise. The fact that exercan feel himself becoming lighter and more "limber" makes exercise actually "inviting" to him.

Dried Foods Aid To Victory Effort

One of the things learned during the war, which will mean health and happiness to many more thousands than before the war, is that water can be removed from food on one side of the ocean, the food shipped in a space many times smaller to the other side of the ocean, where While the airplane factories turn by adding water to the amount previously removed makes the food as nourishing as when it was fresh.

The London correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association states that research work carried on at the Low Temperature Research station, Cambridge, in co-operation with other institutions in Britain, and in the United States and dominions, has made possible the following beneficial results.

"It is estimated that removing the water from foods, while maintaining their food value, has saved shipping to the extent of 3,000,000 tons of water annually. A quart of milk has a volume of 69 cubic inches and weighs 41 ounces. Condensed, it has a volume of 27 cubic inches and Aeronautics board. Four hundred weighs 16% ounces. Reduced to a powder, it has a volume of 151/2 cubic inches and weighs 51/3 ounces. With the powder compressed into a block the volume is reduced to about would be transferred to the air that fresh milk can be reduced to such a small space makes the rich spring and summer milk available for use in the winter, when there is less sunshine for cows and for huchief purpose of Manpower Commis- man beings. This is of consider-

able importance. transport or storing.

QUESTION BOX

Q .- Are the internal organs of pork and beef considered safe for consumption? A .- The organs are a valuable

food. Should be well cooked.

Q.-Would it be safe for a person subject to sharp, stabbing pains in Dorothy Lamour . . . After five years, the right side of the chest to drive a Phil Baker will return to the movies the right side of the chest to drive a

A.-While these symptoms point to a muscular pain, one visit to your doctor will show whether it is more



By VIRGINIA VALE Released by Western Newspaper Union

HE Hollywood telephone I repairman was phoning his report. "Yeah, I fixed it; cord was chewed." Pause. "Yeah, chewed. No, not a that they suggested dog-a lion." Pause. "Sure I said lion." Pause. "Look, I haven't had a drink all day. and I said a lion chewed it. I'm at Jinx Falkenburg's house." He grinned. "Yeah, I knew you'd understand." The cub, a present to Jinx from her brother, Bob, has since then taken to sharpening his teeth on the piano legs. The Columbia star of "She Has What It Takes" says that's perfectly all right, if he sticks to piano legs.

> Pola Negri, who years ago was one of the head glamour girls of the silent movies, is returning to the screen in the United Artists film. "Hi Diddle Diddle"; she'll play an operatic star, the wife of Adolphe



POLA NEGRI

Menjou, a role from which Menjou's real wife, Veree Teasdale, retired because of illness. Martha Scott has the leading role. Animated sequences by Leon Schlesinger, the film cartoon creator, will begin and end the picture.

Nine-year-old John Donat, son of Robert Donat, makes his film debut "This Land Is Mine," starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara. John breezed through his lines, and between takes sat high on a stepladder, reading a comic strip magazine-stayed there until Director Jean Renoir called him down from his perch to go to work again.

David Niven returns to the screen after a two-year absence in "Spitfire," the British-made Goldwyn production which will be released by RKO Radio. A major in the British army, he was given leave to co-star with Leslie Howard in this picture.

After testing Hollywood stars by the dozen King Vidor has selected an unknown for the important role of Brian Donlevy's wife in Metro's "America." She's Ann Richards, who arrived here from Australia on the last boat to leave after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Little Margaret O'Brien, who stole the honors in "Journey for Margaret" and did the same thing when the "Screen Guild Players" did a dramatized version of it on the air, won Jack Benny's heart when, asking him for an autograph, she said she'd seen him fall into a lake in a picture. "That was with Bob Hope," said he. And Margaret replied "Bob Hope? Is he a comedian, too?"

Red Skelton's been having a swell time, working at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn on "Whistling in Brooklyn"; every member of the famous Dodgers, including Manager Durocher, appears in the picture. Five hundred rabid Dodger fans sat in the bleachers for some sequencesand what's more, got paid for it!

The quickest way to become a star on your own program is to do a guest shot on Rudy Vallee's Thursday show. During the past year he's presented Groucho Marx, Billie 734 inches from 151/2. The discovery Burke and Ransom Sherman, among others. Now Marx stars on his own Saturday night program, Sherman recently launched a new series, and Billie Burke will have two air shows going during the summer.

That new "Salute to Youth" pro-Great Britain will import 100,000 gram has just about everything ratons of dried eggs in 1943. If this dio fans can want, There's William to build the machinery so that when amount of eggs were shipped in L. White, war correspondent; Raythe usual way with water and shells | mond Paige and an all-youth orchesit would weigh 500.000 tons and take tra; Nadine Conner, Metropolitan six times the amount of shipping Opera star; Berry Kroeger as narspace. A similar saving is made by rator, and a guest war worker. With importation of dried meat. Another most of the cast in their 'teens or advantage is that dried eggs and early twenties, the program-on meat do not require refrigeration for NBC Tuesdays-is a salute to youth, by youth.

> ODDS AND ENDS-Lesley Woods, "Bright Horizon" actress, has said goodby to her dog, Bouncer; he's joined the army as a buck private . . . Fred Allen will return to motion pictures this summer . . . They've found another road for Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, "Road to Utopia," to be made this summer, but probably without in 20th Century-Fox's "The Girls He Left Behind" . . . Ginny Simms, star of "Johnny Presents," has begun a tour of desert army camps within a day's distance of Hollywood; she offers a onewoman show and pays all expenses.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Emperor Hirohito on the occasion In the recent battle between the of the Japanese diet adjournment 'granted Premier Tojo, in recognition of his services, one package of chrysanthemum - crested cigarettes and one box of scents," the Tokyo radio told the Japanese people

The Nazis and Italian Fascists and the Japanese refer to their propaganda as "thought warfare."

White House and the press over excluding newspaper men from the hotels where the United Nations Food conference delegates are to be housed. Elmer Davis, OWI head, car? was strictly on the side of the press.

learned to eat goat and like it.